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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



eScriptorium



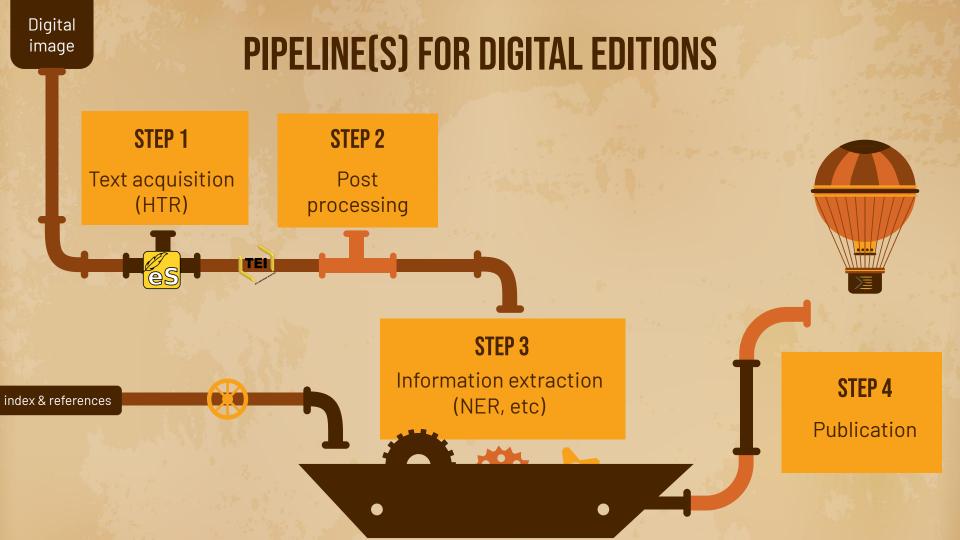
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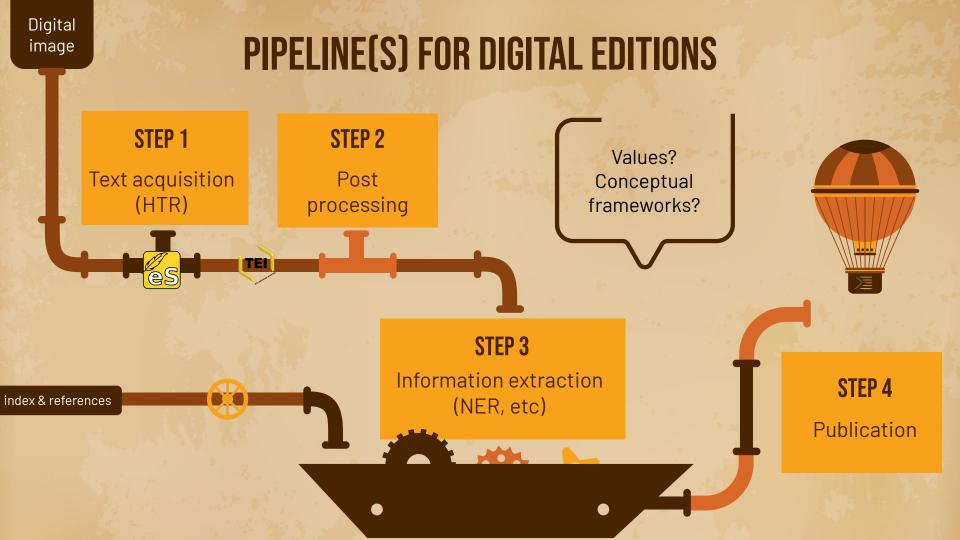




https://transkribus.eu/













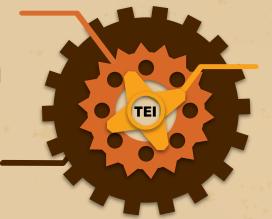
- Frequent loss of information during switch from ALTO/PAGE to TEI
- TEI is a stable and documented standard for the representation of texts in digital form
- Extended markup to register every information needed for the source document :

<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.
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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 (https://github.com/standoff-nlp/standoffconverter)
 - 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

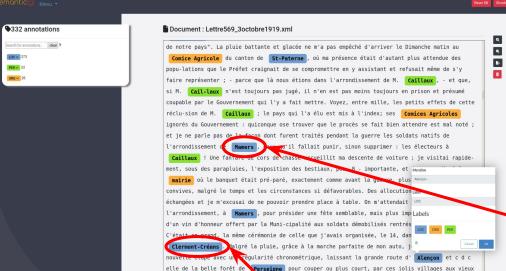
standoff-converter

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/>
/orgName>Comices Agricoles
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je ne parle<lb/>
/orgName>ceux qu'il fallait punir,<lb/>
/orgName>illa façon dont furent traités pendant la guerre les soldats<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.).



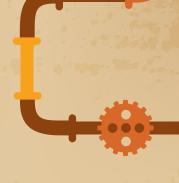


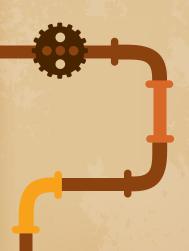
VISUALIZING A TRANSCRIPTION WITH TEI PUBLISHER

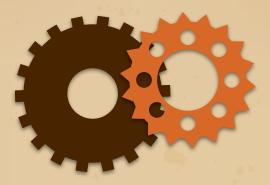
Flat/basic representation of the transcription (displayed region by region)

Imitative representation of the transcription (leveraging SVG and coordinates)





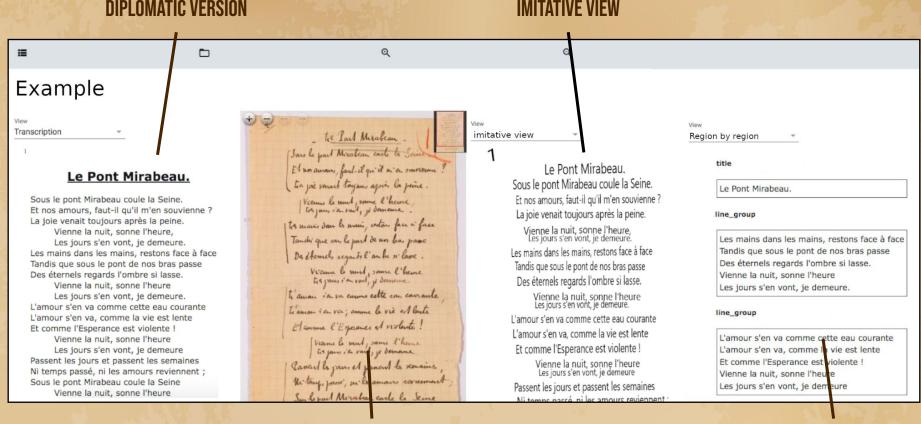




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Diplomatic edition of the source document (extended markup and additional information, help discovery)

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!