The CLARIN Language Resource Switchboard

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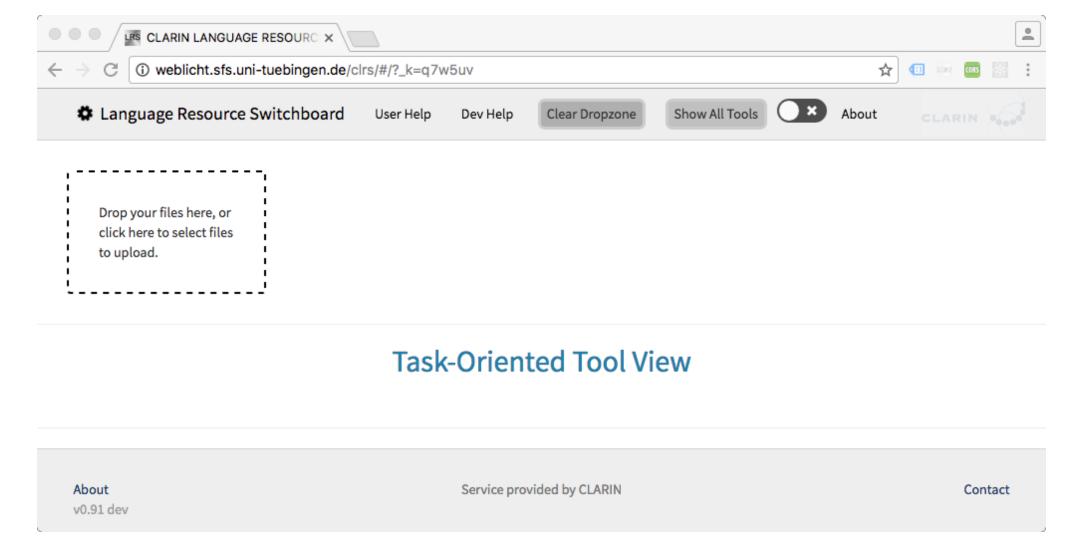




Motivation

- improve user experience for VLO (FCS, VCR) users
- users experience a gap between the resources they find, and the processing workflows they would like to call
- for each resource found, LRS suggests <u>applicable</u> <u>web-based</u> tools (and web services) that can process the resource
- users can invoke applicable tool by simple click
- relevant information forwarded to tool in question
- switchboard has achieved its task, it does no more





Switchboard
Standalone Environment
http://weblicht.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/clrs

Placing a file into the drop-zone



- file uploaded on file upload server (RZG)
- identification of mime-type and language, but this may fail
- users should review information before clicking on 'Show Tools'
- set switch to include web services

Task-Oriented Tool View



CLARIN-DK TOOL BOX (CST TOKENIZER)

UCTO

Lemmatization

CLARIN-DK TOOL BOX (CST LEMMATIZER)

WEBLICHT-LEMMAS-EN

Voice Synthesis

CLARIN-DK TOOL BOX (ESPEAK)

Lemmatization

For each tool, there is some info

CLARIN-DK TOOL BOX (CST LEMMATIZER)

WEBLICHT-LEMMAS-EN



Weblicht Easy Chain for Lemmatization (English).

http://weblicht.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/weblichtwiki/index.php/Main_Page

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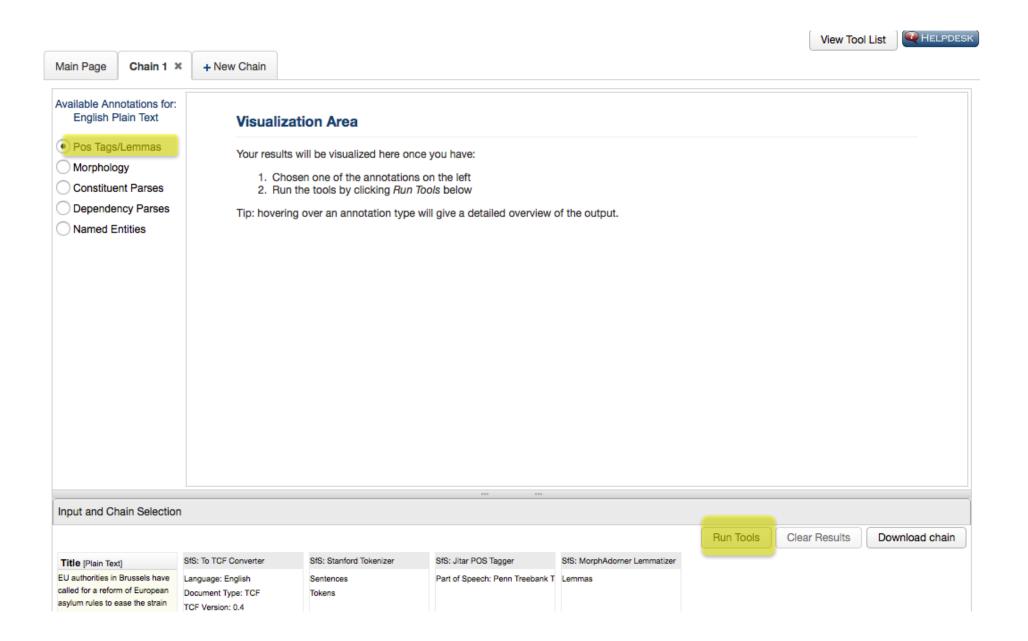
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Click to start tool

Tuebingen, Germany

wlsupport@sfs.uni-tuebingen.de

Starts tool & passes information encoded in URL



Weblicht called at the intended entry point.





VLO / Faceted search / Search results / Record: Late 19th- and Early 20th-Century Polish Novels



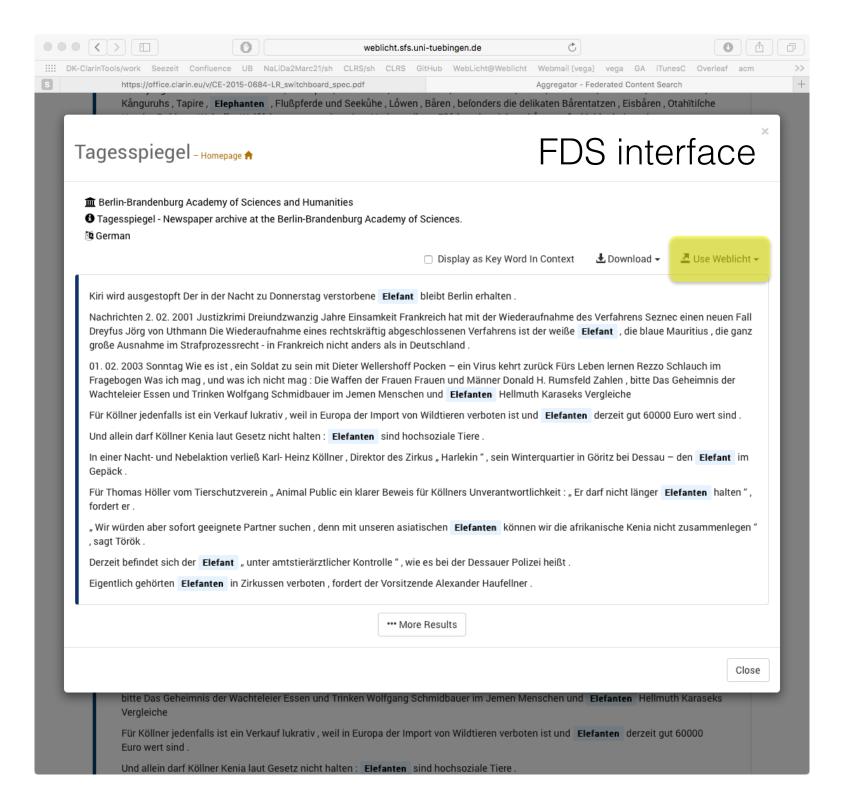


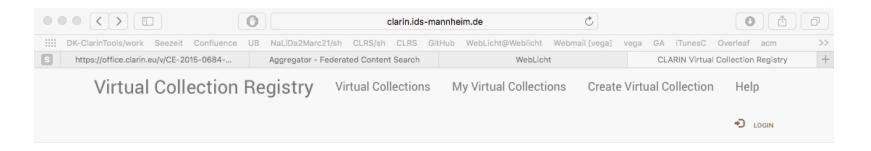
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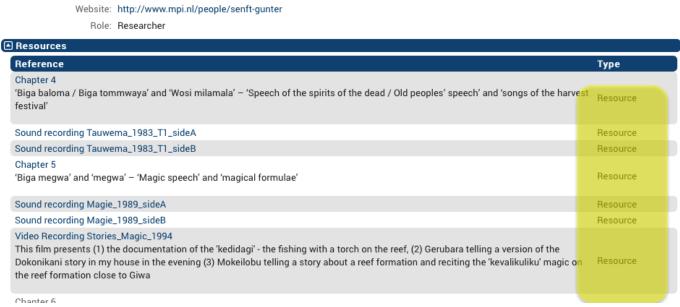
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The Trobriand Islanders' Ways of Speaking General Name: The Trobriand Islanders' Ways of Speaking Type: extensional Creation Date: 2014-09-22 Description: Digital references for the book "The Trobriand Islanders' Ways of Speaking" by Gunter Senft (De Gruyter Mouton, 2010) Purpose: reference Reproducibility: intended Persistent identifier: hdl:11372/VC-1000 Keywords: • Endangered Languages Textlinguistics Sociolinguistics Anthropology Creators Person: Gunter Senft Email: Gunter.Senft@mpi.nl

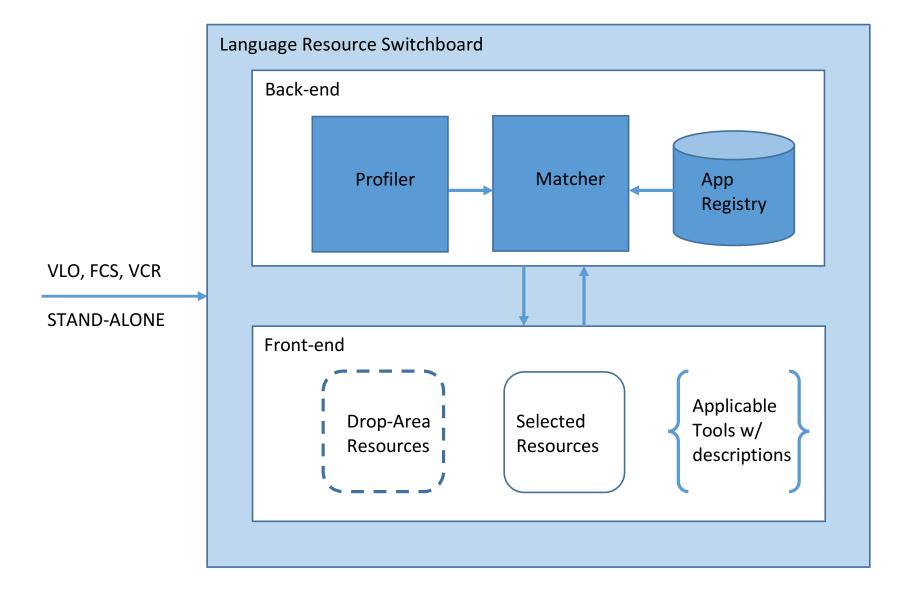
Organisation: Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics Website: http://www.mpi.nl/people/senft-gunter



Specification

- specification document @ https://office.clarin.eu/v/CE-2015-0684-
 LR switchboard spec.pdf
- Participating tool providers give metadata description of their tool (format below) ➤ feeds into app registry
- LRS has a ➤ profiler that extracts all relevant information from a resource' metadata description (and does more)
- LRS has a ➤ matcher that matches metadata description of resource with metadata description of tool
 - mime type of the resource
 - language of the resource
- LRS has a ➤ front-end that displays applicable tools, ordered by the analyses the tool provide, and where a chosen tool can be invoked

Architecture



Technology

- Front-end: ReactJS +Altjs container
- Back-end:
 - app registry: JSON structure
 - matcher: simple JS
 - mime type and language main two criteria
 - profiler: supported by LRS users
 - (relevant information taken from resource metadata in VLO)
 - plus mime type detection during dnd (standalone version)
 - plus language detection using TIKA (tika.apache.org)
 - plus user intervention



```
{ task: "Named Entity Recognition",
 name: "Weblicht-NamedEntities-DE",
  logo: "weblicht.jpg",
 homepage: "http://weblicht.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de/weblichtwiki/index.php/Main_Page",
  location: "Tuebingen, Germany",
 creators: ["CLARIN-D Centre at the University of Tuebingen, Germany"],
 contact: {
     person: "CLARIN Weblicht Support",
     email: "wlsupport@sfs.uni-tuebingen.de"
 },
 version: "v1.0".
  licence: "public",
  longDescription: "Weblicht Easy Chain for German Named Entity Recognition (German).",
 shortDescription: "Named Entity Recognizer",
  languages: ["deu"],
  lang_encoding: "639-1",
 mimetypes: ["text/plain"],
 output: ["text/xml"],
 url: "http://tuebingen.weblicht.sfs.uni-tuebingen.de:8888/weblicht",
 pid: "",
 parameter: { input : "self.linkToResource",
               lang : "de",
                analysis: "ne"
             }
},
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Metadata Entry

```
task: "Tokenisation",
name: "Ucto",
logo: "YourLogoComesHere.png",
homepage: "https://proycon.github.io/ucto",
location: "Nijmegen, The Netherlands (CLAM Webservices)",
creators: ["Maarten van Gompel, Ko van der Sloot (CLST, Radboud University Nijmegen)"],
contact: {
    person: "Maarten van Gompel",
    email: "provcon@anaprov.nl".
}.
version: "0.8.3",
license: "public",
                                 //but webservice is protected with (free) registration
shortDescription: "A tokeniser",
longDescription: "Ucto is a unicode-compliant tokeniser. It takes input in the form of one or more
                 untokenised texts, and subsequently tokenises them. Several languages are supported
                 but the software is extensible to other languages.",
languages: ["nld", "eng", "deu", "fra", "ita", "spa", "por", "tur", "rus", "swe"],
lang encoding: "639-1",
mimetypes: ["text/xml","text/plain"], //plain text OR FoLiA XML
output: ["text/plain", "text/xml"], //plain text tab-seperated output OR FoLiA XML
url: ["https://webservices-lst.science.ru.nl/ucto/"],
lang : "self.linkToResourceLanguage",
// mapping the standard parameter names to the ones used by the tools
          { input      : "untokinput_url",
      lang      : "untokinput_language"
mapping:
```

Metadata Entry (II)

Calling LRS with parameters

 apart from standalone app (dev vehicle), LRS can be invoked by passing relevant information as URLencoded parameters

- http://weblicht.sfs.unituebingen.de/clrs/#/vlo/http:%2F%2Fhdl.handle.net%2F 10932%2F00-01B8-AF59-4FB9-9201-B%09/text%2Fplain/spa
 - 1. link to resource

Encoding

2. mime type

for slash

3. language

State of the LRS

- 35 tools entered with their metadata
 - 5 tools from CLARIN-DK Tools website
 - 8 tools from WebLicht predefined chains for eng, deu, nld, tur
 - 12 tools from LST Webservice Portal, CSLT, Radboud Univ.
- for a dozen different tasks:
 - tokenization, lemmatization, morphology analysis, POS tagging, constituent parsing, dependency parsing, NER, OCR, voice synthesis, spell-checking, text analytics, machine translation
- a dozen web services (mostly metadata conversion)

Timeline

- next-up: integration with FDS and VCR
- increase participation of more tools
- usability testing
- iterative improvements



Month /Stage	2015				2016									
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
Pre-dev														
Alpha														
Beta														
RC														
Stable														



Open Issues

- resource metadata given as input to the profiler, not taken for granted but counter-checked. But what metadata exactly?
- handling of large files
 - for checking mime type and language
 - from the tool's perspective and from the usability aspect
- batch mode (multiple file mode)
- controlled vocabulary for tool description
 - e.g., task, license, I/O mime-types (esp. xml sub-types)
- availability of resource (license, authentication)
- VTO mode as part of the LRS and as complement to the VLO

Problematic cases

- https://vlo.clarin.eu/record?4&docId=hdl_58_1839_47_00-39F88B30-54B2-4497-AB6E-2C26BEB71AF8_64_format_61_imdi_64_format_61_cm_di&fq=format:text/plain&fq=languageCode:code:nld&index=1&count=1427
- metadata description misleading
 - zip file does not have all other files
 - incorrect mime-type (xml files rather than plain text)

Problematic cases

- https://corpus1.mpi.nl/mediaarchive/Comprehension/Elizabeth_Johnson/Input/1 1-months/Day_3/Annotations/8JG_day3.txt
- after authentification:

Forbidden

You don't have permission to access /media-archive/Comprehension/Elizabeth_Johnson/Input/11-months/Day_3/Annotations/8JG_day3.txt on this server.

Conclusion

- project on course, 1.0 release out (soon)!
- more input from tool providers appreciated
- LRS needs more tools to be integrated, so tell others!
- also promote standalone version, good entry point for your local resources

