grobid-service

manual

Overview

The project grobid-service is a RESTful service implementation for accessing the grobid system. grobid-service is an open source project under the Apache License 2.0. It comes as a war file for deploying on a web container e.g. tomcat. The project also contains the libraries of grobid-core, doing the extraction work.

Setting up grobid-service

For processing an extraction, the library grobid-core needs the trained models being contained in a special file structure. All required files organized in that structure are contained in the project grobid-home and must be downloaded separately. For referring to that folder, grobid-core uses the java system property org.grobid.home. Please set this property to the grobid home folder (GROBID HOME).

If you use tomcat as web container, you can pass system properties via setting the environment variable CATALINA OPTS.

CATALINA OPTS=-Dorg.grobid.home=GROBID HOME

The grobid-service can be customized via changing the settings in a property file. The property file must have the name grobid_service.properties and can also be contained in GROBID HOME. The grobid-service will resolve the file automatically. If you do not want to store that file in GROBID HOME, you can also store to a folder of your choice, GROBID SERVICE HOME and point the system property named org.grobid.service.home to that folder. If such a property file is not contained in GROBID HOME, the system will check the folder GROBID SERVICE HOME to detect that file.

Customize grobid-service

You can customize the grobid-service by changing the properties in file grobid_service.properties. A list of all properties is given here:

Name of property	Description
org.grobid.service.admin.pw	The password of the admin page of the grobid-service instance

Use of grobid-service

Table 1 shows the provided resources corresponding to the HTTP verbs, to use the grobid-service. Imagine, that GROBID_HOST is the host on which the service runs. A syntactic description as WADL file is available under GROBID_HOST/application.wadl. Note, that each resource is available under uri GROBID_HOME/grobid/. A path containing brackets like {} means, that the string inside the brackets determines a variable.

uri	verb	request type	response type	description
GROBID_HOME/grobid/adm in/{pw}	GET	-	text/html	Admin section of the grobid-service.
GROBID_HOME/grobid/processHeaderDocument	POST, PUT	multipart/for m-data	application/xml +tei	Uploads the origin document which shall be extracted into TEI and extracts only the header data.
GROBID_HOME/grobid/processFulltextDocument	POST, PUT	multipart/for m-data	application/xml +tei	Uploads the origin document which shall be extracted into TEI.
GROBID_HOME/grobid/processDate	POST, PUT	application/x -www-form- urlencoded	application/xml +tei	Parse a raw date and return the corresponding normalized date.
GROBID_HOME/grobid/processHeaderNames	POST, PUT	application/x -www-form- urlencoded	application/xml +tei	Parse a raw sequence of names from a header section and return the corresponding normalized authors.
GROBID_HOME/grobid/processCitationNames	POST, PUT	application/x -www-form- urlencoded	application/xml +tei	Parse a raw sequence of names from a header section and return the corresponding normalized authors.
GROBID_HOME/grobid/processAffiliations	POST, PUT	application/x -www-form- urlencoded	application/xml +tei	Parse a raw sequence of affiliations and return the corresponding normalized affiliations with address.

Table 1: resources and verbs to access the grobid-service