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In the recent years a lot of historical documents have been scanned and OCR'ed.

- The overall quality of the character recognition on historical documents is in general good.
- The performance of the OCR engines even on historical documents is constantly improved.
- In some cases the quality can be further improved, by further adapting the original images and OCR engines.
- But still the quality of the recognition is not good enough for deeper scientific studies on the documents.

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Example of the OCR results of a snippet of the *BSB Zedlersches Universallexikon*: article about salmon.

Year	Language	ABBYY FR 11.1	Tesseract 3.03	OCROpus 0.7
1544	lat.	83,14	70,32	74,59
1649	lat.	88,07	84,87	78,98
1746	dt.	97,00	91,48	95,70
1779	lat.	82,13	80,77	75,46
1871	dt.	98,12	95,94	97,40

The results of the text recognition must be manually improved:

- Manual (double) keying of the original sources is expensive.
- Interactive postcorrection can be used examine the results of the OCR.
- Interactive postcorrection can be used to improve the results of the OCR.

Improving Access to Text

IMPACT

- PoCoTo is a tool for the interactive post-correction of OCR'ed text:
- It was developed as part of the EU founded project IMPACT.
- It is open source and hosted on [github](#).
- It contains linguistic and visual aids to support the post-correction.
- It contains aids to automatically correct systematic errors in the documents.
- You find its documentation in the [PoCoTo manual](#) (included in this workshop's data package).

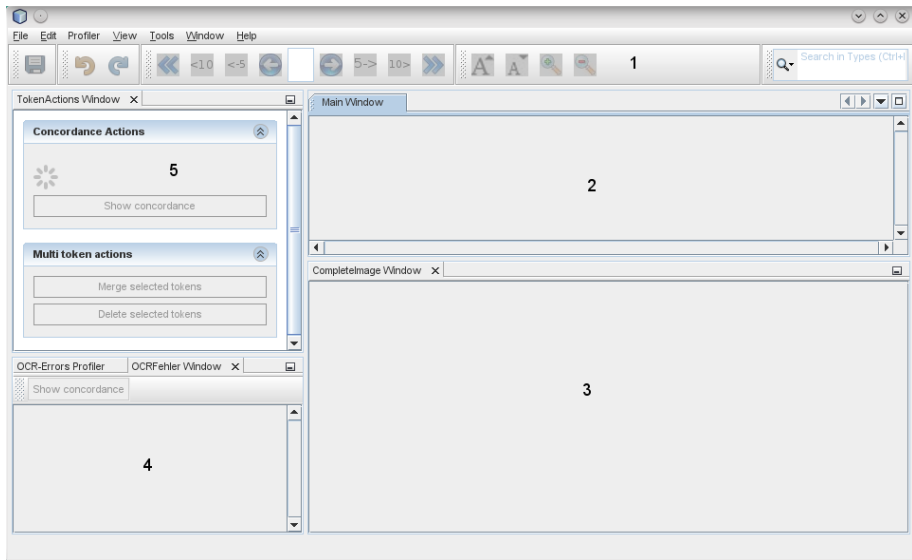
- PoCoTo has an automatic update mechanism – once installed, it is automatically kept up to date.
- The recognition results are visualized with the images of the original documents.
- The concordance views enable to examine different errors and error pattern over the whole document.
- A specialized profiling web-service can be used to get correction suggestions for unknown words and frequent error patterns in the document.
- Different formats can be read, manually corrected and written back.

PoCoTo supports various formats of different OCR engines:

- hOCR used by Tesseract and Ocropus.
- ABBYY-XML used by the ABBYY FineReader.
- Ocropus-Directories used by Ocropus.
- DocXML used by the language profiler (next module).

PoCoTo is composed by 5 main areas. The size of each area can be freely adjusted:

- ➊ The menu area contains various commands for navigation and project maintenance.
- ➋ The main view area shows tokens and offers the main correction possibilities.
- ➌ The complete image area displays the page of the current active (selected) token.
- ➍ The error area lists error frequency lists of common word or pattern errors.
- ➎ The token actions area lets you create concordance views and helps you to split and merge tokens.

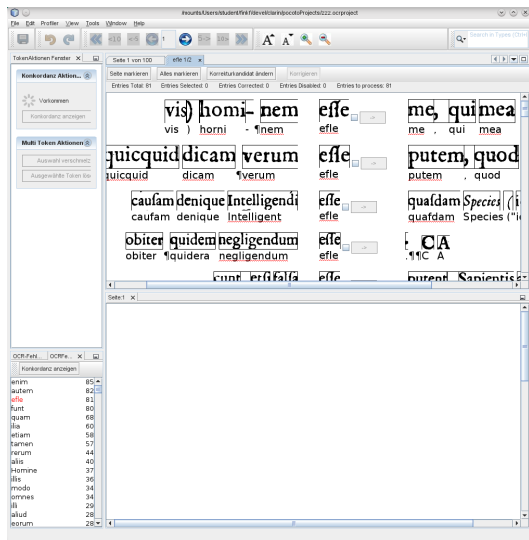


The screenshot shows the PoCoTo software interface. The top window displays the text 'Cap. 18. De Civitate.' with tokens highlighted in red and blue. Below it, a list of tokens is shown with their frequency. The bottom window shows the original text with the active token highlighted.

Token list (from top to bottom):

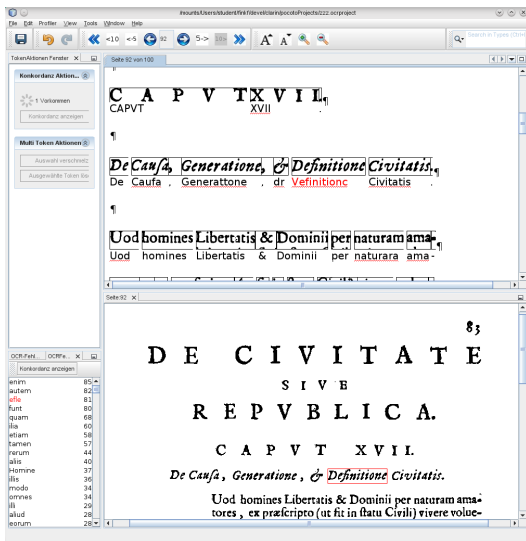
- enim 85
- autem 82
- et 81
- sunt 80
- quam 68
- ita 60
- etiam 58
- tamen 57
- perum 44
- alio 40
- homine 37
- illis 36
- modo 34
- omnes 34
- illi 29
- aliud 28
- eorum 28

- The token of the text are displayed along with their image details.
- The page context shows the active token on the original page.
- Error frequencies – based on the confidence values of the OCR engine – are shown.

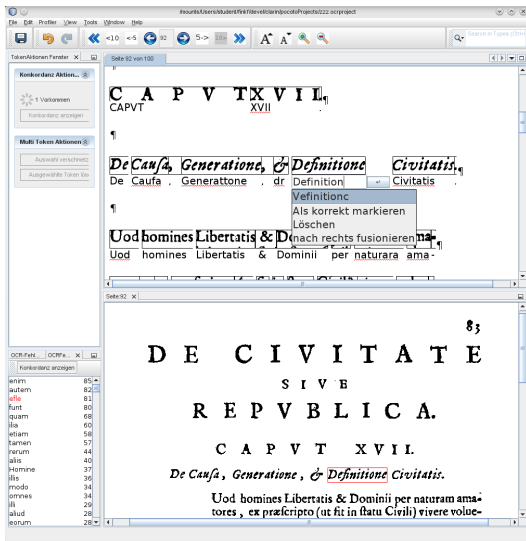


- Common error patterns in the document can be examined using the so-called concordance view.
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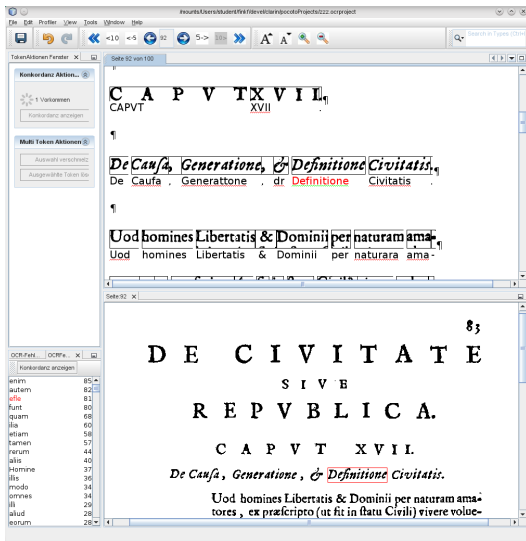
- PoCoTo supports the correction of tokens.
- Split tokens (Splits) can be merged together.
- Merged tokens (Merges) can be split.



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- Words can be marked as correct.
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Tokenization actions:

- Konkordanz anzeigen
- Varianten
- Konkordanz anzeigen
- Multi Token Aktionen
- Auswahl verschönern
- Ausgewählte Token löschen

Token list (left sidebar):

Token	Position
enim	85
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esse	81
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etiam	58
tamen	57
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Cap. 18. *De Civitate.* 91

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Quoniam autem lura haec Summae Potestati essentialia & inseparabilia sunt, sequitur, ut quibuscunque Verbis separari & aliis concedi videantur, nisi Potestati Summae simul & expressis verbis renunciatur sit, concessionem nullam; esse, sed concessa omnia, Summa Potestate, id est Personae Civitatis retenta, inseparabiliter redire.

Cum ergo Autoritas haec ingens indivisibilis sit, & habenti Sum-

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- Konkordanz Aktionen...
- 259 Vorkommen
- Konkordanz anzeigen
- Multi Token Aktionen...
- Auswahl verschönern
- Ausgewählte Token löschen

OCR-Funktion: OCP's...

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The screenshot displays the PoCoTo software interface. The main window shows a Latin text document with tokens highlighted in different colors (blue, red, green) to indicate different levels of correction or merging. The text is:

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Neque ad securitatem (quam perpetuam esse volunt) fufficit, ut gubernentur non certo regum & determinato tempore, ut in uno

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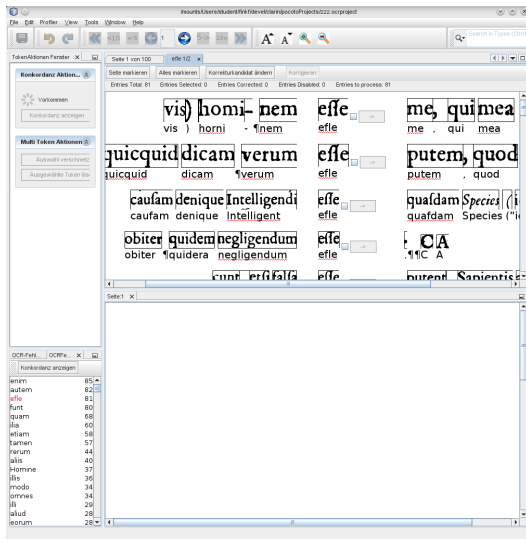
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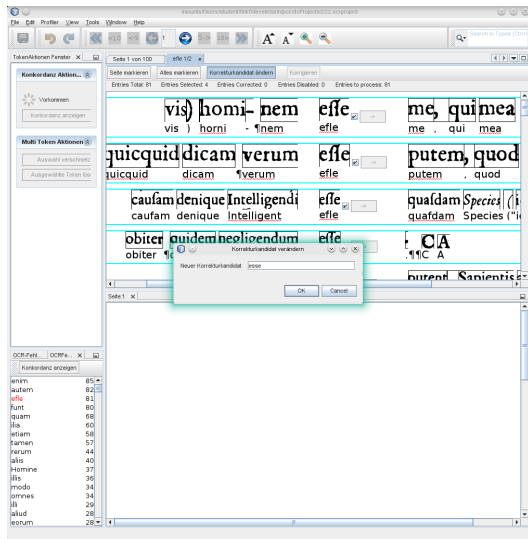
- Konkordanz Aktionen...**
 - 2 Varianten
 - Konkordanz anzeigen
- Multi Token Aktionen**
 - Auswahl verschönern
 - Ausgewählte Token löschen
- OCC-Fehl... OCP-F...**
 - Konkordanz anzeigen
- Token List** (a list of tokens with their frequency):

enim	85
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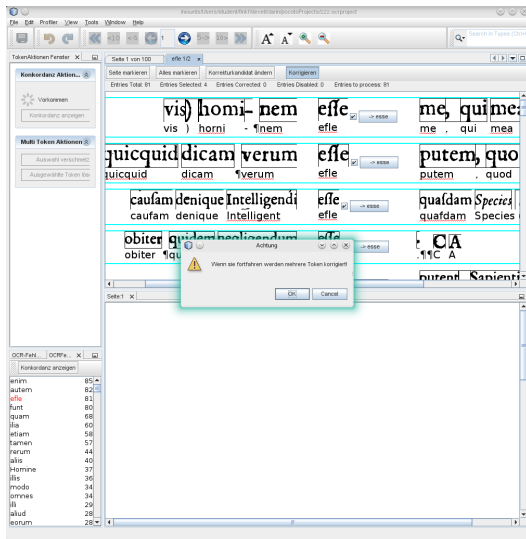
The screenshot shows the PoCoTo software interface. The main window displays a concordance view with the following text fragments:

vis) homi-	nem	esse	me, qui mea
vis) horni	- finem	efle	me , qui mea
quicquid dicam	verum	esse	putem, quo
quicquid	dicam	efle	putem , quod
causam denique intelligendi		esse	quafdam Species
causam denique intelligent		efle	quafdam Species
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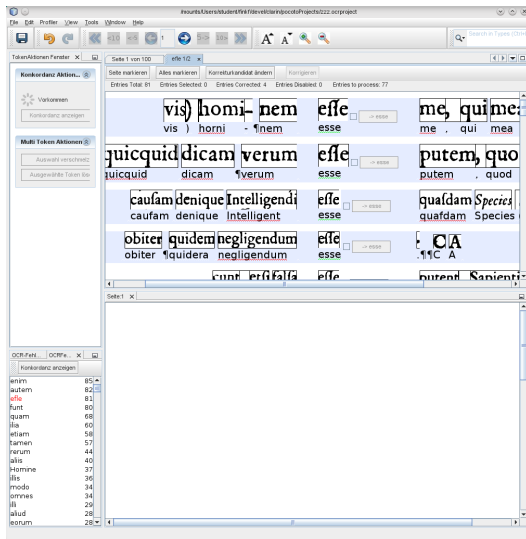
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- You can download the application data file `ocrcorrection.zip` from [this link](#) or use the version that is part of this workshop's data package.
- Extract the archive to a convenient place
- Go to `ocrcorrection/bin` in the extracted directory and double click on the executable file `ocrcorrection` (Linux) or `ocrcorrection.exe` (Windows).
- You can create a link to this executable on your desktop for easier access.

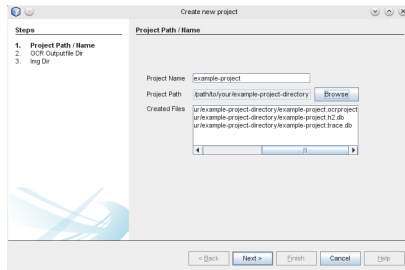
- PoCoTo has an automatic updating mechanism.
- PoCoTo can be kept up to date without having to install it again.
- Whenever PoCoTo recognizes a newer version, it shows an *updates available*  button in its lower right corner.
- To check for updates go to Help->Check for updates.
- To control the update go to Tools->Plugins.

- PoCoTo handles your input documents as separate projects
- Each project is constructed over a set of different files:
 - The XML output files of your OCR engine.
 - The image input files of your documents – the same that you used for your OCR.
- PoCoTo expects those files to be organized in a specific way:
 - All the XML files for your project should be in one folder
 - All the image files for your project should be in another folder.
 - Each image file should have the same name as its corresponding XML file, except for the file's file extension (.xml, .png, ...).
- It is more convenient to have the two folders for your XML and image files together in one place and use this folder as base path for your project.

PoCoTo understands two different XML file formats, that you can use to create new projects.

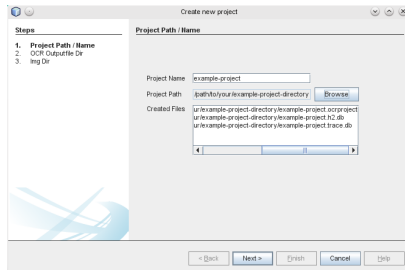
- ① The character based Abbyy XML format.
- ② The HOOCR file format.
- ③ Ocropus-Directories.

PoCoTo uses the information of the Abbyy XML file format directly to mark *suspicious* words. It will generate an error frequency list for you. If you use the HOOCR format or Ocropus, PoCoTo is not able to generate such an error frequency list for you.



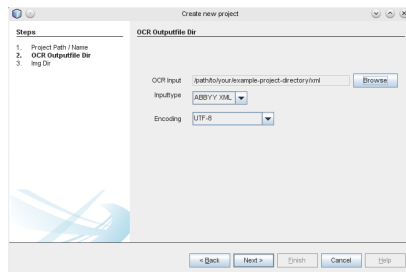
You can create new projects using the project wizard. Click to File->New Project and the first frame of the project wizard open.

- ➊ Insert a name and a path for your project. Click Next.
- ➋ Insert the path of your folder, that contains the XML files and select the type of your XML files. Click Next.
- ➌ Select the path to the folder, that contains your image files. Click Finish.



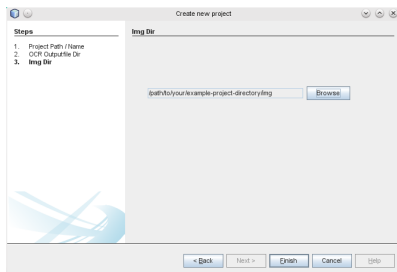
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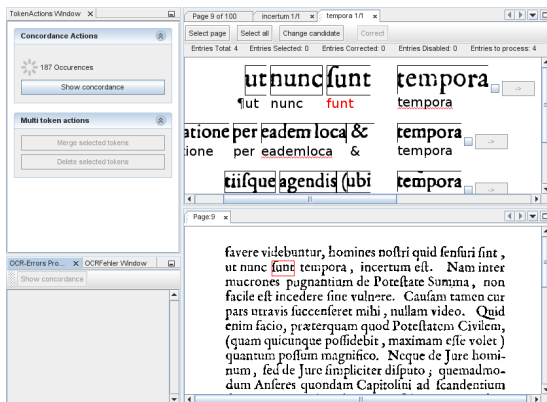


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- After you have created a project, you will see the first page of your document opened.
- You can go to other pages, using the buttons in the tool bar.
- You can jump 1, 5 or 10 pages forward or backward at once or go to the first or last page of your document.
- You can navigate within a page, using your mouse wheel or the scroll bars in the areas.
- You can select or activate single token by simply clicking on them.
- You can increase or decrease the sizes of the different areas using your mouse pointer.



- 1 You can activate any token and if there exists any similar other token you can click to the Show concordance view button in the token action area
- 2 You can click on any entry in the two error frequency lists in the error area.

Thanks for your attention!