

# Multilingual-Multimedia Access to Cultural Heritage



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## MultiMatch Goals

# **Expected Results**

Research Areas Involved

Identify relevant material via in-depth crawling of selected CH institutions

Crawl the Internet to identify websites with CH information

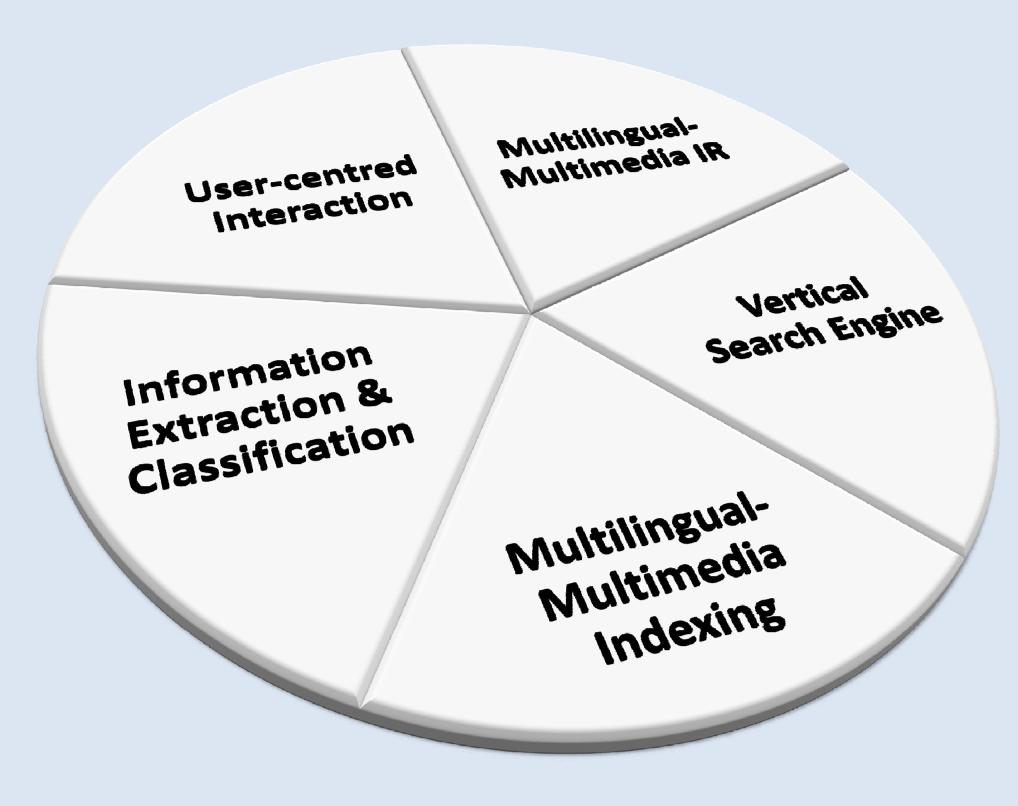
Automatically classify the results on the basis of occurrence of CH concepts

Automatically extract relevant information which will then be used to create crosslinks between related material

Organise and further analyse the material crawled to serve focused queries generated from the users

Interact with the user to obtain a more specific definition of initial information requirements

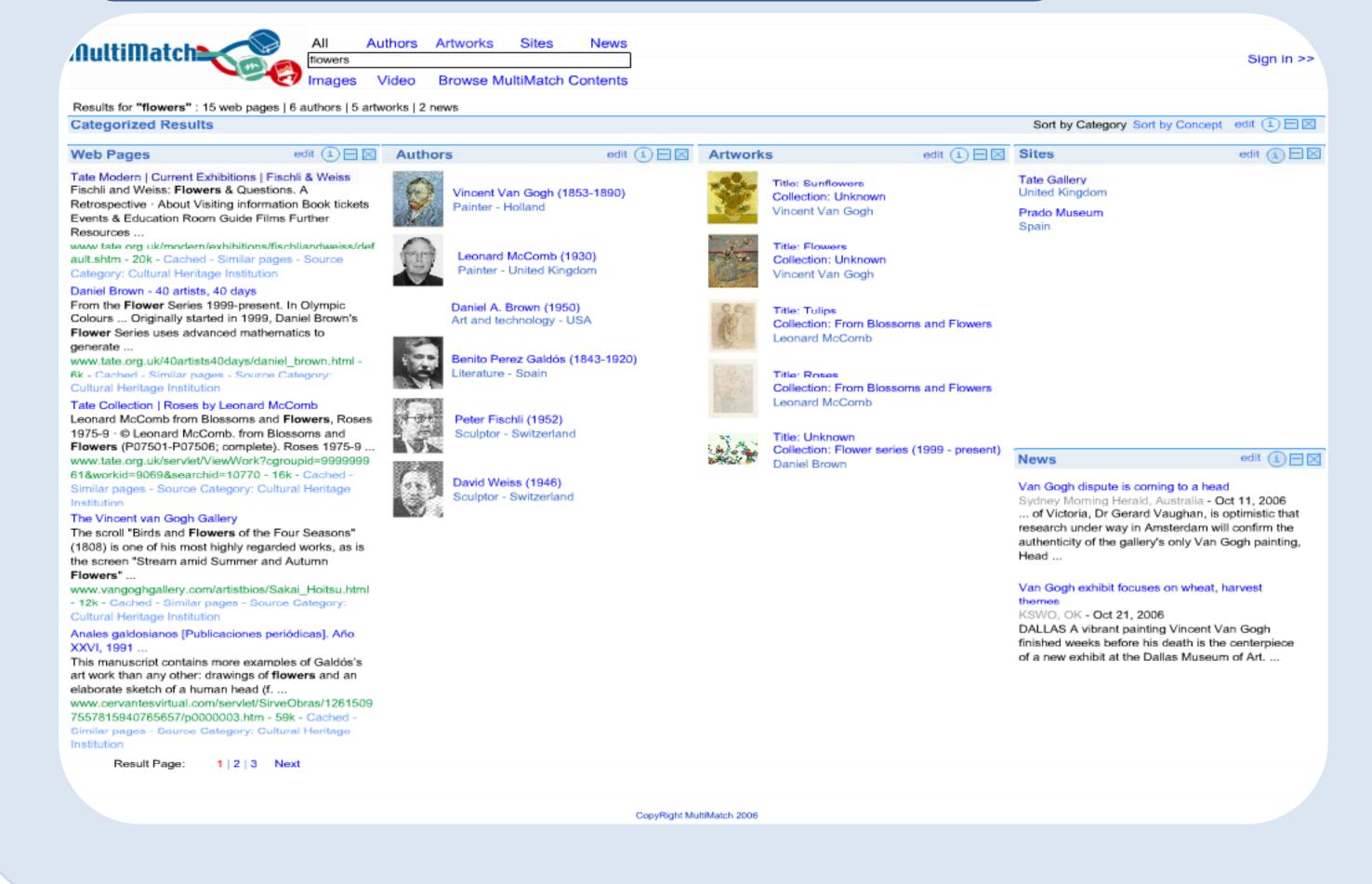
Search results
will be
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allowing the
users to access
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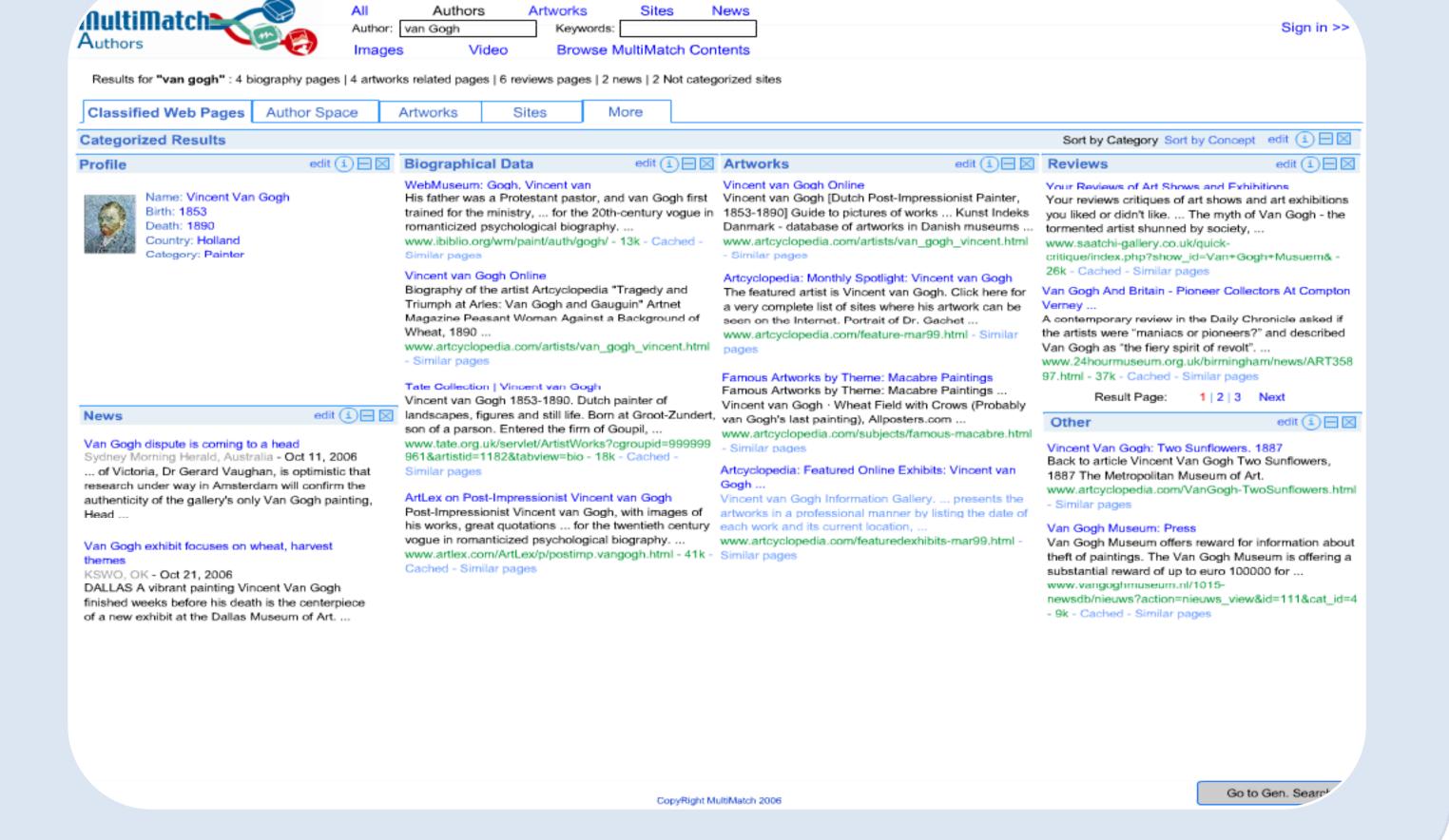


# Understanding User Requirements

- CH Professionals do use the Internet as part of their daily work routine but they currently depend largely on generic search engines.
- They want to query using natural language and familiar Boolean operators.
- They would like full capabilities for multimedia retrieval (i.e. Images and video as well as text) but, in most cases, are only accustomed to executing text searches.
- Their main focus appears to be on works of art and their creators, with all associated information, such as critical reviews, information on related events, etc.
- They would find information filtering, clustering and aggregation functionalities very useful.
- They demand high precision of results and need to know the source and level of authority.
- They need to be able to save both queries and results for future processing and reuse.
- They tend to restrict their searches to their own language plus English, thus missing information only available in other languages.
- If multilingual search was available, they would like to have the results associated with descriptive snippets in their own language or English at least.

# System Retrieval Functionality





#### **Default Search**

Generic query. The system retrieves all the related resources available on MultiMatch

### **Specialised Search example**

Queries related with a creator. The system retrieves all the resources related with the creator and classifies them

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