An Introduction to the Oxford Text Archive

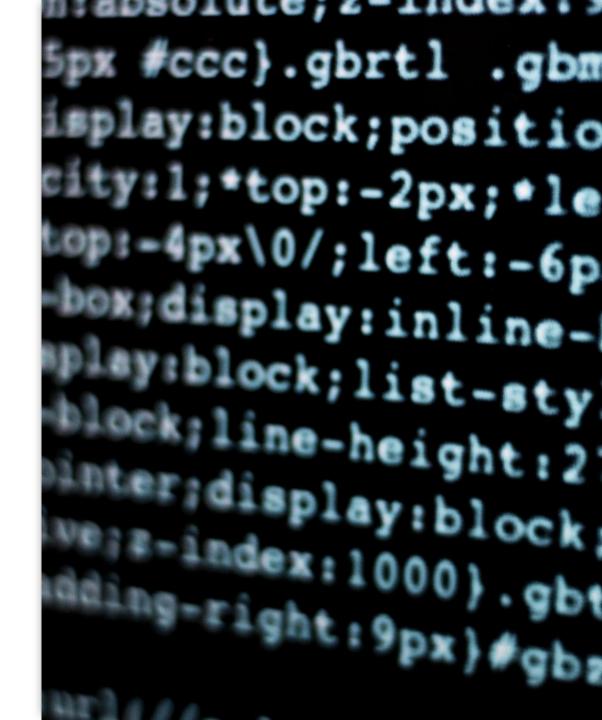LRBS 2025

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About the Oxford Text Archive (OTA)

- Archive of electronic texts created for linguistic and literary research.

- Founded in 1976 by Lou Burnard and Susan Hockey of the Oxford University Computing Services.

- Contains over 70,000 texts from a range of time periods and languages.

- Contains both digital editions and electronic corpora.

About the Literary and Linguistic Data Service (LLDS)

- OTA is currently hosted by the Literary and Linguistic Data Service (LLDS).

- Access at https://llds.ling-phil.ox.ac.uk/.

- A national repository for literary and linguistic resources.

- Part of iDAH – Infrastructure for Digital Arts and Humanities, funded by the AHRC.

- Part of CLARIN – a European consortium for Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure.

Contents of the Oxford Text Archive

- Early English Books Online (EEBO)
- Eighteenth Century Collections Online (ECCO)
- Jonathan Swift Archive
- Evans Early American Imprints
- OTA Core Collection
- OTA Legacy Collection
- British National Corpus (BNC)
- Teaching materials
- Guides

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