Lexicographic modeling and workflow

Data and metadata in the DWDS

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The DWDS – a lexical information system

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What is a lexical information system?

- representation of *lexical items* from different (linguistic) perspectives
- lexical items: bundles of properties (e. g. written/spoken form(s), semantics, morpho-syntax, etymology)
- relations across lexical items
- inspired by the mental lexicon
- this definition fits printed dictionaries, too!
- *digital* ≡ dynamic
- (synchronous) dictionary as core, additional resources

Klein (2004), Klein/Geyken (2010), Herold (2014)

General entry model

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Modeling framework

- historically (approx. 10 years ago): (pure) TEI representation of the „Wörterbuch der deutschen Gegenwartssprache“ (WDG, 1964–1977, see `https://www.dwds.de/d/wdg`)
- edition of the WDG by senior lexicographers (from Grimm's dictionary)
- slowly emerging target entry model (*ad hoc*, not *a priori*)
- switch to DWDS specific XML dialect:
  - swifter and unrestricted model changes
  - readability for senior staff

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Major design decisions

- purely lexicographical view (see talk on TEI modeling)
- elements contain information to be presented directly
- attributes carry metadata
- restricted datatypes and extensional enumerations wherever possible
- liberal re-use of common structures (such as usage labels, forms, comments)

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Entries

- metadata (`attribute ...`)
- forms (`element Formangabe +`)
- morphology (`element morphologische_Verweise +`)
- diachronic information (`element Diachronie`)
- general comment (`element Kommentar ?`)
- senses (`element Lesartenangabe +`)

General entry model

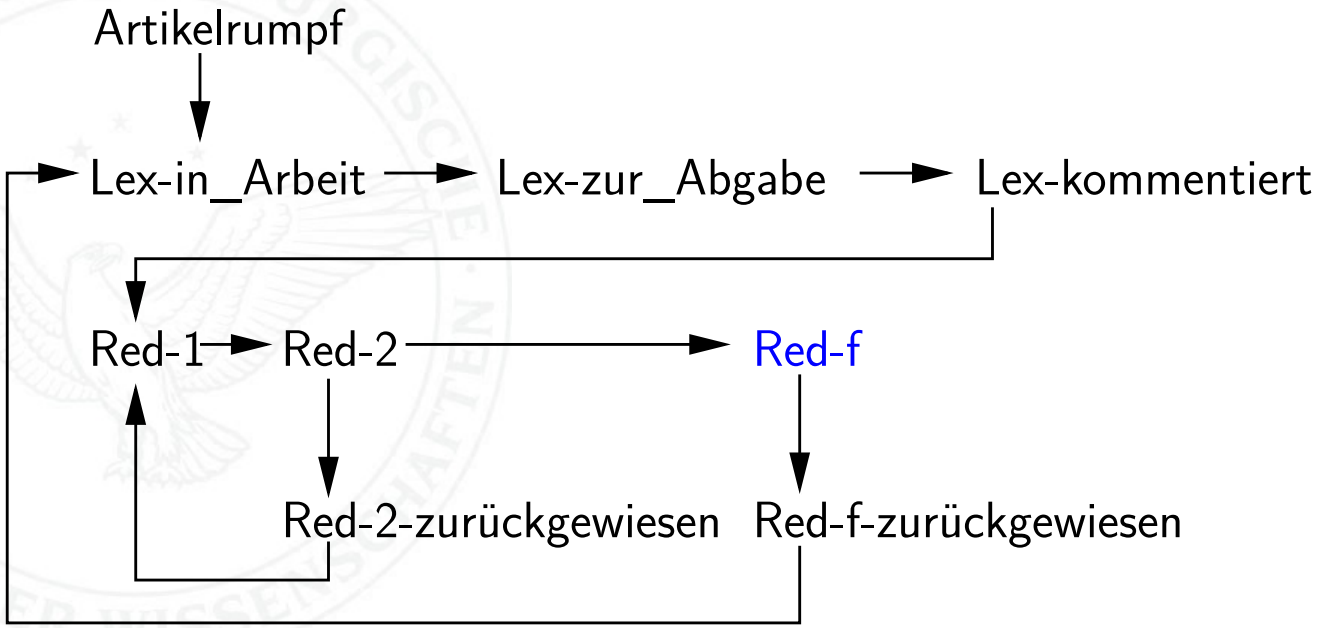
Entry status

- `//Artikel/@Status` models the editorial workflow
- cooperative approach

  `Artikelrumpf` – basic entry template

  `Lex-*` – stages in individual editing

  `Red-*` – stages during clearance and publication



General entry model

Entry versioning

two possible versioning schemes:

1. entry database (gitea) in the core dictionary writing system
   - versioning of *all* (internal) versions of an entry
   - possibly lots of „boring“ versions due to scripted editing and/or minimal changes
   - possibly extremely long changelogs
2. production database (MySQL-db) of the website backend
   - versioning of published entries only
   - much shorter and concise changelogs

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