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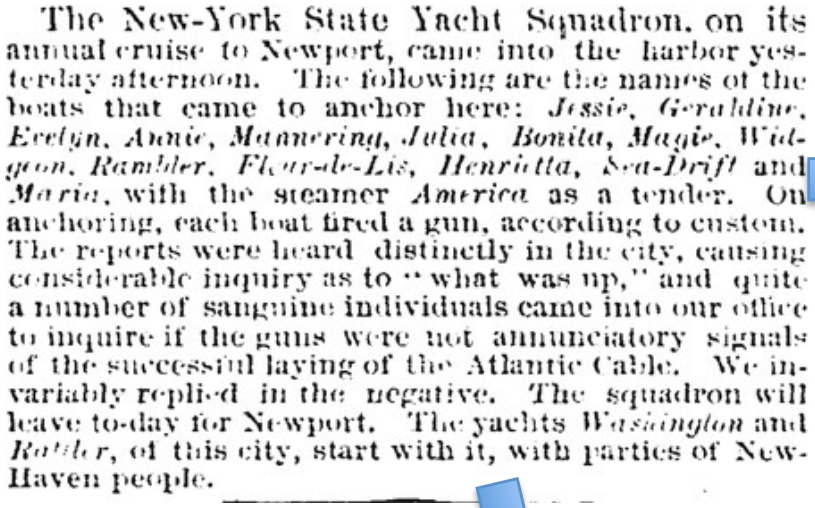

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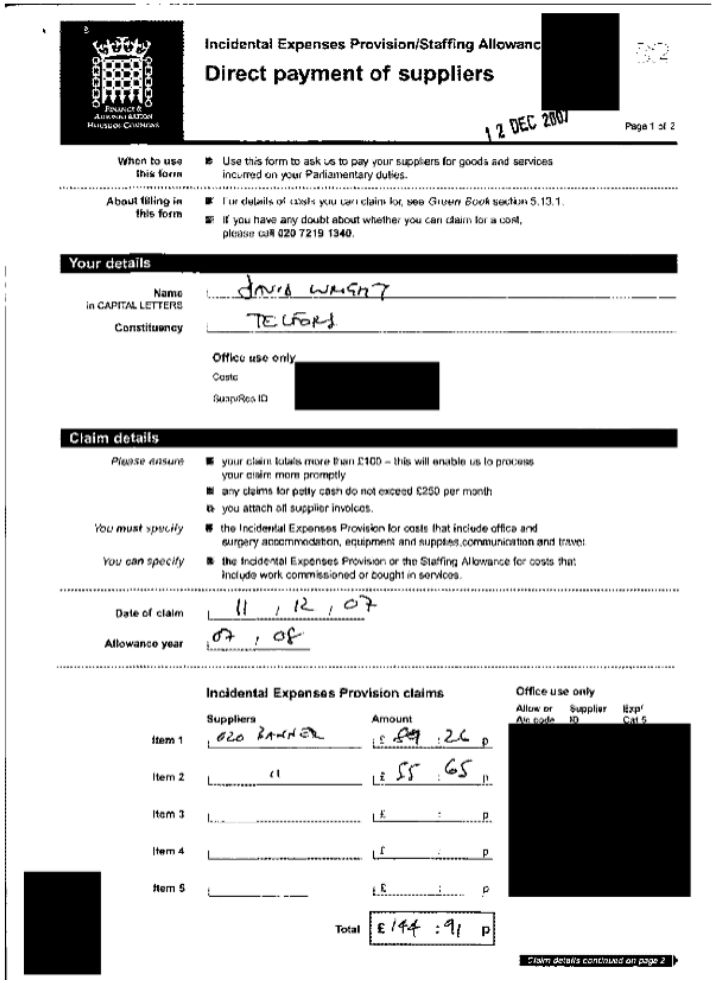

Incidental Expenses Provision/Staffing Allowanc

Direct payment of suppliers

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- Use this form to ask us to pay your suppliers for goods and services incurred on your Parliamentary duties.

About filling in this form
- For details of costs you can claim for, see *Green Book* section 5.13.1.
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Your details

Name in CAPITAL LETTERS: DAVID WRIGHT

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Costs

SupplyReq ID

Claim details

Please ensure
- your claim totals more than £100 – this will enable us to process your claim more promptly
- any claims for petty cash do not exceed £250 per month
- you attach all supplier invoices.

You must specify
- the Incidental Expenses Provision for costs that include office and surgery accommodation, equipment and supplies,communication and travel

You can specify
- the Incidental Expenses Provision or the Staffing Allowance for costs that include work commissioned or bought in services.

Date of claim: 11 / 12 / 07

Allowance year: 07 / 08

Incidental Expenses Provision claims

Office use only

	Suppliers	Amount
Item 1	020 RANGER	£ 89 : 26 p
Item 2	"	£ 55 : 65 p
Item 3		£ : p
Item 4		£ : p
Item 5		£ : p
	Total	£ 144 : 91 p

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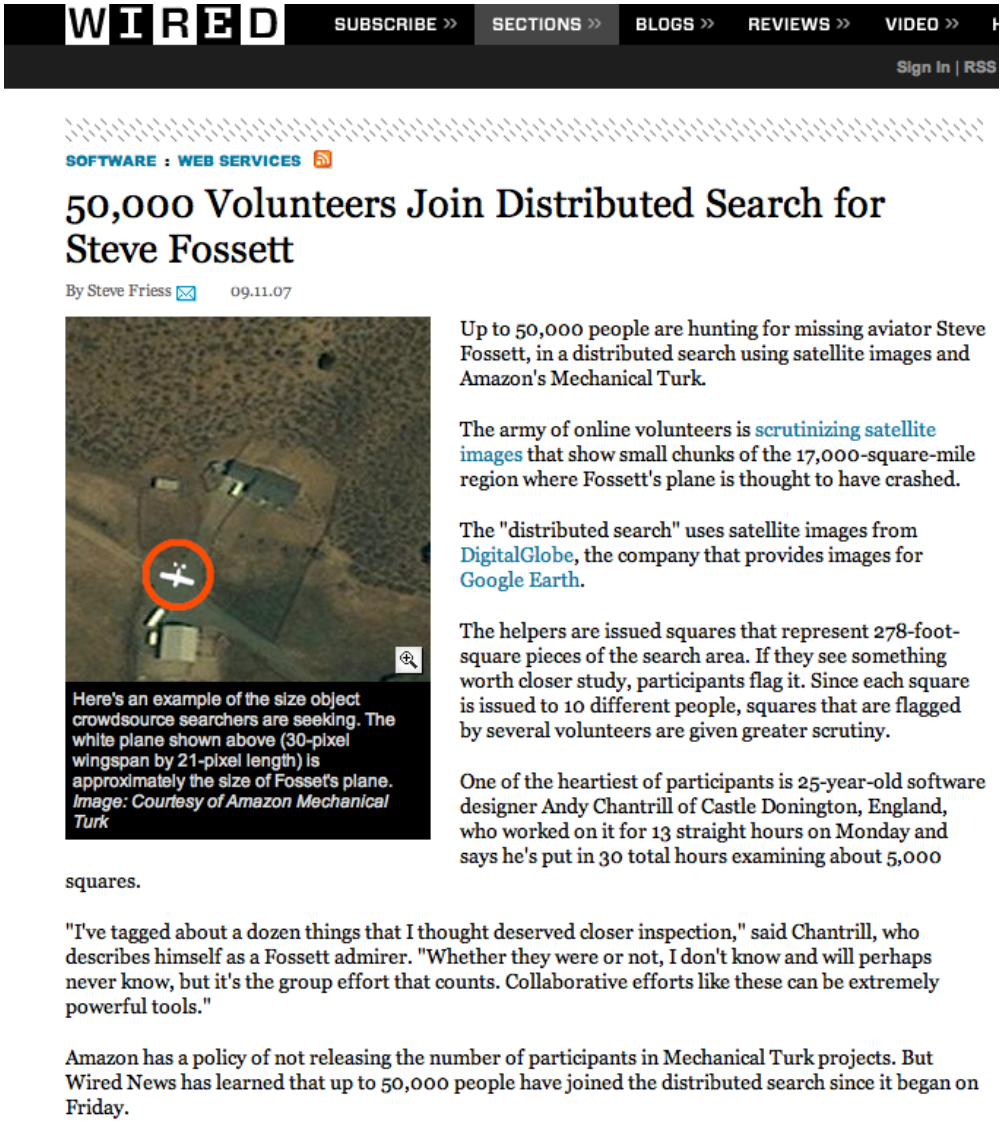

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50,000 Volunteers Join Distributed Search for Steve Fossett

By Steve Friess 09.11.07

Here's an example of the size object crowdsource searchers are seeking. The white plane shown above (30-pixel wingspan by 21-pixel length) is approximately the size of Fosset's plane. *Image: Courtesy of Amazon Mechanical Turk*

Up to 50,000 people are hunting for missing aviator Steve Fossett, in a distributed search using satellite images and Amazon's Mechanical Turk.

The army of online volunteers is scrutinizing satellite images that show small chunks of the 17,000-square-mile region where Fossett's plane is thought to have crashed.

The "distributed search" uses satellite images from DigitalGlobe, the company that provides images for Google Earth.

The helpers are issued squares that represent 278-foot-square pieces of the search area. If they see something worth closer study, participants flag it. Since each square is issued to 10 different people, squares that are flagged by several volunteers are given greater scrutiny.

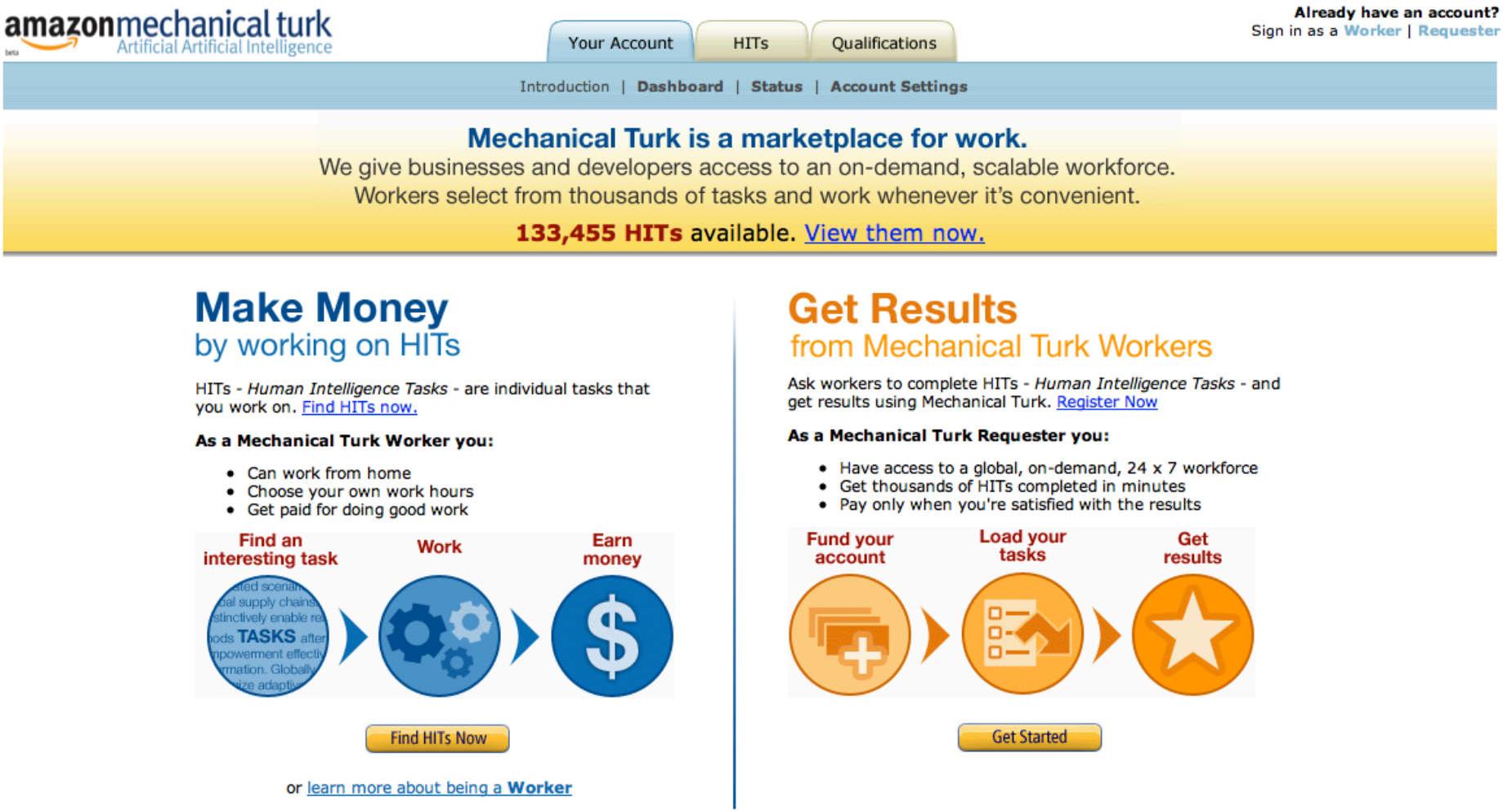
One of the heartiest of participants is 25-year-old software designer Andy Chantrill of Castle Donington, England, who worked on it for 13 straight hours on Monday and says he's put in 30 total hours examining about 5,000 squares.

"I've tagged about a dozen things that I thought deserved closer inspection," said Chantrill, who describes himself as a Fossett admirer. "Whether they were or not, I don't know and will perhaps never know, but it's the group effort that counts. Collaborative efforts like these can be extremely powerful tools."

Amazon has a policy of not releasing the number of participants in Mechanical Turk projects. But Wired News has learned that up to 50,000 people have joined the distributed search since it began on Friday.

- Using Amazon's Mechanical Turk to co-ordinate 50,000 volunteers

Amazon Mechanical Turk



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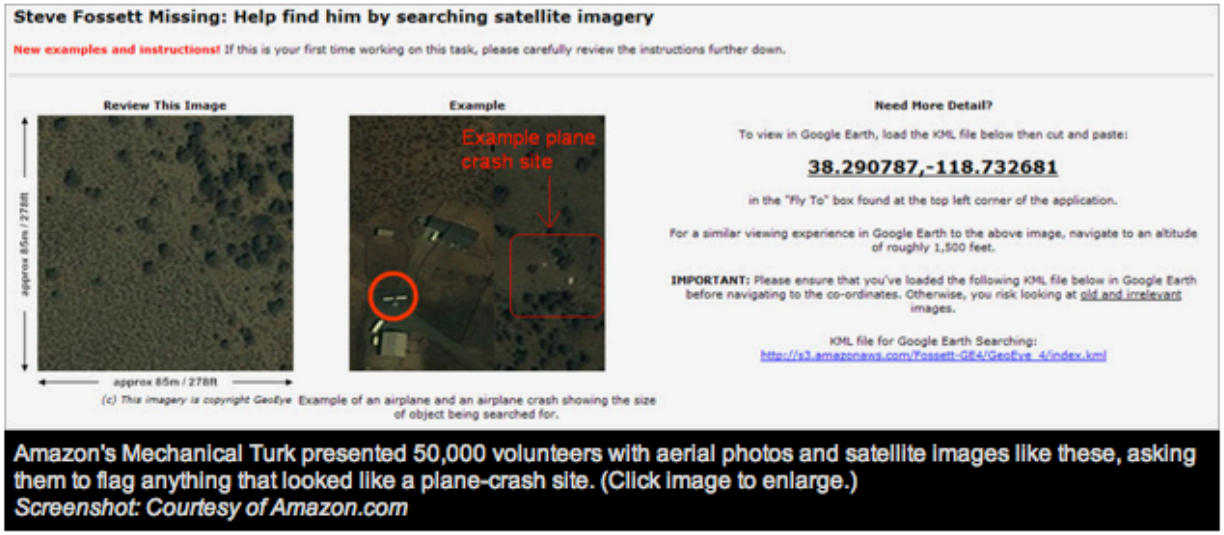
TECH BIZ : IT

Online Fossett Searchers Ask, Was It Worth It?

By Steve Friess 11.06.07



Amazon's Mechanical Turk presented 50,000 volunteers with aerial photos and satellite images like these, asking them to flag anything that looked like a plane-crash site. (Click image to enlarge.)
Screenshot: Courtesy of Amazon.com

Looking back, Diana Francis says she should have known it would be a big waste of time. She sat for hours each day in her husband's home office in Houston scouring little digital snapshots of the Nevada desert on Amazon.com, in hopes that she'd help locate vanished millionaire aviator Steve Fossett.

Finally, though, she decided the exercise was tedious and unproductive.

"In the early days, it sounded like a good idea," Ryan continues. "In hindsight, I wish it hadn't been there, because it didn't produce a darn thing that was productive except for being a giant black hole for energy, time and resources. There may come a day when this technology is capable of doing what it says it can deliver, but boy, that's not now."

- Not always successful!

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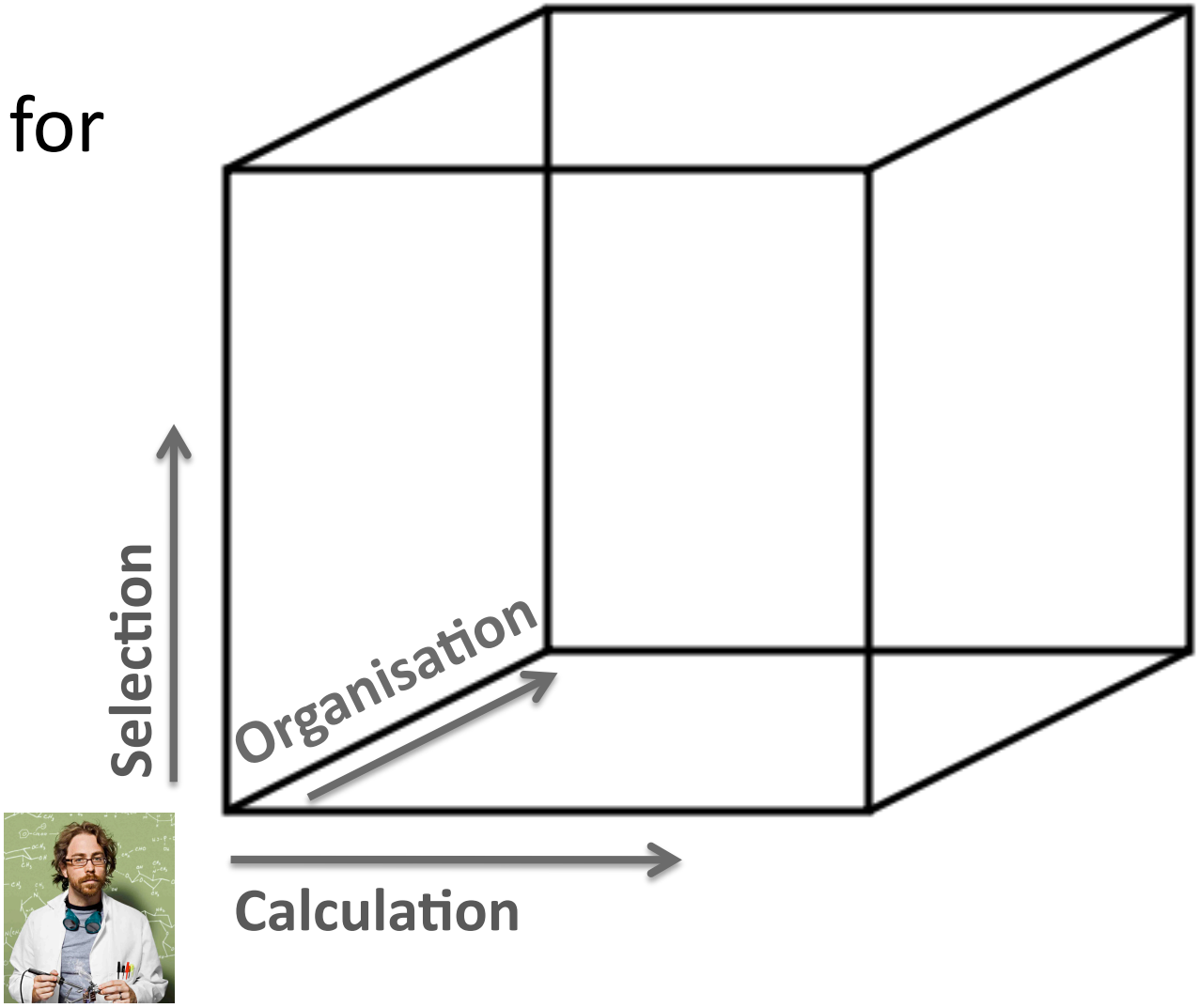
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