Perseids¹ is an online platform for collaborative editing, annotation and publication of digital texts and annotations. Perseids is not one single application but an integrated environment built from a loose coupling of heterogeneous tools and services from a variety of sources using RESTful² APIs, and supporting various standard formats for encoding of text and annotations. Supported standards include, but aren't limited to, the Text Encoding Initiative³ (TEI) and Open Annotation⁴ (OA). The platform also supports cross-project collaboration, where content might come from a separate project, be edited through Perseids and then returned to its source repository.

We propose leveraging the Perseids platform to provide an edit and review workflow for the Syriaca Gazetteer documents. Users of Syriaca would be able to submit a Gazetteer entry or edit made on Syriaca.org to a board or community setup on Perseids for review of these document types. Reviewers would be able to login to Perseids, comment, correct and reject or approve the user submissions. Upon approval in Perseids the system would post the finalized Gazetteer document back to the Syriaca.org repository. This is quite similar in concept to an integration already under development between Perseids and the EAGLE⁵ project.

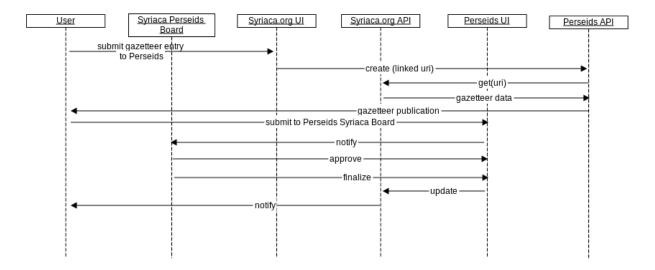


Figure 1. Sample interaction sequence between Syriaca.org and Perseids for a Gazetteer review workflow.

¹ http://sites.tufts.edu/perseids. Current development efforts on Perseids at the Perseus Digital Libraty at Tufts University are funded by the Andrew W. Mellon foundation.

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Representational state transfer

³ http://www.tei-c.org/index.xml

⁴ http://www.openannotation.org/spec/core/

⁵ http://www.eagle-network.eu/