

7B2 The Físchlár Digital Library: Networked Access to a Video Archive of TV News
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Abstract:

This paper presents an overview of the Físchlár Digital Library, a collection of over 300 hours of broadcast TV content that has been indexed to allow searching, browsing and playback of video. The system is in daily use by over 1,500 users on our university campus and is used for teaching and learning, for research and for entertainment. It is shortly to be made available to university libraries elsewhere in Ireland. The infrastructure we use is a Gigabit ETHERNET backbone and a conventional web browser for searching and browsing video content, with a browser plug-in for streaming video. As well as providing an overview of the system, the paper concentrates on the complimentary navigation techniques of browsing and searching which are supported within Físchlár.