

# *Data Collection Management & Analysis in the Humanities*

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# Introduction



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- Phonology
- Language databases
- Tools & Resources for the analysis of speech phenomena

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# Data... in the **humanities**

*Humanities, those branches of knowledge that concern themselves with human beings and their culture or with analytic and critical methods of inquiry derived from an appreciation of human values and of the unique ability of the human spirit to express itself. (Britannica)*

*Humanities are academic disciplines that study aspects of human culture (...) Today, the humanities are more frequently contrasted with natural, and sometimes social, sciences as well as professional training. (Wikipedia)*

*The humanities can be described as the study of how people process and document the human experience. (Stanford Humanities Centre)*

# Digital humanities

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the DARIAH-EU website with five tabs: 'About', 'What we do', 'Contributions', 'News', and 'Service'. Below the navigation is a grid of content blocks. The first row contains a 'What is DARIAH?' block with a question mark icon and a text block stating 'DARIAH supports digital research in the arts and humanities. Our members provide digital tools and share data as well as know-how. Learn more about [DARIAH](#)'. The second row contains a 'Members and Partners' block with a map of Europe and a text block stating 'DARIAH is a network: It connects hundreds of scholars and dozens of research facilities in currently 18 countries. [Discover who they are](#)'. The bottom of the grid is a solid teal bar.

DH - Academic field dealing with the application of computational tools and methods to traditional humanities disciplines.



## *Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities*

- Supports digital research in the arts and humanities.
- Members provide digital tools and share data as well as know-how
- Collaboration support.
- Conferences, meetings, workshops.

# Topics for today: Data-related tasks

## Collect

### Data

Texts, audio/video recordings, “dark data”

### Metadata

“Data about data”, additional information about the materials, speakers, environment...

## Manage

### Technology

- Hardware and software tools, data management solutions (file collections, relational databases, SQL)
- Backup copies
- Sharing options

## Analyse

### Description

annotation, transcription => interpretation

### Processing

Data & metadata processing

### Exploration

Information extraction, data mining

# Who can be interested in data collection & more?

Linguists      Phoneticians      Psychologists

Teachers      Archivists      Psycholinguists

(Speech) Therapists      Sociologists      Students

Historians      (Language) Documenters      Lawyers

Speech Technology Specialists



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## Diversity: challenge & chance

*It is precisely in the challenge of this divergence between disciplines that one might expect to arrive at a more significant reward*

*– that the contributions of each might ultimately be greater than the sum of their parts.*

Cox, Ch. (2011). Corpus linguistics and language documentation: challenges for collaboration. *Language and Computers-Studies in Practical Linguistics*, 73(1), 239.

# Workshop survey

*Data Collection  
Management  
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## Development & usage of LRE. Workshop Participant Form, July 2017

Proszę wybrać jedną lub więcej odpowiedzi

\*Required

Your experiences so far - using language resources \*

- Dictionaries, lexica, encyclopedias
- Language learning language resources

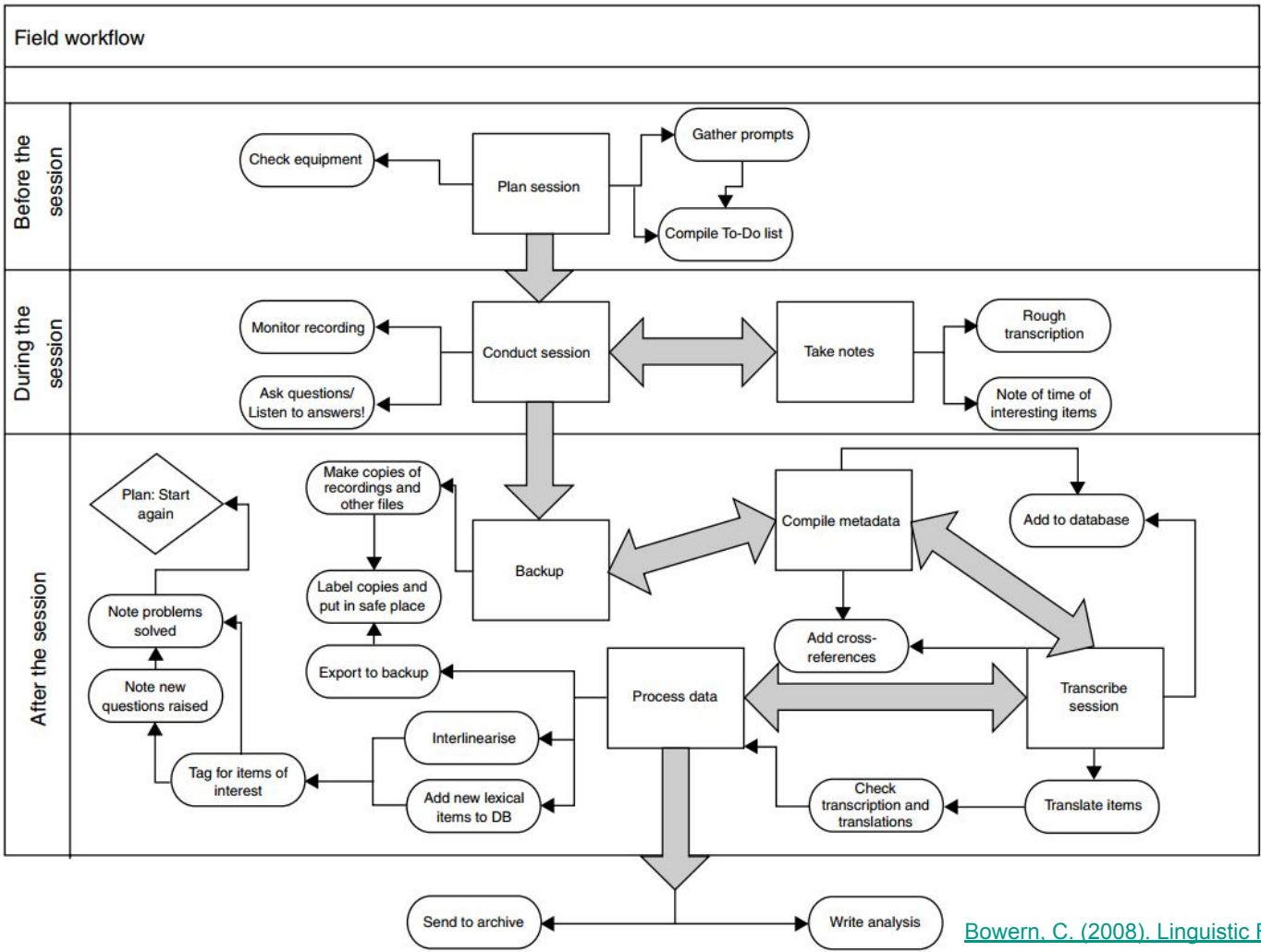
Survey link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/X2gh1ZvgSErr43VV2>



# Workshop survey: not only the target data

- information search, e.g., analysis of the state of research, raw data analyses & search
- collecting information ABOUT the data to be collected (metadata)
- designing scenarios for a recording session or a perception experiment
- designing data access and data sharing rules and schemes
- the choice of data management technology
- the choice of equipment and software for data collection, e.g. recording voices
- legal aspects: licences, agreements, consulting lawyers, designing documents and forms
- recruiting participants (speakers, listeners, survey respondents)
- conducting the main experiment - speech recording (audio or video), perception test session
- managing the participant survey completion (e.g., an on-line survey for collecting participant metadata)
- relational database or server management tasks
- creating backup copies
- phonetic transcription of speech recordings
- annotation of text data, e.g. morphological glossing or other type of annotating text data
- speech segmentation (e.g., time-aligned segmenting speech signal into phones, syllables, words)
- corpus annotation management
- corpus annotation processing (e.g., converting annotations into other annotation or table formats)
- corpus annotation mining (information extraction & analysis)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_



# Steps in collecting data

## Data standards

File formats, properties of the speech signals - data size, quality, minimal requirements (e.g. chapter 2 [here](#)).

## Collection

Recording equipment, data management & storage devices, working checklists.

## Verification

Data verification, processing (e.g., degrading multimedia formats for the purposes of online collaboration), formats adjustments...

## Analysis

Presentation, analysis, sharing...

# Steps in collecting metadata

## Metadata standards

What kind of metadata is needed? A list of questions based on standards e.g., [Dublin core](#).

## Collection

Acquisition & (preferably!) digital storage of answers, e.g. an electronic survey form.

## Verification

Metadata verification, processing, formats adjustments...

## Analysis

Presentation, analysis, sharing...

# Metadata - Exercise



Let's suppose that we wish to collect recordings of old songs.

What kind of information would we wish to preserve - besides the recordings themselves?

One of the earliest music recordings here:

[https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/86/Kham\\_Hom\\_-\\_Sweet\\_Words.ogg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/86/Kham_Hom_-_Sweet_Words.ogg) (read more)

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What would we like to know about the recording? Where is the metadata?

[Read more](#)

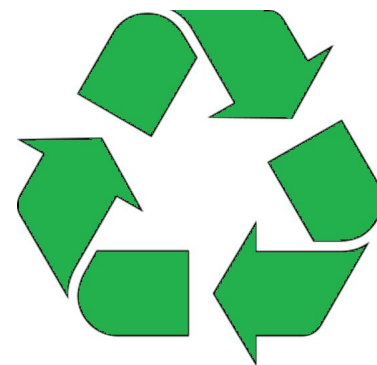
# Metadata - Exercise

- title of the song
- performer/singer (name and maybe more data - in a separate subset)
- date of recording
- length/duration (seconds)
- when was it recorded?
- where was it recorded?
- category (e.g., religious, wedding)
- original key
- language/dialect/whatever
- ... ???

Note: Details for some of these metadata fields may be unavailable for each of the items included in the collection...

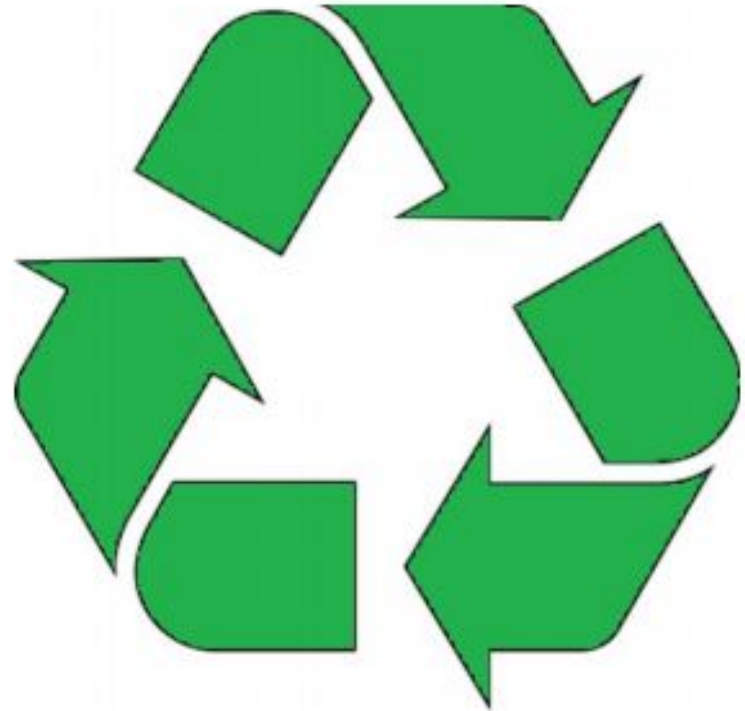
# Metadata & **re-usability**

- An efficient metadata system may bring about more re-usability, also for the users from new other areas of interest, e.g. recordings made for phonetic studies may serve as useful resource for psycholinguists, sociologists, speech therapists, speech technology...;
- Proper description & documentation -> better usefulness;
- Sharing data vs. commercial uses -> awareness of legal issues is needed.





# Multi-tasking, mutual dependencies & **re-usability**



# Data acquisition

Scenarios, issues  
& example solutions

- What are the possible approaches to collecting data?
- What are the crucial notions, problems/issues?
- Is it always straightforward to collect the data strictly corresponding to our needs?

# From raw data to a corpus

## Raw data

Data collected randomly or without any strictly defined planning, not ordered.

The same set of raw data can potentially serve as a source collection for various types of analyses conducted by researchers specializing in a wide range of fields.

## Corpus

A (usually structured) set of data which have been collected **on purpose** of studying certain phenomena occurring in the domain of interest. A linguistic corpus may be dedicated to enable studies of language in general, dialect or other 'sub-language'.

What do we  
actually learn  
based on  
corpus data?



- How general can our conclusions be when derived from a certain type of data?
- We should always be aware that the choice of our data, the way we approach them can significantly influence the results obtained.

# Legal issues in data acquisition

In most countries it is illegal to collect data without the consent of the copyright owner(s); e.g. speech recordings, even with respect to own own conversations with third parties.

**TIP**

Audio/video recording consent

The text of the consent should be clear, free from specialized terminology. Write the text in a way that by signing it the participant:

- confirms that s/he voluntarily agrees to participate in the recording session

can give separate consent for:

- all modalities of the recording (audio / video)
- the usage of the data in research studies
- publication
- archiving of the data

Consider creating 2 copies of the consent form for yourself and for the participant.

Remember the signatures!

# Goals of the humanities

We would like to analyse true human experience, behaviour, real conversations, authentic situations. How can this be achieved? Is it possible at all?

## The Observer's Paradox

*The aim of linguistic research in the community must be to find out how people talk when they are not being systematically observed; yet we can only obtain this data by systematic observation.*

W. Labov

<https://farlane.files.wordpress.com/2007/09/observer-and-theobserved.jpg>



## (Semi)spontaneous

- Conversational speech, dialogues
- Narratives, story-telling
- Can be obtained in real-life situations, during fieldwork or pre-arranged conditions, also in a recording studio

## Controlled

- Read speech
  - isolated utterances
  - word-lists
  - continuous texts
- Elicited dictation
  - e.g. speech (re)produced based on stimuli presented to speakers immediately before recording
- Often collected in studio

# Quality

- **Studio** recordings vs. **fieldwork**
- High quality vs. spontaneous, “natural” character





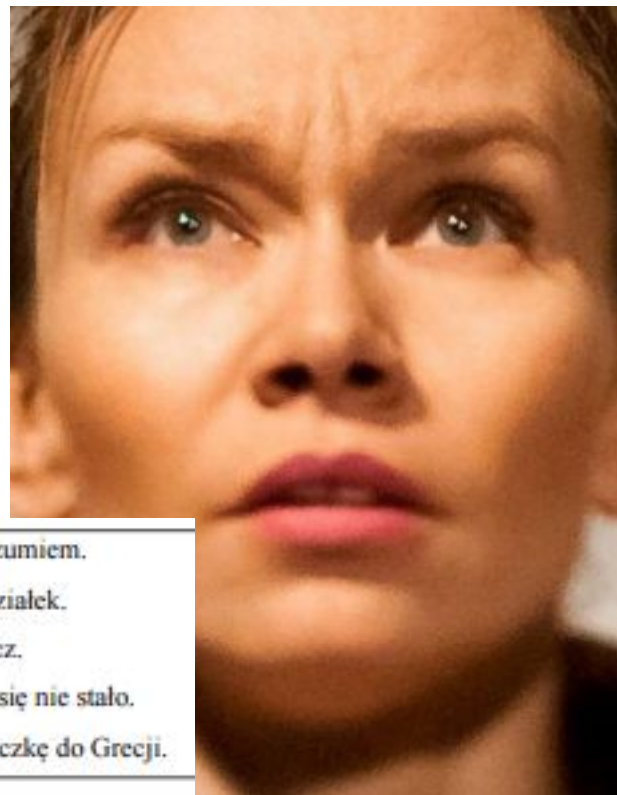
# Scenarios example: emotion portrayals

How to investigate emotions in speech?

- Polish *Paralingua* corpus -> Emotion portrayals, por. GEMEP Geneva corpus (Scherer et al.)
- Lexically neutral utterances produced with varying emotional load
- Basic emotions characterized by varying valence & activation

Intended anger, Intended joy

Teraz wszystko rozumiem.  
Dzisiaj jest poniedziałek.  
Od rana pada deszcz.  
Powiedział, że nic się nie stało.  
Jedziemy na wycieczkę do Grecji.



# Scenarios example: authentic motherese

What are the specific features of speech directed to infants in comparison with adult directed speech?

- Mothers talking to their babies (below 1 year-old)
- Home recording conditions, during everyday activities, feeding the infants, dressing up, playing with them, etc...
- Subsequently: studio recordings, but....!



# Scenarios example: task-oriented dialogues



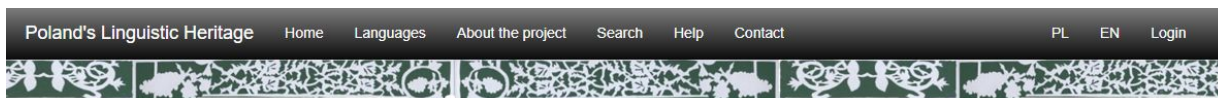
*Borderland* (<http://borderland.amu.edu.pl/>) a corpus of Polish & German speech:

- cooperative / competitive dialogues: let's built an imaginative tower!
- let's decide about a gift for a person (based on varying input info)!
- The focus of the speaker is **on the task rather than being recorded**, at least that's what is intended -> let the participants forget about the artificial conditions...

# Another perspective - language archives

- A specific type of data collections.
- Unlike language corpora it is often characterized by **highly diversified** and **not always well-balanced** contents. The reason for this is that the contents frequently depends on availability.
- For example, in case of a repository for endangered languages, the size and complexity of the collections will be conditioned by the number of speakers, source texts available, as well as the cultural or social limitations -> some communities might be reluctant to share their heritage.

# Language archives - [www.inne-jezyki.amu.edu.pl](http://www.inne-jezyki.amu.edu.pl)



## Poland's Linguistic Heritage Documentation Database for Endangered Languages

Welcome to the website of the documentation database of endangered language varieties spoken on the territory of Poland and developed in - synchronic or diachronic - language contact(s) with Polish (excluding the dialects of the Polish language itself). The focus of the present inventory is on a wide range of non-Polish languages and their non-standard varieties illustrating the richness and diversity of Poland's language landscape and the variety of its language contacts.



Chram Starowierów in Daugavpils



Daugavpils. Ms Wanda and Mr Jan



Polish gravestones

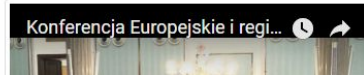
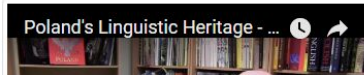


Krāsiava (Krasław) - Castle

### List of languages

- Latgalian \*
- (Polish) Yiddish \*
- Wymysorys / Wilamowicean \*
- Haknavian and Bleisko-Biała enclave \*
- Armeno-Kipchak
- Belarusian dialects
- Czech dialects
- Low German

In Poland and in its neighbouring countries (once included in the territory of Poland) there are many languages spoken by small groups of speakers that have not been documented so far and they are severely endangered. These languages prove the linguistic diversity and richness of the former Republic of Poland (the Polish historical name is "Rzeczypospolita") and are an important component of the Polish national legacy. In terms of linguistic diversity, the territory of "Rzeczypospolita" is a region of contacts between various languages and communication communities. Although today the diversity is significantly impoverished as compared to earlier times, it still exists.



# Data management

Selected tools & approaches

Crucial role of management for teamwork & collaboration.

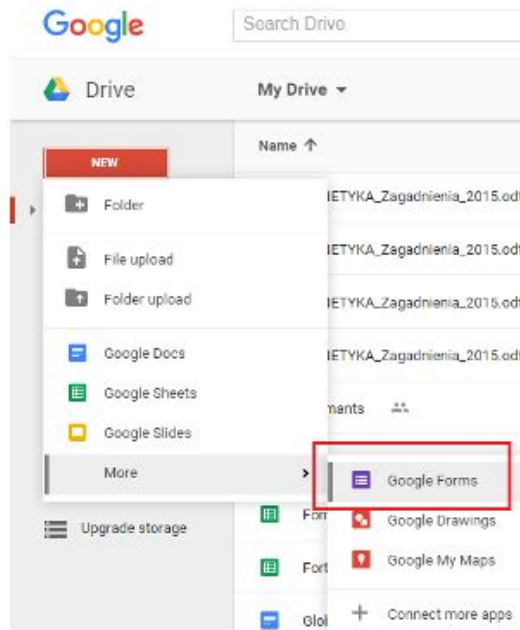
Careful planning of data management. When is it a useful addition or a must?

The answer depends on data type, data sizes, and the number of users.

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# From file collections to relational databases



Data can be organized in various ways

- Files
- Folders
- File / folder collections, calculation spreadsheets
- Relational databases

# Is it just a useful addition or a **MUST**?

- 1 person, 1 text
- 1 person, more data
- Many people, moderate amount of data
- Many people, lots of data
- Several / many people, remote access to data



# Is it just a useful addition or a **MUST**?

- 1 person, 1 text - not necessary
- 1 person, more data - useful
- Many people, moderate amount of data - useful
- Many people, lots of data - **MUST**
- Several / many people, remote access to data - useful or **MUST**

# From file collections to relational databases

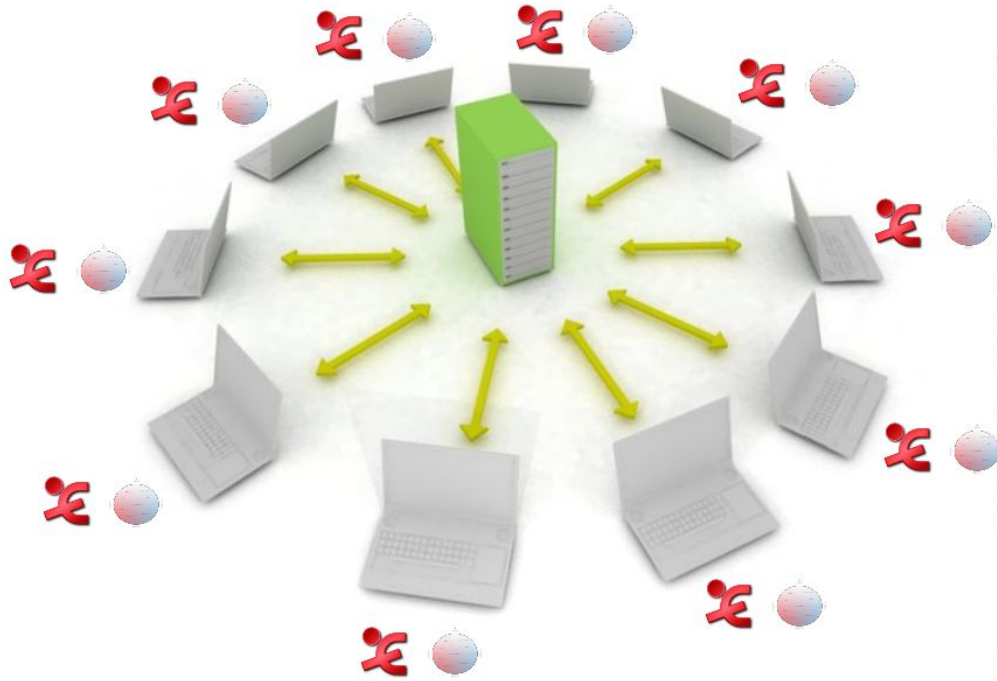
Some general purpose tools available for data management purposes (e.g., git-based version control systems).

Some management options included in annotation & analysis tools:

- file collection management,
- workspaces etc.

However: for **large corpora & simultaneous usage** by many people **more robust tools are needed** such as dedicated data & workflow management software + relational database solutions.

# Client-server architectures: Collaboration support



## SQL

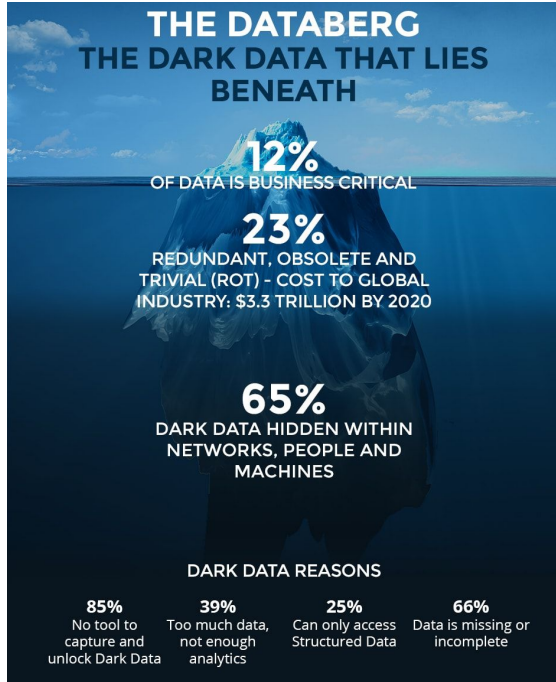
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Structured Query Language

# Data analysis

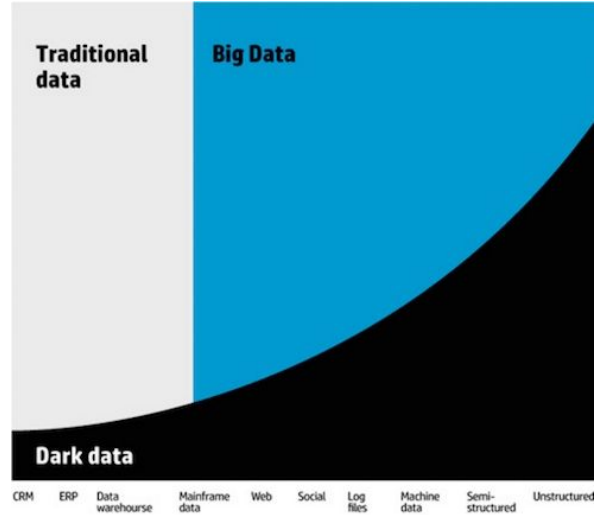
- Can we be sure what's in the data?
- Should we be afraid of “dark data”?
- Interoperability of data formats and tools
- Selected aspects involved in speech data analysis
- Tools & approaches

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# Data mining: what can we find there?



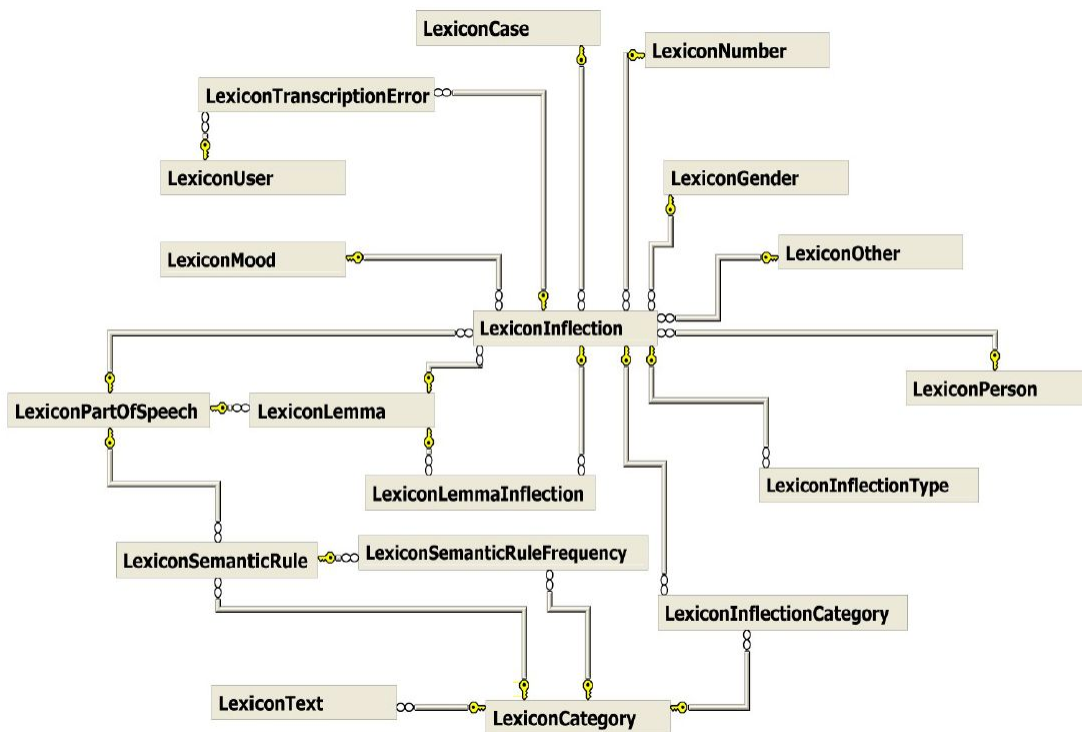
Picture: <https://datumize.com/evolution-dark-data/>



Picture:

<http://www.kdnuggets.com/2015/11/importance-dark-data-big-data-world.html>

# Data mining: what can we find there?



- Discover relationships, dependencies, patterns, rules
- In order to do that we often need to combine multiple types of information within one workspace

# Data formats & tools

## interoperability

- International standards for metadata formats: IMDI, Dublin Core, OLAC
- Best practices for file formats, e.g., XML-based file formats are very popular in text and speech annotation tools
- It is always worthwhile to check to import/export options available in the tools we plan to utilize: the more the better  
-> towards better interoperability

# Annotation, transcription, time-alignment...

Dialekt mazowiecki - Mazury

## Tekst gwarowy – Biała Piska 1

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**Informator:** Helena Born, zamieszkała w Białej Piskiej, ur. 20.12.1933 r. w Kaliszkach. Rodzice pochodzili z Kaliszek, pracowali w majątku dziedzica, rodzina mieszkała w czworakach dworskich. Ukończyła sześć klas szkoły podstawowej niemieckiej. Pracowała w Pisku w fabryce drewna, a następnie w przedszkolu jako pomoc.

## O wojnie



żeńską formą liczebnikową dwie zastąpiona przez formę męską dwa

Urodziłam się w Kaliszkach i ta... lat. No ja tam mieszkałam do czasu wojny. I po wojn..., jak w... to nazad z pegieerzu z Kaliszk to nam ten pan kazał take wozy przyszykować drabiniaste, nakładli słomy, tygo

**Themes**

- Narrator - the unborn child
- Irony "An unborn child is born."
- Abortion is wrong - destiny, punishment (another Steve?) (a gift from God) - they were rich - had no reason apart from it was inconvenient

**INTROS:**

- unfinished quotation
- Made love or had sex?
- Repetition for emphasis

**STRUCTURE - continuous monologue of 25 lines**

- A feeling, an earnest desire, a want
- Abortion - they at being sentenced
- safety, security (Metaphor)
- People love already

**no right to live, had to hope parents would kill him**

- unable to fight back
- Bitter at being aborted (betrayed)

**Turning Point**

- no legal redress: A "thing" not a human

**find regulation but does evil thing**

- She had no more right to call herself a woman than a dog queen

**It removed an inconvenience**

**PURPOSE** - to make reader sympathetic with narrator / father and therefore disagree with abortion

**ORGANIZATION** - 25 line continuous monologue

**EMOTIONAL TONE** - 1-16 happy 17-25 angry and bitter

**TECHNIQUES** - metaphor repetition alliteration

**INDIVIDUAL WORDS** - I was, I was! lived on trust "had no say" "dipped"

**CONTRAST** - story of new life which is destroyed. Contrast in narrator's feelings before/after turning point.



# Annotation, transcription, time-alignment

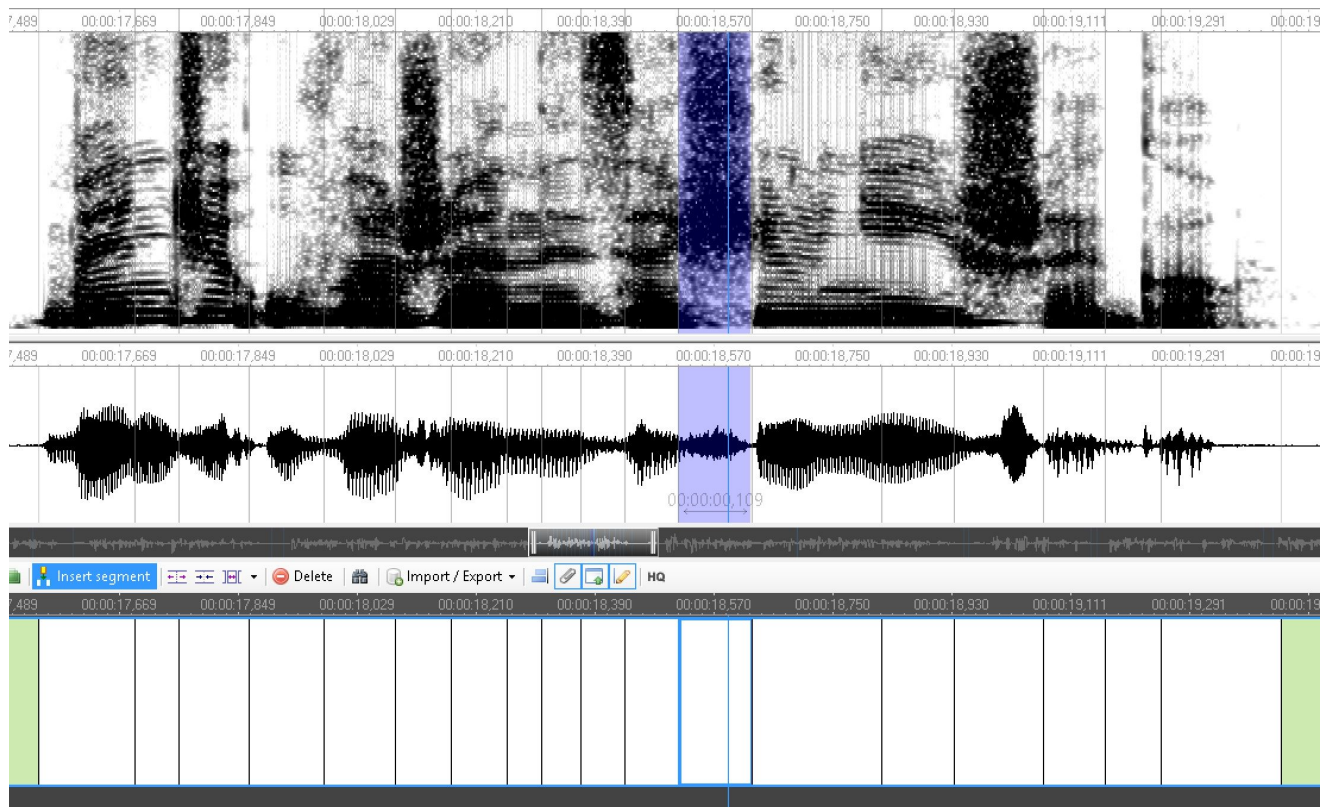
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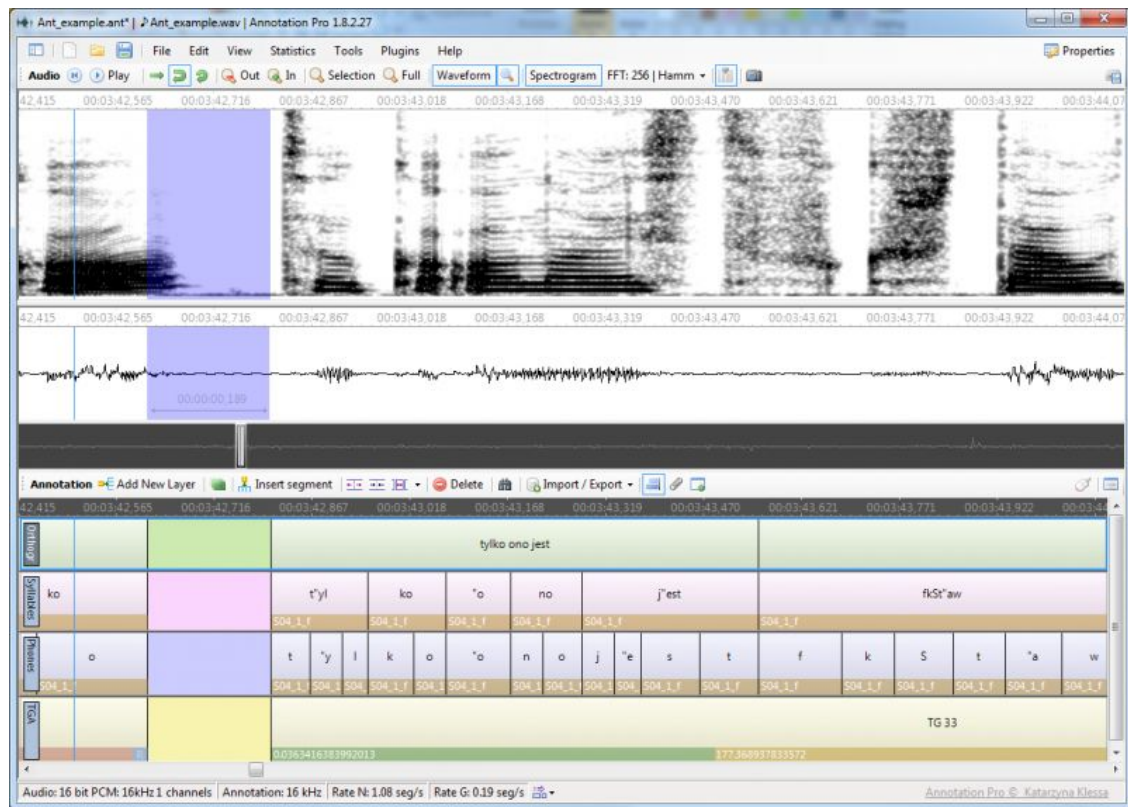
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Position	Transliteration	Orthographic	Translation EN
1	dos iz a štikelc genumen fun canins „šlof ništ mameši”, a bux fun noveln.	דאָס איז אַ שטיקעלע גענומען פֿון צאַנינס "שלאָף נישט מאַמעשי", אַ בוך פֿון נאַוועלן	Here is an excerpt [taken] from the " Shlof Nisht Mameshi " by Canin, a collection of short stories.
2	far junge un eltere kinder cu gedenken.	פֿאַר יונגע און עלטערע קינדער צו געדענקען	For younger and older children, in memory.
3	mameši, mameši, du šlufst?	מאַמעשי, מאַמעשי, די שלופֿסט	Mum, mum, are you asleep?
4	šluf ništ mameši.	שלוף נישט, מאַמעשי	Do not sleep, mum.
5	jax hob gehat a malejer, der far bin jax gekumen špet, mameši.	יאָך האָב געהאַט אַ מאַלייער, דערפֿאַר. בין יאָך געקומען שפּעט, מאַמעשי	Misfortune happened to me, because I came so late, mum.
6	vi nox jax bin ariber af jeno zat, hot mio gepuct a šmalcovnik.	ווי נאָך יאָך בין אַריבער אָפּ יענאַ זאַט, האָט מיאָ געפּוצט אַ שמאַלצאַוויניק	As soon as I walked to the other side, a smuggler grabbed me.
7	jax zol im gebn gelt, hot er gevolt.	יאָך זאָל אים געבן געלט, האָט ער געוואָלט.	He wanted me to give him money.
8	hob jax im farčaket, az ix hob man gelt ba a pžekupke afn kerceljak.	האַב יאָך אים פֿאַרטשאַקעט, אַז איך האָב מאַן געלט באַ אַ פֿשעקופּקע אָפּן קערצעליאַק	I told him that I had got some money from a street vendor on Karcelak.

# Annotation, transcription, **time-alignment**



# Multilayer annotation of speech, gesture & text



## Annotation Pro:

- Speech annotation
- Annotation mining
- Perception tests

[www.annotationpro.org](http://www.annotationpro.org)



# Multilayer annotation of speech, gesture & text

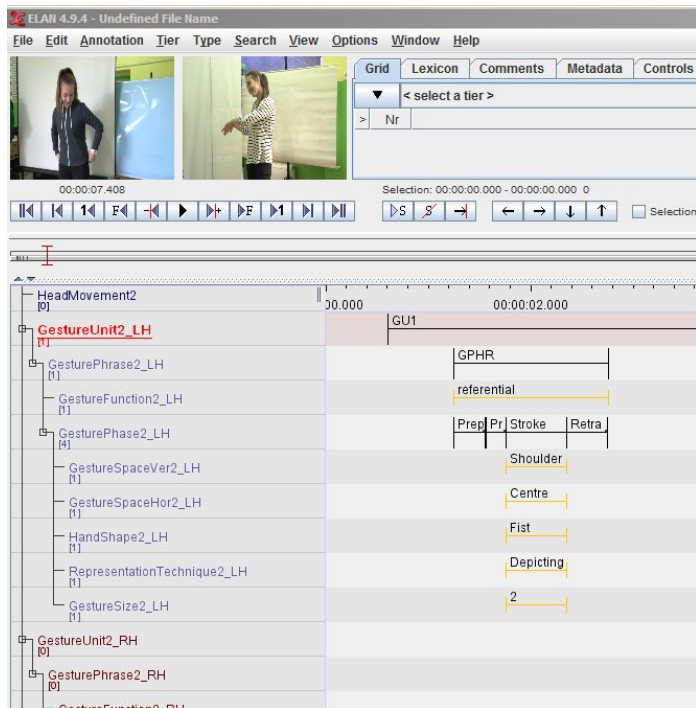


Image: *Borderland* project, M. Karpiński

ELAN <https://tla.mpi.nl/tools/tla-tools/elan/> image: *Borderland* project

# Multilayer **annotation** of speech, gesture & text

Save FTrans 1 FTrans 2 CParam Base Meaning Gloss POS

Phrase: : han håper på å komme

Free translation 1: he hopes to be able to come

Free translation 2:

Constr. params: Change NP+PP[INF:equiSBJ]-propositionalAttitude-----

<b>Word:</b>	han	håper		på	å	komme	
<b>Morph:</b>	han	håp	er	på	å	kom	e
<b>Baseform:</b>	han	håpe	er	på	å	komme	e
<b>Meaning:</b>	he	hope			to	come	
<b>Gloss tags:</b>	SBJ.3.SG.NOM		PRES	OBL	INF		INF
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TypeCraft annotation & text glossing tool <https://typecraft.org/>

# Annotation data export, import & processing

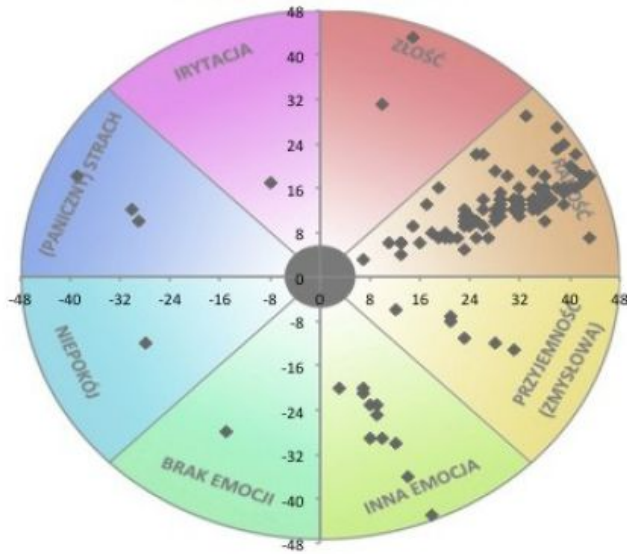
The screenshot displays the Annotation Pro 2.5.7.0 interface. On the left, a workspace lists audio files (k3\_ang\_1\_ant to k3\_joy\_5\_ant) with columns for Open, Edit, Listen, and Acc. The main area shows a spectrogram and waveform of an audio file. Below these is an annotation table with columns for Layer, Segment, and Project. The table contains phonetic segments like #t'e, #s, #y, #t, #k, #r, #o, #z, #f'e, #ras, #fs'ys, #tko, #ro, #z'u. To the right, a circular emotion wheel is visible, with segments for Irritated angry, Interested involved, Proud satisfied, Acutely in joy, Experiencing pleasure, Bored weary, Ashamed embarrassed, and In despair sad. The bottom right shows a Properties panel for a selected layer, including options for Lock, Close, Show On Spectrogram, Chart, Show Boundaries, and Include In Frequency, along with parameter fields for P1, P2, and P3.

Layer	Segment	Project	Segment List
Layer 1	#t'e	#s	#y
Layer 1	#t	#k	#r
Layer 1	#o	#z	
Layer 1	#f'e	#ras	#fs'ys
Layer 1	#tko	#ro	#z'u

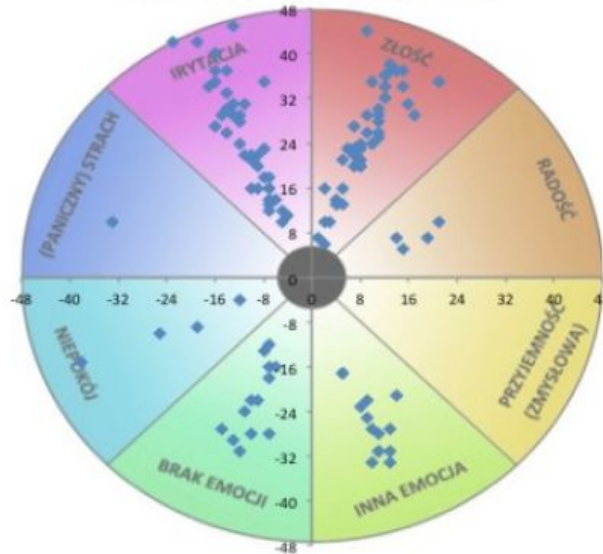


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INTENDED JOY



INTENDED ANGER





# Summary

- **Data & metadata** collection, management & analysis are subsequent steps in the process of dealing with resources but only to a certain extent.
- The three steps are mutually related, and sometimes they **overlap** and need to be re-defined depending on a particular application.
- According to the contemporary best practices for digital humanities, data collections need to be **re-usable**, and should be stored with the use of data formats enabling **interoperability**.



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## miyako

Miyako belongs to the Ryukyuan group of languages which together with their "big sister" Japanese make up the Japonic language...

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INTERACTIVE MAP



# Thank you!



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