Compilation of a Large Ground-Truth Data Set Using Transkribus

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Overview

Goal: Compilation of a large, **homogeneous** Ground Truth (GT) data set

- Various **heterogeneous** sources
- Annotation on the **textual** and/or **structural** level

Background: OCR-D initiative

a. Funding by the *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft*

   → Improvement of OCR-D tools for **historical printings** (i.e. VD 16, 17, 18)

b. Coordination project

   - Identify to-dos, desiderata and improvement options
   - Development of a call for proposals
   - Merge (sub-)project results into a **productive workflow**

Procedure: Annotation with `Transkribus`

1. Import images and existing text and/or structural information
2. **Harmonization** and completion within `Transkribus`

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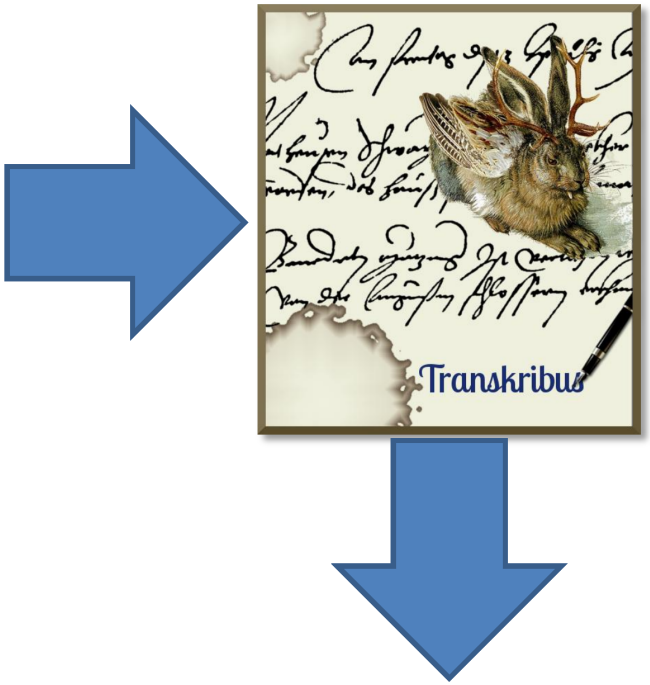

- Various GT sources
- Containing either text or structural annotations in differing quality
- By now, ≈ 130 documents with ≈ 500 pages
- A lot more to come!

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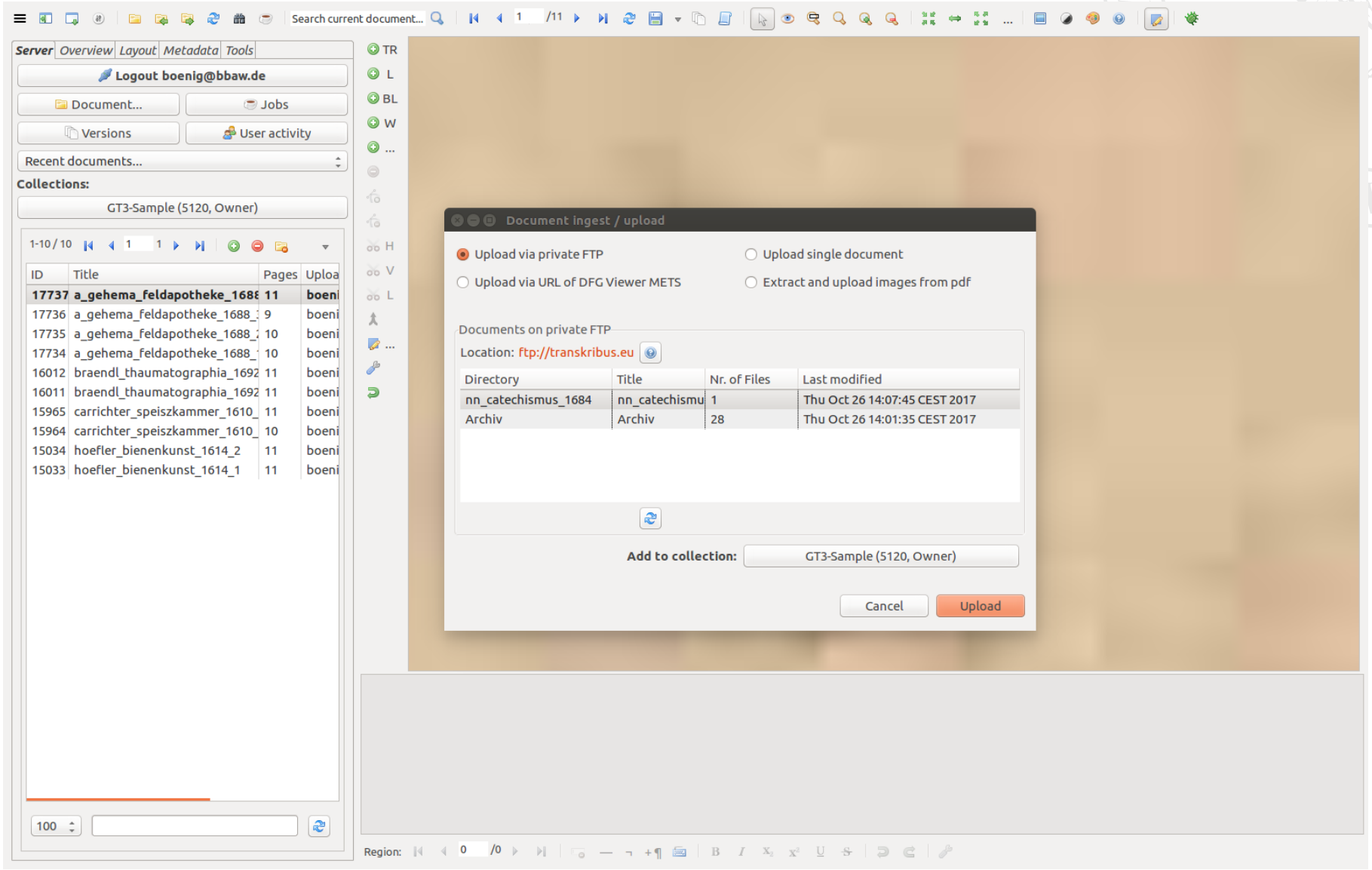
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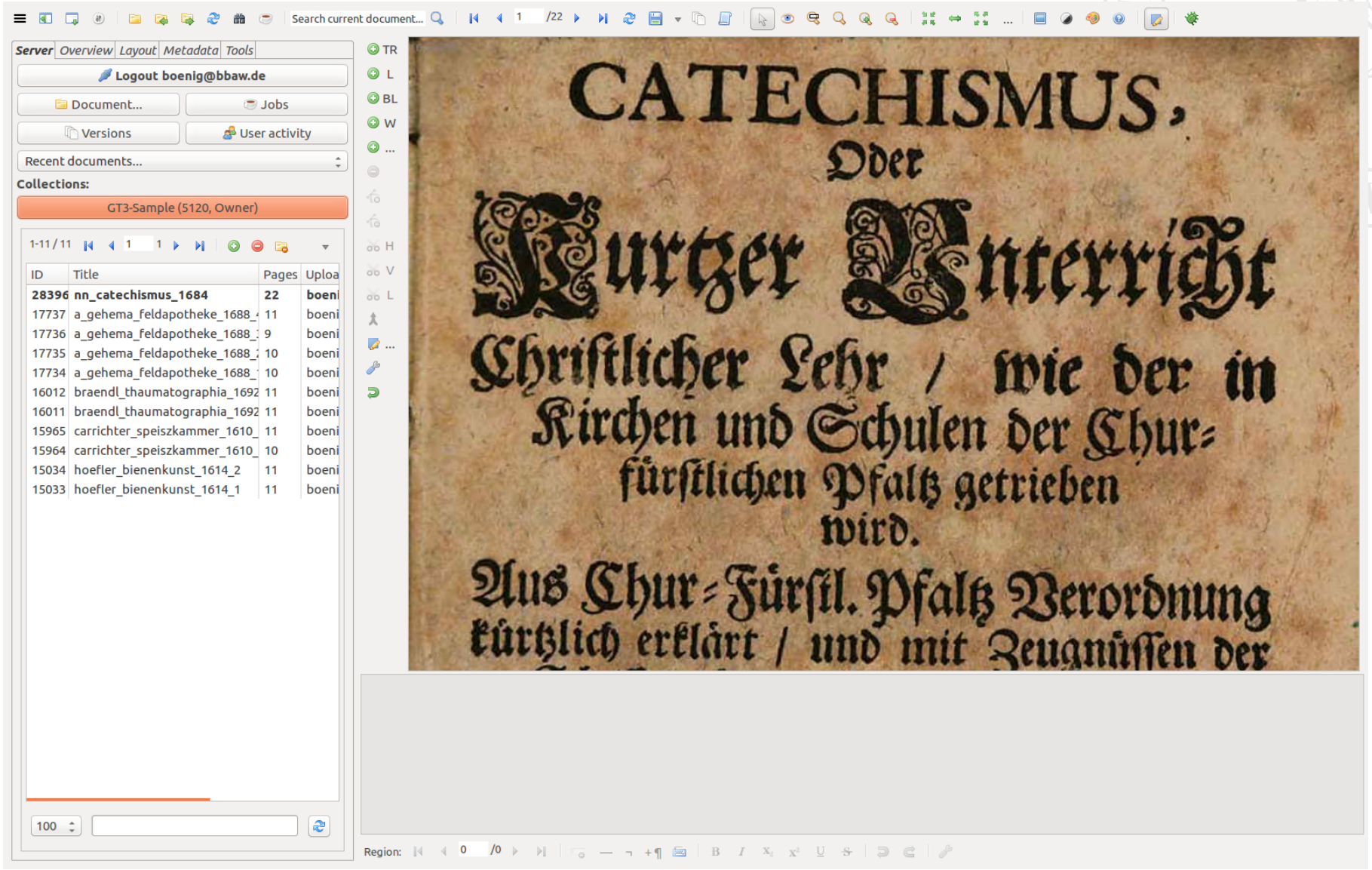
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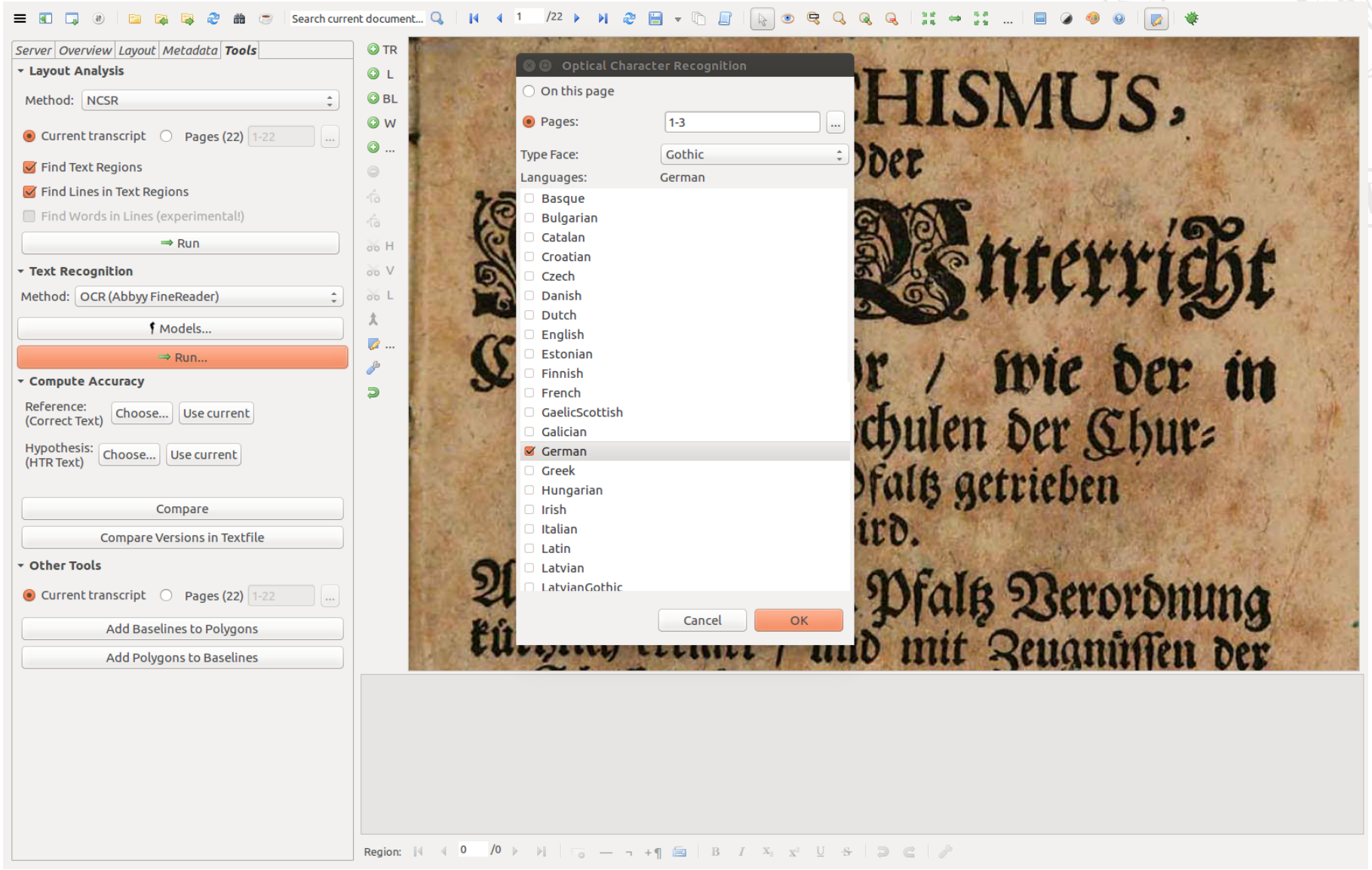
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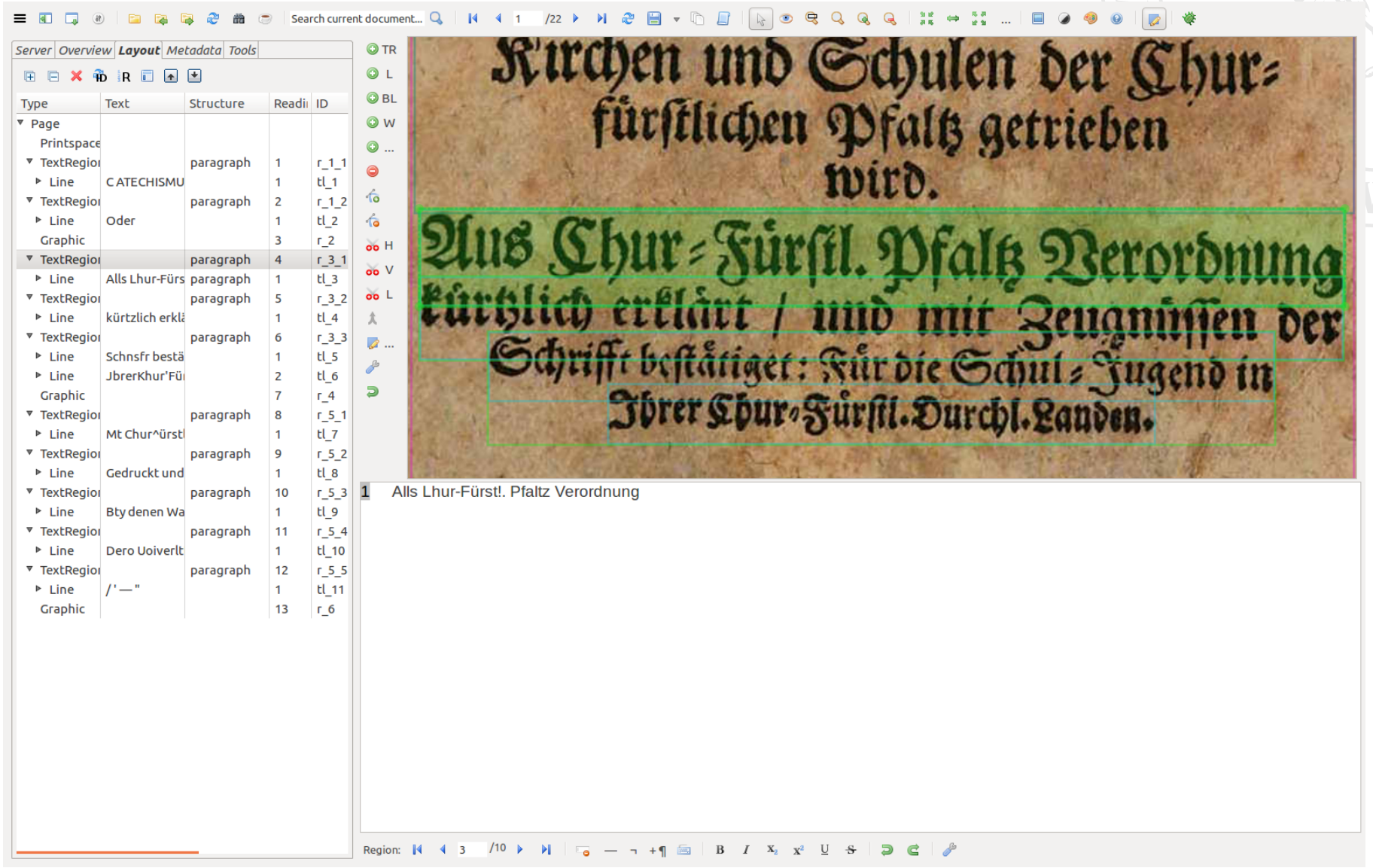
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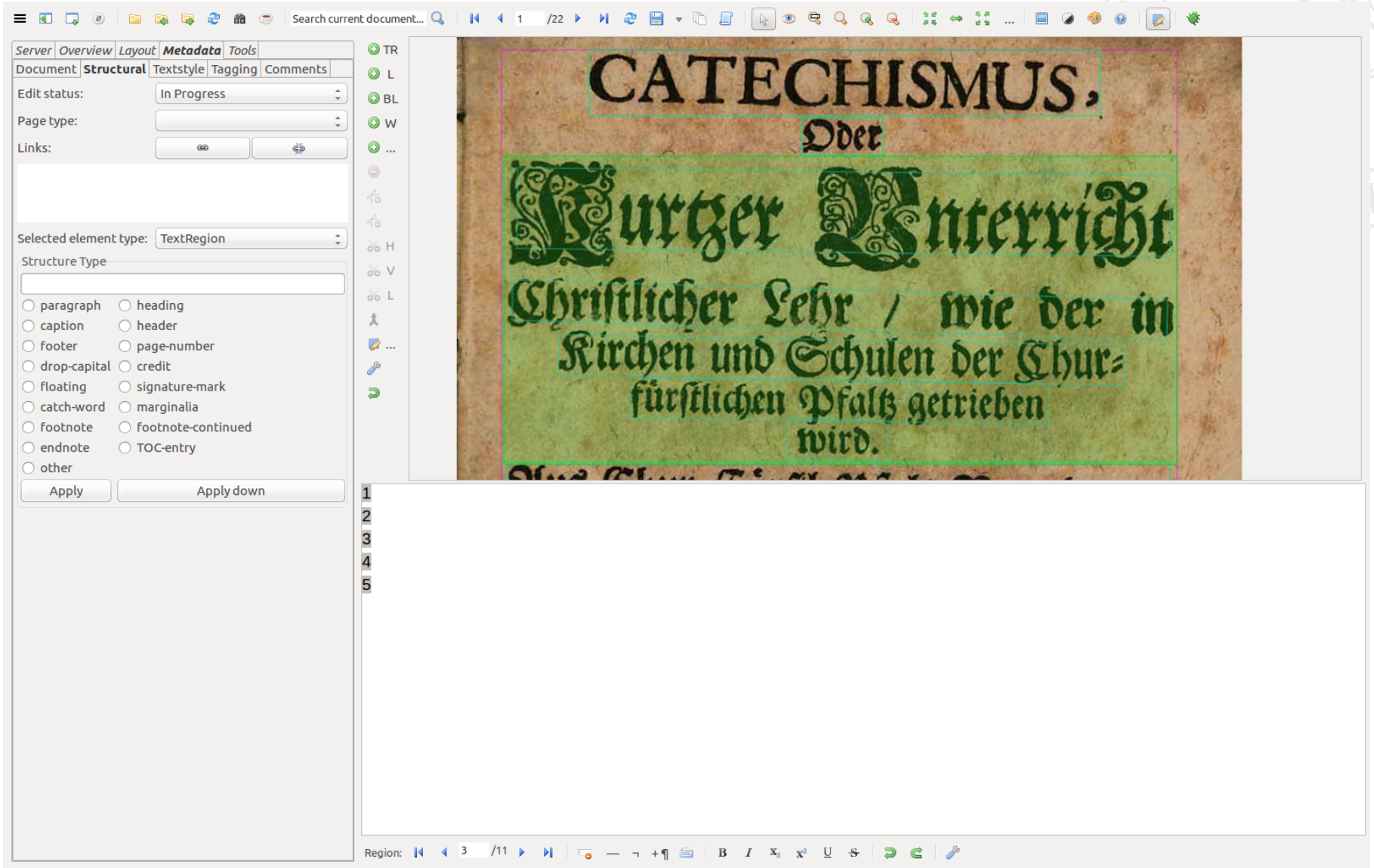
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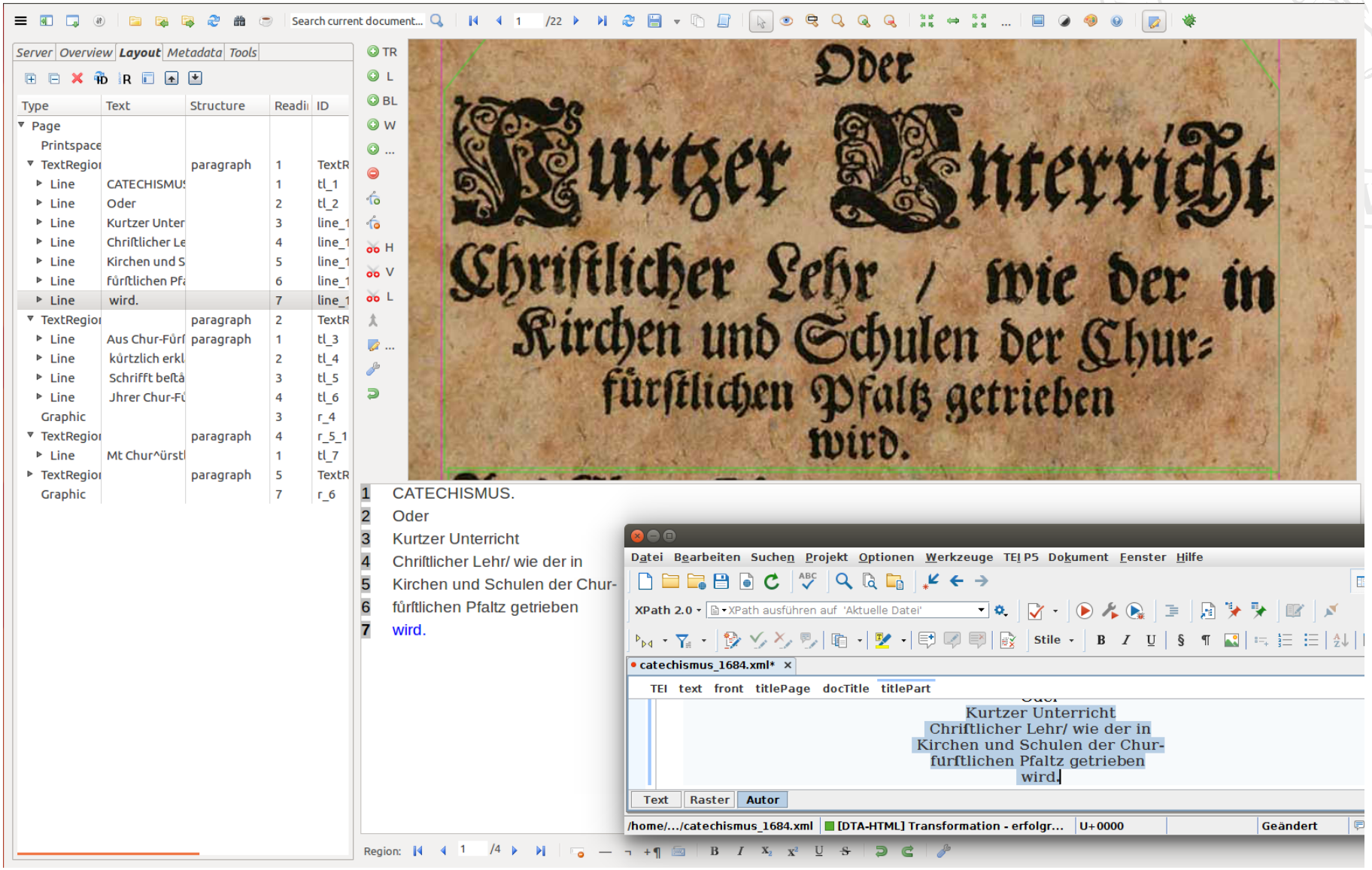
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- Somewhat naïve approach
- External Page XML creation or
- Intermediate export and (re-)import as alternative options
- **Not very comfortable**

Desiderata

- `Transkribus` is a wonderful tool!
  - Support for **polygonal** regions
  - **Multiple** OCR options
  - **Collaborative** working environment with basic version control
  - TEI export
- For **GT creation**, we would welcome
  - OCR application on **specific regions** also for FineReader
  - Dedicated **text import** functionalities (e.g. on paragraph level)
  - METS import which accounts for **existing structural annotations** and linked ALTO
  - **Automatic support** during manual post correction
  - TEI import

Collaboration

- OCR-D GT Guidelines
  - Documentation of existing OCR-D GT
  - Instructions for GT creation
    - Already used within the OCR-D project
    - Perspectively also used in a **broader context** (community use)
  - Automatic **validation** of GT data
  - (Semi-)automatic **conversion** of existing GT data sets
  - Plans for setting up a **GT repository** for print publications and handwritten documents
- Availability

  View: `http://kaskade.dwds.de/~matthias/ocr-d/`

  Sources: `https://github.com/OCR-D/`

Collaboration

- Transkribus User Documentation : A proposal
  1. Step: Change the documentation format from Wiki to DITA
     - XML-based documentation format
     - **Topic-oriented** internal and "external" structure (i.e. presentation)
     - Various automatically generated **presentation modes**
  2. Step: Build and organize a documentation **source repository** (e.g. on github)
  3. Step: Involve the user community into the documentation process
     - Non-developer view point
     - Recipes for frequent tasks

Many thanks for your attention.