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Searching and analyzing large annotated text collections in Nederlab

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Introduction to nederlab

- Started: 2013 ends: 2017
- Meertens Institute, Huygens ING, Institute for Dutch Lexicology, Radboud University Nijmegen- CLS
- Aims:
 - Detect and analyze historical changes in digitized Dutch and Flemish texts
 - History, literature, culture, linguistics
 - Bring 'full text production' together
 - User-friendly and tool-enriched research portal for scholars
 - Covers 800 until present
 - Most important metadata: time, place, author, text type
 - Enrichment of data by team and by scholarly users
 - Focus on data quality by including an editorial staff

Nederlab status

- Target: approximately 20 collections
 - Order of magnitude: tens of billions of annotated words
 - Including KB newspapers and some regional newspapers
- Major update of research portal expected: october, 2016
- Then available through Nederlab
 - 7 collections, including KB newspapers until 1900
 - 15,7 million titles (from articles up to books)
 - 150k persons

Collection workflow

- 1. Arrangement with collection provider
- 2. Quality Assessment
- 3. Mapping
- 4. Scripting and processing
- 5. Thesaurus linking
- 6. Manual curation
- 7. Automatic spelling correction/normalization
- 8. Add modern Dutch
- 9. Add annotation layers
- 10. Indexing and search
- 11. Make available to end users

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7. Spelling correction/normalization

- TiCCL Text Induced Corpus Cleanup (Reynaert, 2010)
- Improved to better deal with historical texts
- However
 - Many old OCR texts are of very bad quality
 - TiCCL improves on this, but quality stays mediocre at best
 - TiCCL works better for more recent texts

8. Add modern Dutch

- Approaches to apply language tools on historical text varieties
 - Adapt the tools to the language: time consuming, requires training data
 - Adapt the language to the tools

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• CLIN shared task: http://ifarm.nl/clin2017st/



9. Add annotation layers

Available:

- Postcorrected text (ticcl)
- Lemma, part-of-speech with sub features (frog)
- Entities (also multi-token) (frog)
- Sentence, div, paragraph, head

Planned/in progress (not -yet- for newspapers):

- Translation to modern word forms
- Entity linking
- Links to historical lexicon (INL)
- Speakers
- Language used
- Syntax, dependency structures
- Use case specific annotations

10. Indexing and search

- Current implementation: Multi-Tier Annotation Search (MTAS)
- Based on Lucene and SOLR
- Scalable, maintainable, parallel search
- 'Broker' middleware layer mixes in other services
 - Historical lexical query expansion
 - Joins
 - Later: semantic query expansion
- Fully configurable FoLiA parser and indexer

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Conclusions

- Nederlab will be very large, with many different annotation layers, with different structures
- So far, indexes scale well and can be efficiently maintained (tested up to 1.5 billion word forms)
- Most of search and analysis requirements are met
- We support different forms of results: lists, grouped results, statistics.

Good input for different types of end user research tools

Nederlab is extendible, both for collections and for tools