



WebLicht – A Service Oriented Architecture for Language Resources and Tools

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Current Situation

- Many linguistic resources (corpora, dictionaries, ...) and tools (tokenizer, tagger, parser, ...) are available
- Most of them are implemented to run on local machines. This can be inconvenient and error-prone
- ...on the user side:
 - Every potential user has to download and install them on his own machine: this may cause problems with operating systems, compiler versions, missing libraries, ...
 - Keep an eye on updates, (security) patches, new versions etc.



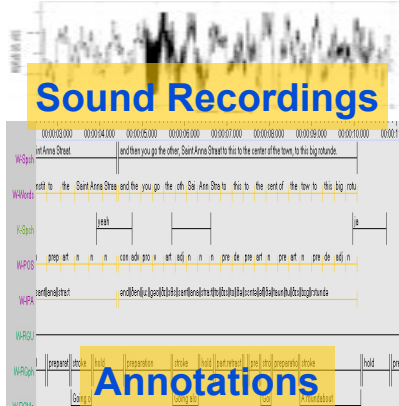
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- ... on the developers side:
 - How to publish LRT?
 - Question of license, user permissions, ...
 - Combination and comparison with other tools/resources
 - Sustainability, long term support

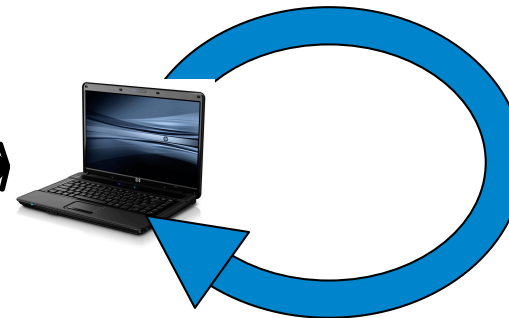
Current Download-First Paradigm

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CLARIN



¶ Ignaz Text[ura]
sets the way-back-machine for 1519
We're gonna have to get
medieval
on your ass, long-s or not
mit oder ohne Schluß-s
blackletter type is sexy
men[sh]! Es gibt Amerikaner ohne Ende in Offenbach!



- installing
- downloading
- adapting
- converting
- scripting
- etc etc

- some like it very much as I liked the VW Käfer
- not very efficient, rights problems, etc
- many are cut off since one needs IT skills
- cyberspace needs to overcome this scenario



One Possible Solution

- **Make LRT available on the web!** -

- For some kinds of LRT, its easy to put them online (make resources downloadable, offer search engines etc.)
- For other kinds, more effort is necessary (limiting access to resources, how to make tools online usable)

➔ Solution: a ***Service Oriented Architecure (SOA)***

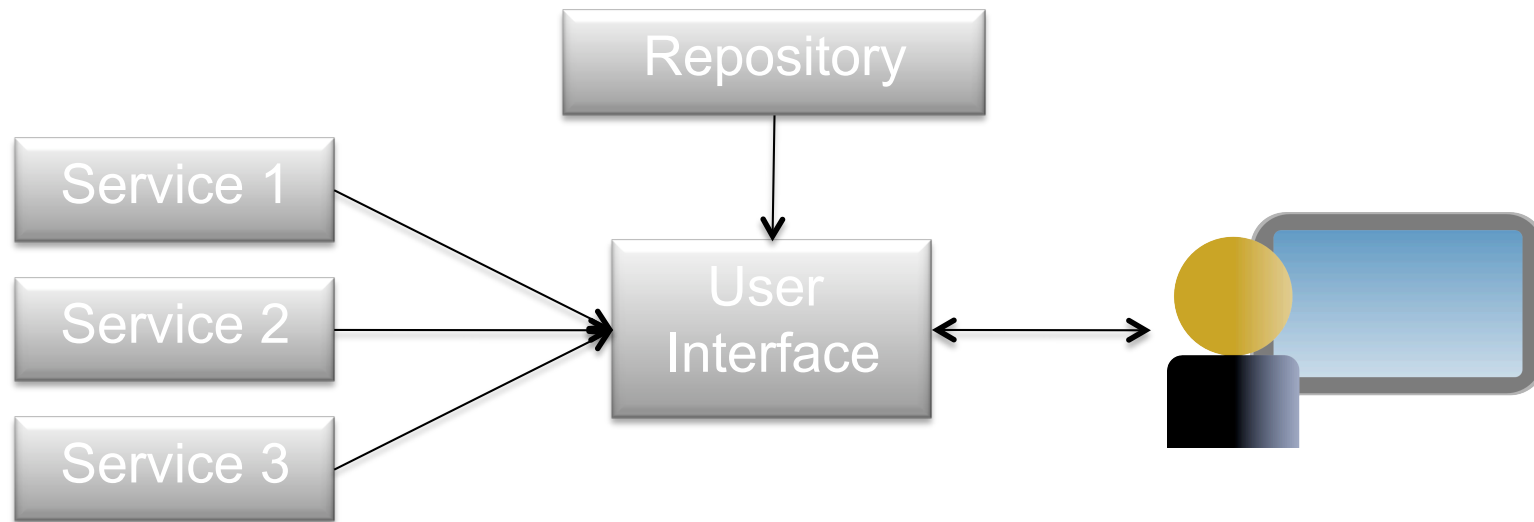
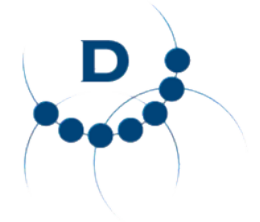


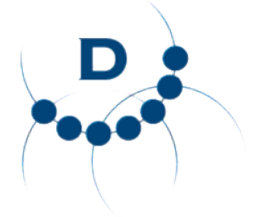
- WebLicht: a Service Oriented Architecture for incremental automatic annotation of text corpora
- Work started in October 2008
- Participants (September 2009):
 - BBAW Berlin
 - ASV Leipzig
 - IDS Mannheim
 - IMS Stuttgart
 - Sfs Tübingen



Service Oriented Architectures

- Components of a SOA
 - ***Distributed Services***: offering functionality (resources & tools) over the (inter-)net. Mostly implemented as webservice
 - ***Repository***: stores metadata and technical information about the services
 - ***User interface***: interacts with the user and combines services and information from the repository





The Services

- Services are implemented as REST style webservice
 - HTTPs POST method is used to send data from the UI to the services
 - As client, *anything* which is able to use the HTTP protocol, can be used:
 - Browser
 - Commandline tools (wget, curl)
 - Programming Languages
- ➔ Anyone can implement his/her own interface to WebLicht



The Repository

- Implemented at the ASV Leipzig
- It offers information and a query engine for the services:
 - Which services are available?
 - How can I combine them?
 - Which input/output format does a service accept/produce?
- Example: a tokenizer is already applied to a plain text, which services can be used next?



Web 2.0 Application for Tool Chaining and Execution

- Implemented at the SfS Tübingen
- Java application, deployed in Apache Tomcat
- Allows the user to
 - upload a text (plain text, MS Word, RTF or PDF files)
 - construct a text from corpora in Leipzig
 - use some hardwired example texts
- Build a chain of linguistic tools
- Executes the tool chain with the uploaded text and presents the results
- During the chaining process, it queries the repository for available services



Stuttgart

aus dem Hause jagde, nachdem sie lange unsterk in der weit unnergeirrt, und so niemand eine Person, die Schlingen und Kröten sprach, bei sich aufnehmen wollte, ging sie in wilden Wäldern Jägerlich zugrunde.
-tokens-
-tokens-10-12-Es/tokens-
-tokens-10-13-Swer/tokens-
-tokens-10-14-Arme/tokens-
-tokens-10-15-Gelue/tokens-
-tokens-10-16-Wilber/tokens-
-tokens-10-17-er/tokens-
-tokens-10-18-Helber/tokens-
-tokens-10-19-Helber/tokens-
-tokens-10-20-zwei/tokens-
-tokens-10-21-Docher/tokens-
-tokens-10-22-er/tokens-
-tokens-10-23-Mitte/tokens-
-tokens-10-24-Mitte/tokens-
-tokens-10-25-Gelue/tokens-
-tokens-10-26-Waende/tokens-
-tokens-10-27-Daer/tokens-
-tokens-10-28-er/tokens-
-tokens-10-29-Muster/tokens-
-tokens-10-30-er/tokens-
-tokens-10-31-Mitt/tokens-
-tokens-10-32-Mitt/tokens-
-tokens-10-33-sagel/tokens-
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Standard-conformant
Text Corpus Encoding

Tübingen

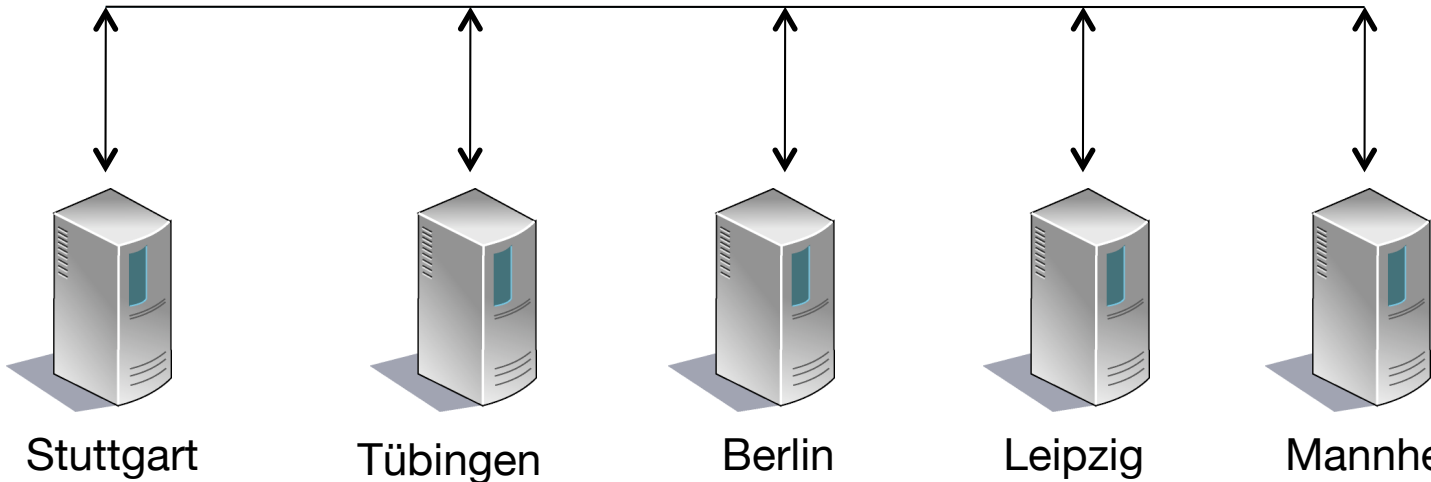


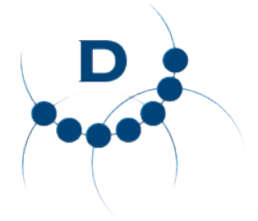
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Repository





Live Presentation