

Financial Times digital clippings service uses 

When the Financial Times, one of the world's leading business news organisations, decided to bring its digital press cuttings in-house in summer 2010, they asked Flax to build a powerful 'search server' that they could easily integrate into their existing product offerings.

The Flax team built an indexer for the XML source data and a RESTful Web Service API, offering search features including Boolean operators, phrase searches, area specifiers (search whole article, body, headline, byline or any combination), date range restrictions, similarity search ("articles like this one") and faceted search. Also available is spelling correction and synonyms, and detailed logging of indexing and all searches.

This might sound like a complex task, but using open source technology, the Flax team created this system within less than a fortnight. Initially designed as a small-scale prototype, the system scaled easily to indexing hundreds of thousands of pages.

You can use the service at <http://presscuttings.ft.com>.

About Flax

Flax is highly active in the information retrieval market with international clients from sectors including academia, public relations, e-commerce, government and private businesses. As a cross-section Flax's clients include ccenture, the Newspaper Licensing Authority (NLA), The University of Cambridge and Mydeco.

Flax delivers a cutting-edge enterprise search solution, using the power of open source software to drive down costs and provide world beating search performance with no software licence fees. Flax is an authorized partner of Lucid Imagination, the commercial company behind Lucene & Solr.

Flax's accolades include an award from the British Computing Society for its powerful, innovative search tools.

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