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Decisia is an online service for decision-making bodies seeking to offer easy and professional access to their decisions from their website, intranet or extranet. Decisia manages the dissemination of decisions and other complementary resources.

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AUTOMATED CONVERSION OF DOCUMENTS TO HTML AND PDF

Decisia automatically converts MS Word and WordPerfect documents into PDF and HTML formats.

- When a document in MS Word or WordPerfect format is submitted through the administration interface, it prompts a real-time conversion of the source document to HTML and PDF.
- The HTML and PDF formats are published online. The original file format can also be made accessible as well.
- When the original MS Word file is compliant with web accessibility standards, accessibility of resulting PDF and HTML files is also ensured.
- It is possible to replace Decisia's PDF and HTML versions with your own custom files.
- If a PDF file of less than 1 Mb is submitted, it is embedded within the Decisia webpage.

DATA AND FIELD CONFIGURATION

In order to meet your specific document management needs, Decisia allows the following configuration and customization:

- Management of document collections to host documents of similar nature. You can create as many collections as necessary to group documents that pertain to the same subset in order to facilitate browsing and searching.
- Choice of decision metadata. You can choose which metadata will be used to access your documents, and specify the ones that are mandatory, from the following list:
 - Case name
 - Neutral citation
 - Print report citation
 - Other citations, parallel citations
 - Decision date
 - Decision file numbers
 - Decision-makers, judges, commissioners
 - Representatives, counsel
 - Parties to the matter
 - Subject
 - Decision type
 - Decision status
 - District, source, geographical origin
 - Case summary
 - Editorial notes
 - Related decisions
 - Judicial history and treatment
 - Crosslinks
 - Cited legislation

Customized metadata labels. You can customize metadata labels to reflect your users' access and search patterns, as well as your organization's terminology. For example, you can choose to

INTRANET / SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

In addition to its public interface, Decisia features a secure zone providing intranet users and external subscribers with a restricted space for accessing and searching documents. The intranet / subscription functionality offers the following options:

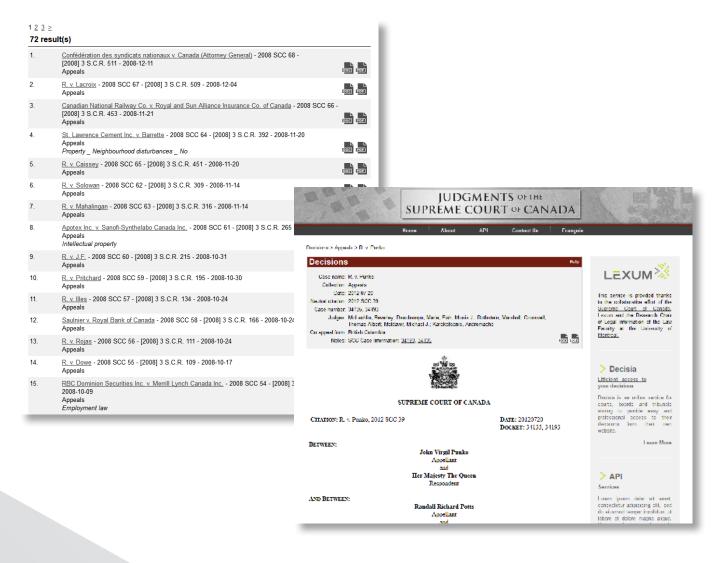
- Setting the status of a document to "intranet/subscription". Access to the docu¬ment is then limited to intranet users or subscribers.
- Restricting access to an entire collection. All the documents contained in that collection become accessible to intranet users or subscribers only.

USER RIGHTS MANAGEMENT

User rights are managed through the web-based administration interface. Three levels of permissions are available:

- Administrator has the possibility to configure Decisia and manage user rights
- Editor has the capacity to manage content
- > Intranet User / Subscriber has the possibility to search and view restricted documents

Users connect to Decisia with a login and a password via a secure SSL connection. All user accounts can be created through the user management tab of the administration interface. Bulk creation of user accounts is also possible.



WEB ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS

Decisia ensures conformance with the *Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.0* Level AA. WCAG's guidelines have been incorporated in several regulatory instruments, such as the *Standard on Web Accessibility* of Canada's Treasury Board or Section 508 of the *U.S. Rehabilitation Act*. Decisia's interfaces, including its navigation pages, search forms, and search result pages, are designed in compliance with web accessibility standards.

SEARCH BY LEXFIND

Decisia is equipped with LexFind, a powerful search engine based on Lucene/Solr. Lexum has greatly enhanced Lucene/Solr for legal information retrieval. Some of the most relevant enhancements include:

- Advanced search syntax including support for wildcard (*) operator, as well as paragraph and sentence proximity operators (/p, /s, /n).
- Subphrase queries using machine learning algorithms, the software makes educated guesses about whether a user is looking for a phrase, a set of disjoint words or a hybrid of the two.
- Highlighting of search terms and navigation between highlighted search terms including smart Boolean aware search term highlighting (highlighting in documents takes into account double quotes or proximity operators, when used).
- Contextual snippets in search results short extracts of documents with query terms highlighted shown below each search result.
- Smart acronym and number processing (handles different inputs of search terms, such as C3, C-3; USA, U.S.A.).
- Auto-complete feature suggesting exact matches for query terms as users insert them.
- Autocorrection of typos in query terms suggesting the most probable alternative (Did you mean).
- Search by judge, party name, citation, docket, subject, statute, or any other metadata field.
- Capacity for administrators to export search results in a structured CSV file for reporting purposes.

AUDIT TRAIL

All changes operated on content hosted in Decisia are recorded and made available for review. The audit trail provides adminstrators with the capacity to:

- Search past modifications by user, date, or type of action.
- > Display the history of each individual record, including the nature and time of modifications
- Recover past versions of documents that were overwritten over time.

CURRENT AWARENESS TOOLS

Decisia offers the following current awareness tools:

- RSS feeds for each collection notifying users of newly posted documents.
- Public mailing list sent out once per day and aggregating newly posted public documents during the last 24 hours.
- Private mailing list sent out once per day and aggregating newly posted private documents during the last 24 hours.

FULLY MULTILINGUAL

Decisia's public and management interfaces can be made available in any language. Multiple language versions can be integrated to individual Decisia accounts.

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INTEGRATION INTO YOUR WEBSITE

Decisia is skinned to take on the colour scheme, look and feel of the client's website. Furthermore, Decisia is made accessible under a client's subdomain. Here is how to proceed:

1. Create a subdomain

Create a subdomain within your main domain. This subdomain will be used to direct users to Decisia's content and functionalities. For example: <u>decisions.yourdomain.org</u>.

2. Create a CNAME in your DNS record

Create a CNAME in the DNS record for your subdomain. The CNAME should point to <u>http://de-cisia.lexum.com.</u> By doing so, when users access your subdomain, they will be directed to the web location where your Decisia installation is hosted.

3. Create a link on your website

Create a link on your website (for example in the lateral navigational bar or in the left-hand side menu) which will point to your subdomain used for Decisia.

OPTIONS

AUTO-FILL FEATURE

The content manager can assign all of the above-listed metadata to the documents so that users search and browse using different criteria. In order to make capturing of the document data easier, an auto-fill feature is offered, which provides the following functionalities:

- Based on the template used to prepare your documents, it automatically locates relevant data in the document text.
- It extracts the data and prefills the Decisia publishing interface.
- > It stores the data in Decisia's database after a content manager confirms the data accuracy.

WCAG 2.0 LEVEL AA TEMPLATE AND FILTERS

Documents posted with Decisia are converted in HTML and PDF formats. These formats can comply with web accessibility standards as long as Lexum's MS-Word template is used for the drafting of decisions. Lexum's template is adjusted to the look and feel of the client's decisions and integrates styles and formating that are essential for the production of WCAG 2.0 Level AA compliant decisions. In addition to the conversion filters and template, Lexum services in this regard also includes onboarding consulting services.

WEB SERVICE FOR ONGOING DATA IMPORT

Structured metadata and files can be submitted to Decisia by web service in order to fully automate the publishing process. This option is especially valuable for clients managing a large volume of documents which is already available in a Case Management System (CMS) or any similar database.

WEB SERVICE FOR ONGOING DATA EXPORT

Structured metadata can be exported from Decisia by web service in order to integrate its content with distant systems. This option is especially valuable for clients managing multiple information systems and wishing to create dynamic links between them.

INITIAL IMPORT

If the number of documents initially imported under your package is insufficient to cover all of your archives, Lexum can process additional files on demand. Depending on the volume of documents involved and the availability of metadata this task can be either fully automated, partially automated or undertaken manually.

EDITORIAL SERVICES

Lexum's team of paralegals can take over the ongoing management and processing of your documents. Electronic documents can be sent in bulk or as they are created and Lexum will take charge of their publishing.