

Data Modelling for Lexicographical Data

A Short Introduction and Overview

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Data models – Why?

Data Structures and Representation Formats

Community Standard: TEI

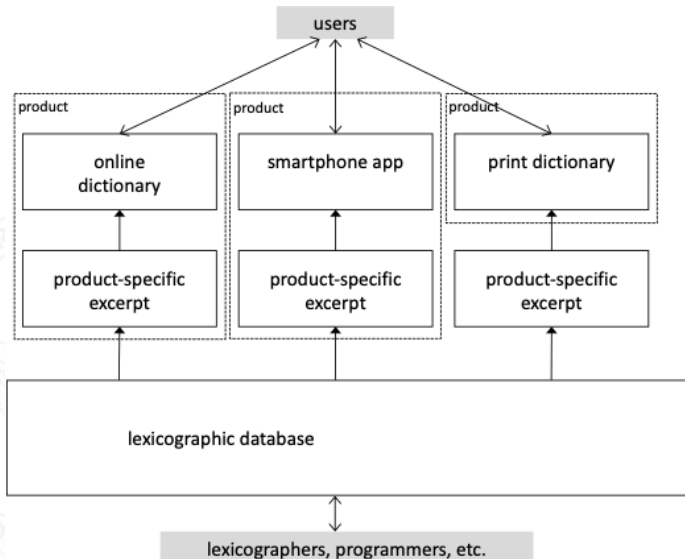
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TEI Lex-0

Hands-on

Literature

Data models – Why?



Structured data models foster

- ▶ precise querying and data retrieval
(not just fulltext search)
- ▶ alignment across resources
(linking to entries, senses, citations, ...)
- ▶ consistency checks, quality assurance
- ▶ transformations (restructuring, consistent rendering)
- ▶ fine-grained metadata (even within entries)
- ▶ informed training of classifiers, annotation programmes,
machine learning algorithms

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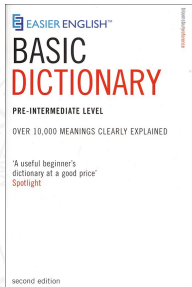
Visual (Typographic) and Lexicographic Structures

- ▶ headword
- ▶ grammatical props
- ▶ „label“
- ▶ variant headword form
- ▶ etymology
- ▶ definition
- ▶ cross-references
- ▶ citation
- ▶ bibliographic info
- ▶ (... in general, there's much more)

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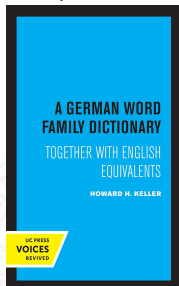
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- ▶ phonological transcription
- ▶ „armchair“ examples
- ▶ multi word entities
- ▶ metamarks
- ▶ notes

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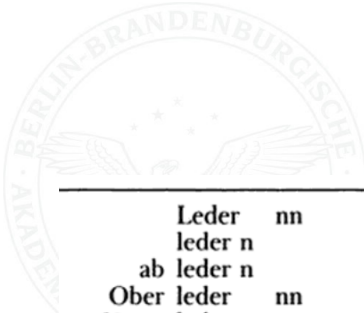
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- ▶ multiple languages (de, en)
- ▶ morphological information
- ▶ nested entries



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Commonly used Data Models/Formats

- ▶ XML
- ▶ Json
- ▶ wiki-based formats
- ▶ relational databases
- ▶ graph databases
- ▶ RDF triples
- ▶ (legacy) custom solutions

often accompanied by schemas and formal constraints

here, we'll focus on XML

Commonly used Representation Formats

- ▶ printed pages
- ▶ PDF, EPUB, other (e-book) formats
- ▶ custom application specific formats
- ▶ common web based technology (HTML, JavaScript, ...)



Brief overview

- ▶ operating since the (late) 1980s
- ▶ common standard for text representation in the DH for all sorts of printed or written documents, currently based on open X* standards
 - ▶ prose, verse, drama
 - ▶ dictionaries
 - ▶ list, accounting data
 - ▶ scholarly editions
 - ▶ born-digital communication
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ *lots* of active projects rely on the TEI
- ▶ open collaboration and development through special interest groups
- ▶ <http://www.tei-c.org>, <https://github.com/TEIC>

Traditional entry model(s) in TEI

- ▶ modeling \approx mapping of objects and their properties (and relations) onto symbolic representations (generally also abstraction)
- ▶ modeling lexical data (esp. in digitization of printed resources) is multi-layered modeling:
 - ▶ printed characters \rightarrow codepoints (e. g. Unicode)
 - ▶ spacial relation of characters \rightarrow words (tokens)
 - ▶ typographical properties \rightarrow (hints as to) functions of words (tokens)
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ every level relies on interpretation and may introduce uncertainty
- ▶ alternative and even incompatible interpretations (and therefore conflicting models) are possible

Traditional entry model(s) in TEI

different „views“ on lexical data:

typographical „the two-dimensional printed page, including information about line and page breaks and other features of layout“

editorial „the one-dimensional sequence of tokens which can be seen as the input to the typesetting process . . . “

lexicographic „... the underlying information represented in a dictionary, without concern for its exact textual form“

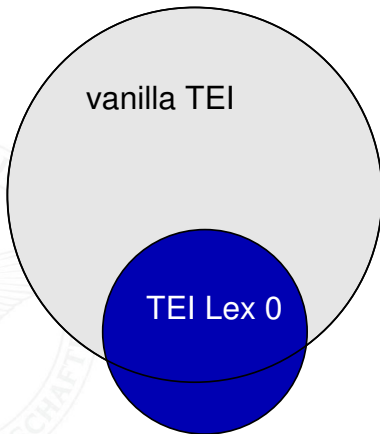
(TEI Guidelines, chapter 9)

TEI Lex-0

- ▶ international working group with strong ties to the TEI
- ▶ work started in 2016, supported by ENeL, Dariah, independent research institutes (currently cooperating with Elexis)
- ▶ general use-case: mapping typographic structures onto lexical structures
- ▶ not a chapter 9 replacement, rather a proposed baseline by way of a TEI customization
- ▶ aims at interoperability by
 - ▶ restricting some alternatives
 - ▶ streamlining some content models
 - ▶ closing and fixing vocabulary
 - ▶ ...
- ▶ quite some proposals went upstream already

Relation between vanilla TEI and TEI Lex-0

„not a chapter 9 replacement, rather a proposed baseline“
for lexicographic information



TEI Lex-0

- ▶ frequent group meetings
- ▶ open collaboration on GitHub:
<https://github.com/DARIAH-ERIC/lexicalresources>
(take a look!)
- ▶ close collaboration with the TEI consortium
- ▶ TEI Lex-0 is still work in progress (version 0.9.3)

Let's get our hands dirty!

- ▶ task: plain text → TEI Lex-0 mark-up
- ▶ XML editor (any text editor will do, actually)
- ▶ XML validation
- ▶ we will ignore metadata for now
- ▶ data can be found in the course's GitHub project
 - ▶ plain text entries
 - ▶ TEI Lex-0 schema (0.9.3, Relax NG)
- ▶ correct TEI data will be made available after the course

This introduction is based on

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Dictionaries

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