

# Take a sip of TEI and relax: a proposition for an end-to-end workflow to enrich and publish data created with automatic text recognition

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## HTR IS A GAME CHANGER TO ACCESS TEXTUAL DATA

- HTR: handwritten text recognition
- Accessible to non-specialists via software like Transkribus or eScriptorium (and others)
- Takes a digitized document and create digital text equivalent after analyzing the layout
- Let the computer work for you and get thousands of text files!
- It works for many types of languages and writing systems





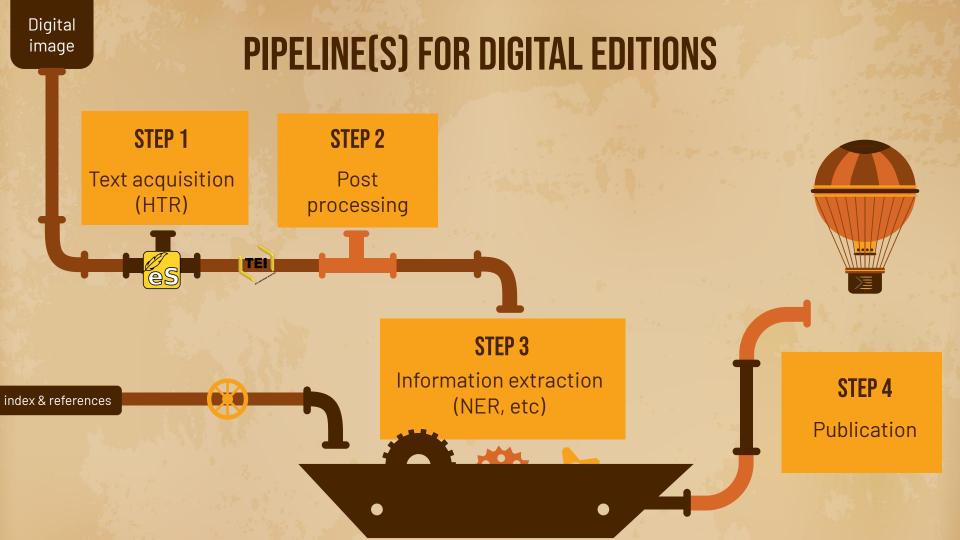
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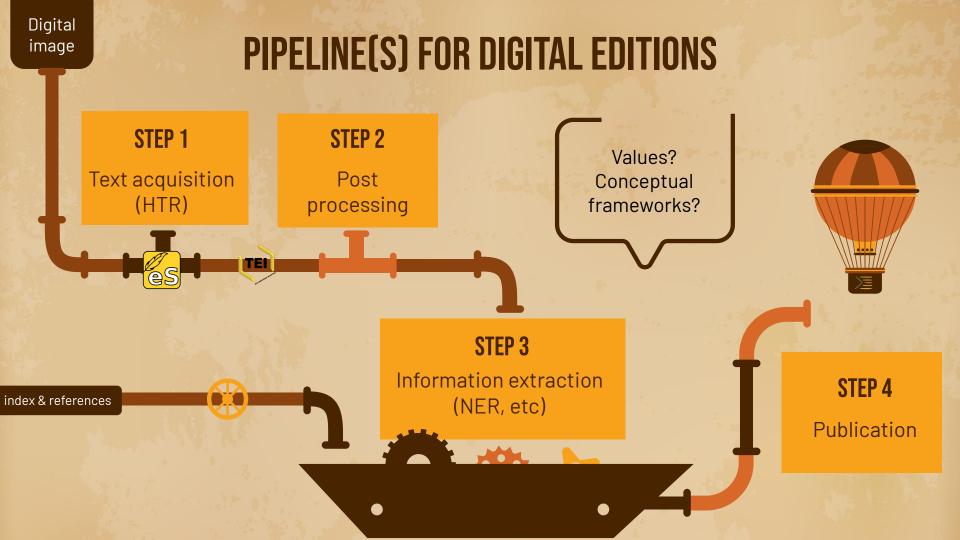




https://transkribus.eu/













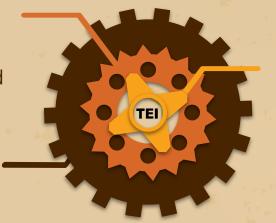
- Frequent loss of information during switch from ALTO/PAGE to TEI
- TEI is a stable and documented standard for the representation of texts in digital form
- Extended markup to register every information needed for the source document :

### <SOURCEDOC>

Data about the <u>coordinates of the</u>
<u>lines and regions</u> on the facsimile and
<u>raw transcription</u>



Text and annotations



### <TEIHEADER>

Metadata about the manuscript description, the members of the project, specificities in the content, etc.

### **ENRICHING TEI WITH INFORMATION EXTRACTION**

- "Named-entity recognition is a subtask of information extraction
- Locate and classify named entities (person names, organizations, locations, etc.)

```
Edward Teach PER, better known as "Blackbeard MISC", was born at Bristol Coc and was an English MISC pirate. On 22 November 1718 following a ferocious battle

Teach PER and several of his crew were killed by a small force of sailors led by

Lieutenant Robert Maynard PER in Ocracoke Coc, North Carolina Coc.
```

#### Many possible approaches:

- rule-based matching: regular expression, gazetteers.
- feature engineering-based machine learning: statistical model trained on word features (wordcase, type of prefix/suffix, word length).



**neural network**: train an algorithm on pre-annotated entities in dataset.

#### **Typical use cases:**

- Information retrieval / faceted search,
- Quantitative or statistical studies based on named entity,
- Entity linking to explore relation with semantic web,
- Build a Knowledge graph to infer new potential sources, etc.

### **SEMANTIC@**

- Handling TEI XML and Named Entity Recognition is a difficult task.
- Semantic@:
  - o is a proof of concept, open source and fully customizable,
  - o offers a graphical user-friendly interface,
  - o gathers in one place many tools for semantic annotation.
- It relies on existing libraries:
  - David Lassner's Standoff converter (<a href="https://github.com/standoff-nlp/standoffconverter">https://github.com/standoff-nlp/standoffconverter</a>)
  - The Natural Language Processing library SpaCy,
  - Flask and SQLite (Front end).



### SEMANTIC@

SpaCy

Named Entity Recognition (NER) standoff-converter / XSLT

Re-injection of NE in source XML







XML parsing and text extraction

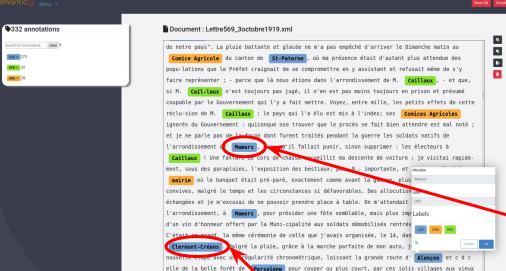
standoff-converter

Manual correction of NER predictions

RecogitoJS



https://github.com/Lucaterre/semanticat



Semantic@'s interface (here to view named entity extraction)

#### Example of TEI output, after NER

```
ée ne m'a pas empêché<lb/>
d'arriver
gricole</orgName> du canton
me>, où ma présence était d'autant
lations que le Préfet craignait de se
fusait même de s'y faire représenter;
aux</persname> - et que,
aux</persname> n'est loujours pas jugé, il n'en est pas moins
```

on et présumé coupable par le Gouvernement <mark>qui l'y a</mark> fait<lb/>lb/> mettre. Voyez, entre u-<lb break="no"/>sion de M. <persName>Caillaux</persName>; le pays qui l'a élu est mis à l'index; ses<lb/>

corgName>Comices Agricoles
/orgName>ignorés du Gouvermement : quiconque ose trouver<lb/>
je ne parle<lb/>
je ne parle<lb/>
pas de la façon dont furent traités pendant la guerre les soldats<lb/>
ceux qu'il fallait punir,<lb/>
sinon supprimer : <hi rend="underline">les électeurs à <personant la guerre les soldats<lb/>
de chasse accueillit ma descente de voiture ; je visitai rapide-<lb break="no"/>ment, sous des parapluies, l'exposition des
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le banquet était pré-<lb break="no"/>paré, exactement comme avant la guerre, plus d'une centaine de<lb/>
temps et les circonstances si défavorables.<lb/>
Des allocutions cordiales furent échangées et je m'excusai de ne<lb/>
pouvoir
prendre place à table. On m'attendait au chef-lieu de<lb/>
lier delb/> l'arrondissement, à <placeName>Mamers</placeName>, pour présider une fête semblable,
mais<lb/>
mais<lb/>
plus imposante et doublée d'un vin d'honneur offert par la Muni-<lb break="no"/>cipalité aux soldats démobilisés
rencés à leure foyers. C'était lb/> en grand, la même cérémonie de celle que j'avais organisée, le 14,<lb/>
de paraceName>Clemont-Créans

Malgré la pluie, grâce à la

Malgré la pluie, grâce à la

Nalgré la mon auto, je franchis cette nouvelle étape avec<lb/>
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# Semantic@ performs NER task and inject found named entities into the TFI file

#### source document: **DAHN Project**

(https://github.com/FloChiff/DAHNProject/blob/master/Correspondence/Paul d Estournelles de Constant/Corpus/Lettre0569\_3octobr

e1919.xml)

# USING TEI PUBLISHER FOR CREATING A DIGITAL EDITION

- Hosted by exist-db, a software for NoSQL databases based on XML,
- Open source,
- Automatically generated and customizable web application for digital editions,
- Display collections of corpora in TEI XML or other markup format, with templates in HTML format and ODD for the TEI processing model,
- Search engine based on metadata and document content,
- Files downloadable to multiple formats (PDF, ePUB, XML, etc.).





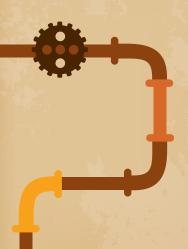
### **VISUALIZING A TRANSCRIPTION WITH TEI PUBLISHER**

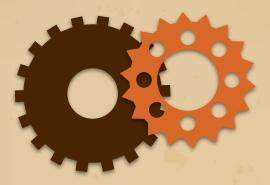
Flat/basic representation of the transcription (displayed region by region)

**Imitative representation** of the transcription (leveraging SVG and coordinates)





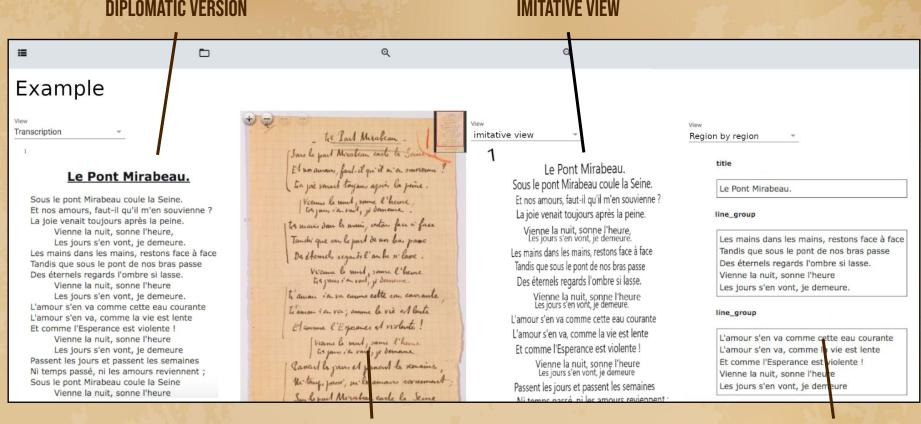




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**Diplomatic edition** of the source document (extended markup and additional information, help discovery)

Facsimile (source image via IIIF protocol)



FACSIMILE

**FLAT VIEW** 

Mock-up showing the four different views potentially available in TEI-Publisher (ex. from "Le Pont Mirabeau" by Guillaume Apollinaire)

### PERSPECTIVE AND KEY TAKE-AWAY

- Some missing bricks (or pipes):
  - post-HTR correction
  - text normalization
  - better solutions of complex layouts
- Transparency and flexibility are key features for robust and generalizable pipelines

 TEl provides solution to build pivot files easing the navigation down and up stream

### THANK YOU!