



Catalyst Repository Systems, Inc.

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Core business: Web-based secure data repositories for legal, business, and financial users.

Objective

To help teams of professionals manage large volumes of electronic documents and collaborate effectively on complex legal, financial, and business matters.

Solution

FAST InStream™

Benefits

- Routinely delivers search results in under a second, even for numerous concurrent 750-word queries against 15 million documents.
- Navigators permit further drill-down to refine search results.
- Clustering capabilities allow key concepts to be listed.
- Search toolsets speed review time considerably.
- Allows remote indexing facilities
- Accommodates native document formats.
- Supports more than 70 languages, including those with multi-byte character sets.

Catalyst Repository Systems provides secure web-based repositories that help teams of professionals manage large volumes of electronic documents and collaborate on complex legal, financial, and business matters. Since 1998, clients have used Catalyst's repositories to review and produce discovery documents, to connect counsel on cases and claims, to ensure regulatory compliance, and to coordinate mergers, acquisitions and other financial transactions. Catalyst now uses FAST InStream™ search technology to extend the capabilities of its advanced document solutions such as Catalyst CR.

Using Search to Enrich Secure Data Repositories

Background

In today's world of rapidly growing digital content and highly distributed teams, corporations, insurers, and law firms require powerful tools to take control of complex legal matters. Catalyst Repository Systems' secure web-based repositories provide a compelling alternative to traditional approaches—particularly when it's necessary to review large document collections or connect legal professionals sitting in different locations. For more than a decade, Catalyst's repositories have been the choice of many of the world's largest corporations, insurers, and law firms. During that time, Catalyst has pursued a path of constant innovation and its offerings now include CatalystXE, a secure web-based extranet, CatalystReview, a secure web-based review workflow tool, and CatalystCR, a highly advanced secure web-based data repository.

Challenge

Litigation is on the rise – and corporations, insurers, and law firms are in the thick of it. Large companies may be dealing with 125 cases at a time. It's not uncommon for corporate legal teams to wade into libraries of 30 million-plus documents, including e-mails and images. And attorneys' billing rates keep rising. So there is no shortage of economic reasons for the parties to find,

retrieve, sort, and share the exact data they need as fast as possible. At the same time, it must be simple to distribute the data and to enable collaboration online – all without compromising data security. It's also crucial to accommodate ongoing expansion of the data repositories; today's 30 million documents will soon become more than 100 million.

Solution

Well aware of clients' economic realities – and knowing just how fast digital documents are accumulating – Catalyst began looking for a reliable partner whose technology would help accelerate searches, refine queries, retrieve data in the most accessible formats, and be capable of continuously scaling up. "Most of all, we needed speed and scalability," says Bruce Kiefer, Catalyst's Vice President of Operations, "and FAST's InStream technology has enabled us to build a system that routinely delivers search results in under a second, even when faced with multiple, concurrent 750-word queries against a database of 15 million documents." In addition to its speed and scalability, InStream accommodates native document formats, supports multiple languages, and has advanced features like navigators and pattern displays that will enable attorneys to review documents faster. "That's where a tool like FAST was very attractive to us," adds Kiefer.

'For our clients, it's all about discovering the right information as quickly as possible – and sharing it effectively with the rest of the team. FAST InStream's search capabilities were a natural fit for our Catalyst CR offering. FAST has quickly taken the big-league search market by storm.'

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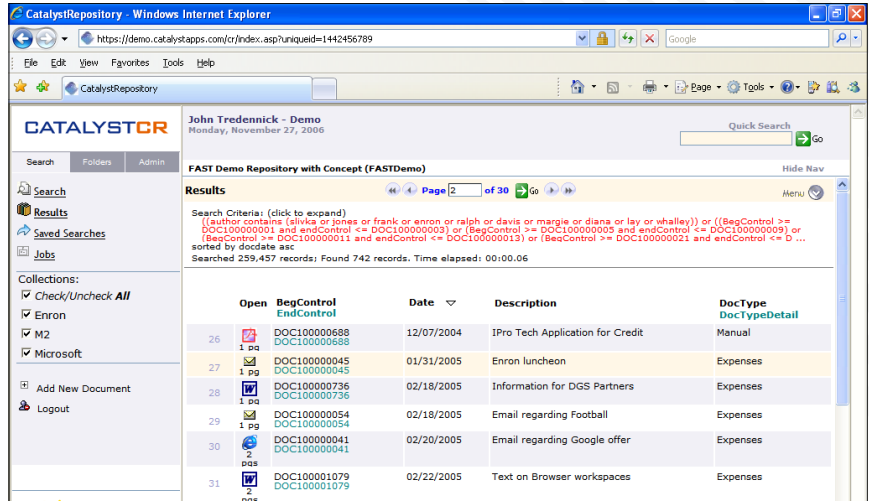
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Benefits and Results

Catalyst CR6.0 Grid Edition now uses FAST InStream to yield sub-second retrieval times, results that are easily searched further, and efficient native document formats – no matter how large the document set. The net result: highly productive legal teams. FAST InStream also helps Catalyst CR to manage secure distribution of data so that widely dispersed teams can work more effectively together on complex cases. Additionally, FAST InStream's support of multiple languages allows Catalyst CR to introduce its first Asian character set – a key feature as litigation and regulatory compliance follow global commerce and cross-border transactions.

Why FAST?

Linear Scalability

FAST InStream allows Catalyst CR to scale up to handle very large volumes of data. The system has been tested successfully across 15 million documents.

Ease of Implementation

FAST InStream deploys easily with Catalyst's Web-based platform. Its open architecture standards, common platforms, and standard operating systems also integrate readily with future versions of Catalyst CR.

Stability

FAST InStream allows for a highly stable fault-tolerant deployment, which permits nonstop operation regardless of load.

Competitive Advantage

FAST's multiple-language capability helps Catalyst CR to easily service businesses whose activities span the globe.