



# Local Grammar Graphs

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# Outline

Concordance

Local grammar of dates

Invoking a subgraph

Lexical masks

Dictionaries of a text



## Concordance of a word

rman Fowler, said Mr. <u>Major</u>'s job was safe.{S} "He licy changes." (S) Mr. Major's hold on power may hir RITAIN--PARLIAMENT(S) MAJOR, JOHN(S) CHIDGEY, DAVII lots at SAS and other major companies were not taki th insurance took two <u>major</u> strides forward in the health advocates as a <u>major</u> setback for the tobacco yamira of Burundi and <u>Major</u> General(S) Juv?nal Haby an War{S} Headline 2: <a href="Major">Major</a> Jean-Guy Plante, left, rror show continues, " Major General Romeo Dallaire vy fighting along the major highways. (S) General Da forces is one of the major problems which the army



## Concordance: diversity

ters, Thomas found the <u>commanders</u> a bit disturbed.{S} " en found.{S} "And, mon <u>colonel</u>," the officer said, "eve ghting on Omaha Beach, <u>Captain</u> Joseph{S} Dawson, introd ere as a veteran.{S} A <u>captain</u> in the 101st{S} Airborne t D. Eisenhower, their <u>commander</u>, the day's accomplishm ecalled the  $feat of \{S\}$   $\underline{ t Lieutenant}$  Colonel James E. Rudd feat of{S} Lieutenant <u>Colonel</u> James E. Rudder and his a Lonq, Lonq Time."{S} <u>General</u> Orwin Clark Talbott, who ne attack, the militia <u>commander</u>, Lam Horm, and his men ter, in the morning, a <u>general</u>, one of 2,000 in the 140 eeing soldiers killing <u>generals</u>, generals selling food,



## Concordance: sequences

Text:{S} A senior <u>government official</u> charged Wednesda Abel(S) Olopai, a <u>government official</u> who was 10 years regrets," a German <u>government official</u> said.{S} Key Wor , WILLIAM J. (U.S. <u>GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL</u>){S} U.S.--ARMED , WILLIAM J. (U.S. <u>GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL</u>){S} U.S.--ARMED te Gatete, a local <u>government official</u> from southern Rw ollapse in 1991, a <u>government official</u> said Sunday.{S} pens next month, a <u>government official</u> said.{S} Until t ound," said a U.S. <u>government official</u>.{S} He said Wash , WILLIAM J. (U.S. <u>GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL</u>){S} Internationa of the century, a <u>government official</u> said.{S} "We wan



## Concordancers

### **Objective**

Explore a linguistic phenomenon Explore a text

### **Query language**

A major criterion of quality Allow diversity and sequences at the same time: graphs



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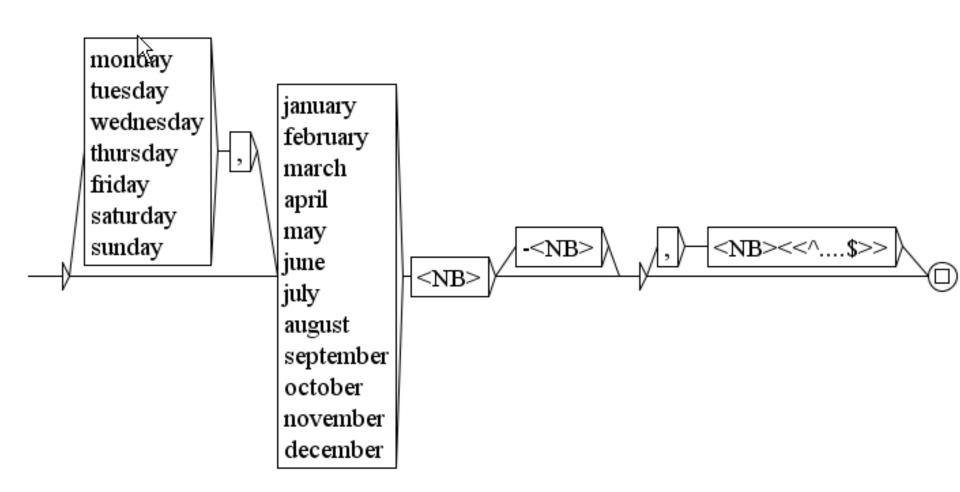


## Dates in English

: Honq Konq after the <u>July 1, 1997</u>, handover ole candidate for the April 1995 presidential up of drivers for the <u>July 3</u> race would be ma asily blurred, as the <u>June 6</u> anniversary show as been as bad as the <u>April 26</u> crash of the T which organizes the **June 26** regional electi chairmen have set the <u>July 4</u> recess as the de airlines have put the <u>July 4</u>th weekend on sal been mandated by the June 26 election, the G worked, helping make <u>June 6, 1944</u>, the bigge began a hunger strike May 25 after two of the

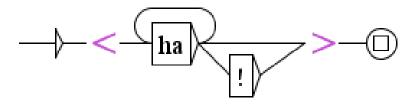


## Query for dates in English





# Finite automata and regular expressions

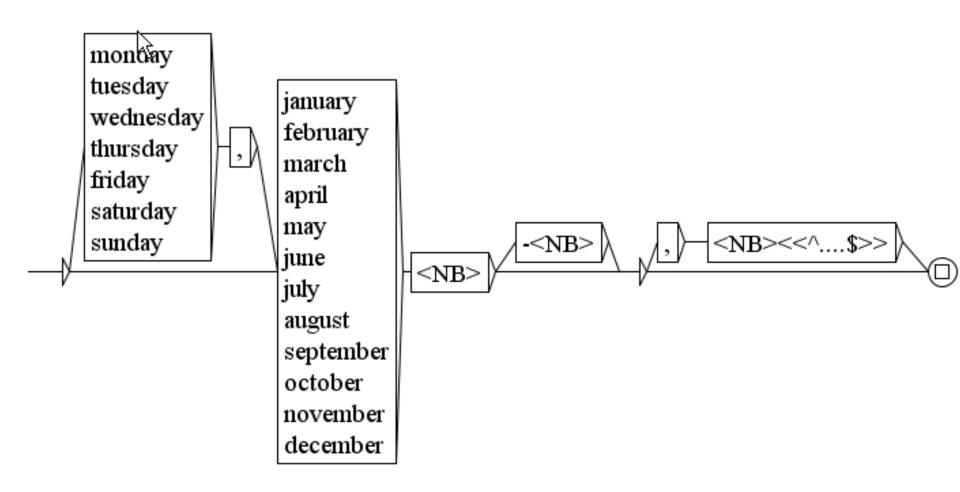


Equivalent regular expression:

(ha)\*!?



# Imagine the regular expression for this one





## Beyond concordances

Such graphs are also used in NLP applications:

indexation information extraction annotation



# How to edit a graph with Unitex-Gramlab

So that you can play around if I'm boring Menu FSGraph > New

#### Create a box

Ctrl-click where you want to create the box Fill in the field above the graph Validate with Enter

#### **Create a transition**

Click once on the source box Click once on the target box



# How to edit a graph with Unitex-Gramlab

#### Select a box

Click once on it It becomes blue

#### **Unselect a box**

Click on the white background of the graph

#### Double-clicking on a box

Same as clicking twice Creates a transition from the box back to it (loop)

#### Select several boxes

Draw a rectangle around them You can move, delete, copy, paste them together



# How to edit a graph with Unitex-Gramlab

#### Delete a box

Select it
Press Delete
Validate with Enter

#### **Initial and final boxes**

You cannot remove them
You cannot create new ones

#### **Delete a transition**

Click once on the source box Click once on the target box



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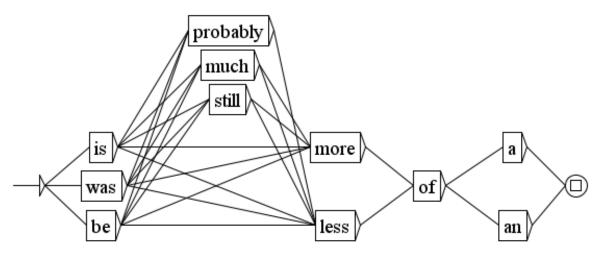
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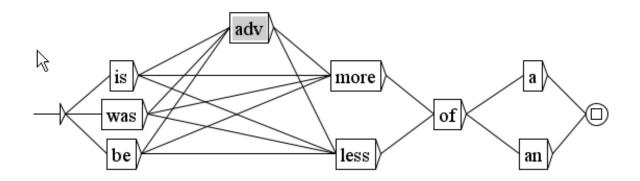
## A graph



It rising, it is probably less of a problem politically than it was The new guru was less of a showman and more of a technician who be and there is much less of a feeling of impending crisis here the said, "There is less of a sense among juries that it is other peops on proved to be more of a menace than soccer hooligans at the first change would be more of a threat. (S) But the prevailing belief in s. (S) K mart is more of a runway scraper; its stock is off 40 percon, he would be more of a provocation to the British, officials says individual is still more of an art than a science," the former C

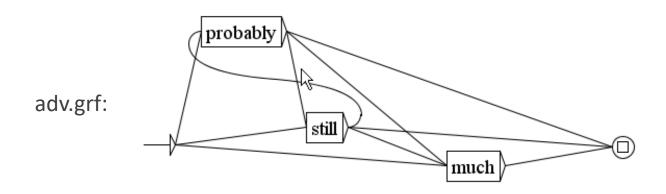


## Invoking a subgraph from a node



The adv node invokes the adv.grf graph

Equivalent to substituting the graph for the node





## Invoking a subgraph from a node

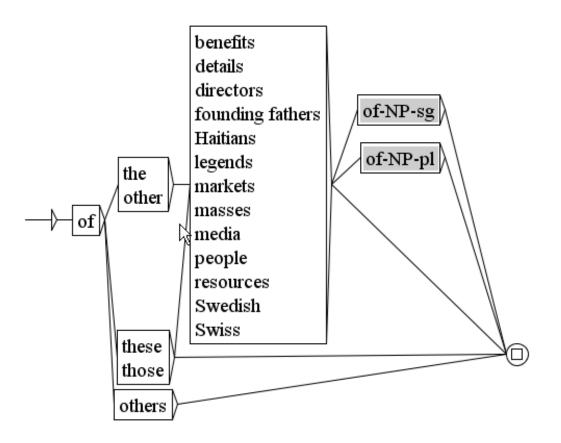
### **Objectives**

Use the same graph in various contexts

Distribute a description in several graphs



## Invoking a subgraph from a node



A graph can invoke itself



## Local grammars

A graph and its subgraphs describing a set of expressions little dependent from the rest of syntax

Local grammar graphs (LGG)

A type of language resources

Used to recognise and process the expressions

Can be included in a production chain



## A vintage area of NLP

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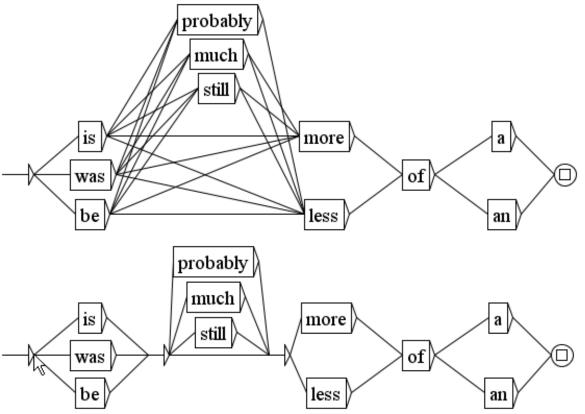
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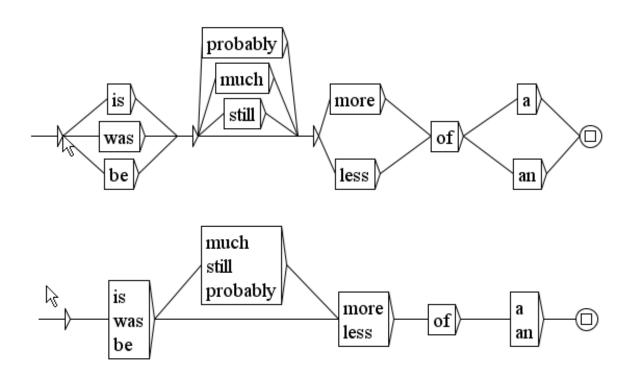
## Empty nodes



An empty node can serve as an intermediate step between two others



## Forms in parallel in a node



A graphical convention

Select the box, type the content of the first line, type "+" Type the content of the next line, etc.

Validate with Enter



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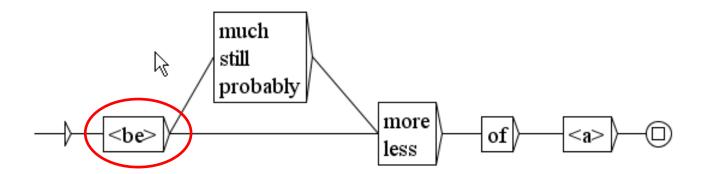
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## Inflection and derivation

The same meaning conveyed by words with different suffixes collect collects collected collecting collector collection

Increase the recall automatically





## Inflection and derivation

#### **Inflection**

collect collects collected collecting
<collect> automatically includes the inflected forms

#### **Derivation**

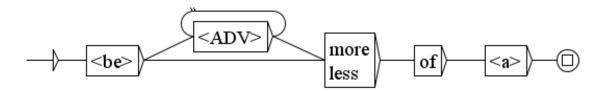
collection collector collective collectivism

Automatically including derived forms would be more adventurous



## Lexical masks

- <collect> recognises automatically any inflected form of collect
- <WORD> any simple word
- <FIRST> any simple word with capitalized first letter
- <NB> any contiguous sequence of digits
- <V> any word marked as V in the lexicon (verbs)





## Lexical masks

Key that recognises a set of linguistic forms on the basis of formal features

Can be used in graphs and regular expressions



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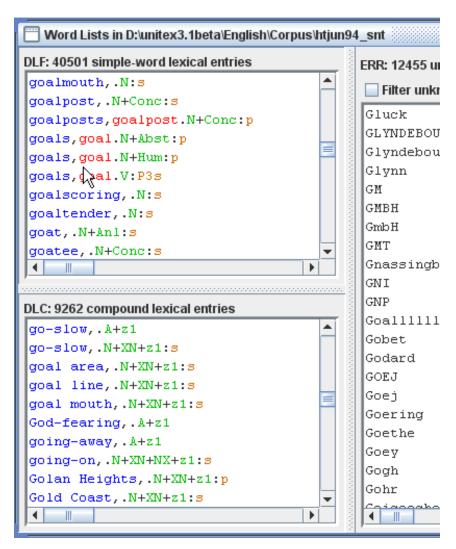
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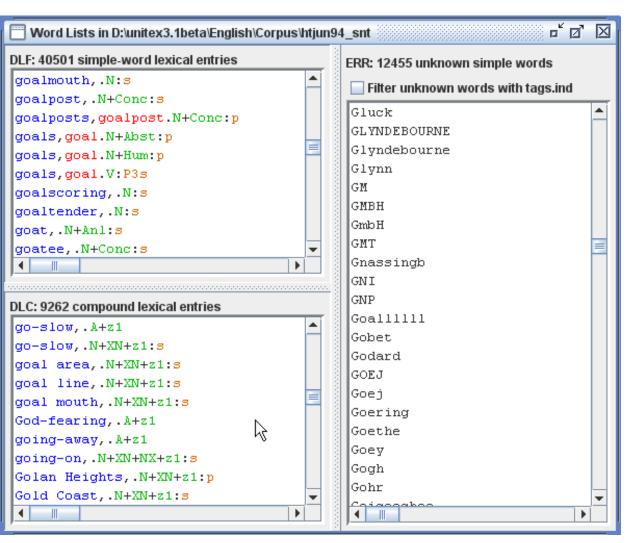
Lexical entries for the simple words in the text

Lexical entries for the multiword units occurring in the text





## Dictionaries of a text



The words in the text not found in the dictionaries



## **Thanks**

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