



**Press Release**  
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**The National Archives wins International Information Industry Award for 'TNA Global Search'**

**TNA Global Search, powered by Autonomy, wins Best User Experience Award, 2006**

The National Archives today has won the Best User Experience category at the International Information Industry Awards, for TNA Global Search. The award recognises any project or service that has shown outstanding innovation in improving the user experience. The Information Industry Awards are hosted by Online Information 2006 and Information World Review to recognise the achievements of information teams, information and content management projects, vendors and individual information professionals.

TNA Global Search enables genealogists, family historians, academics and other National Archives users to start their research from one single point and access a wealth of information from The National Archives websites at the click of a button.

One of the central components of The National Archives' recently announced vision is to bring history to life for everyone. TNA Global Search, powered by Autonomy, is an essential component of The National Archives' ongoing project to digitise one of the largest collections, of records, in the world, and make 1000 years of British history available online. Autonomy's revolutionary, meaning-based software provides a unified enterprise platform that can simultaneously query the Archives' 30 million documents held in 11 disparate catalogues and databases.

[The National Archives](#) Director of Collections and Technology, David Thomas, commented: "The National Archives' aim is to make the information we hold across all of our websites and catalogues even more accessible, helping to bring history to life for everyone. The introduction of TNA Global Search means that users worldwide are now able to quickly and easily search through our vast catalogue of records to locate relevant information. We are delighted that TNA Global Search has been recognised for its achievements in improving user experience."

Mike Lynch, CEO of Autonomy Systems, commented: "It is a great honour to win this award. This award recognises that everything we do is tailored to the needs of the user, and it is entirely fitting that TNA Global Search, the project designed to make our common history more accessible, should be the winning entry."

TNA Global Search allows users to search for information on DocumentsOnline, Access to Archives (A2A), Moving Here and Family records websites, the National Register of Archives (NRA), the ARCHON Directory and online research guides.

## About The National Archives

[The National Archives](#), is a **government department**; and also an executive agency of the Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs. Over 600 staff work in Kew, in Norwich, at Admiralty Arch in central London and at the Family Records Centre in Islington. The National Archives brings together the Public Record Office, Historical Manuscripts Commission, the Office of Public Sector Information and Her Majesty's Stationery Office. See also [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk)

**The National Archives is at the heart of information policy** – setting standards and supporting innovation in information and records management across the UK, and providing a practical framework of best practice for opening up and encouraging the re-use of public sector information. This work helps inform today's decisions and ensure that they become tomorrow's permanent record. **The National Archives is also the UK government's official archive**, containing 900 years of history from Domesday Book to the present, with records ranging from parchment and paper scrolls through to recently created digital files and archived websites. Increasingly, these records are being put online, making them universally accessible.

### **The vision of The National Archives is to:**

- Lead and transform information management
- Guarantee the survival of today's information for tomorrow
- Bring history to life for everyone

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## **About Autonomy**

Autonomy Corporation plc (LSE: AU. or AU.L) is a global leader in infrastructure software for the enterprise and is spearheading the meaning-based computing movement. Autonomy's technology forms a conceptual and contextual understanding of any piece of electronic data including unstructured information, be it text, email, voice or video. Autonomy's software powers the full spectrum of mission-critical enterprise applications including information access technology, BI, CRM, KM, call center solutions, rich media management, compliance and litigation solutions and security applications, and is recognized by industry analysts as the clear leader in enterprise search.

Autonomy's customer base comprises more than 16,000 global companies and organizations including: ABN AMRO, AOL, BAE Systems, BBC, Boeing, Citigroup, Coca Cola, Daimler Chrysler, Deutsche Bank, Ericsson, Ford, GlaxoSmithKline, Hutchison 3G, Kraft Foods, Lloyd TSB, NASA, Nestle, the New York Stock Exchange, Nomura, Reuters, Shell, T-Mobile, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Autonomy also has over 300 OEM partners and more than 350 VARs and Integrators, numbering among them leading companies such as BEA, Business Objects, Citrix, EDS, IBM Global Services, Novell, Stellent, Sybase, Symantec, TIBCO and Vignette. The company has offices worldwide.

The Autonomy Group includes: Aungate, specialist in real-time enterprise governance; Virage, a visionary in rich media management and security and surveillance technology; etalk, award-winning provider of enterprise-class contact center products and Cardiff, a leader in content capture and business process management solutions.

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