

(De)Coding Commentaries on 1. Timothy : Digital Readings



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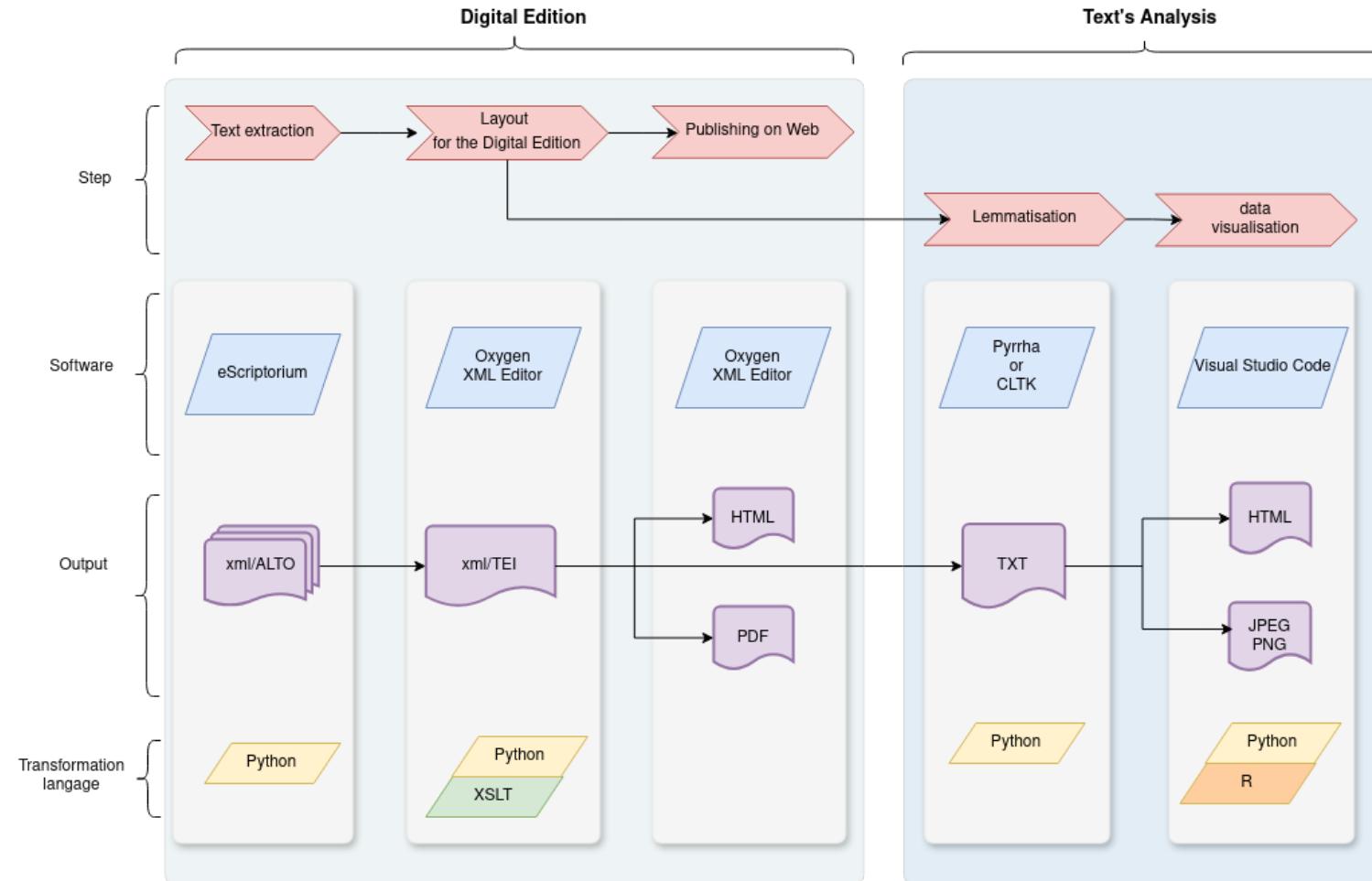
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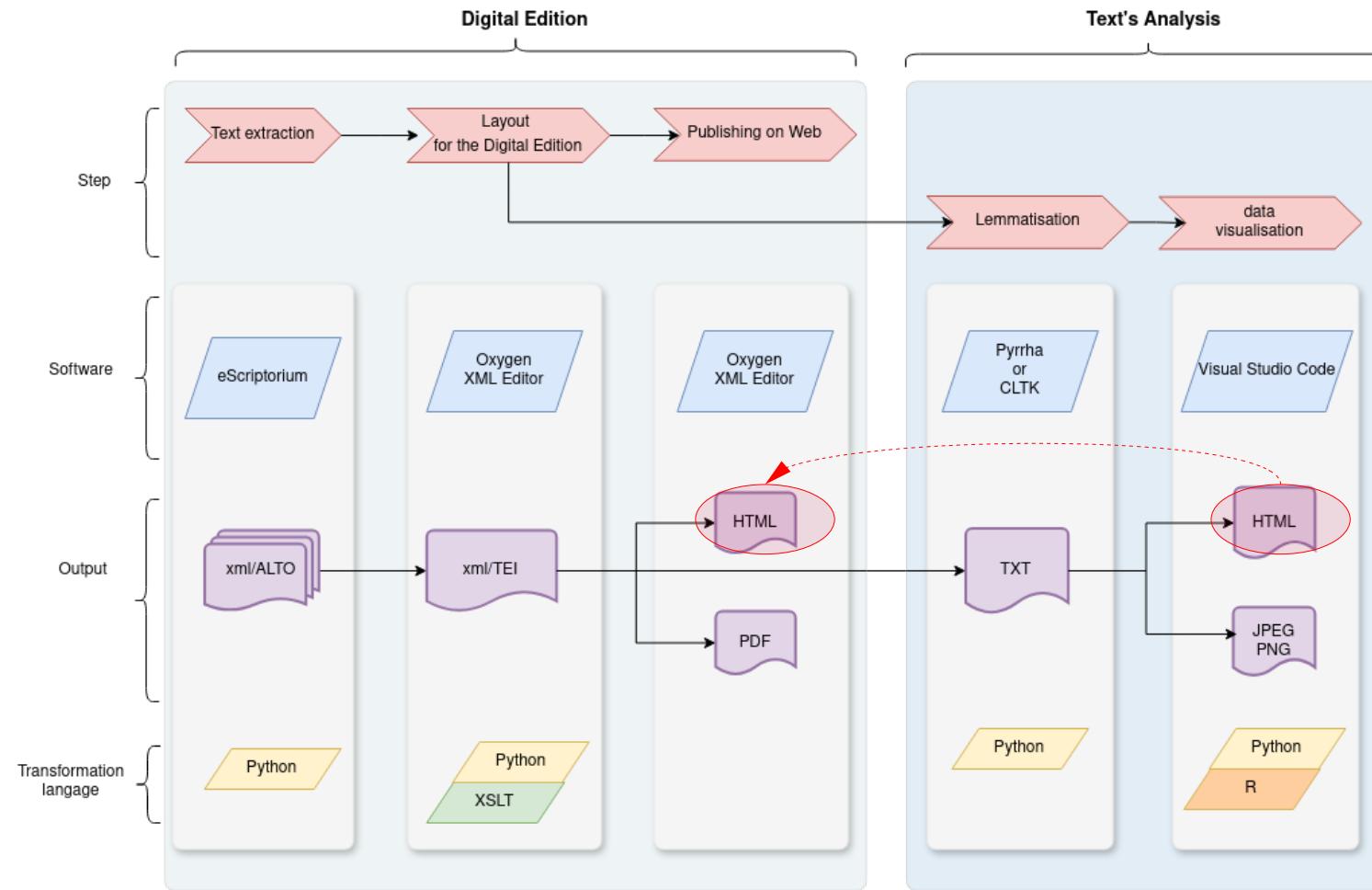
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Workflow

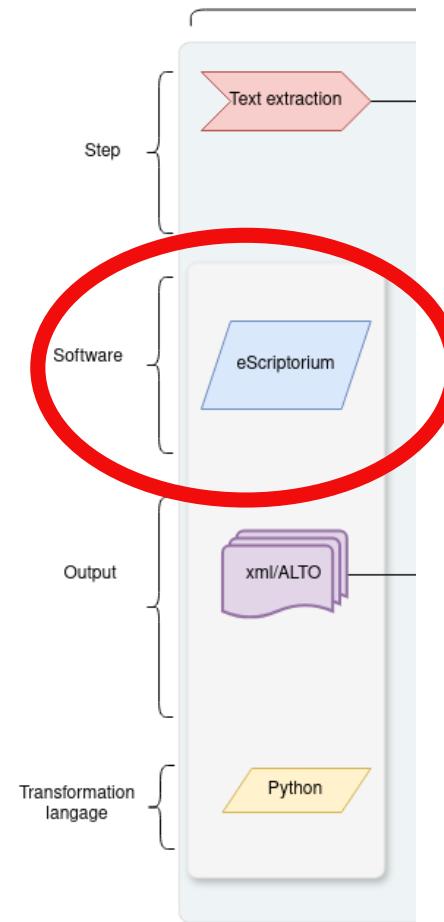


Workflow



I. Digital Edition

From Images to Text : eScriptorium



eScriptorium

eScriptorium: A Digital Text Production Pipeline for Print and Handwritten Texts using machine learning techniques.

Automatic Transcription

Apply OCR/HTR to images of printed and handwritten documents using shared open models.

Manual transcription

Make use of an ergonomic user interface leveraging modern browser technology to edit segmentations and transcriptions.

Train Models

Create new models or finetune existing ones to improve automatic recognition.

Import/Export

Import and export models and texts transcriptions in a variety of formats. Access data through a full REST API.

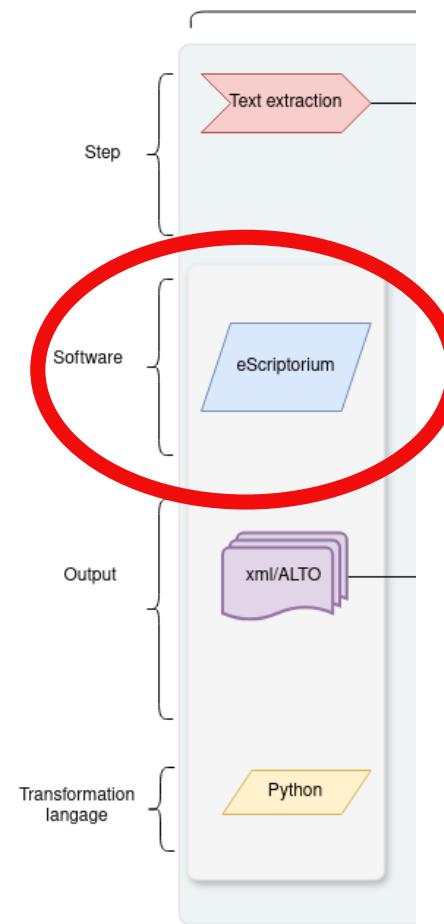


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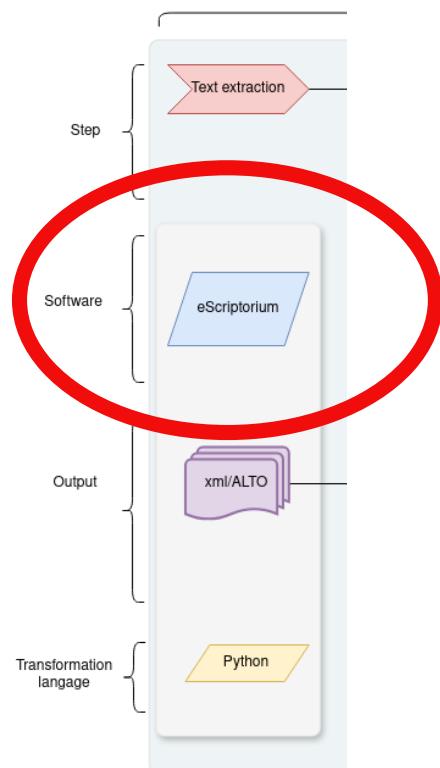
From Images to Text :

The screenshot displays three panels illustrating the conversion of a manuscript page into digital text. The left panel shows the original image of a medieval manuscript page with Latin text. The middle panel shows the text extracted from the image, with some lines highlighted in green. The right panel shows the final digital text representation, numbered 1 through 32, corresponding to the lines of the manuscript.

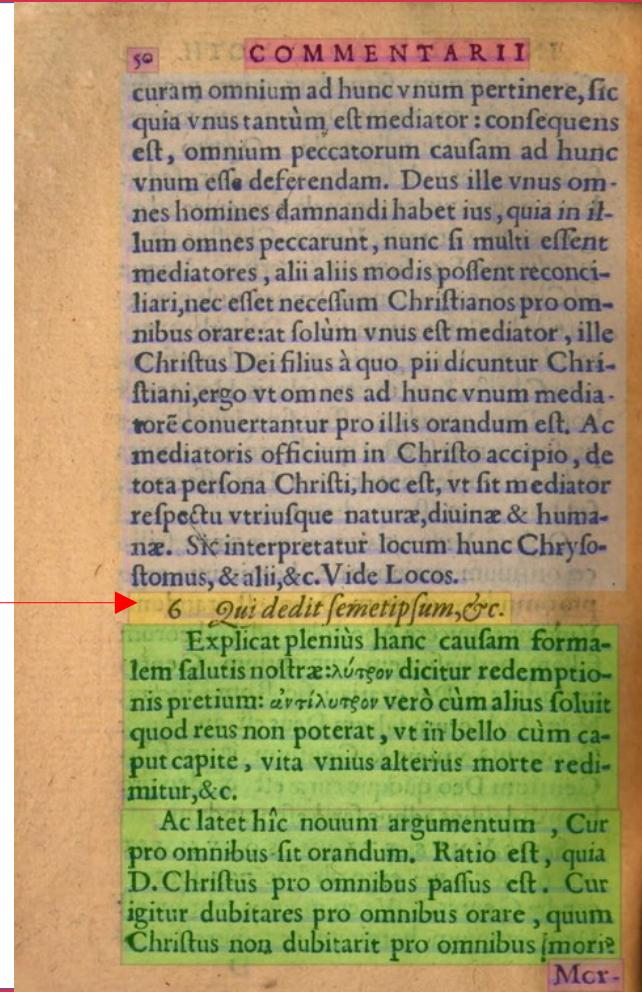
1 50
2 COMMENTARII
3 curam omnium ad hunc vnum pertinere, sic
4 quia vnu tantum est mediator: consequens
5 est, omnium peccatorum caufam ad hunc
6 vnum effe deferendam. Deus ille vnu om-
7 nes homines dammandi habet ius, quia in il-
8 lum omnes peccarunt, nunc si multi essent
9 mediatores, alii aliis modis possebant reconci-
10 liari, nec esset necessarium Christianos pro om-
11 nibus orare: at folium vnu est mediator, ille
12 Christus Dei filius à quo pii dicuntur Chri-
13 stiani, ergo vt omnes ad hunc vnum media-
14 torē conuertantur pro illis orandum est. Ac
15 mediatores officium in Christo accipio, de
16 tota persona Christi, hoc est, vt fit mediator
17 respectu trivialis nature, diuinæ & huma-
18 ne. Sic interpretatur locum hunc Chryso-
19 flomus, & alii, &c. Vide Locos.
20 6 Qui dedit femetipsum, &c.
21 Explicat plenius hanc caufam forma-
22 lem salutis nostræ: λότρον dicitur redemptio-
23 nis premium: ἀντιλότρον verò cùm alias soluit
24 quod reus non poterat, vt in bello cùm ca-
25 put capite, vita viuis alterius morte redi-
26 mitur, &c.
27 Ac latet hic nouum argumentum, Cur
28 pro omnibus sit orandum. Ratio est, quia
29 D. Christus pro omnibus passus est. Cur
30 igitur dubitares pro omnibus orare, quam
31 Christus non dubitarit pro omnibus mori?
32 Mor-



From Images to Text : Segmentation

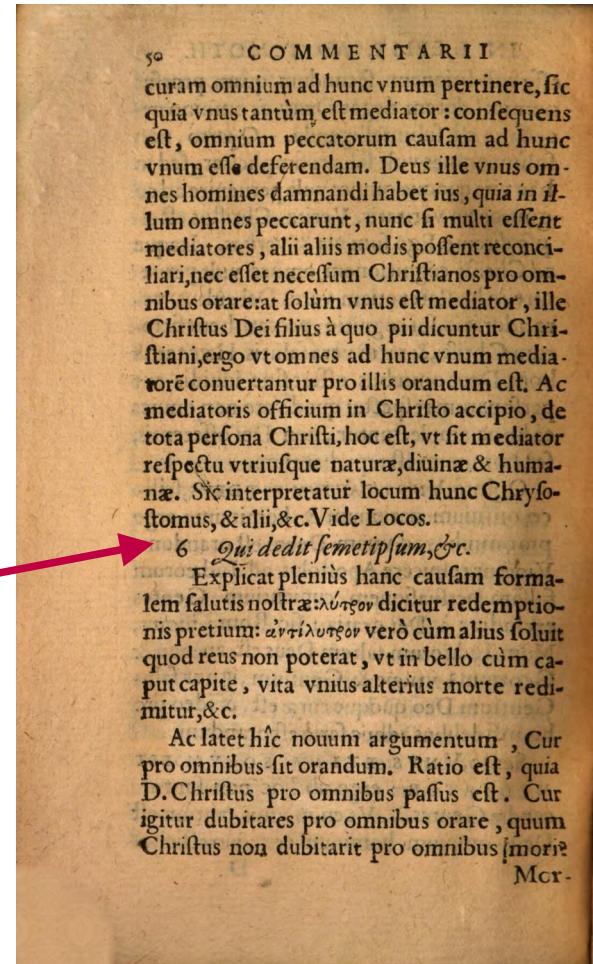
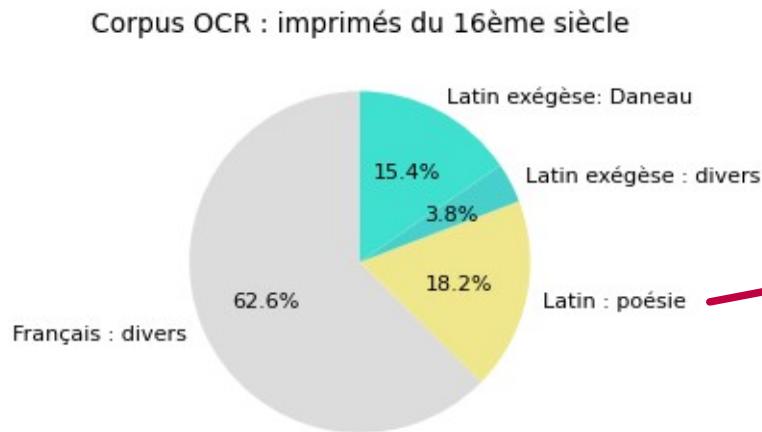


verse



From Images to Text : transcription

OCR for 16th-Century Latin Printed Texts :
Composition of the dataset (version of summer 2024)



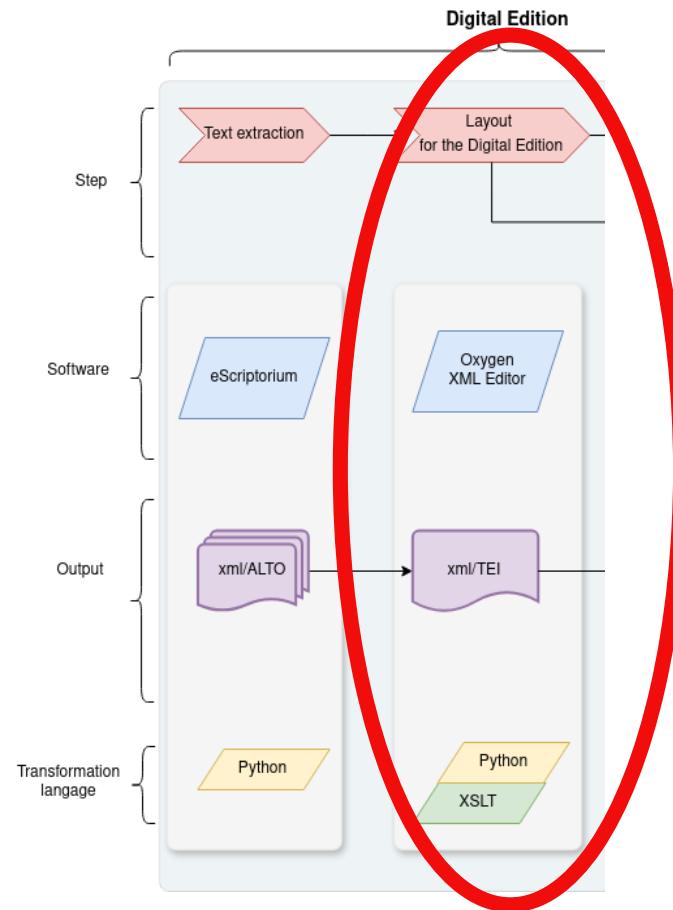
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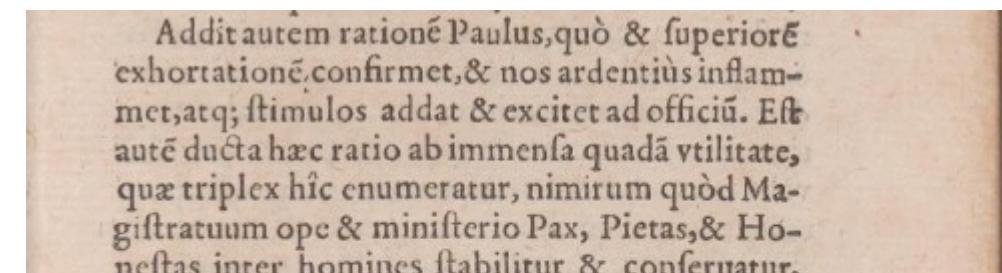


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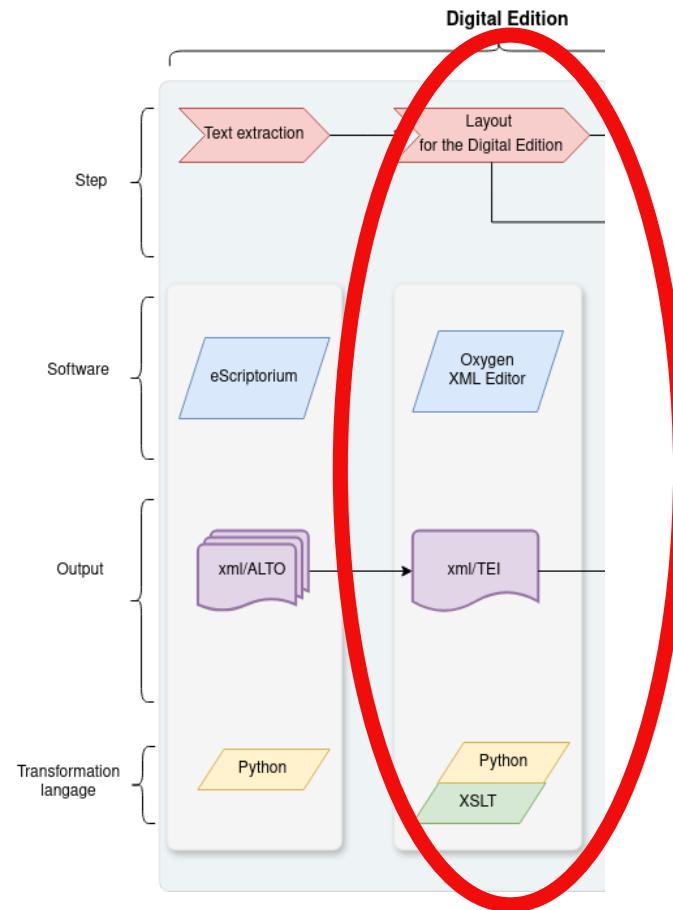


Normalisation :

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<choice>
  <orig>Addit autem rationē Paulus, quō & superiorē</orig>
  <reg type="contemporary">Addit autem rationem Paulus, quo et superiore</reg>
</choice>
<lb corresp="#f2012961_eSc_line_9cf7ed46_ligne_8"/>
<choice>
  <orig>exhortationē, confirmet, & nos ardentius inflam-</orig>
  <reg type="contemporary">exhortationem, confirmet, et nos ardentiū inflam-</reg>
</choice>
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<choice>
  <orig>met, atq; stimulos addat & excitet ad officiū. Eft</orig>
  <reg type="contemporary">met, atque stimulos addat et excitet ad officium. Est</reg>
</choice>
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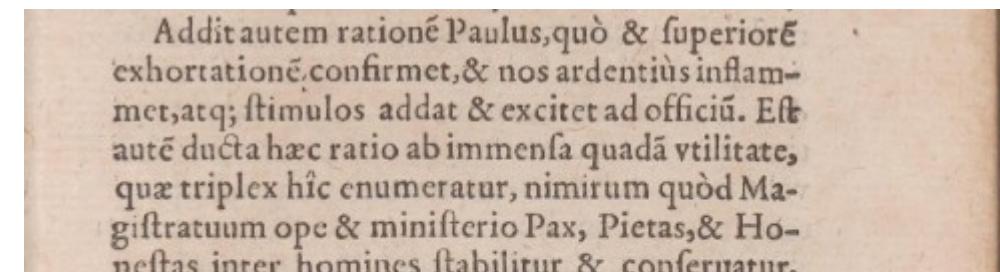
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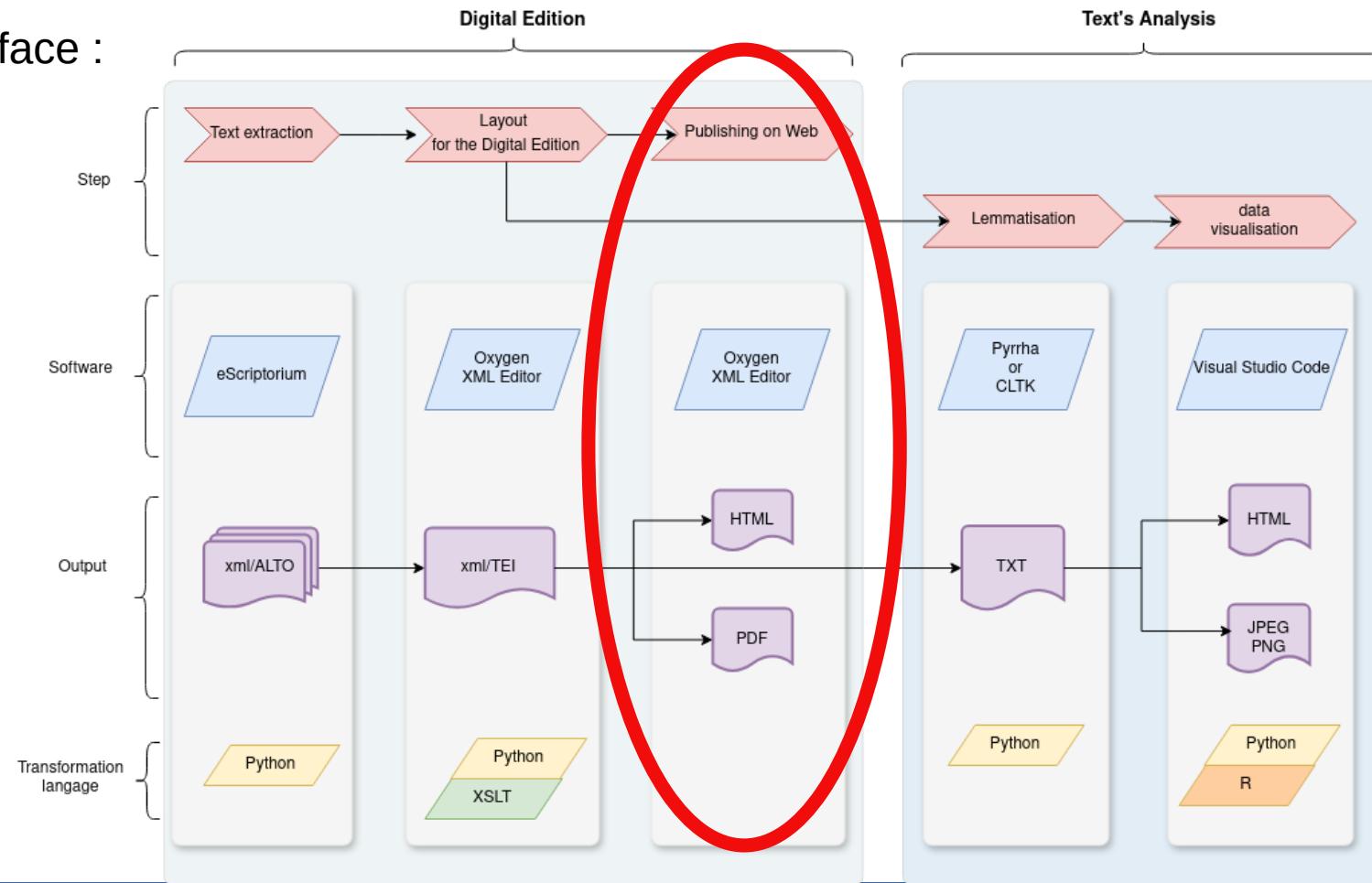
Python script

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Web interface :



Web interface :

The screenshot displays a digital edition interface for a 1580 Latin commentary on Paul's Epistles to Timothy. The left side shows a modern transcription of the text, while the right side shows the original historical manuscript page.

Left Side (Modern Transcription):

- Header: COMMENTARII IN EPISTOLAS D. PAVLI AD TIMOTHEUM : [ARETIUS, BENEDICTUS], [1580]
- Section: COMMENTARII
- Page Number: 8
- Text:

Sexto, quomodo cum seruis agendum,
contra schismaticos, cum diuitibus, capite
sesto, etc.

Tertia pars Epilogi est capite sexto,
versu vicesimo, repetit autem saepe iam ite-
ratam exhortationem vt seductores diligen-
ter caueat, et sanam doctrinam constanter
tueatur.

CAPVT I.

COMPLECTITVR salutatio-
nem, et primum locum institu-
tio-
nis de sana doctrina constanter
tuenda contra corruptelas Legis,
itemque de vero vsu Legis.

Right Side (Manuscript Page):

- Header: COMMENTARII
- Text:

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- Decorative Element: A decorative horizontal flourish or scrollwork separates the two main sections of text.
- Text below the flourish:

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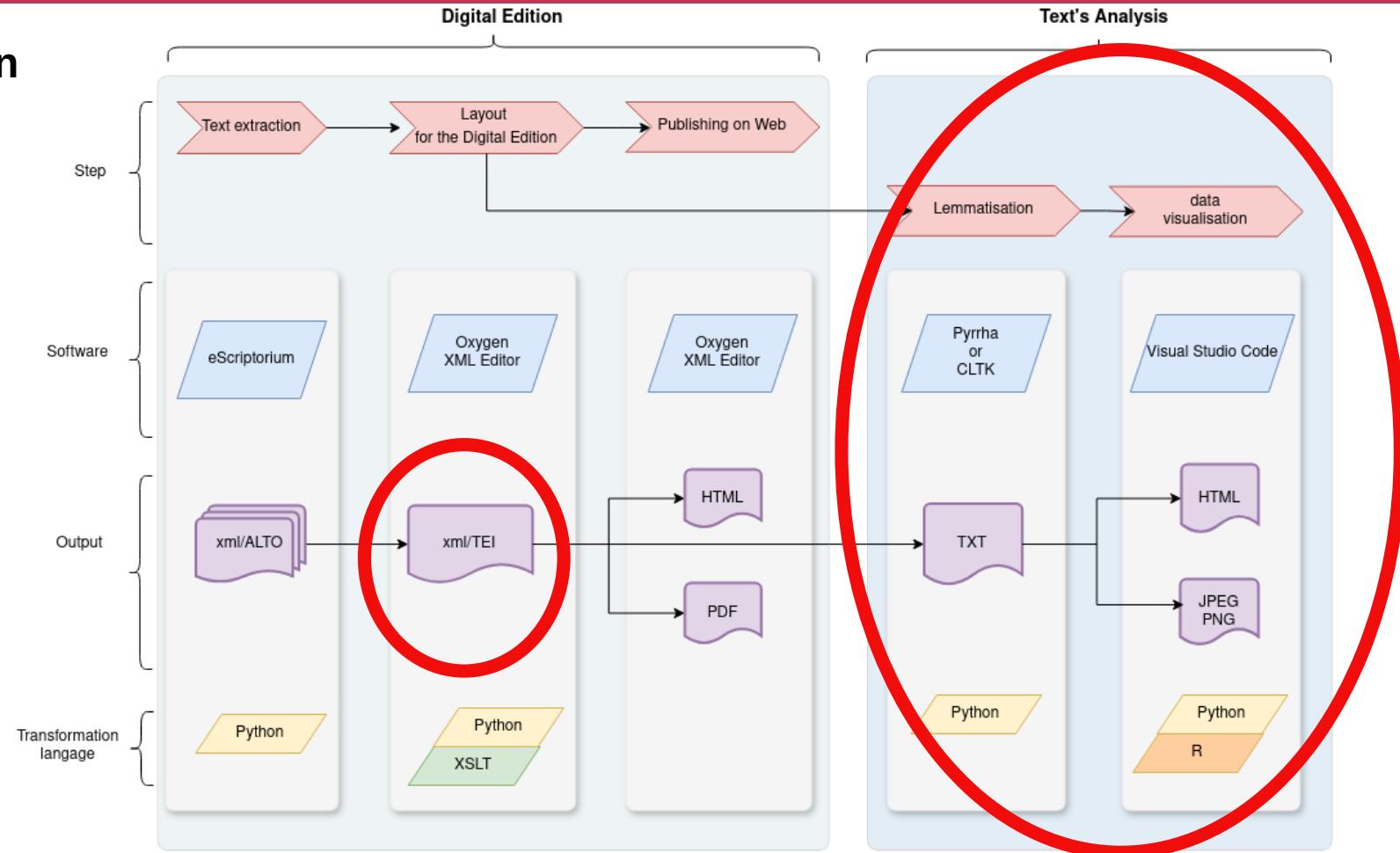
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<https://16thexegesisdh.github.io/ReformingPaul>



II. Text Analysis

Lemmatisation



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rosa
rosae → **rosa**
rosarum
rosis

form/token	lemma	POS
rosae	rosa	NOM

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Classic texts from LASLA

[https://dh.charthes.psl.eu/
pyrrha/](https://dh.charthes.psl.eu/pyrrha/)



software



STANZA model (classical, medieval and modern latin)

<http://cltk.org/>



Python library



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« Duo sunt fidelium officia in publicis coetibus:
 audire sanam doctrinam ex verbo Dei,
 et cum toto coetu preces ad Dominum fundere. »

form	lemma	POS	morph
Dvo	duo	ADJcar	Case=Nom Numb=Plur Gend=MascNeut
sunt	sum1	VER	Numb=Plur Mood=Ind Tense=Pres Voice=Act Person=3
fidelium	fidelis2	NOMcom	Case=Gen Numb=Plur
officia	officium	NOMcom	Case=Nom Numb=Plur
in	in	PRE	MORPH=empty
publicis	publicus2	ADJqua	Case=Abl Numb=Plur Gend=Com Deg=Pos
coetibus	coetus	NOMcom	Case=Abl Numb=Plur
:	:	PUNC	MORPH=empty

form	lemma	POS	morph
audire	audio	VER	Mood=Inf Tense=Pres Voice=Act
sanam	sanus	ADJqua	Case=Acc Numb=Sing Gend=Fem Deg=Pos
doctrinam	doctrina	NOMcom	Case=Acc Numb=Sing
ex	ex	PRE	MORPH=empty
verbo	uerbum	NOMcom	Case=Abl Numb=Sing
Dei	deus	NOMcom	Case=Gen Numb=Sing
et	et2	CONcoo	MORPH=empty
cum	cum2	PRE	MORPH=empty
toto	totus	PROind	Case=Abl Numb=Sing Gend=MascNeut
coetu	coetus	NOMcom	Case=Abl Numb=Sing
preces	prex	NOMcom	Case=Acc Numb=Plur
ad	ad2	PRE	MORPH=empty
Dominum	dominus	NOMcom	Case=Acc Numb=Sing
fundere	fundo2	VER	Mood=Inf Tense=Pres Voice=Act



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Digressiunculam continuat etiam sui munera annexa mentione.

Pyrrha

cltk

Digressiunculam	digressiuncula	NOMcom	Case=Acc Numb=Sing
continuat	continuo1	VER	Numb=Sing Mood=Ind Tense=Pres Voice=Act Person=3
etiam	etiam	ADV	Deg=Pos
sui	sui2	PROPos.ref	Case=Gen Numb=Sing Gend=MascNeut
munera	munus	NOMcom	Case=Gen Numb=Sing
annexa	annecto	VER	Case=Abl Numb=Sing Gend=Fem Mood=Par Tense=Perf Voice=Pass
mentione	mentio1	NOMcom	Case=Abl Numb=Sing
.	.	PUNC	MORPH=empty

digressiunculus
continuo
etiam
suus
munus
annecto
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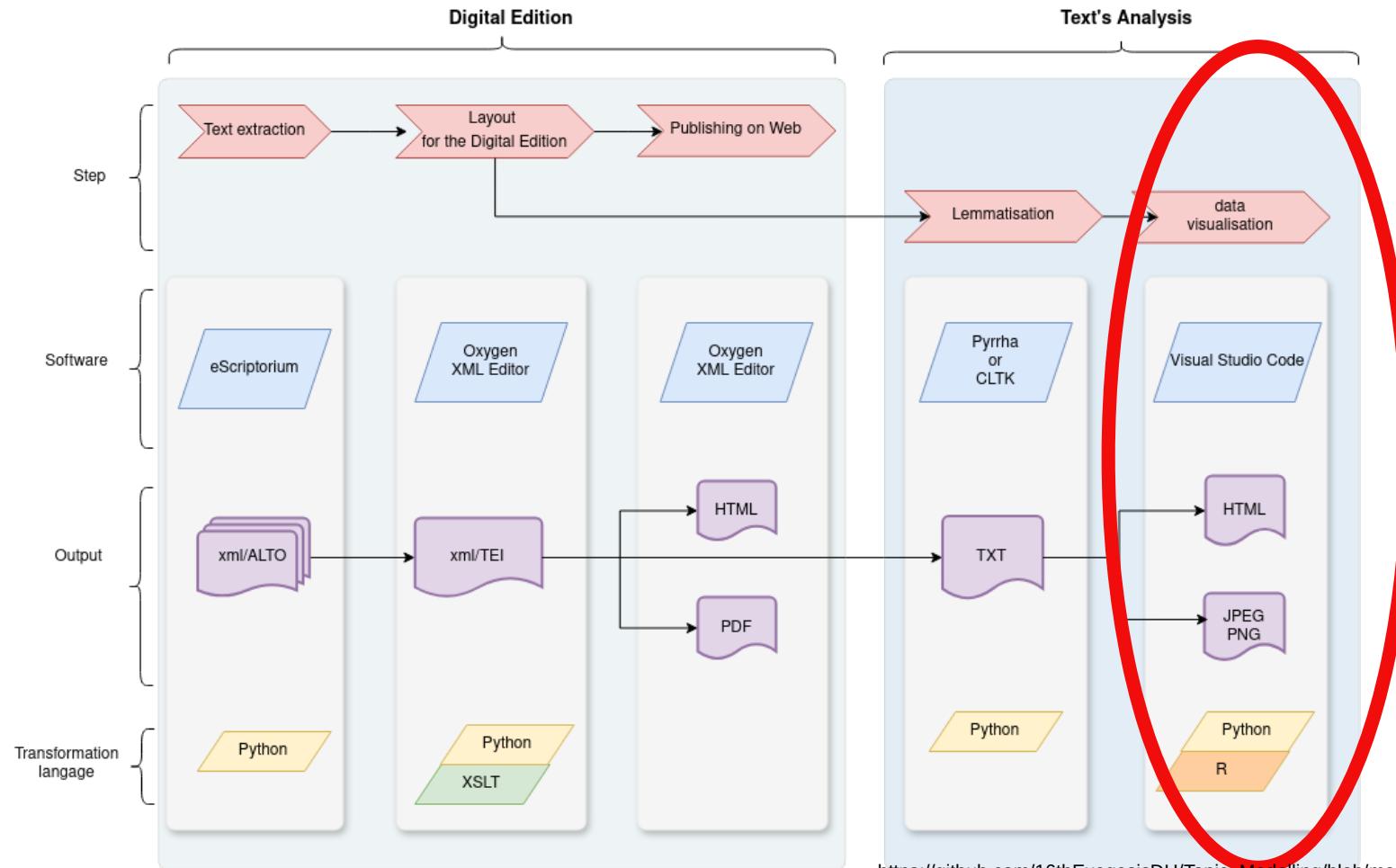
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To sum up :

Tool	Ease of Use	Accuracy	Vocabulary Coverage	Annotation Time	Required Skills
Pyrrha	✓ Intuitive	✓ Very Accurate	✗ Limited to Classical Latin	✗ Slow	None (Graphical Interface)
CLTK	✗ Technical (Python)	✗ Less Accurate	✓ Wide (Classical to Modern)	✓ Automatic	Programming (Python) + Resources



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https://github.com/16thExegesisDH/Topic_Modelling/blob/main/Rmd/Lambertus_Network.html

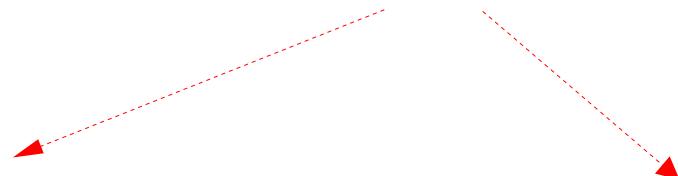


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Timothy 1. chapitre 2

Lambert Daneau's (c. 1530–c. 1590)
Commentary

Benedictus Aretius' (1505–1574)
Commentary



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Visualizing Key Themes in Daneau's Commentary on 1 Tim : chapitre 2.

Data lemmatize with CLTK, visualisation in R

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library(quanteda.textplots)
textplot_wordcloud(text_dfm, max_words = 50)

textplot_wordcloud(
  text_dfm,
  max_words = 50,
  color = c("#6f7f81", "#2081f0", "darkblue"), # Custom color gradient
  random_order = FALSE,                         # Disable random placement
  rotation = 0.25,                             # 25% of words rotated (for aesthetics)
  font = "sans"                                # Change font (try "sans", "serif", "mono")
)
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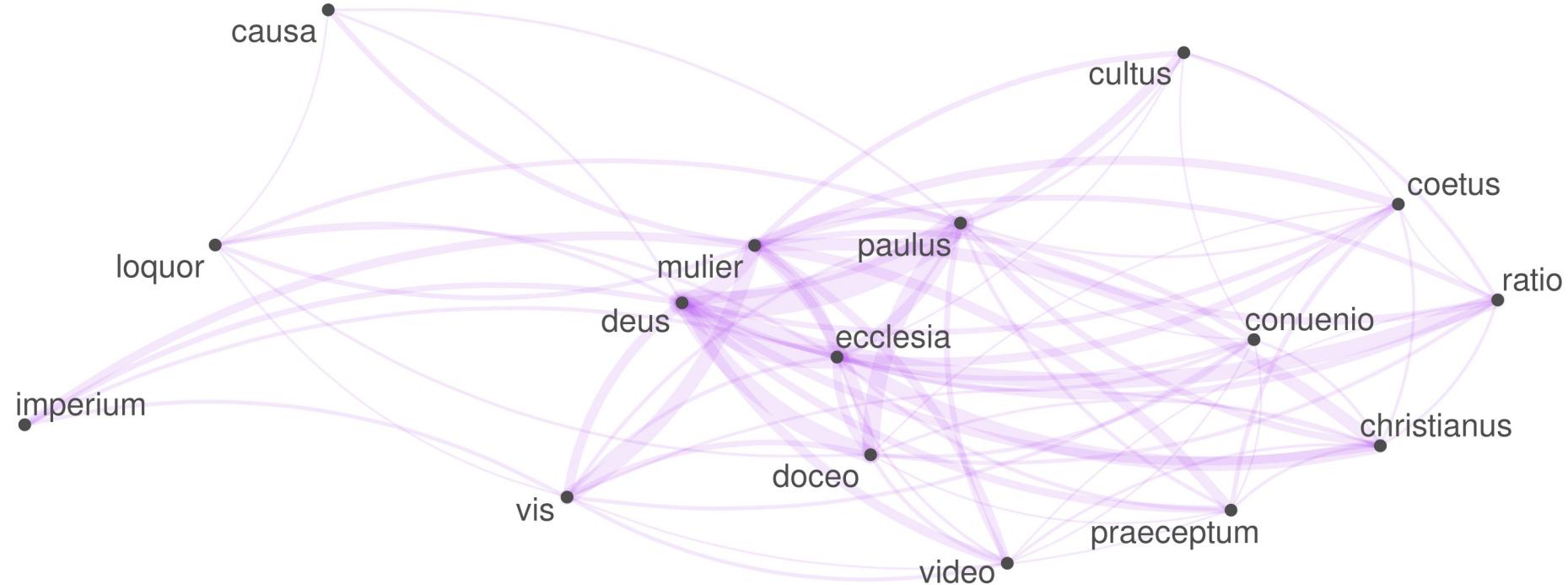
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Network of co-occurrences of mulier in Daneau's Commentary on 1 Tim : chapitre 2.

Data set prepared with cltk

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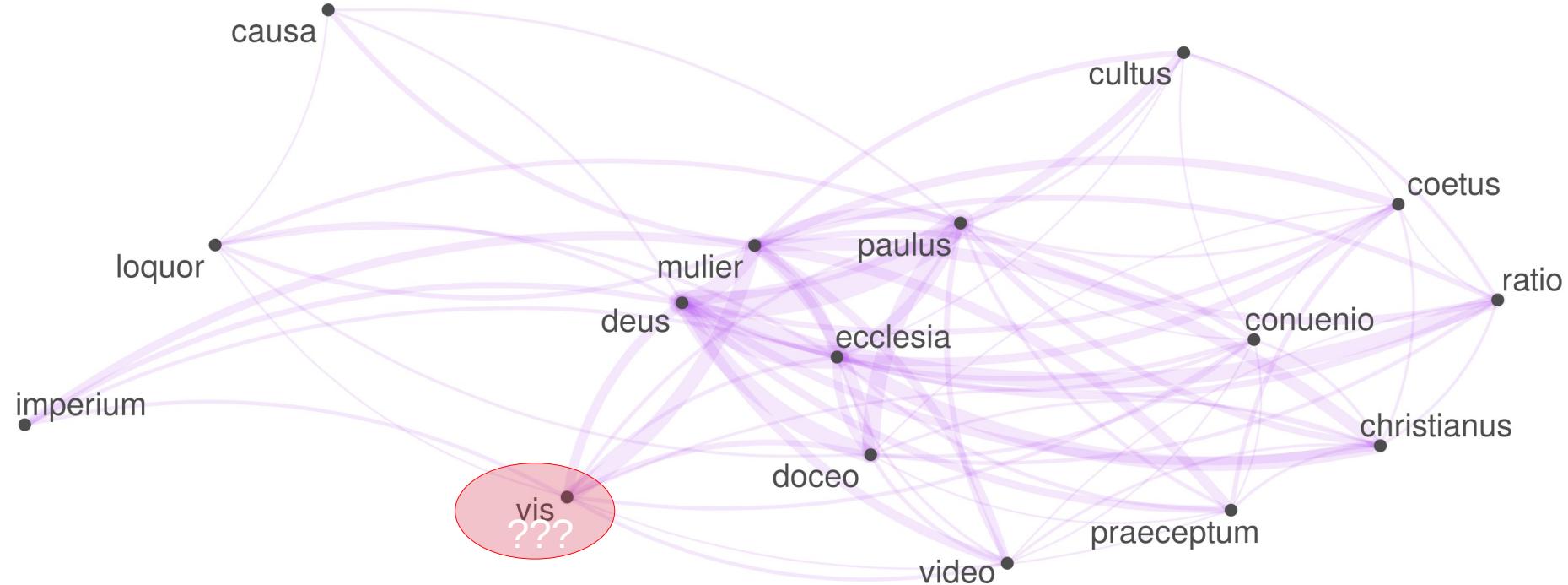
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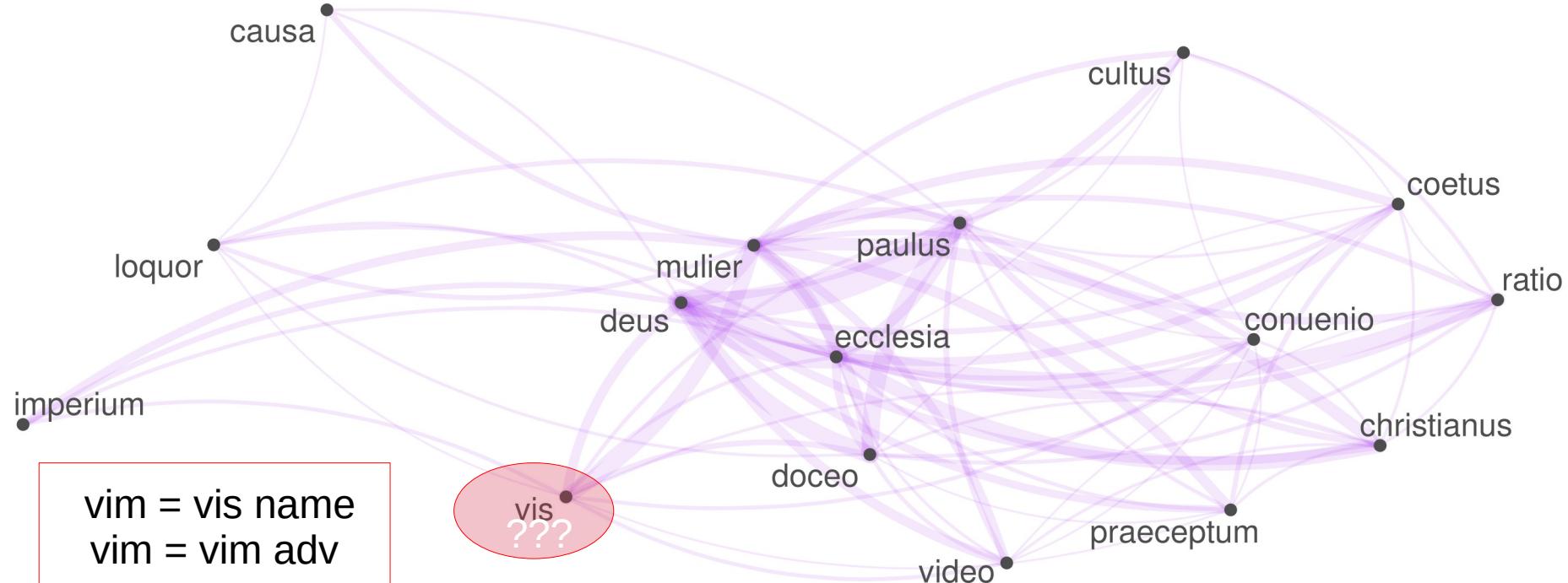
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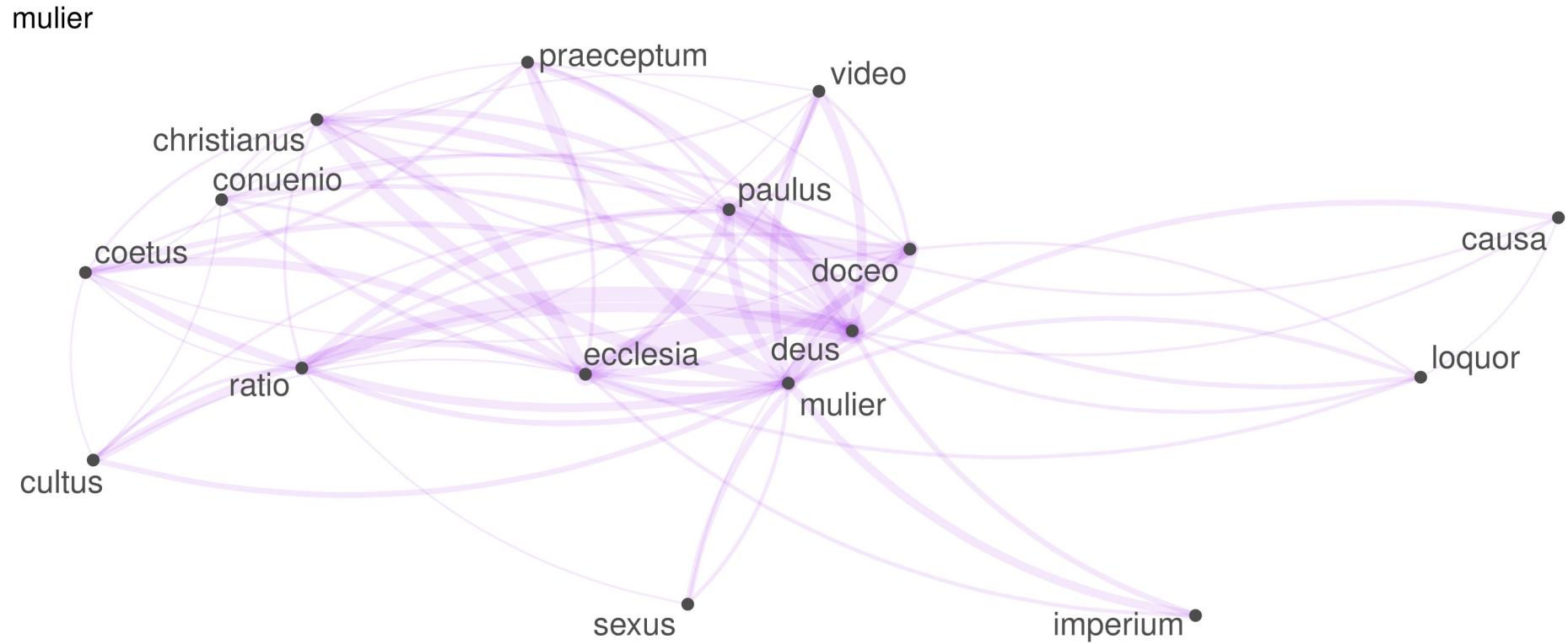


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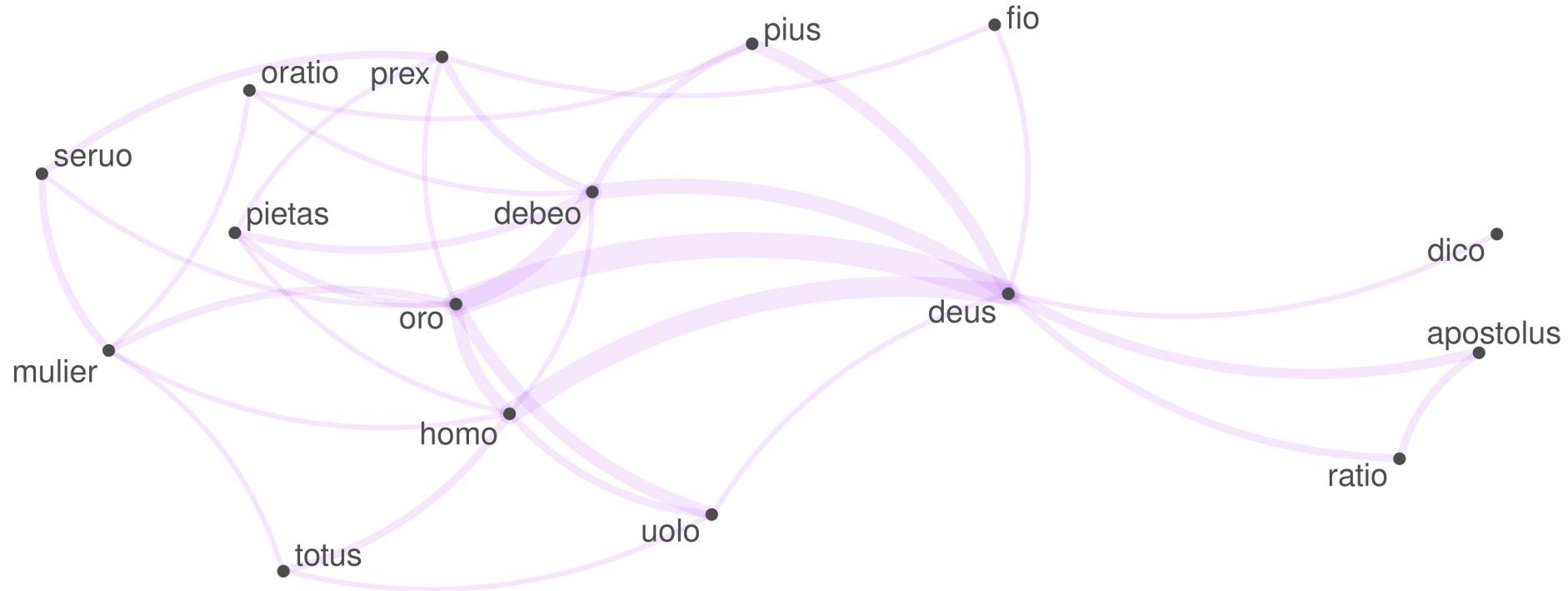


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Conclusion

Thanks for your attention !



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