



Video transcript

Rice University: migrating 200 digital collections to better serve researchers' needs

Our university archives and special collections support a variety of researchers, in a broad range of formats which tell the story of the university, the state of Texas and beyond. Our previous online home was at scholarship.rice.edu and it was built on the Deep Space platform which was an excellent home for us for over a decade.

But since that time our digitised collections have really grown in complexity, as have our search and display needs, which is why we decided to make an epic migration to the Quartex platform, which has many, many more options in terms of customisation.

The two hundred or more collections we've migrated to Quartex include the Houston Asian American Archive, the Joan and Stanford Alexander South Texas Jewish Archive and the Houston Folk Music Archive. We worked in conjunction with Rice University's task force on slavery, segregation and racial injustice to highlight materials that they used in their work.

We're excited about using Quartex's transcription services, especially for items that we have not been able to run through that type of process. For example, we have news masters from KTRU Rice Radio, the student radio station, that span from the late 1960s to early mid-1980s.

AV transcription has done an amazing job in transcribing these news masters and making them available for users. It's really enhanced what was a beautiful time on campus, as well as what was going on in the wider community.

Automated transcription is a powerful tool that will help us meet the needs of our researchers. Thanks to the more visually engaging navigation and increased accessibility, we're incredibly excited to share our refreshed digital collections with the greater community.

We have lots of ideas of how to move forward with the Quartex platform and we're excited for what's to come.