

Fitting Manuscripts into the Browser with Diva.js



Building an Easy-to-Learn Interface for Exploring Virtual Documents

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1. Features of Book Viewing Interfaces
2. Features of Diva.js
3. Challenges Designing Diva.js

1. Features of Book Viewing Interfaces

Early English Books Online
Qatar Digital Library (OpenSeadragon)
Internet Archive Book Reader
e-codices

Important features in a book viewer

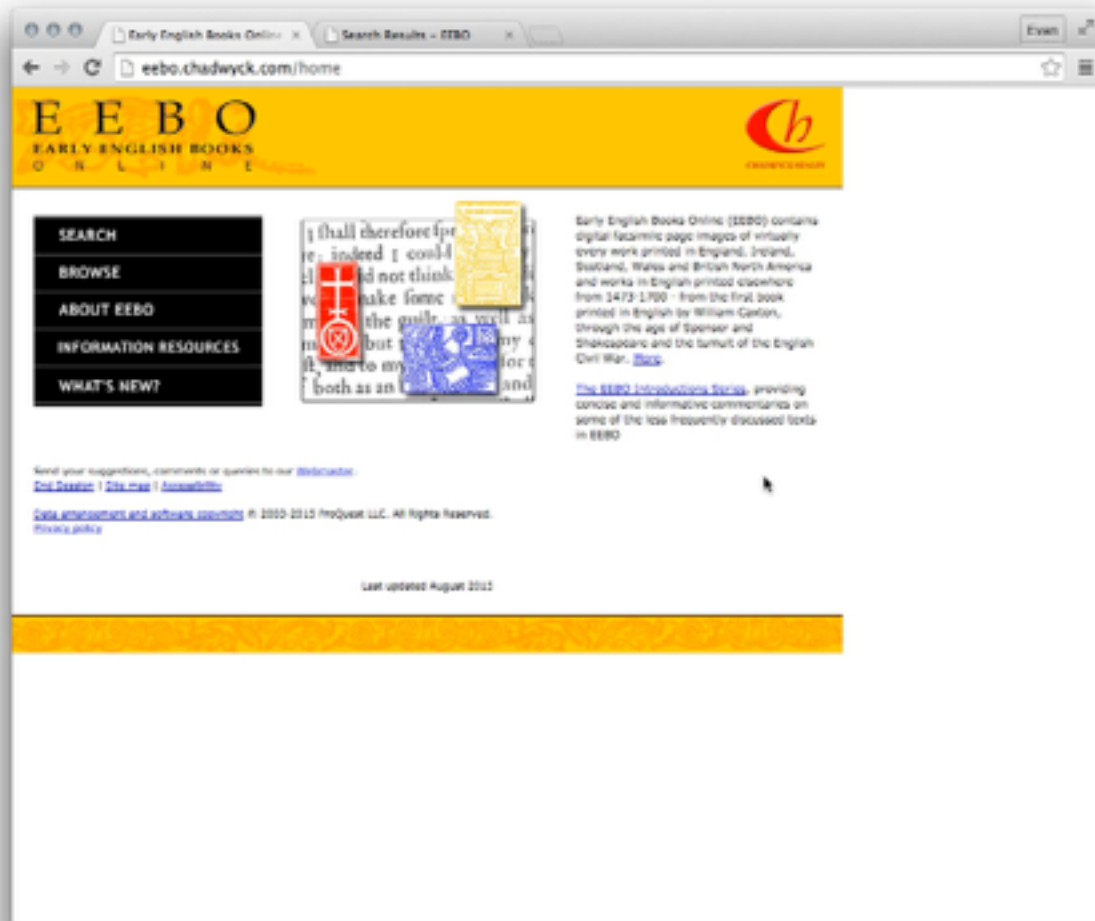
Page switching – speed, continuity

Zooming – fast, streaming, smooth

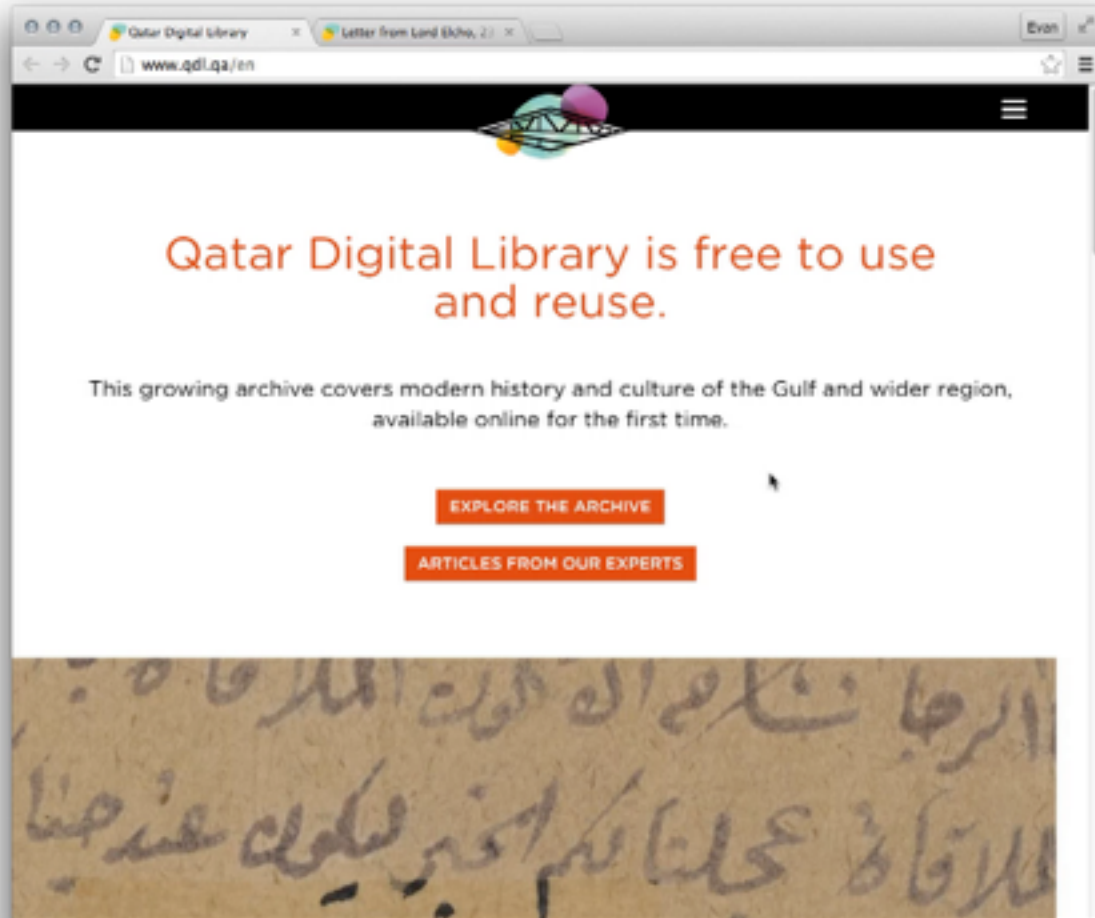
Viewing modes – useful, easy to use

Page Switching

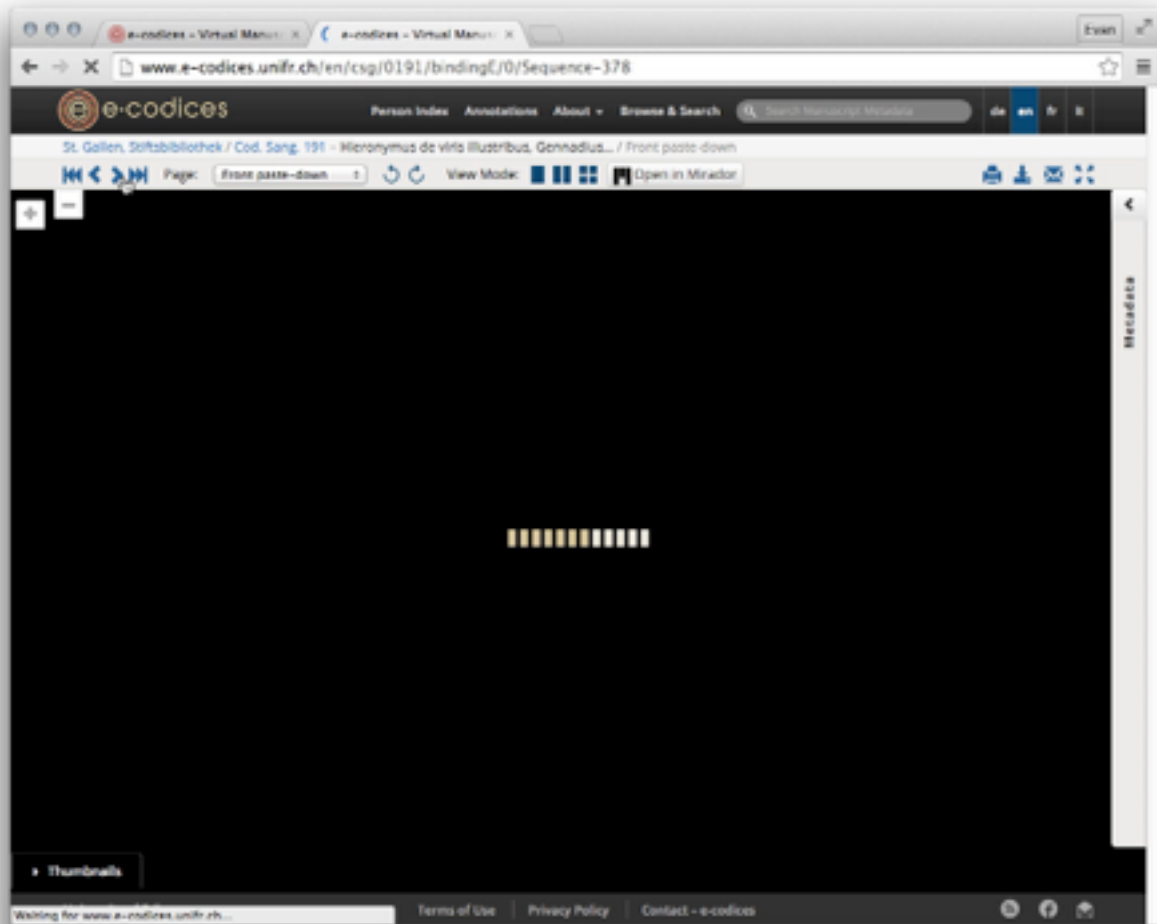
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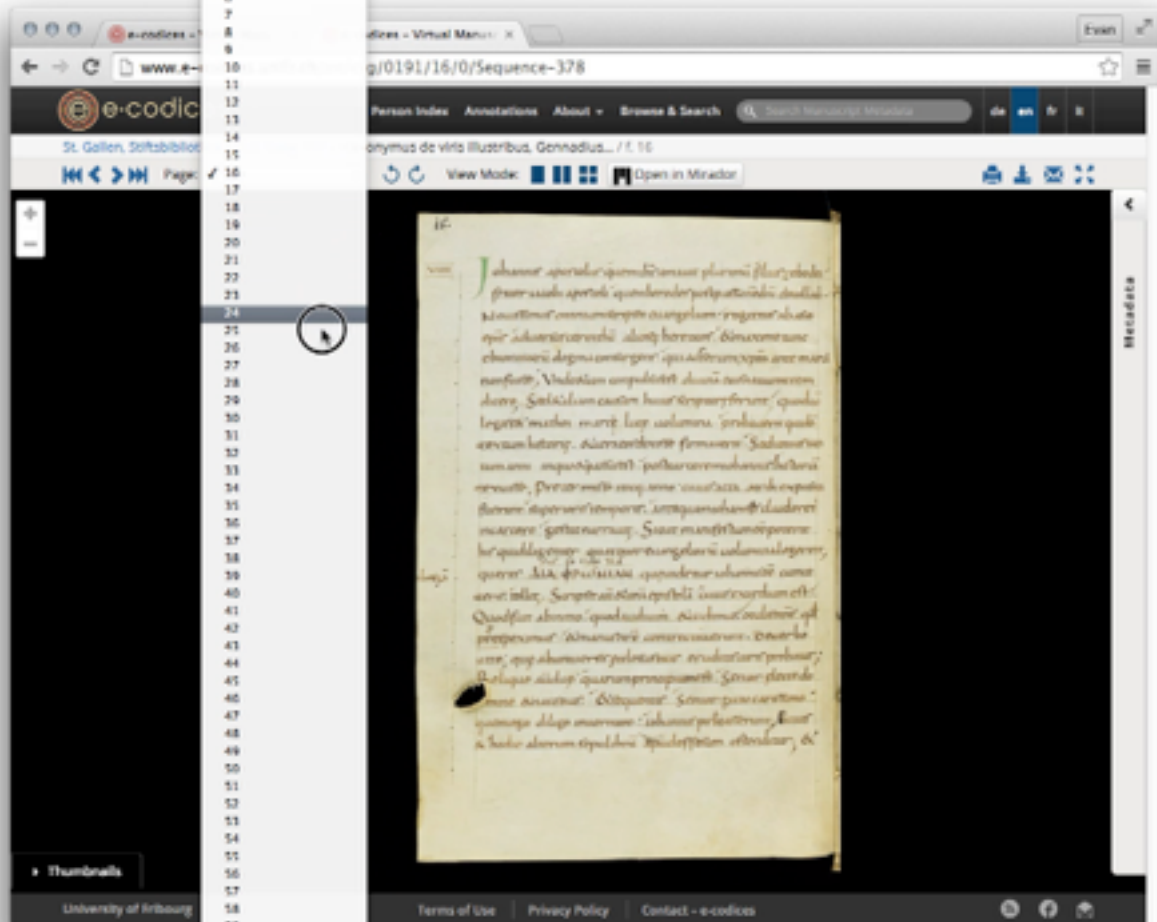
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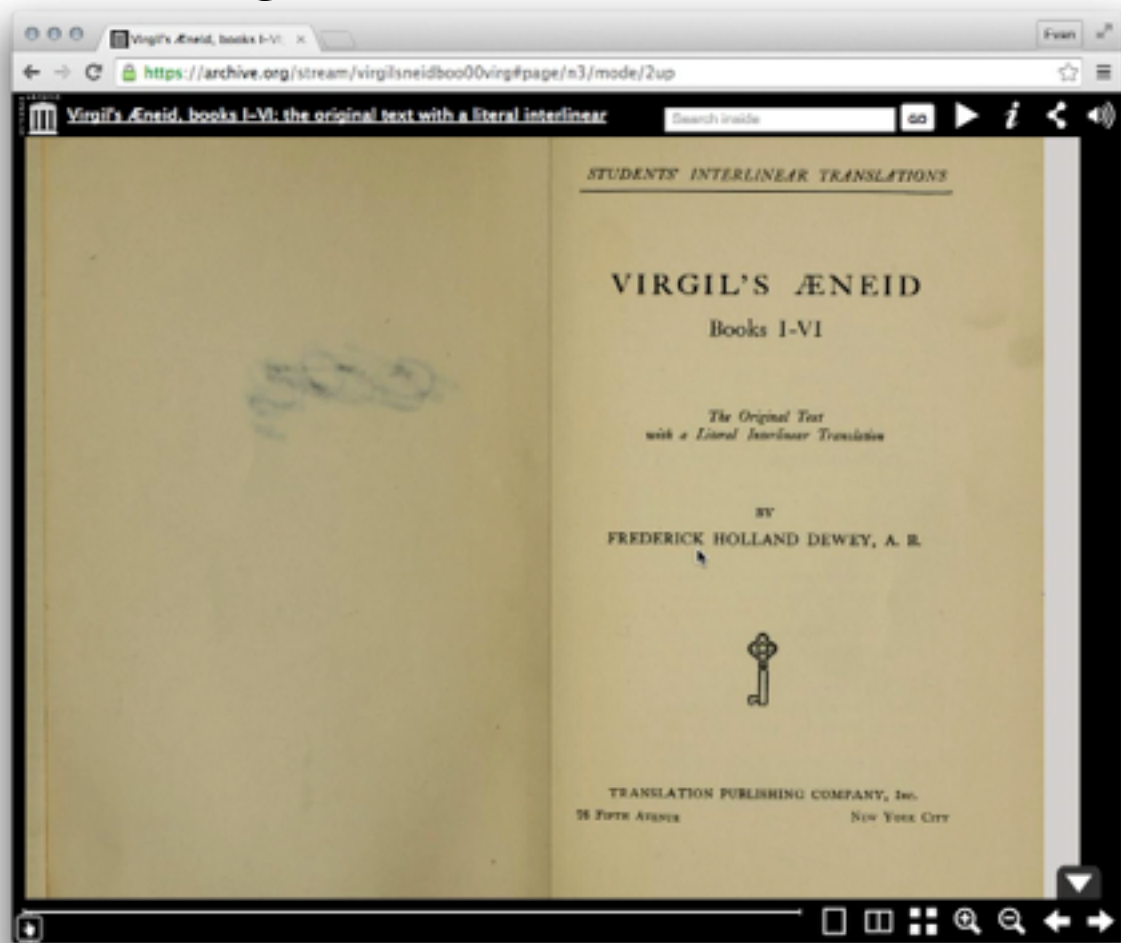
Page Switching - e-codices



Page Switching - e-codices



Page Switching - Internet Archive



Zooming

Zooming - Early English Books Online

Early English Books Online | Document Images - EBO

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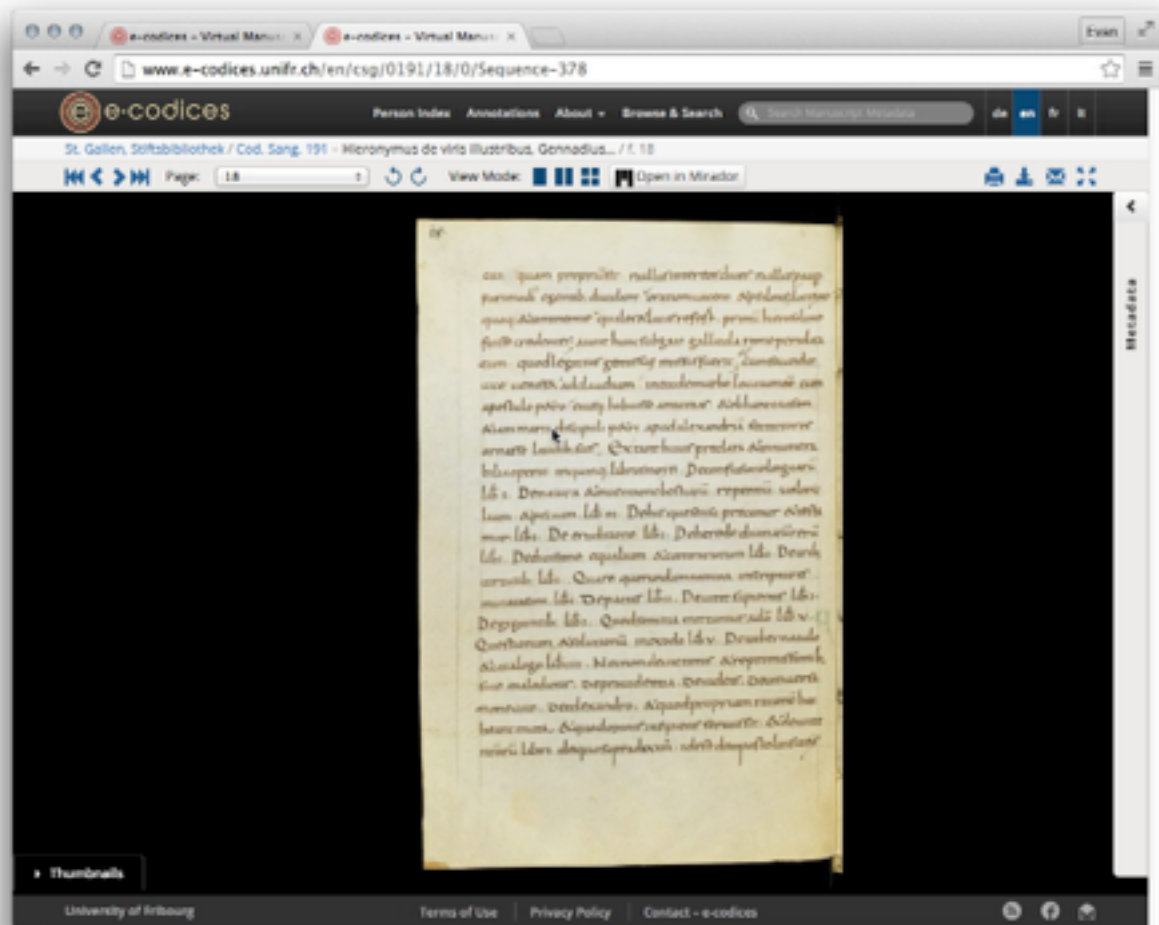
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Zooming - Qatar Digital Library



Zooming - e-codices



Viewing Modes

Viewing Modes - Early English Books Online

Early English Books Online - Document Images - EEB

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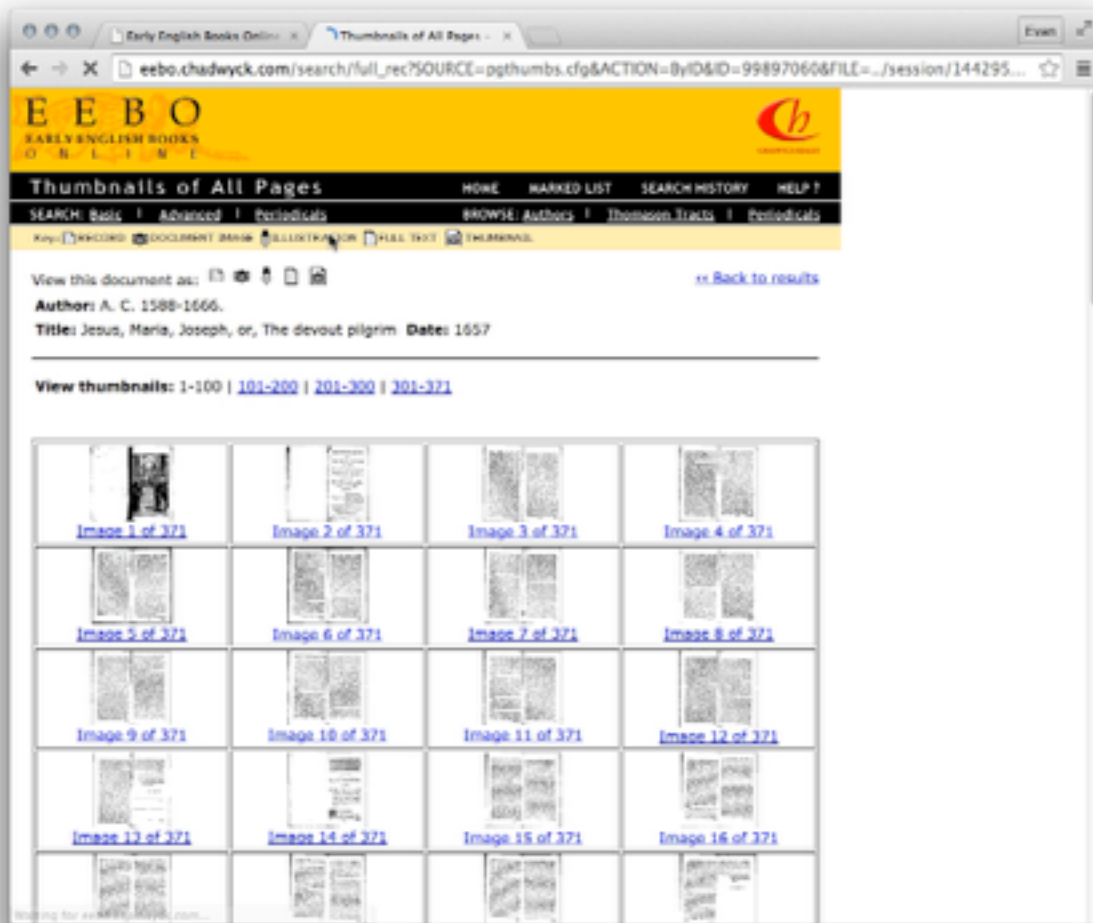
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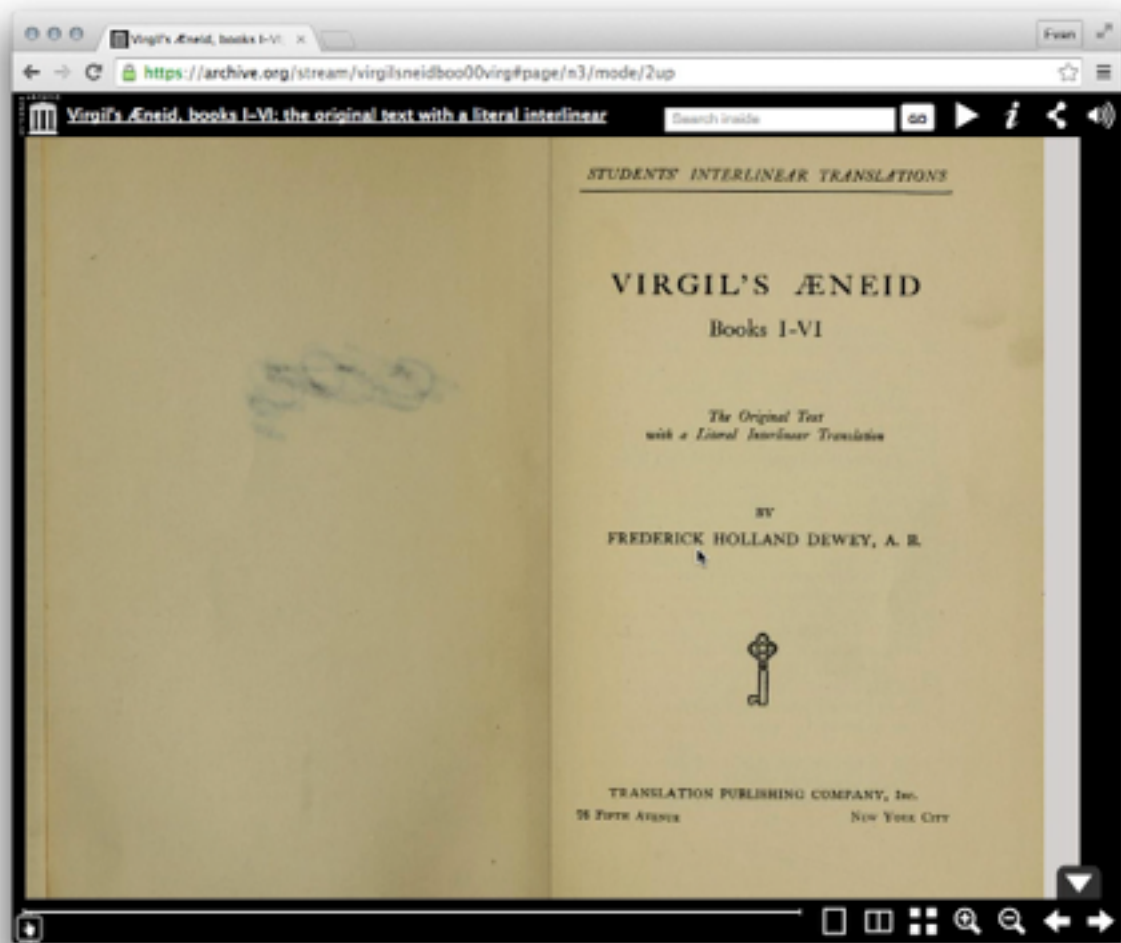
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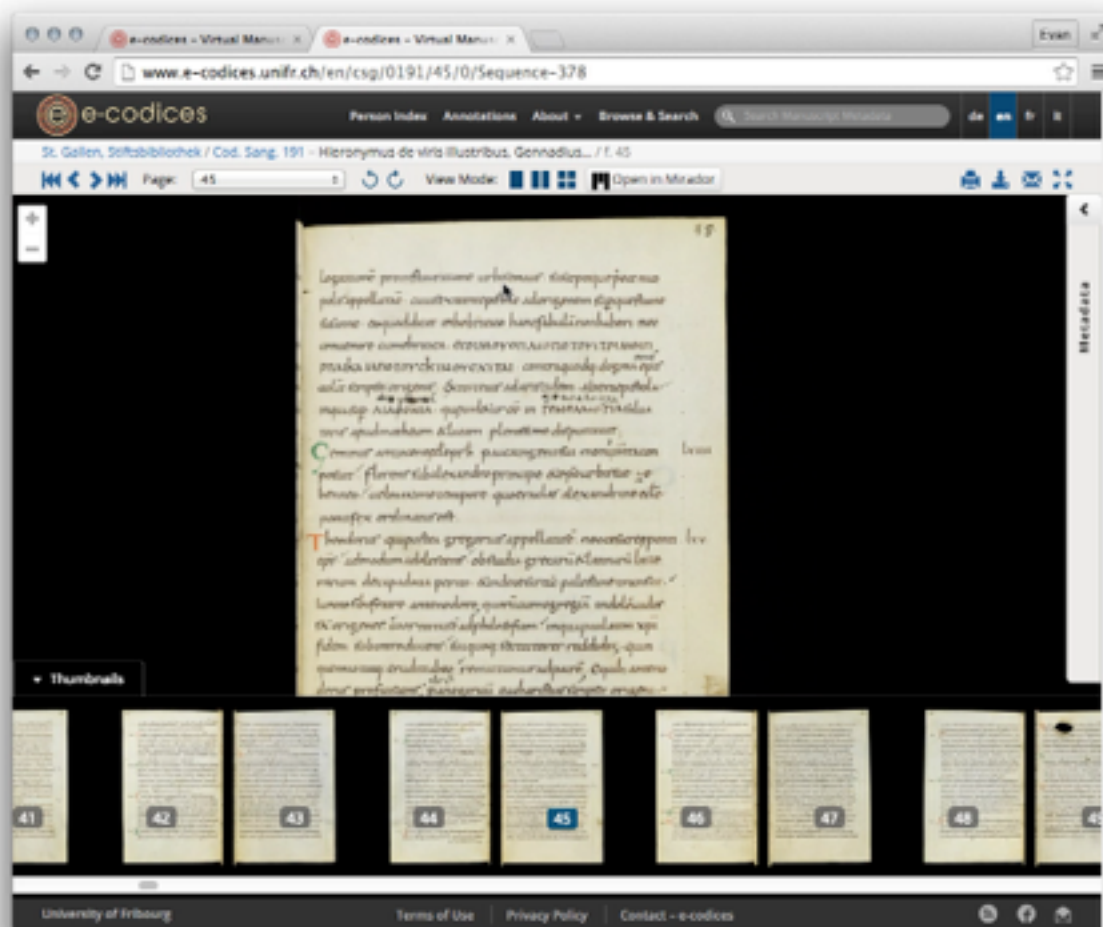
Viewing Modes - Early English Books Online



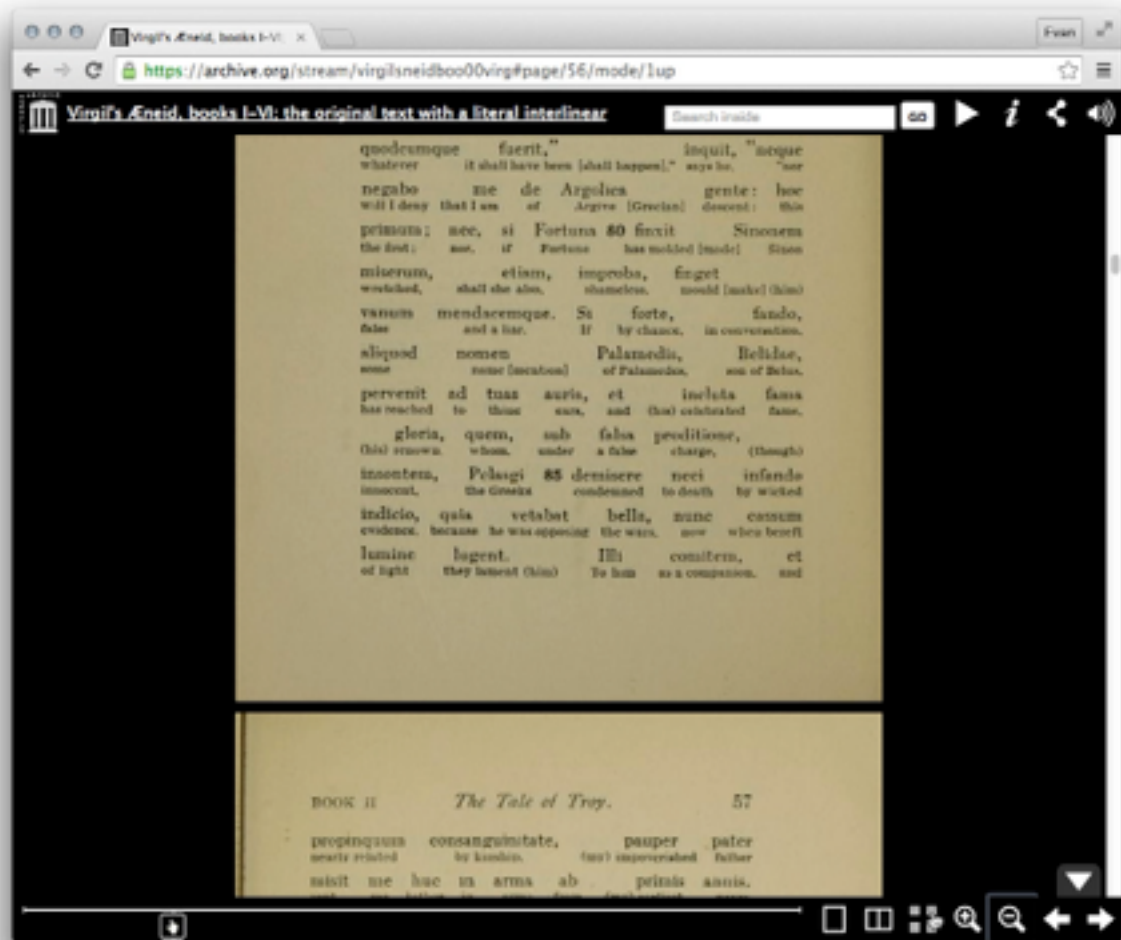
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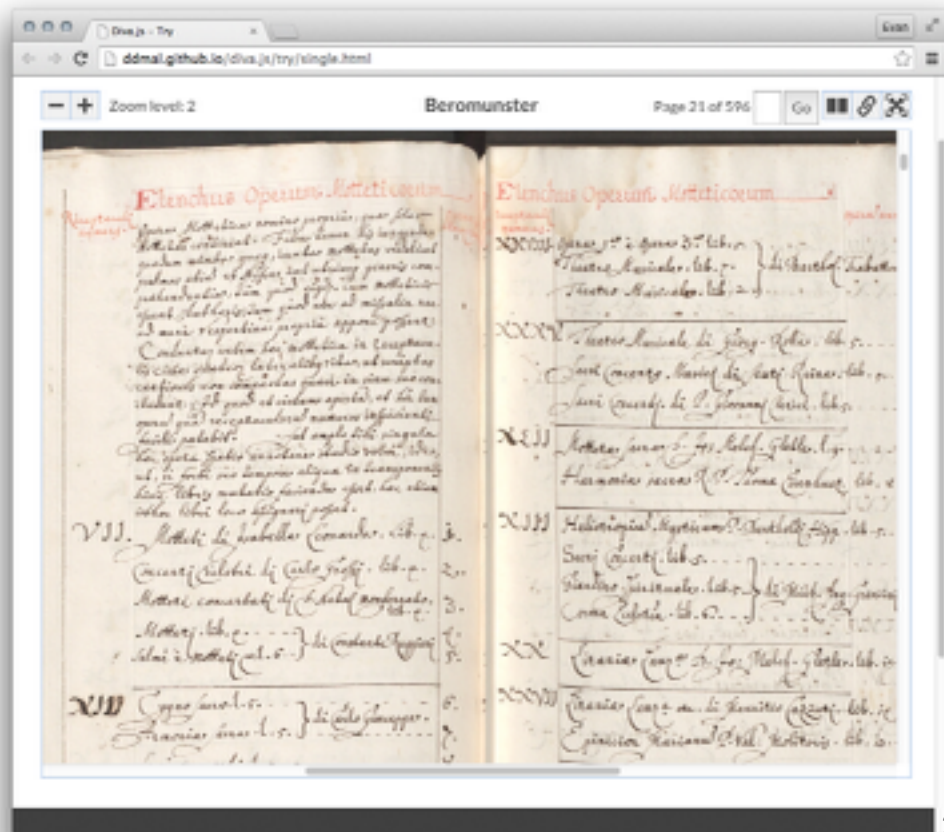


2. Features of Diva.js

Our Goals for a Document Viewer

- Make it **quick and easy** to navigate a document
- Preserve the document as a **cohesive entity**

We design **page switching**, **zooming**, and **views** around these concerns



Features

Continuous scrolling layout

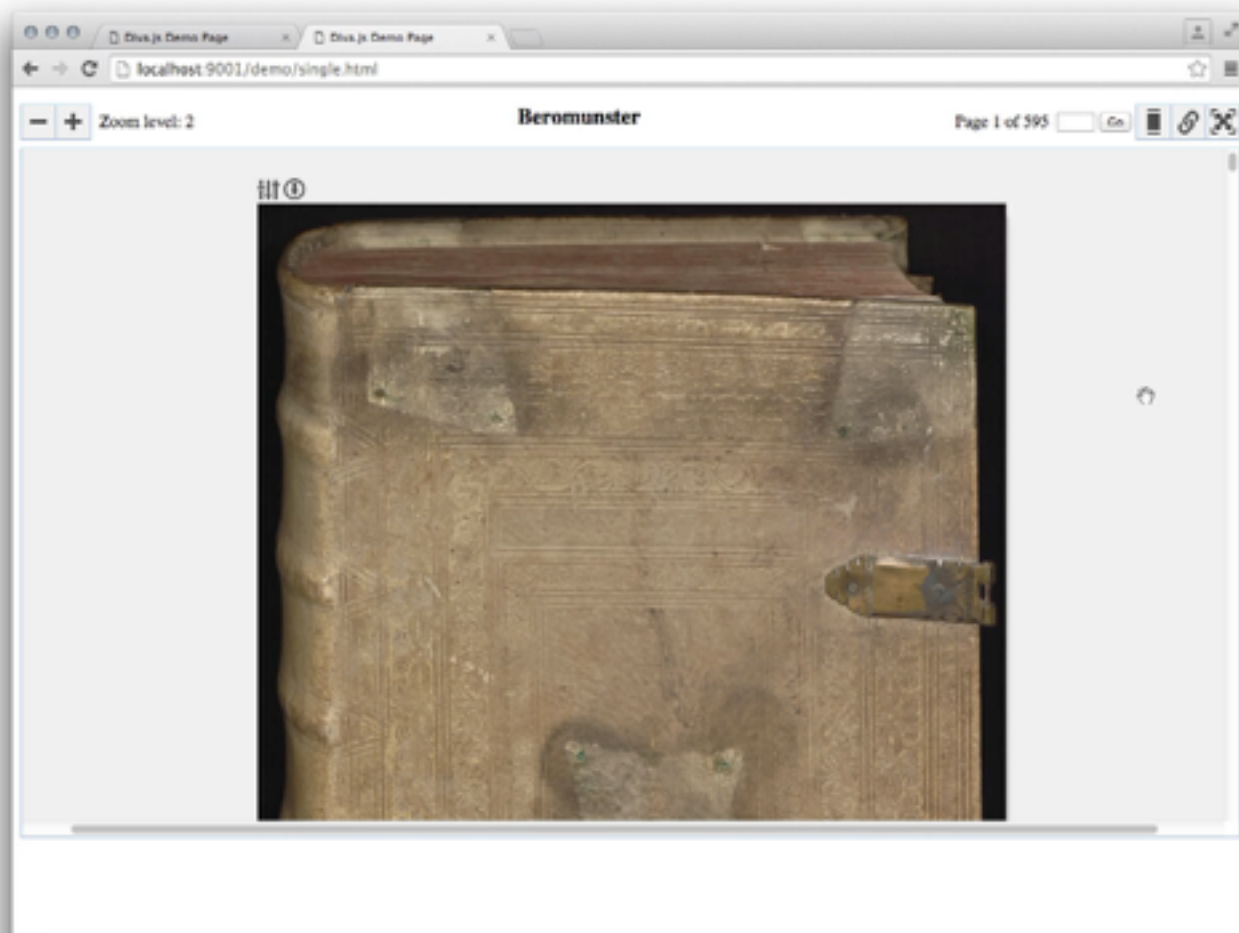
Zooming

Tiling

Jump to page

Single, Book, Grid
views

Future: Smooth
zooming



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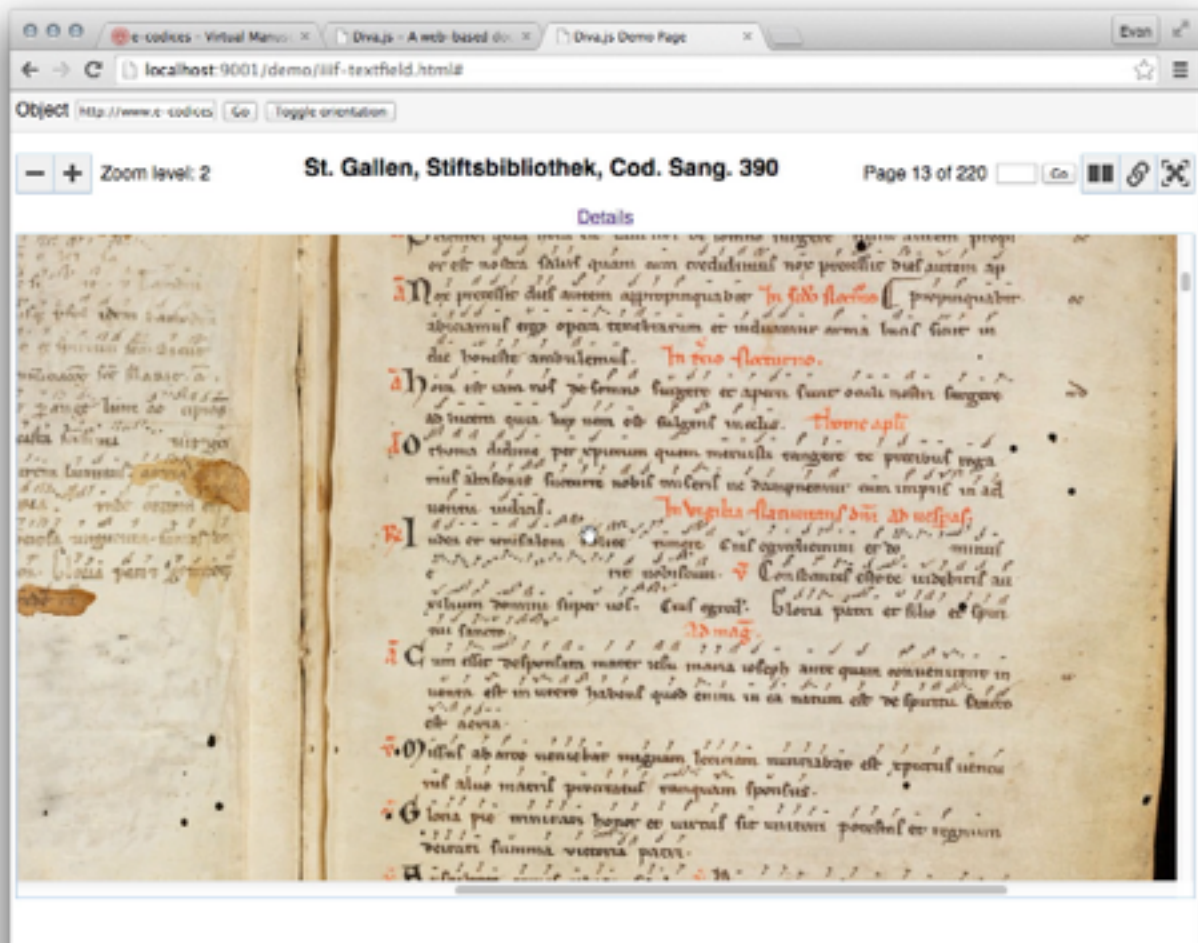
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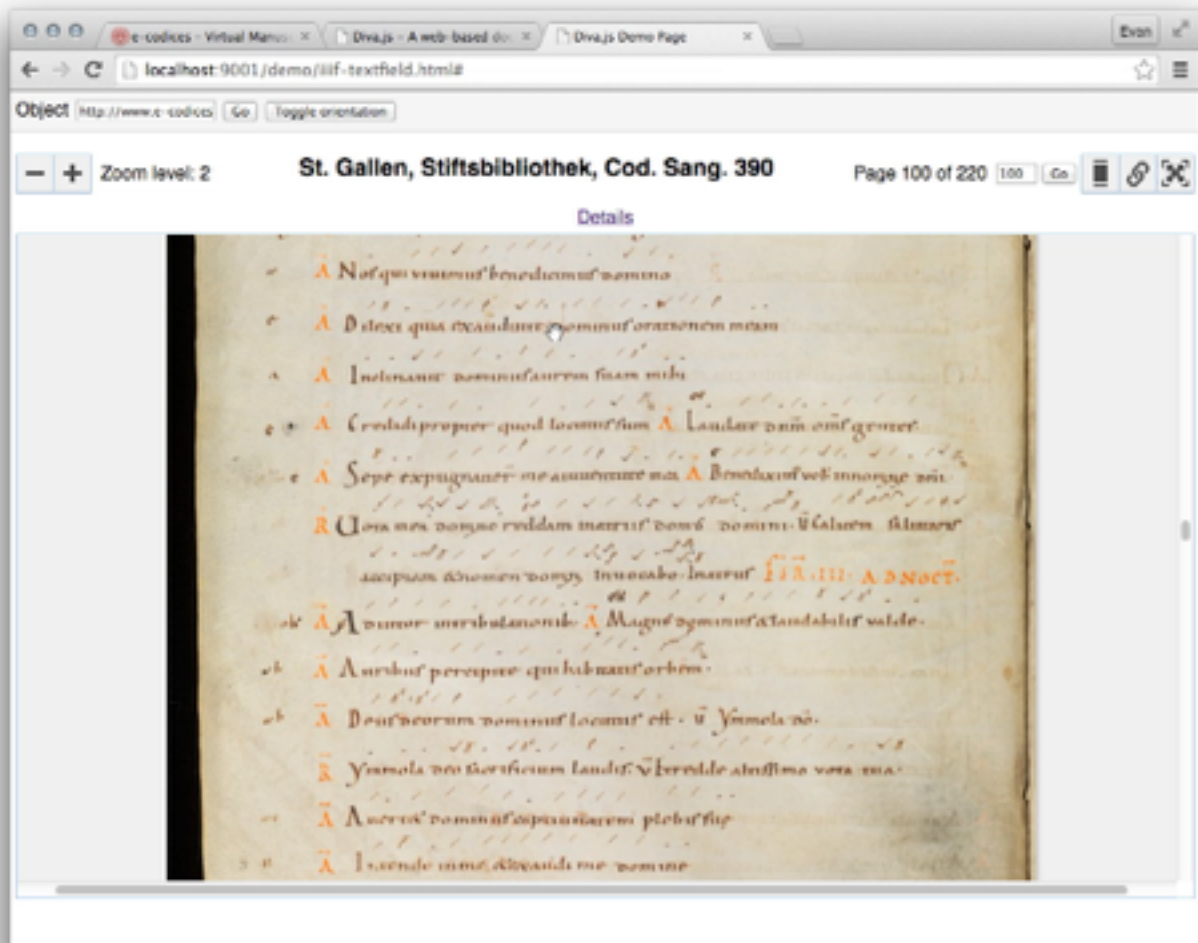
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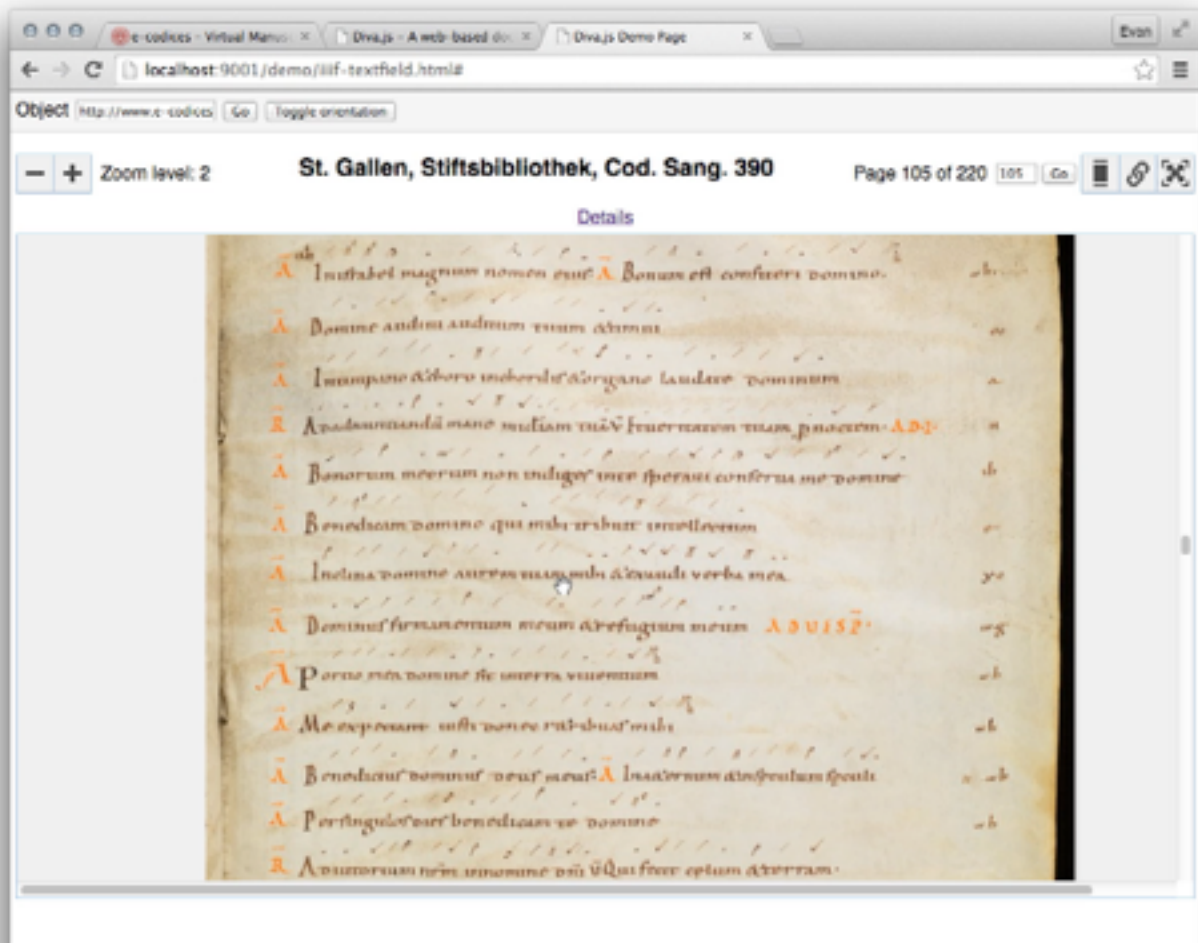
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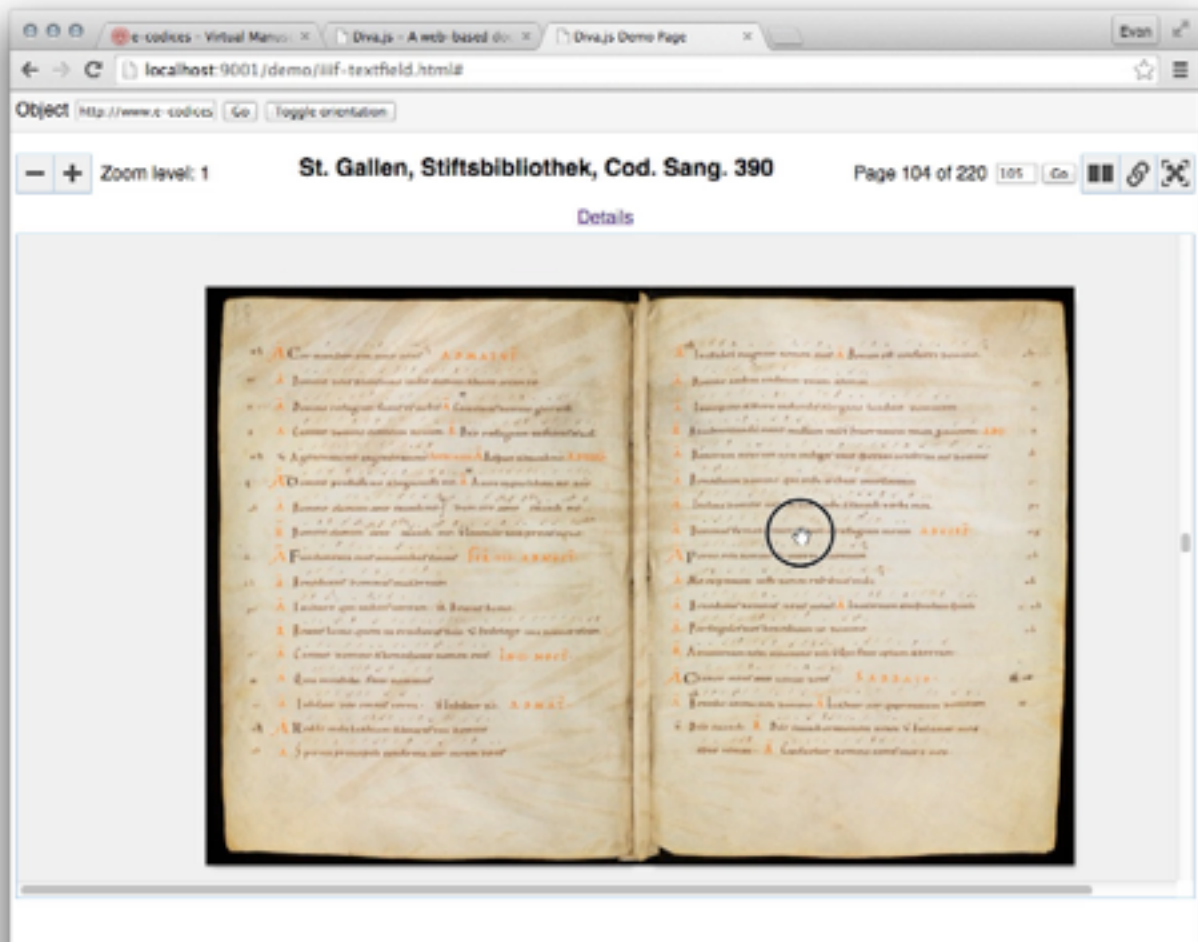
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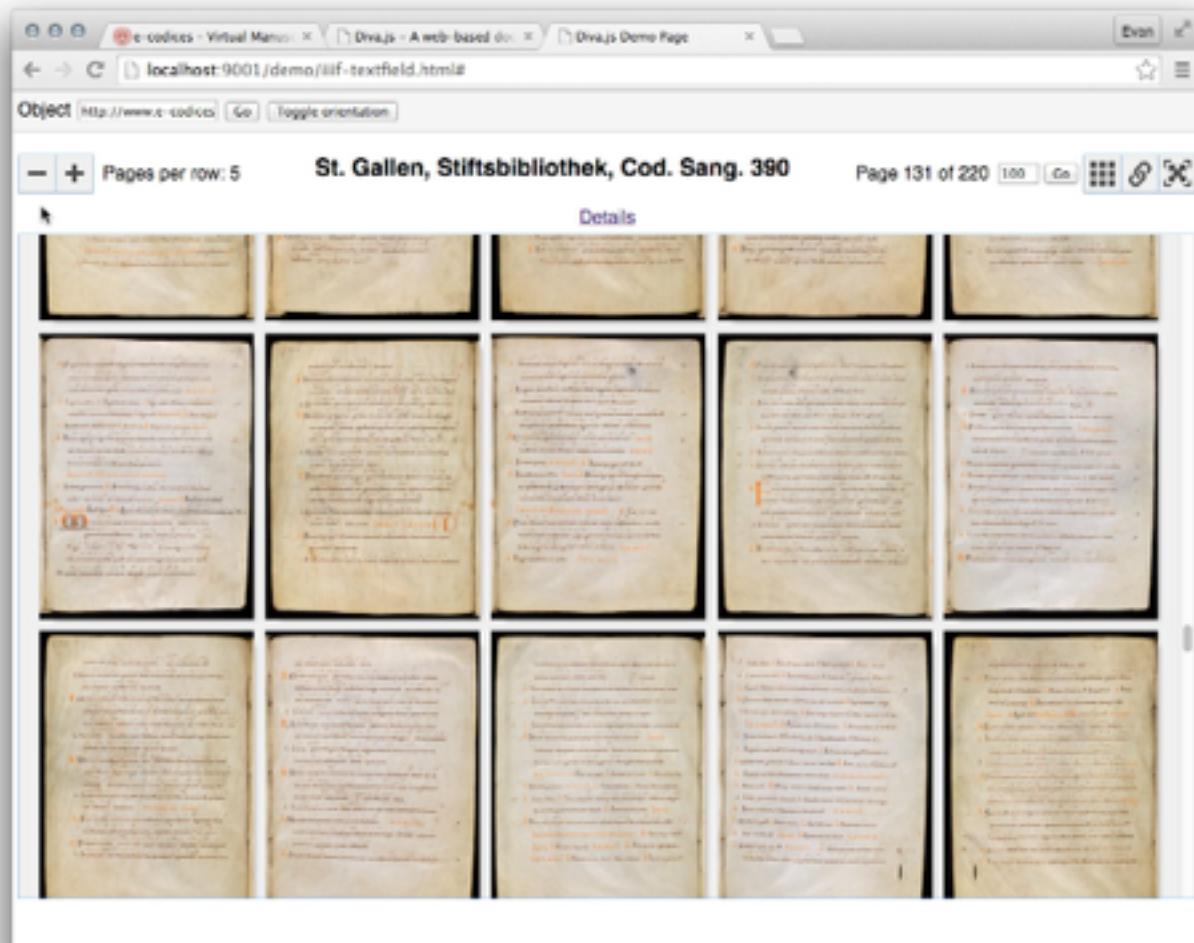
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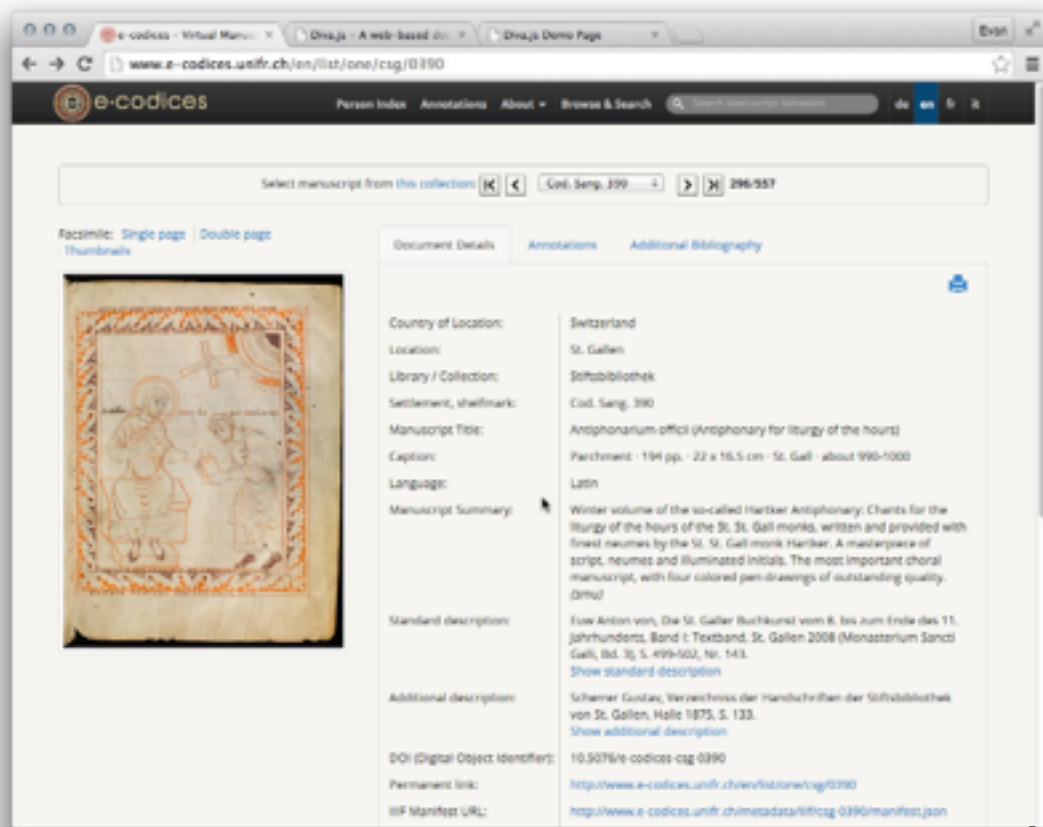
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Support for the International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF)

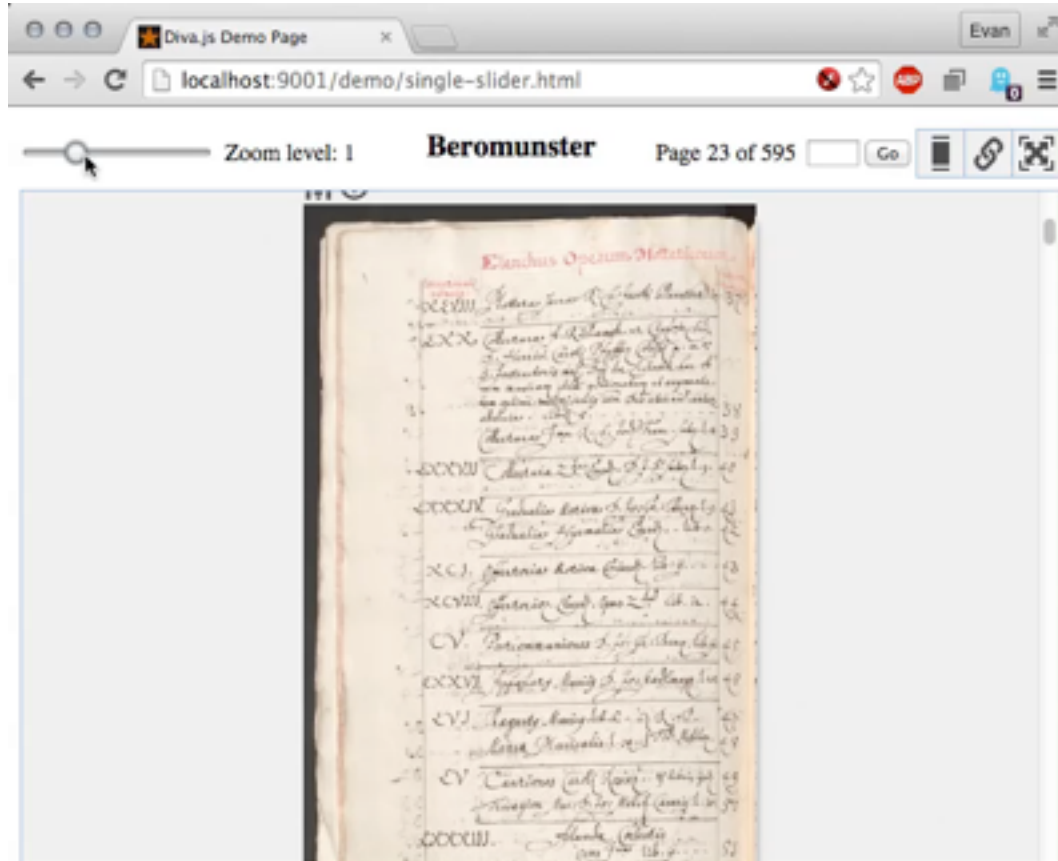
Given a IIIF-compliant image collection, users can choose viewing software that meets their needs

Of the surveyed viewers, Mirador, Internet Archive Book Reader, and Qatar (OSD) have IIIF support

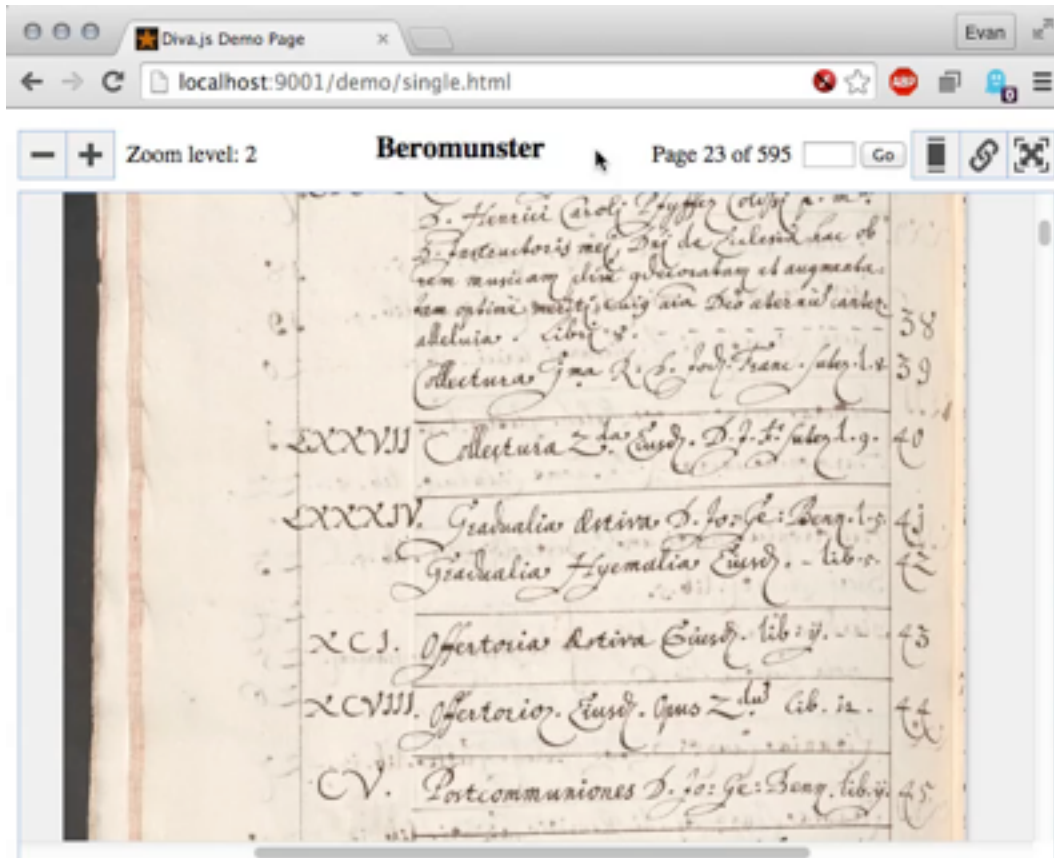


3. Design Challenges in Diva.js

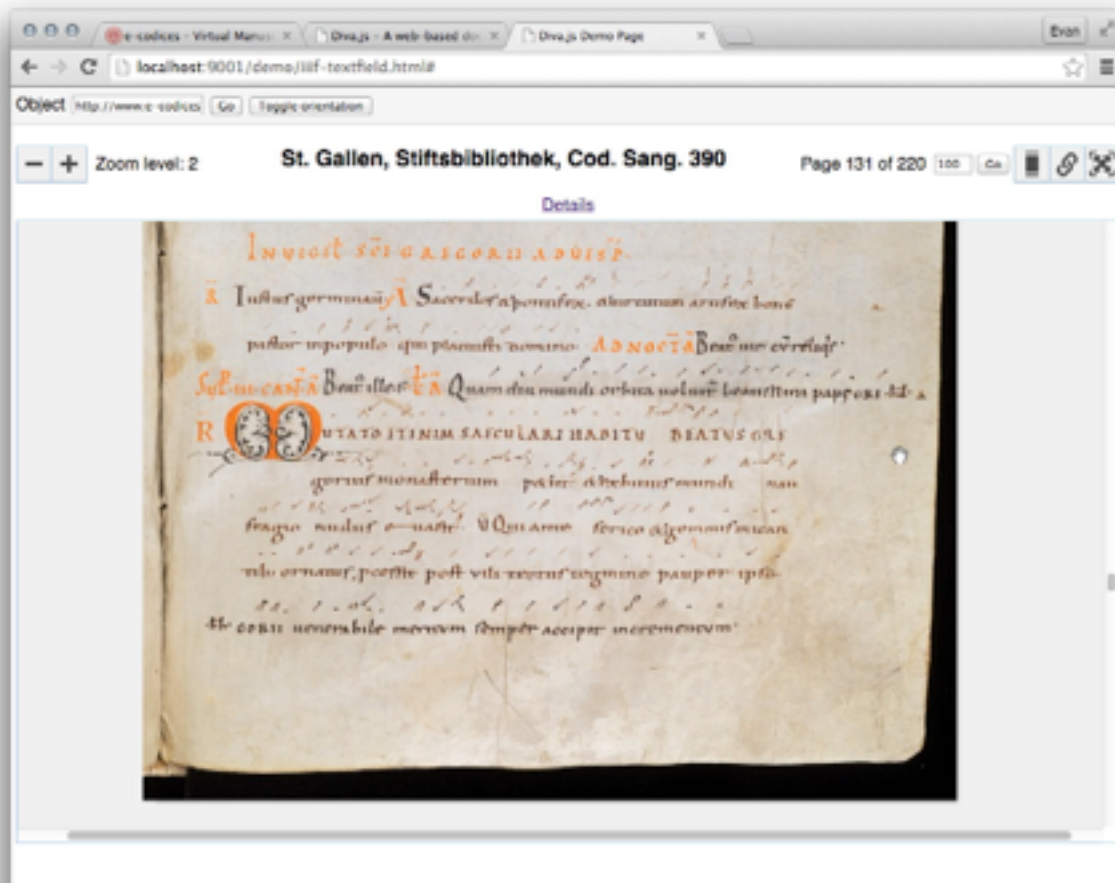
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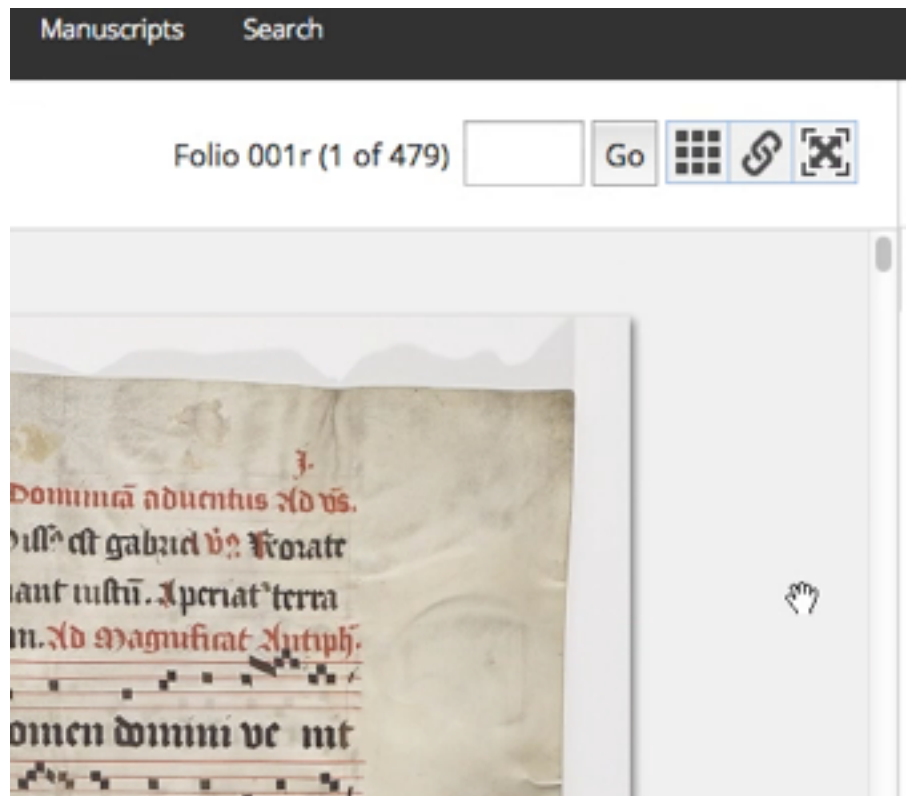


Grid view buttons



Other issues

Page titles - presenting page numbers consistent with the original manuscripts (“folio 1 recto [1r]” as opposed to “0, 1, 2”)



Review: Presenting Virtual Documents

1. Features (paging, zooming, views) of existing document viewing solutions

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Quick and easy document navigation

Preserving the document as a cohesive entity

3. Design Challenges of Diva.js

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Thank you!

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