

The Language Archiving Technology Domain

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The MPI Linguistic Archive



- only 10 years since we started
- 300,000 audio, video & text resources
- 100,000 metadata descriptions
- 19 TB of data

...and still growing daily

What's in the MPI Linguistic Archive





MPI researchers' data DoBeS projects

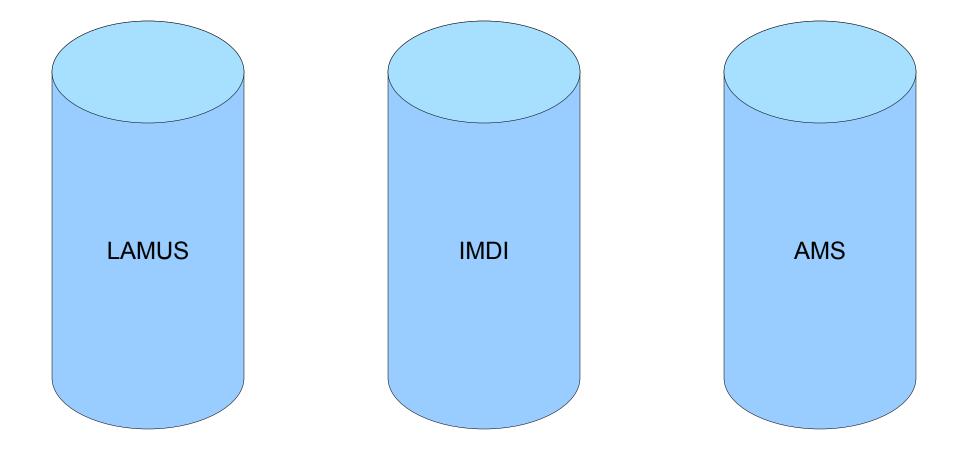
Corpora from other research institutions

- Corpus Nederlandse Gebarentaal
- European Science Foundation's Second Language Acquisition by Adult Immigrants
- Dutch Bilingual Database



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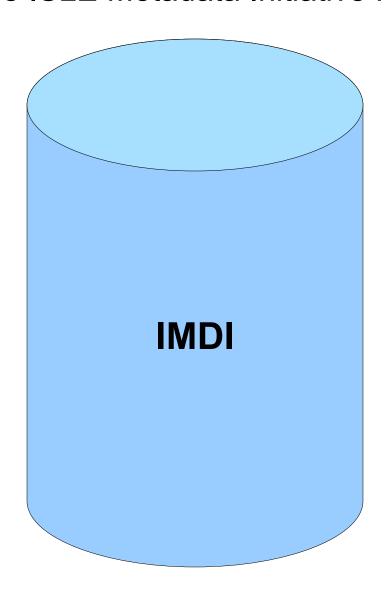
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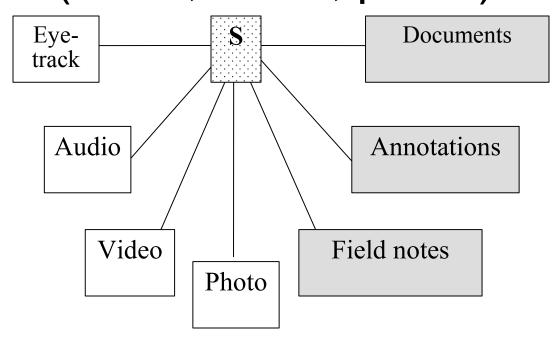
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The ISLE Metadata Initiative Format



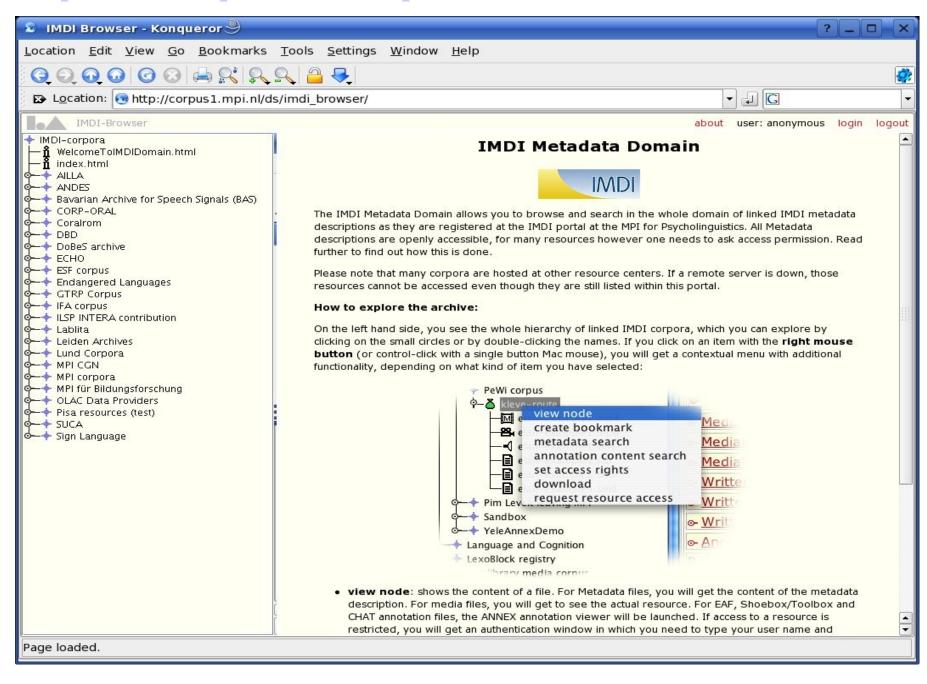


- all data described using (XML-based) IMDI metadata format
- every resource/md description has a URID
- central organisational concept: the session resource bundle
 - obligatory metadata
 - a set of annotations & transcriptions
 - a set of media data (video, audio, photo)



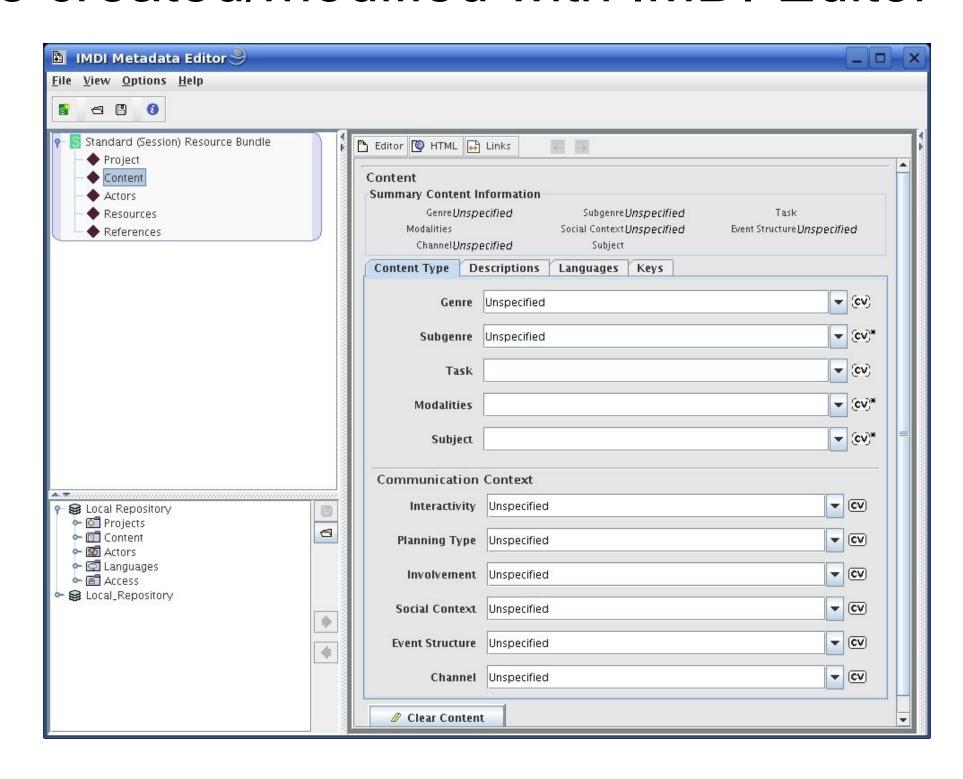


- all data in principle available online
 - http://corpus1.mpi.nl



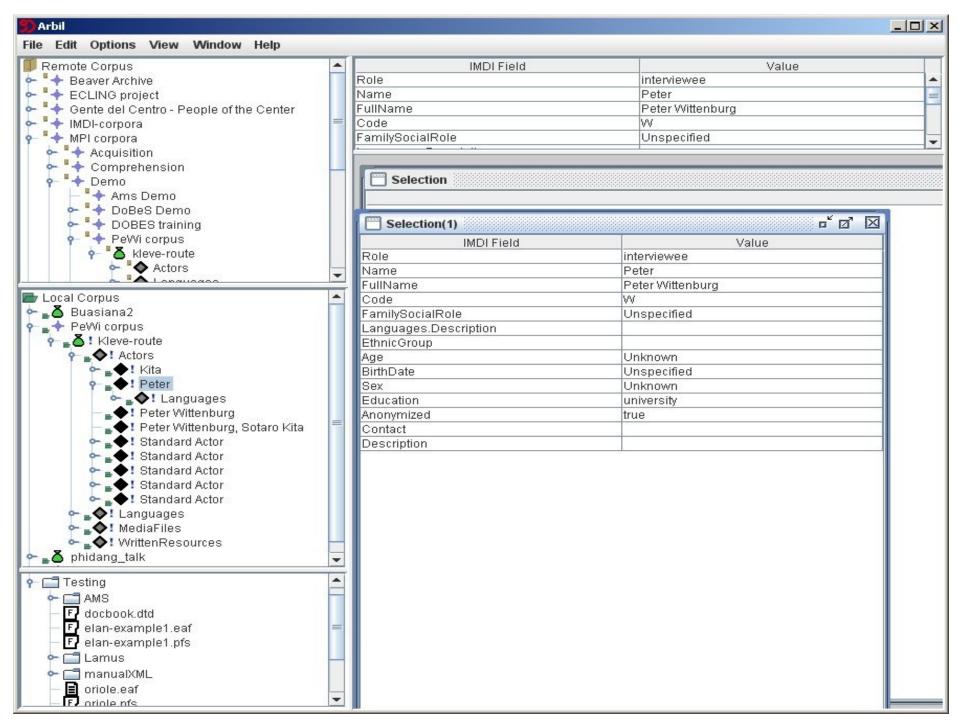


can be created/modified with IMDI-Editor





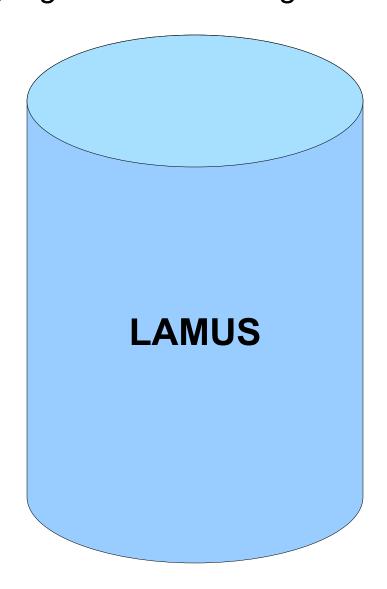
 Soon Arbil will be released (testing version already available)





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The Language Archive Management and Upload System



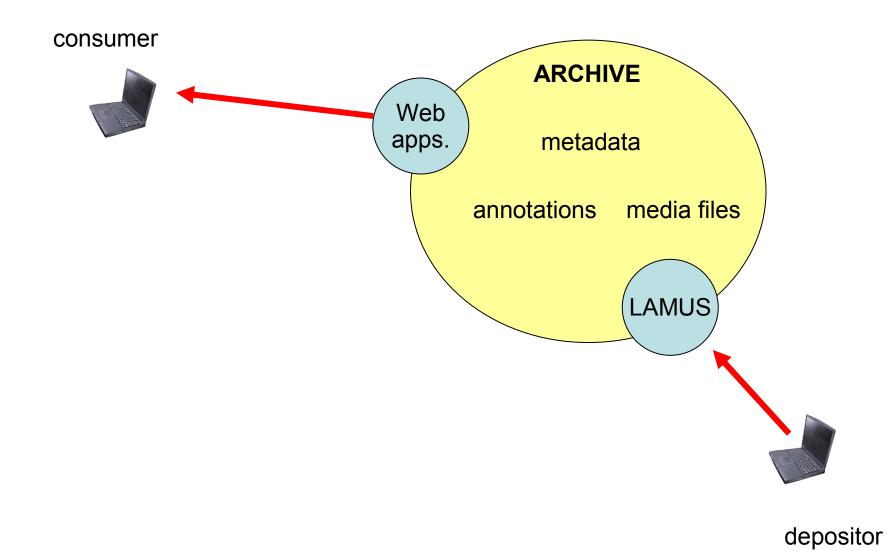
LAMUS Functionalities



- Web-based operation
- Workspace principle
- Create / modify the (sub) corpus structure
- Upload / replace metadata & resources
- Gatekeeper function: not all data formats are accepted to keep archive consistent and future proof
- Assigning of URIDs
- Versioning system in the background

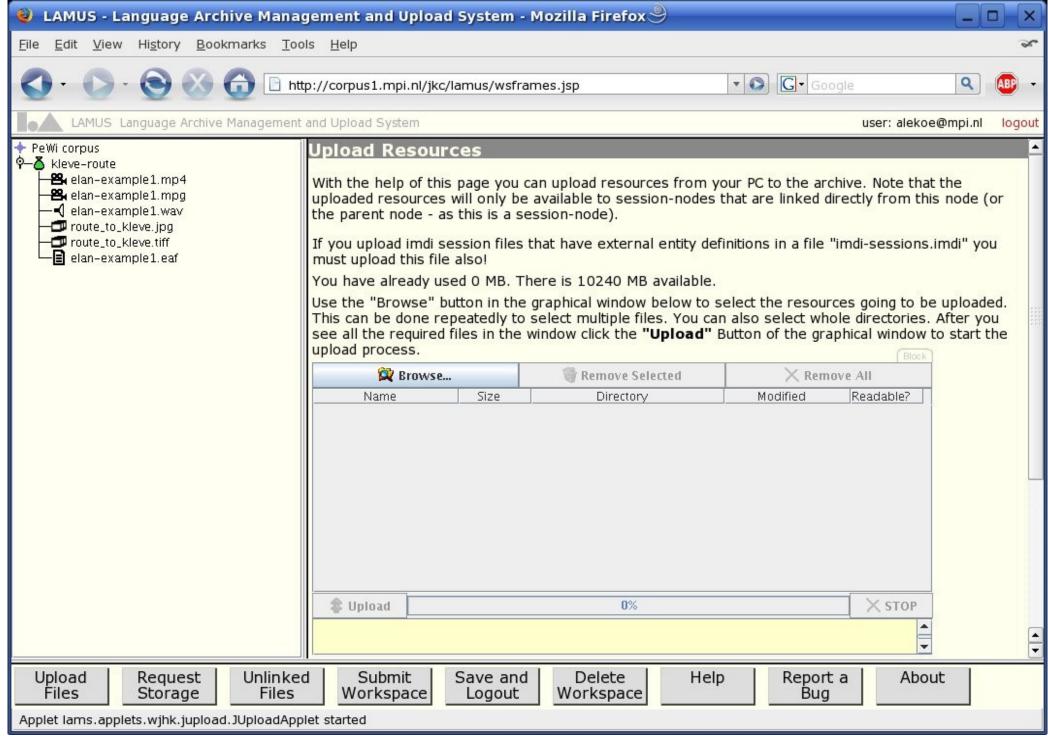


The Two Sides of Archive Access





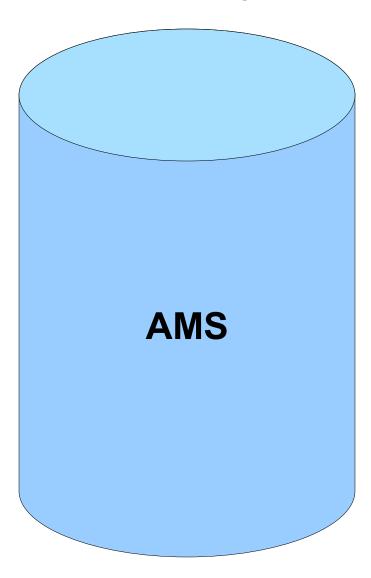
The LAMUS Interface





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The Access Management System



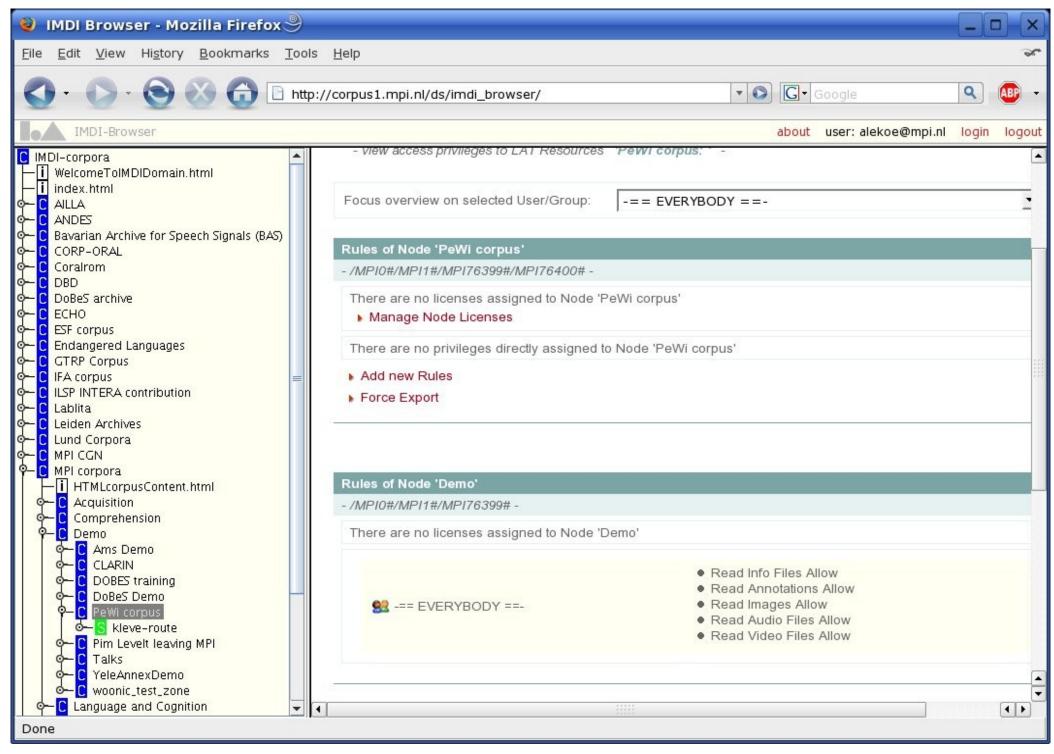
AMS Functionalities



- Metadata is accessible for everyone(OAI)
- Resources are not always open for everyone
 - Sensitive information on actors
 - Ongoing research work with publication aims
- Access should be defined by researcher
- Different access rights for different users/user groups (access to video, audio and annotations can be set independently)

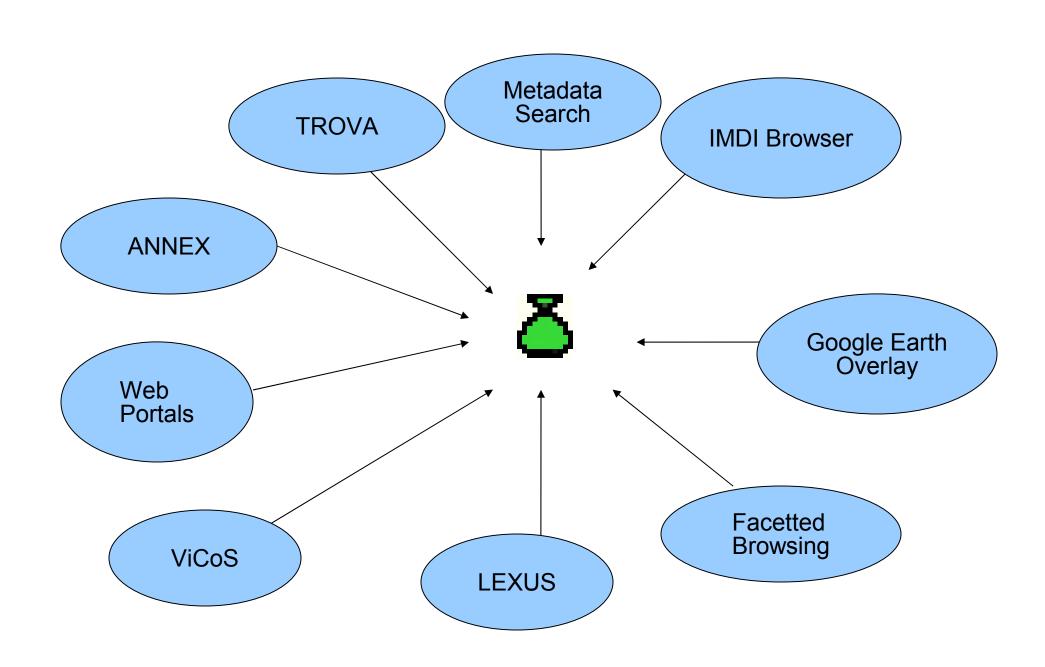


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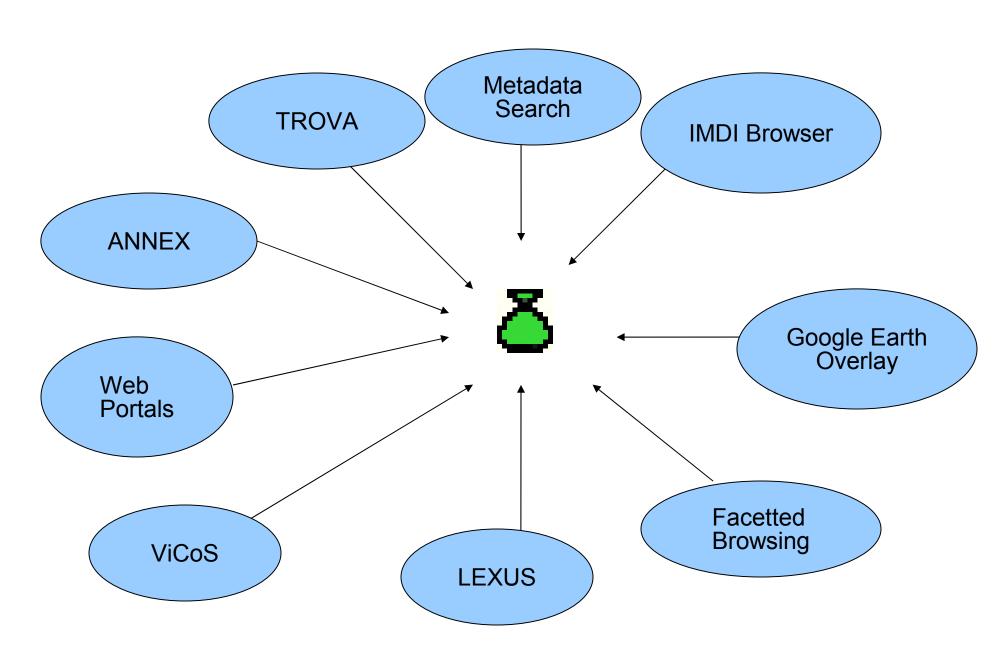




Accessing the Data



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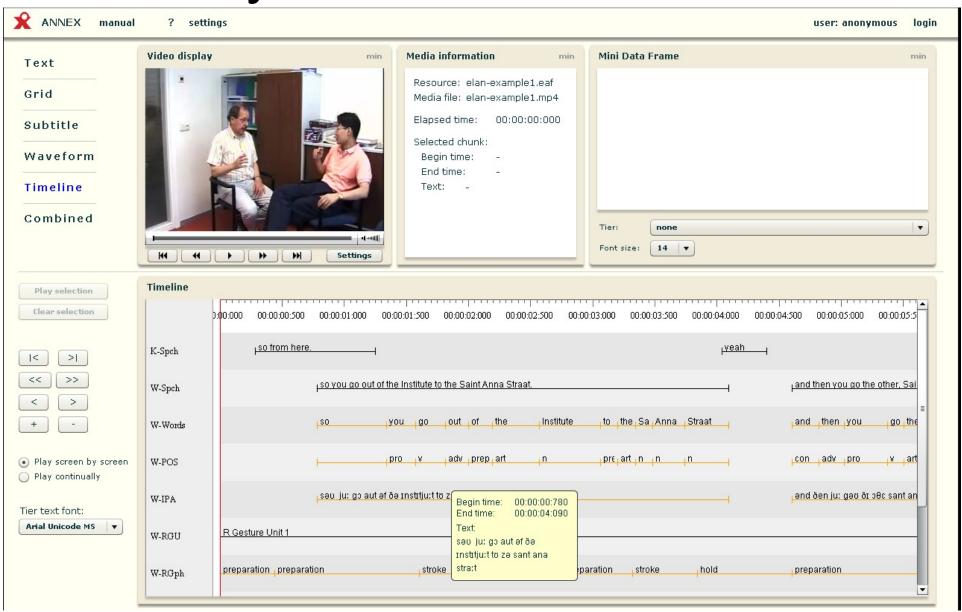
more on that in:

Ringersma, J., Zinn, C., & Koenig, A. (in press).
Eureka! User friendly access to the MPI linguistic data archive.
SDV - Sprache und Datenverarbeitung/International Journal for Language Data Processing.

Accessing the Data - ANNEX



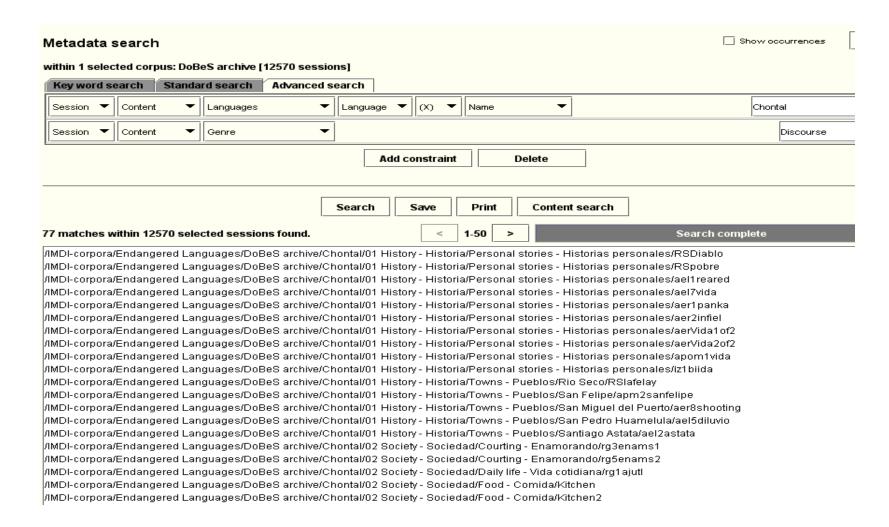
- ANNEX can be called from IMDI Browser
- Video with synchronised annotations







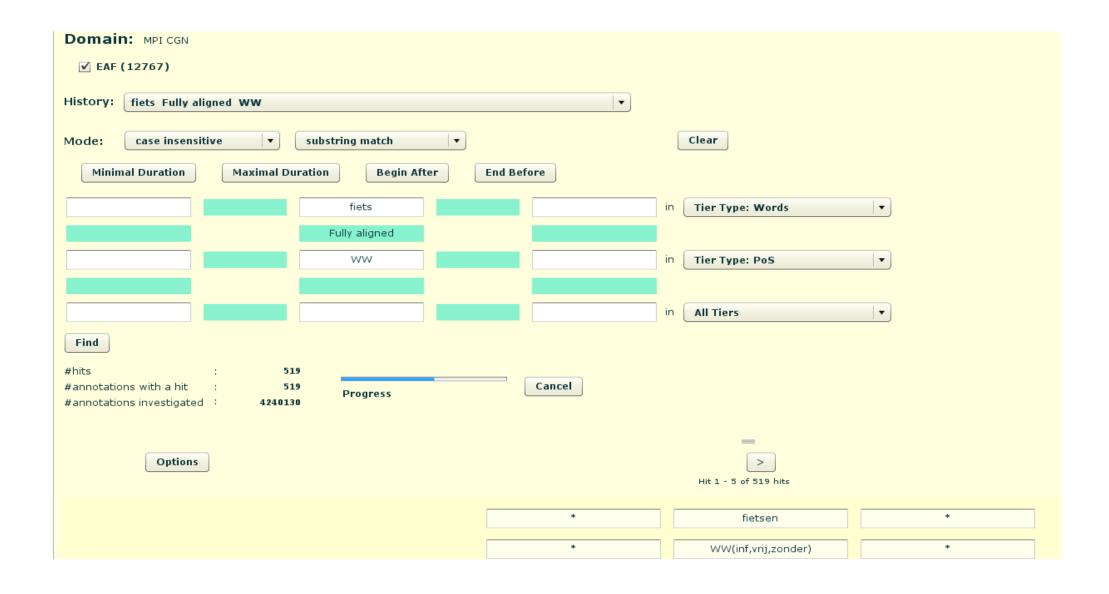
Metadata is always open and can be searched by everybody





Accessing the Data – TROVA Content Search

 If you have access to the resources, you can also search the annotations





ELAN

Time-aligned multimedia annotation

ELAN Key Features



- supports interchange with a wide range of formats (e.g. Shoebox/Toolbox, CHAT)
- uses XML, Unicode (easy to convert from/to, future-proof)
- supports a wide range of media formats (playback is delegated to Media Player, QuickTime or JMF)
- cross-platform (runs on Windows, Linux and MacOS)

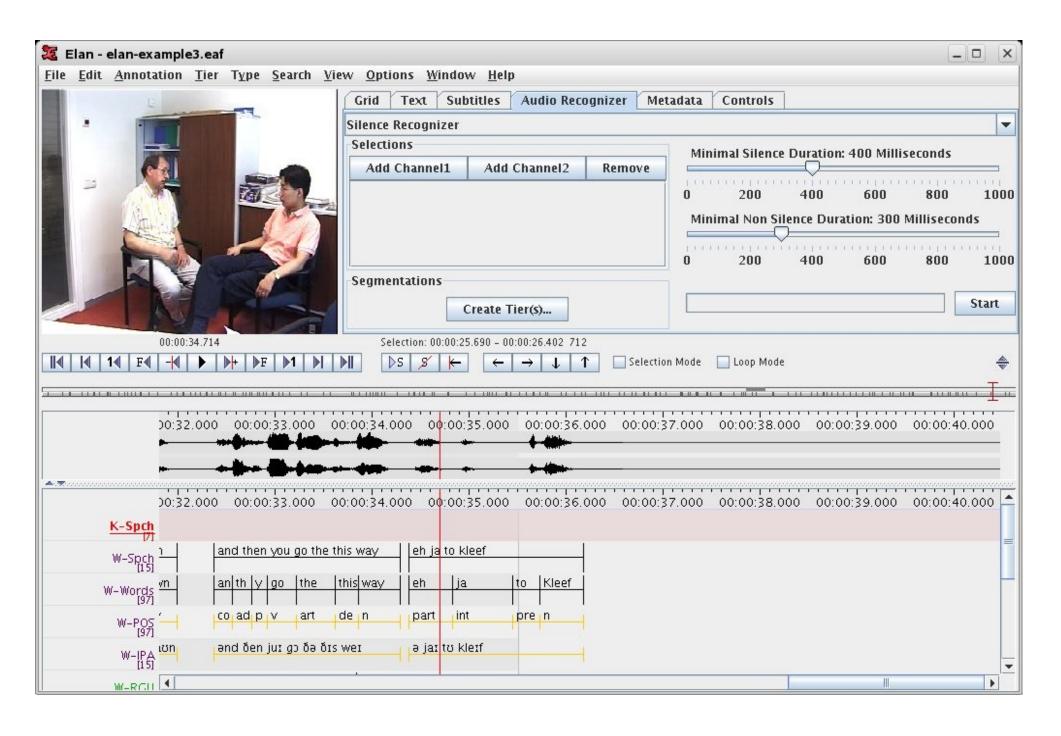
ELAN Functionalities



- Annotations on multiple tiers
- tiers can be hierarchically interconnected
- annotations can be directly time-aligned to media or refer to another annotation layer
- can link in up to four different video files
- can also link in both a video & an audio file
- highly configurable
- complex search options
- in constant development, incorporating user feedback



ELAN Interface







LEXUS Collaborative Lexicon Tool

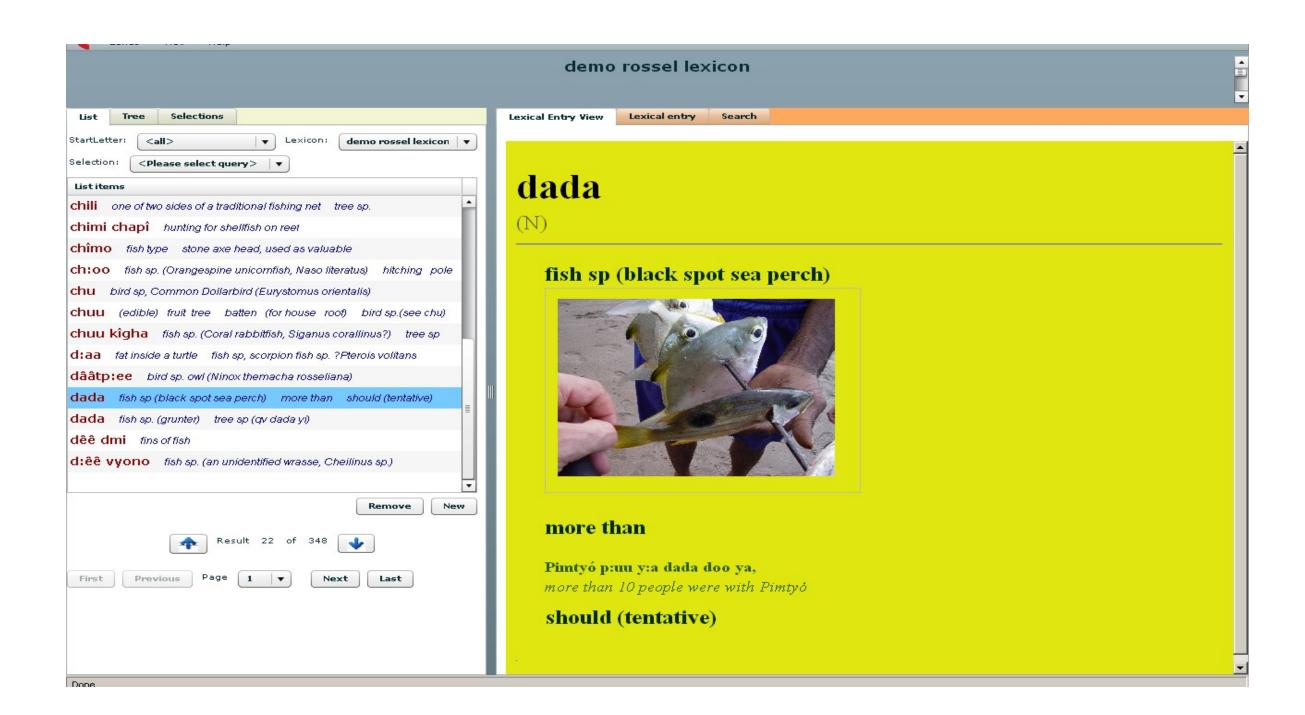
LEXUS Functionalities



- web-based tool for creating & editing lexica
- workspace principle for multiple users
- complies to LMF ISO standard
- but still very flexible
- lexical entries can be enriched with multimedia (video, audio, photos)
- multimedia can simply be linked from the archive



LEXUS Interface







ViCoS Visualizing Conceptual Spaces

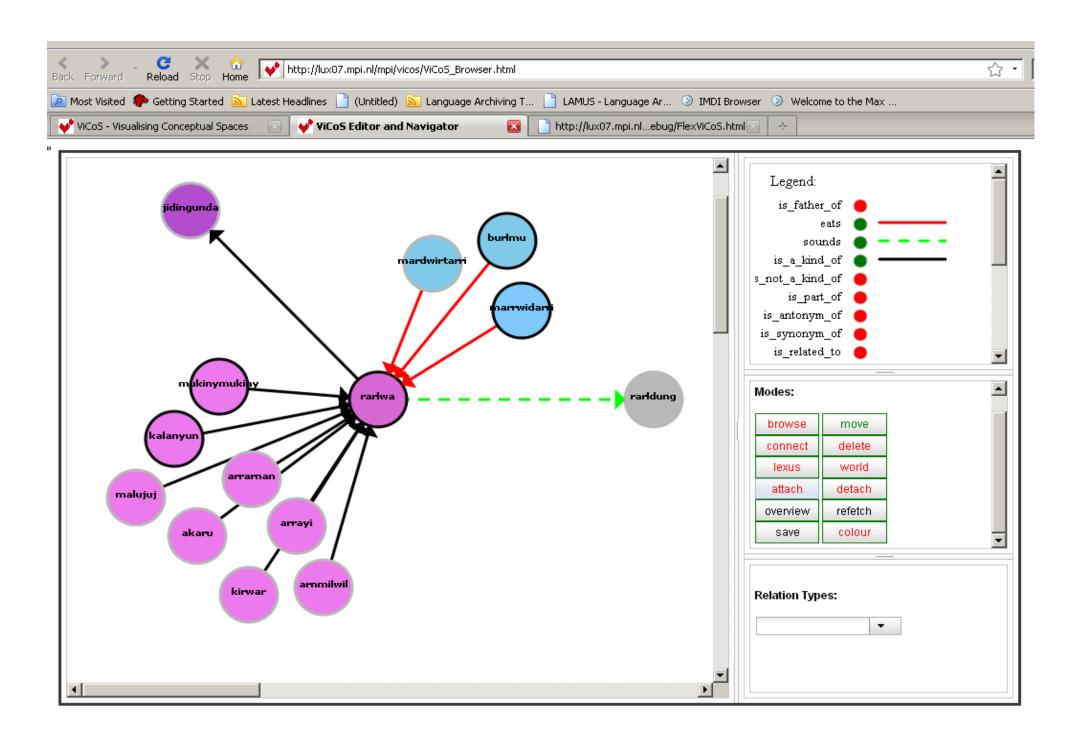
ViCoS Functionalities



- supplement to LEXUS
- also web-based
- users can link concepts
- a number of "universal" relation types are provided
- users can define their own culture-specific relations
- idea is to bring indigenous people onboard

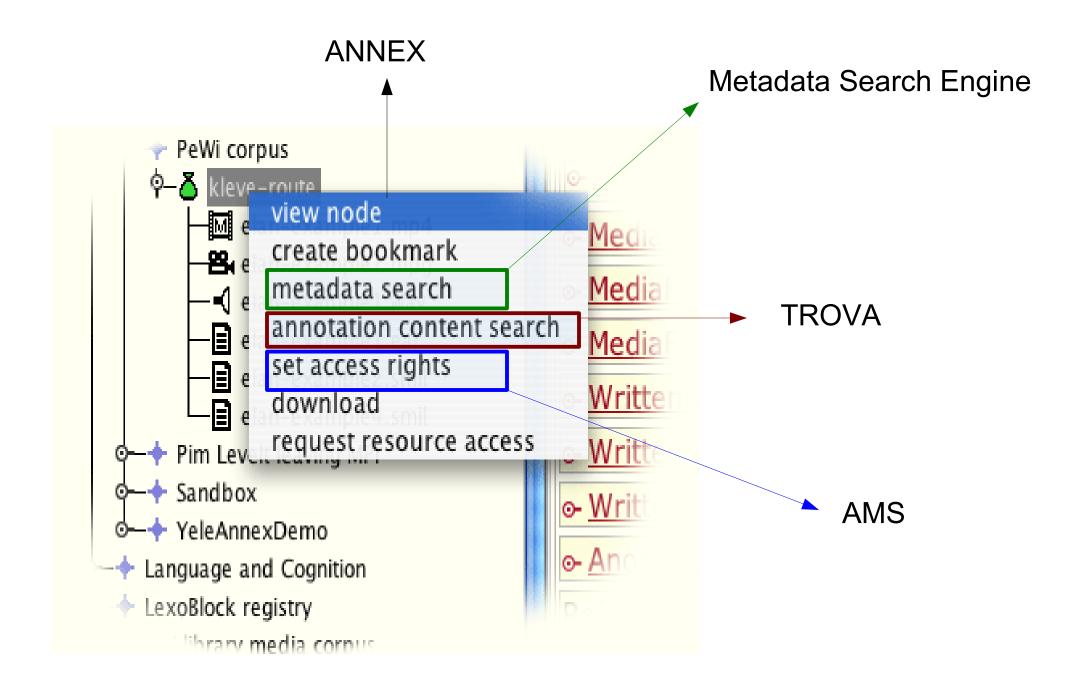


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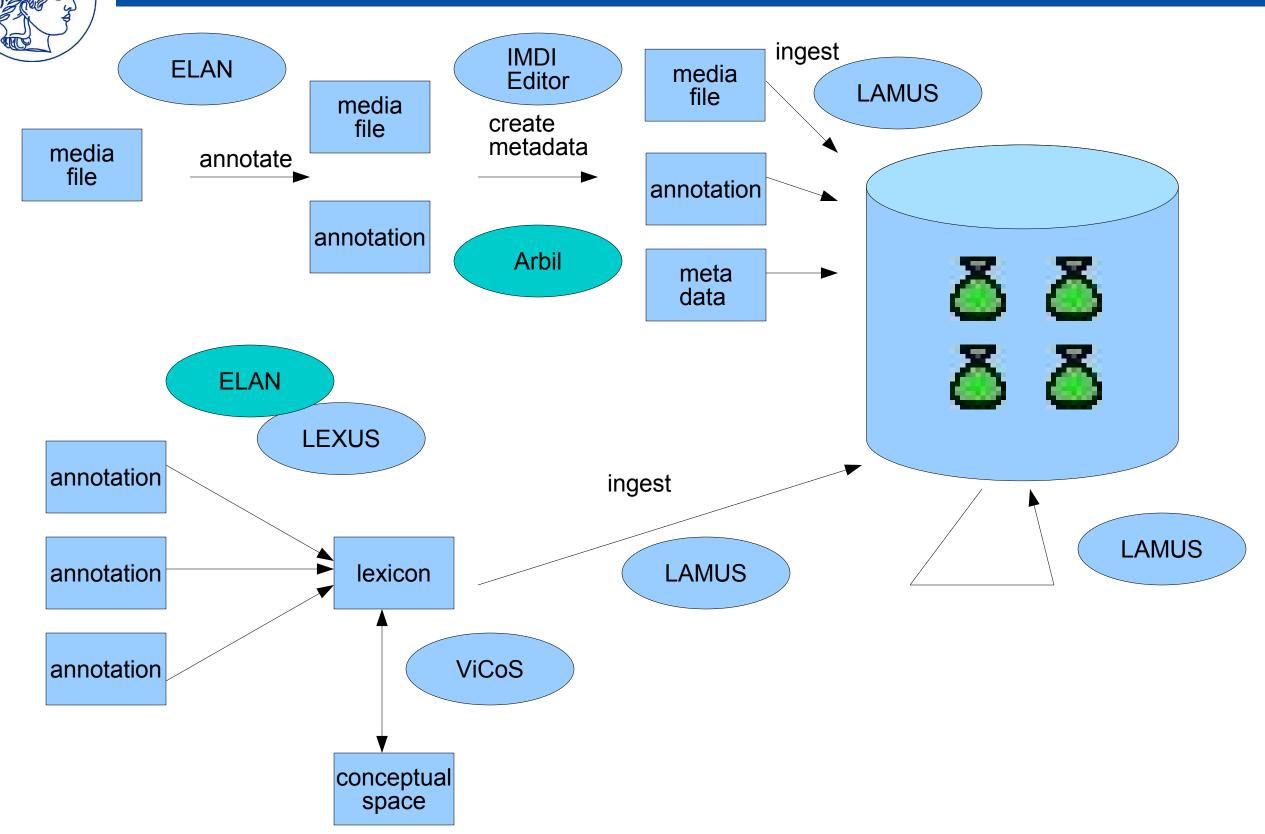




Interconnectedness – The IMDI Browser

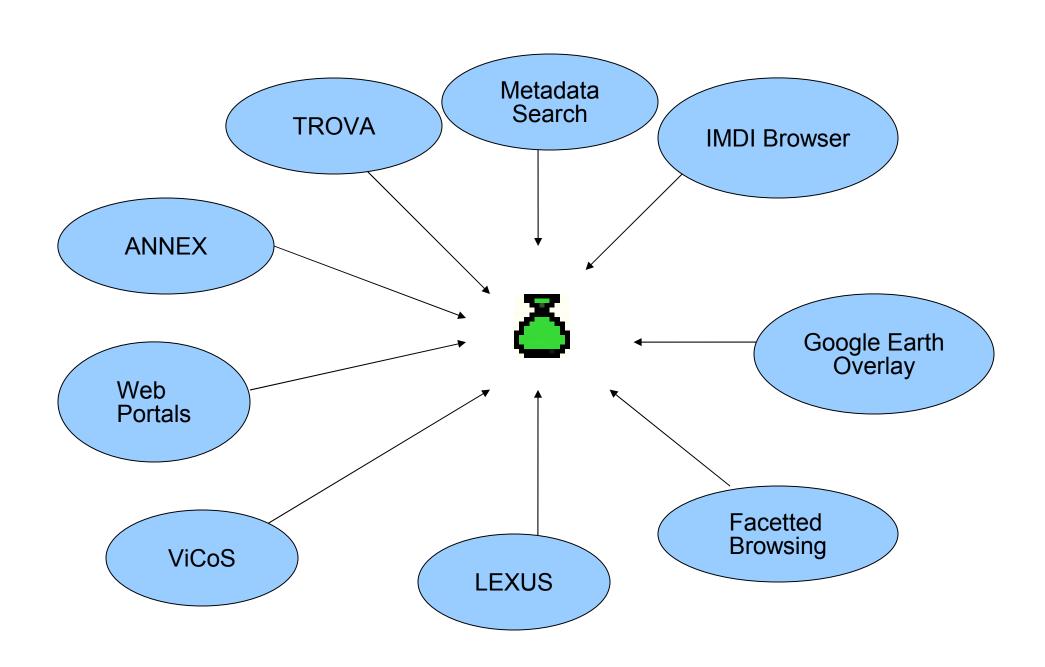


Interconnectedness - Getting Data into the Archive





Interconnectedness - Getting Data out of the Archive





Who manages the MPI linguistic archive

Archiving instance, Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics

Archive managers: 3

Archive developers: 2

System manager: 1

Archiving software development: 4

Enrichment software development: 4





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Thank you for your attention!

