

Screen Shots from Relevance Ranking Assessment

Figure 1. Participants began by entering an assigned participant number, and choosing a group (A or B) and subject area from the drop-down menus.

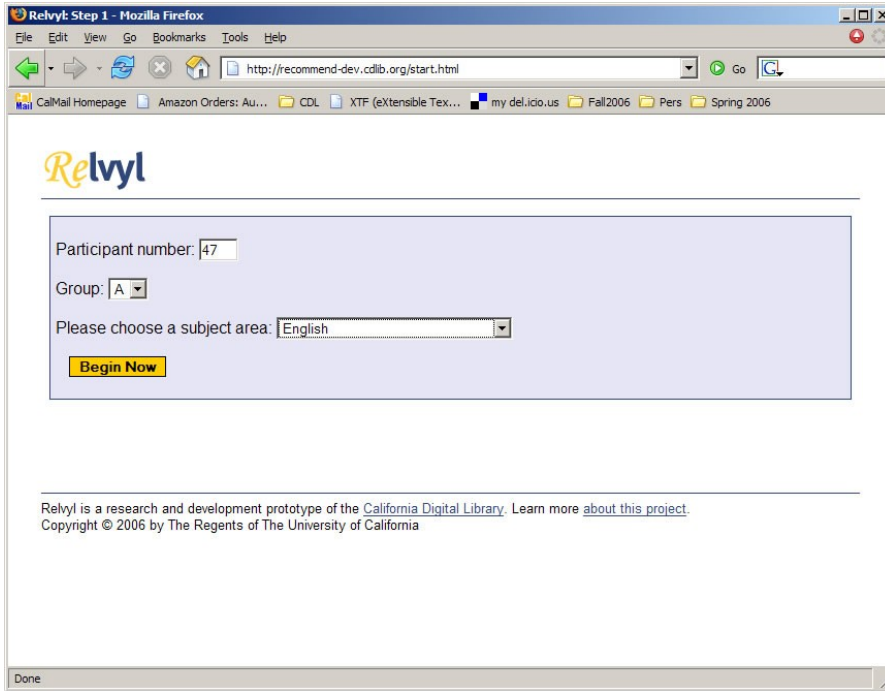


Figure 2. The participant “home page”, shown between scenarios, helped track progress through the protocol.

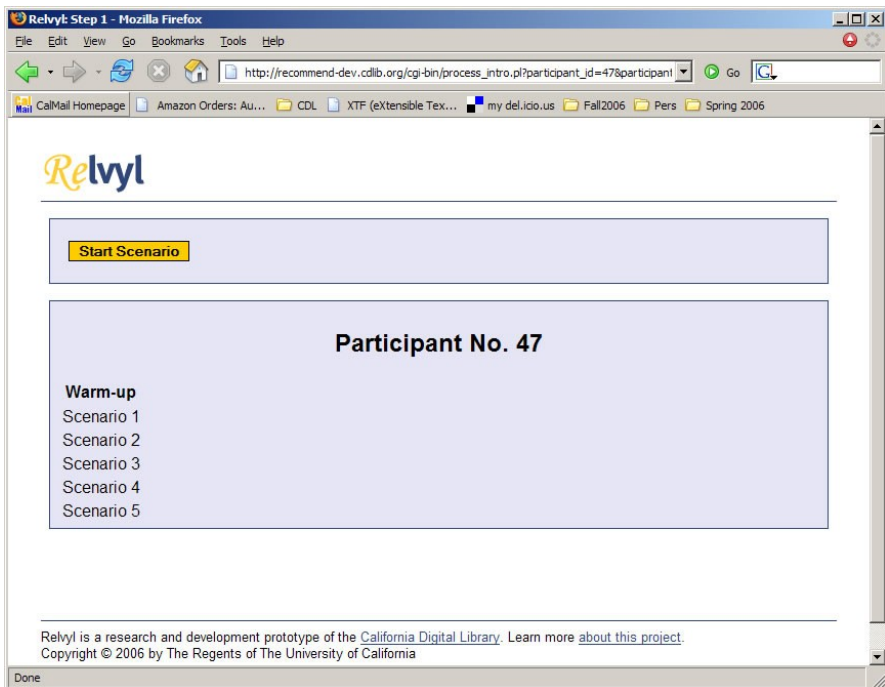


Figure 3. After reading a scenario from a slip of paper, users were instructed to enter search terms and to describe their thinking about these terms as they did so.

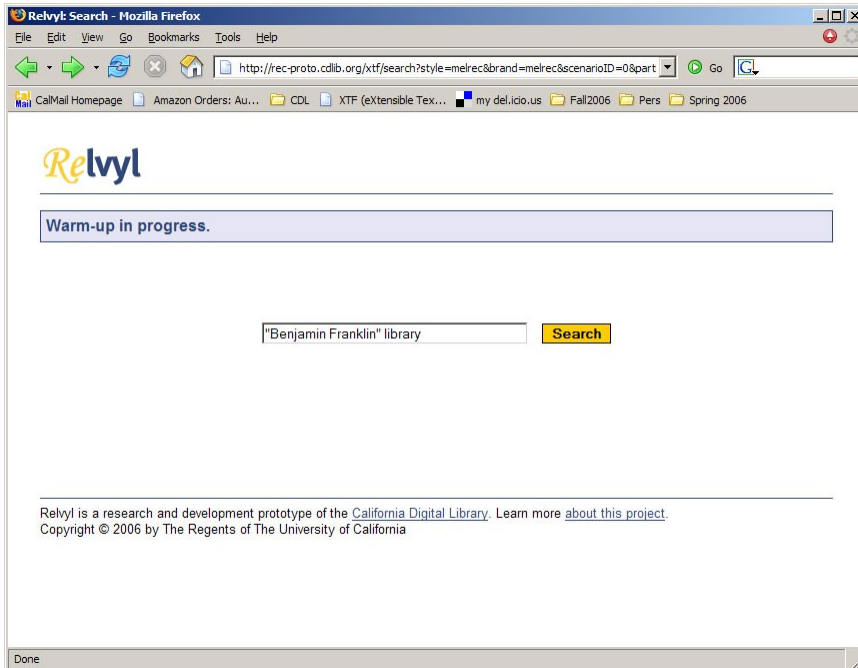


Figure 4. Participants could refine and conduct searches until they obtained a “reasonable” result set from which they would normally be inclined to start picking material to look at in the library. Users were also shown how to refine searches through filters on dates, language, format and how to create more precise searches using fields, as shown here.

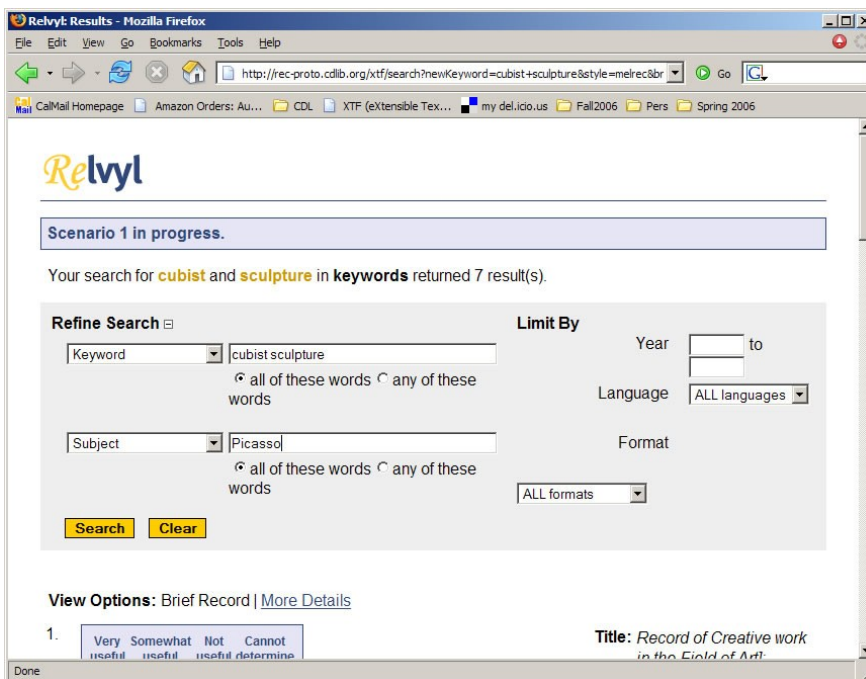


Figure 5. Participants could toggle back and forth between brief and detailed displays (detailed display shown here).

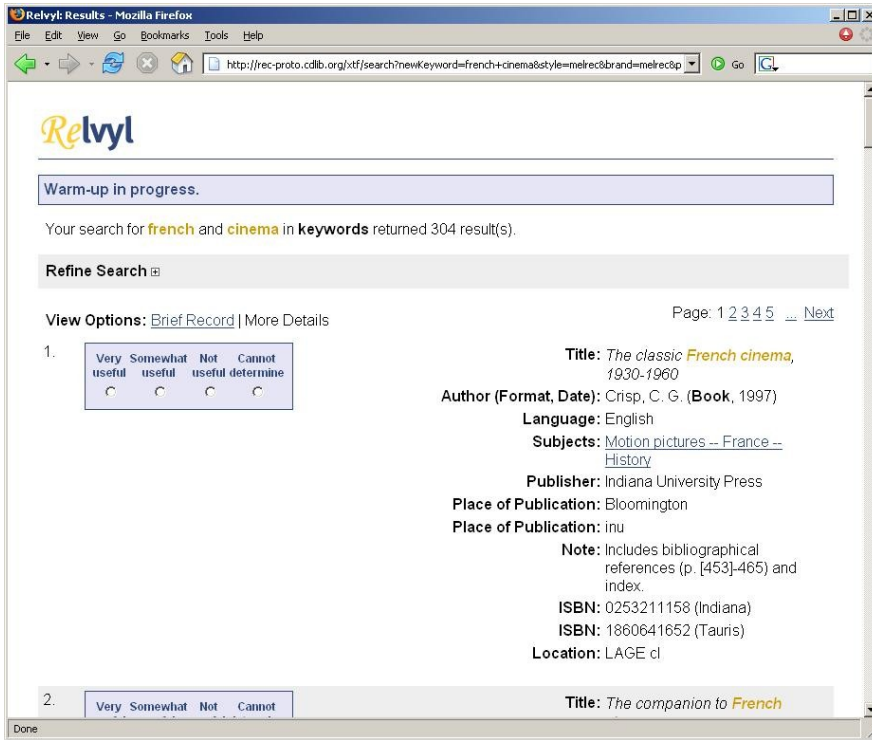


Figure 6. Participants were instructed to evaluate the usefulness of the first twenty items in their identified “final” result set in terms of how useful each item was for accomplishing the task described in the scenario. Users could choose from “Very Useful,” “Somewhat Useful,” “Not Useful,” and “Cannot Determine”.

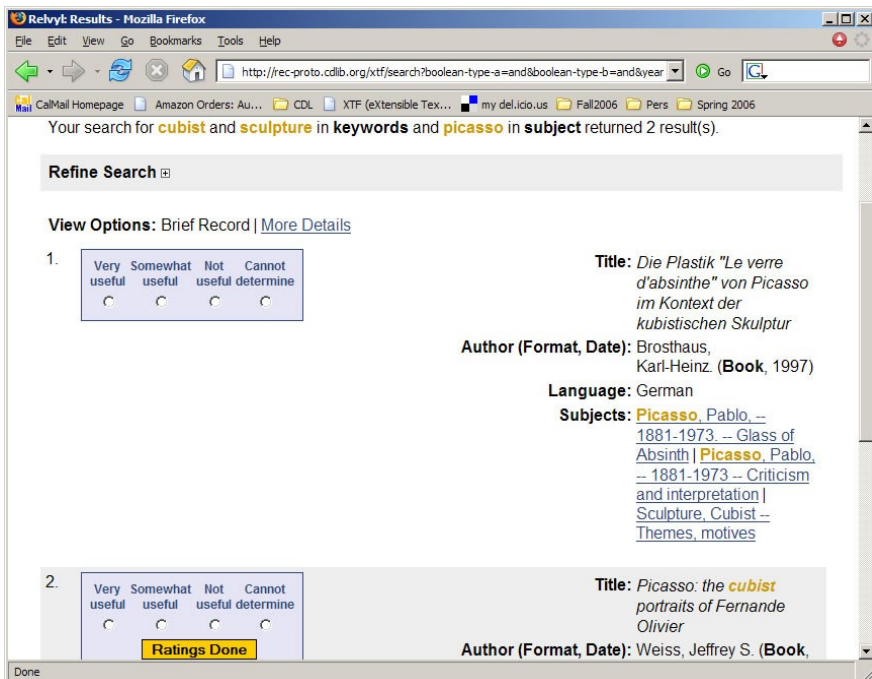


Figure 7. After completing all five scenarios, users ended at a Thank You screen.

