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Accessing Multilingual Data on the Web for the Semantic Annotation of Cultural Heritage Texts*

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Alfred: The reading robot



Image taken from http://pinktentacle.com/2009/06/ninomiya-kun-book-reading-robot/. Alfred likes old books ©, and wants to annotate folktales in many languages for improving semantic-based search in Cultural Heritage

Alfred discovers an HTML Version of TMI (Thompson's Motif-Index of Folk-Literature)

A. MYTHOLOGICAL MOTIFS

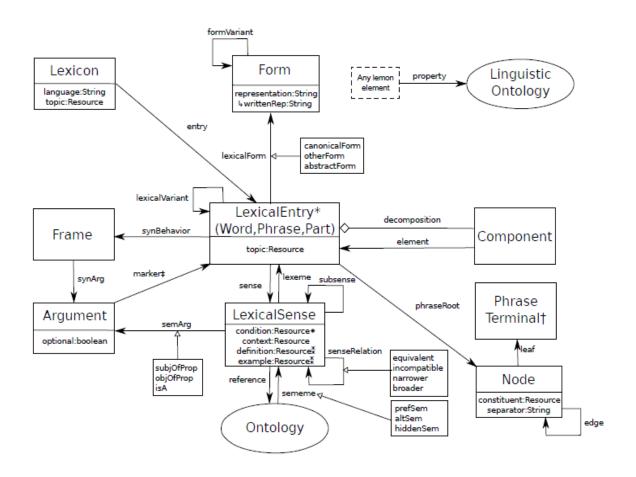
A0-A99, Creator.

A0. **A0. Creator.**—For a general bibliography of creation myths, see Alexander N. Am. 278 n. 15. For bibliographies of North American Indian mythologies arranged by areas, see Thompson Tales 272 n. 1; **Feilberg Skabelses og Syndflodssagn; Jewish: Neuman.—Mexican Indian: (Tarascan) Alexander Lat. Am. 85, (Zapotecan) ibid. 87; GuarayÑŠ: MĐ¹traux RMLP XXXIII 147; Polynesia: Dixon 21 n. 47; Hawaiian: Beckwith Myth 42; Mono-Alu: Wheeler 28, 66f., 70; Easter Is.: MĐ¹traux BMB CLX 313; Marshall Is.: Davenport Folk Tales 221f.; Tahiti: Henry Ancient Tahiti 335ff.; New Hebrides: Codrington II 365.—Armenian: Ananikian 20; African: Werner African 127ff., **Frobenius and Fox, (Loango): PechuĐ»I-Loesche 267; Hindu: Penzer I 10; Buddhist myth: Malalasekera II 338; Icel.: Boberg, MacCulloch Eddic 326; Irish myth: Cross.

- A1. A1. Identity of creator.
- A1.1. A1.1. Sun-god as creator.--Egyptian: MÑŒller 69; Persian: Carnoy 260.
- A1.2. A1.2. Grandfather as creator.--S. Am. Indian (Paressi): MĐ¹traux BBAE CXLIII (3) 359, (GuarayÑŠ): MĐ¹traux RMLP XXXIII 147.
- A1.3. A1.3. Stone-woman as creator.--Paressi: MĐ¹traux BBAE CXLIII (3) 359.
- A1.4. A1.4. Brahma as creator.--Buddhist myth: Malalasekera II 338.
- A2. A2. Multiple creators.
- A2.1. A2.1. Three creators.--Icel.: Boberg, MacCulloch Eddic 327.--Oceanic: Dixon 24; Hawaii: Beckwith Myth 42.
- A2.2. A2.2. First human pair as creators. (Cf. A1270.) Chinese: Eberhard FFC CXX 115 No. 70.
- A3. A3. Creative mother source of everything.--India: Thompson-Balys.
- A5. A5. Reason for creation.
- A5.1. A5.1. Gods make earth to have place to rest their feet.--Hawaiian: Beckwith Myth 43.
- A7. A7. Creator's descendants. (Cf. A32.)
- A7.1. A7.1. Creator has two sons.--GuarayÑŠ: MĐ¹traux RMLP XXXIII 147.
- A10. A10. Nature of the creator.--India: Thompson-Balys.
- A11, A11, Invisible creator,--Jewish: Neuman,--Ackawoi: Alexander Lat. Am. 269.
- A11.1. A11.1. Invisibility of creator learned from the impossibility of staring at the sun, his servant.--Jewish: Neuman.
- A12. A12. Hermaphroditic creator. The creator is half man and half woman or is thought of as both male and female.--*Lang Myth I 200f., 299; GNŒntert 324.--Greek: Eisler 396; Egyptian: MaspĐ¹ro Histoire ancienne des peuples de l†Orient classique 141; Indian (Hindu): Keith 75.--Aztec: Alexander Lat. Am. 88.

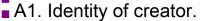
See: http://www.ruthenia.ru/folklore/thompson/. TMI seems to be a good resource for annotating folktale text. But it needs to be converted onto RDF, for allowing Alfred to use it as a semantic resource

Once TMI is in RDF, Alfred will use the *lemon* model (MONNET project*), for encoding the links between labels and concepts in TMI



^{*} See www.monnet-project.eu/

Alfred parse the labels (here using NooJ*) for creating Linguistic Objects that can be encoded in *lemon*

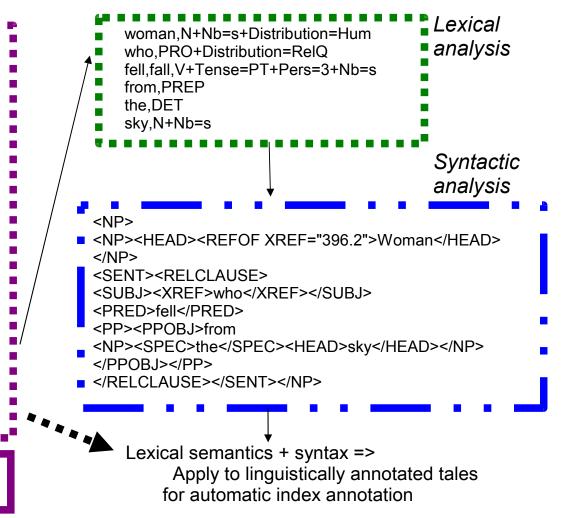


- A1.1. Sun-god as creator.
- A1.2. Grandfather as creator...
- A1.3. Stone-woman as creator.
- A2. Multiple creators.
- A2.1. Three creators
- A2.2. First human pair as creators.

- A21. Creator from above.
- A21.1. Woman who fell from the sky.

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Extract from Thompson Motif Index for Folktales



* http://www.nooj4nlp.net/pages/nooj.html

Alfred transforms the NooJ XML results into lemon and can start to annotate folktales in English

- But Alfred wants also to "translate" TMI labels in German and Hungarian, for annotating the tales in those languages
 - How?
 - Alfred searches for multilingual lexical resources in RDF format in the Linked Open Data framework
 - Alfred finds the Lexvo* Services
 - In lexvo he sends the query "creator" (for English) =>

^{*} See http://www.lexvo.org/ ("Lexvo.org brings information about languages, words, characters, and other human language-related entities to the Linked Data Web and Semantic Web")

Lexvo answer to the query term "creator"

Resource: term/eng/creator

This Lexvo.org page describes the entity referred to by the URI http://lexvo.org/id/term/eng/creator. A machine-readable RDF version of this description is provided here.

rdf:type	Ivont:Term
vont:language	lexvo:iso639-3/eng
skosxl:literalForm	creator ('en' language string)
rdfs:seeAlso	http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/creator
lvont: means	lexvo:wordnet/30/noun/creator_1_18_00
lvont: means	http://sw.opencyc.org/2009/04/07/concept/en/Creator_Person
lvont: means	http://sw.opencyc.org/2009/04/07/concept/en/_httpdbpedia_org_ontology_creator_
lvont: means	http://sw.opencyc.org/2009/04/07/concept/en/createdBy
lvont:translation	lexvo:term/ang/metod
lvont:translation	lexvo:term/ang/ordfruma
vont:translation	lexvo:term/ang/wyrhta
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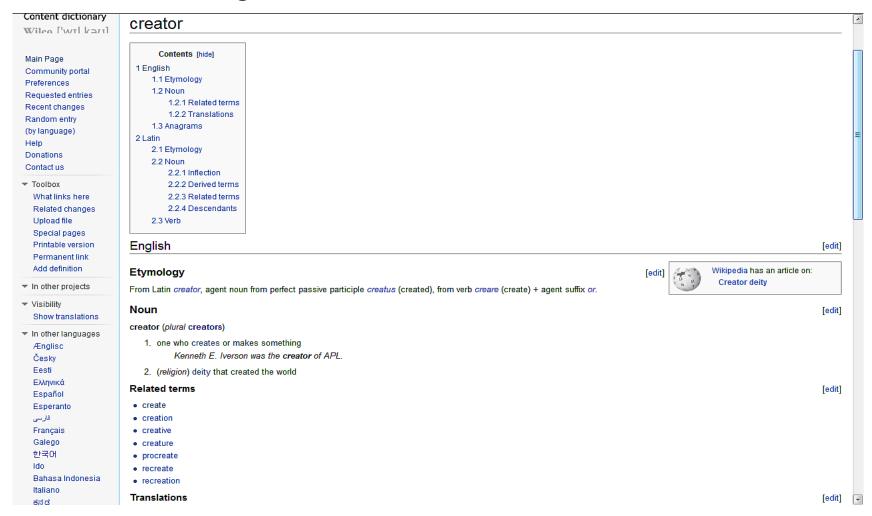
HTML output for the human reader. We see that Lexvo uses Wiktionary als its basic lexicon (equivalent to list of wordforms that can be queried by the user)

Lexvo answer to the query "creator"

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   http://www.lexvo.org/legal.html
-<rdf:Description rdf:about="http://lexvo.org/id/term/eng/creator">
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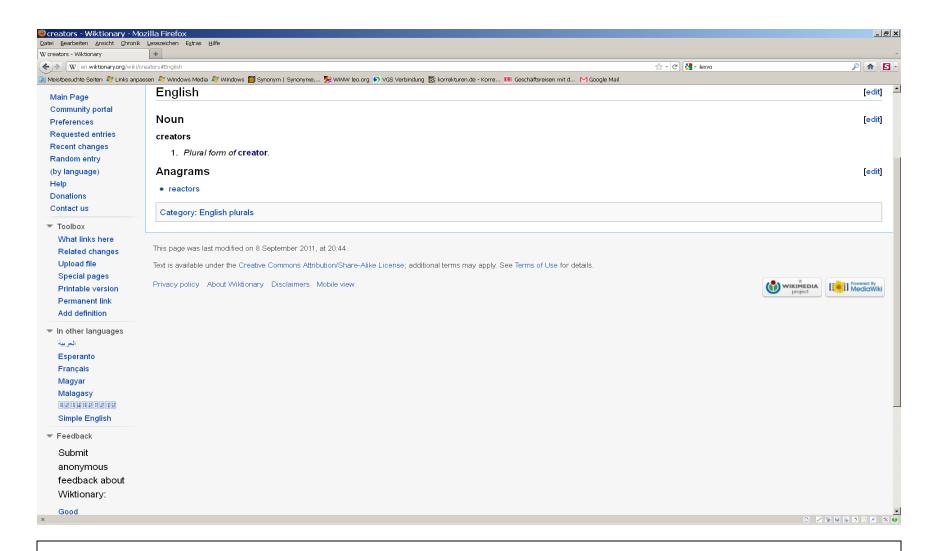
RDF output for Alfred (and Humans working in the Semantic Web field)

Alfred clicks on the link to Wiktionary, a multilingual lexical resource on the Web



But Alfred can not read HTML! See later for possible help we can offer him.

The Human clicking on the "plural creator" gets:



Much less information as for the singular form, and no semantic linking between both forms

In Lexvo, Alfred checks the DE and HU translations



Resource: term/deu/Sch%C3%B6pfer

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rdf:type	lvont:Term
lvont:language	lexvo:iso639-3/deu
skosxl:literalForm	Schöpfer ('de' language string)
rdfs:seeAlso	http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Schöpfer
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/Creator
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Resource: term/hun/alkot%C3%B3

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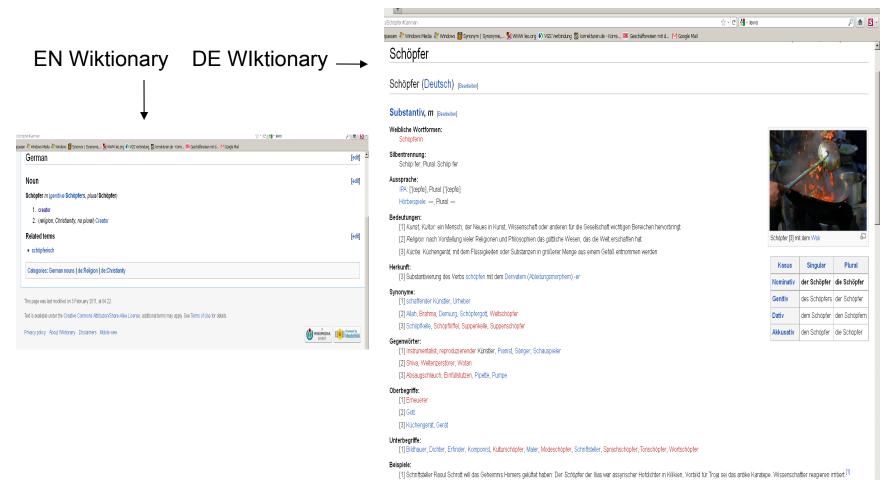
rdf:type	lvont:Term	
lvont:language	lexvo:iso639-3/hun	
skosxl:literalForm	alkotó ('hu' language string)	
rdfs:seeAlso	http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/alkotó	
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/author	
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/composer	
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/constructive	
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/creative	
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/creator	
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/maker	
Ivont:translation	lexvo:term/eng/productive	

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Alfred notices that the translation links point to the DE and HU entries within the English Wiktionary page. Is this OK?

To understand the issue, have a look at both EN and DE Wiktionary entries for "Schöpfer"

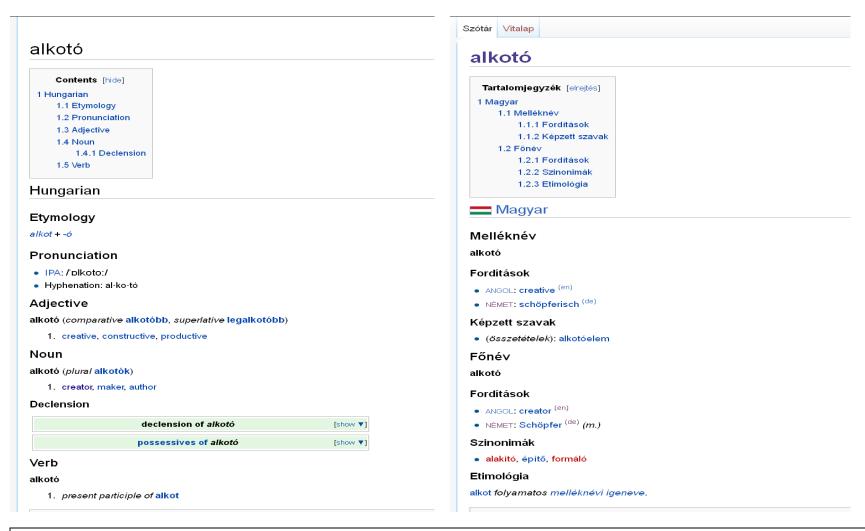


Wouldn't it be better for Lexvo translation link to point to the DE Wiktionary?

11 Denn worauf gründet sich künftig die Legitimation eines Hauses als Marke, wenn ihm die Identität seines Schögfers entzogen wird?

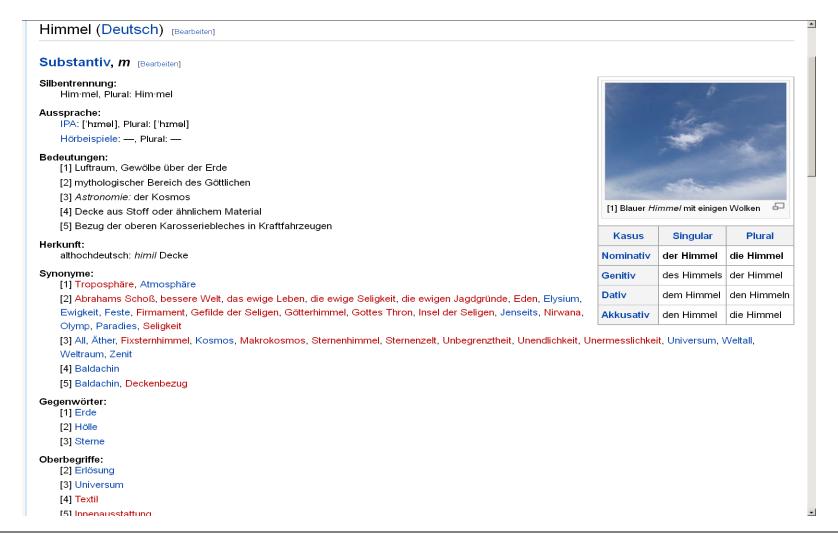
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Or to compare the EN and HU entries for the Hungarian word "alkotó"



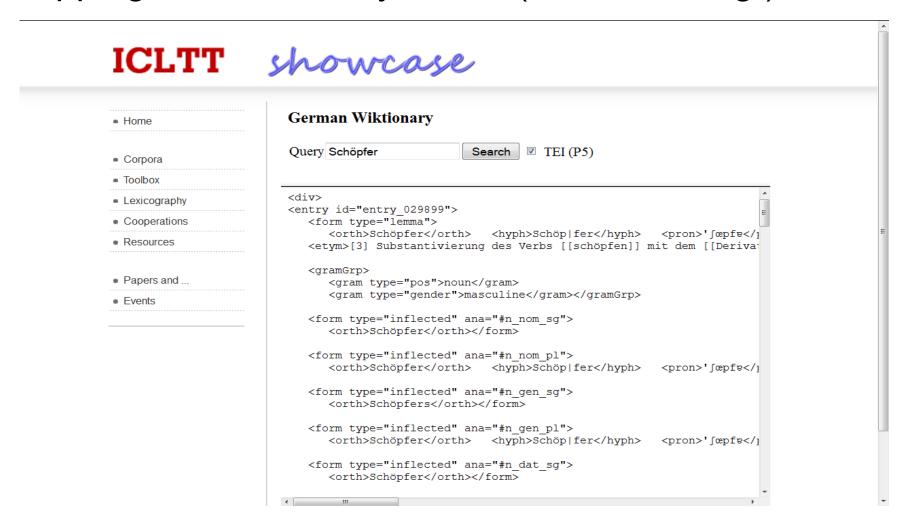
Here the amount of linguistic information seems to be better shared across entries

What is still lacking in Lexvo, since Wiktionary is not (yet) delivering its data in RDF (but see http://code.google.com/p/wikokit/wiki/d2rqMappingSPARQL)



Lexvo is not displaying the hyphenation, pronunciation, senses, etymology, morphological or lexical semantic information associated with a Wiktionary entry

Making Wiktionary readable for Alfred: Mapping DE-Wiktionary to TEI (www.tei-c.org/) -- 1



In our work at ICLTT we include the morphological information (using MAF features) in the mapping of Wiktionary to the TEI format, as well as the senses etc. (see next slide). See http://corpus3.aac.ac.at/showcase/index.php/wiktionary001

Making Wiktionary readable for Alfred: Mapping DE-Wiktionary to TEI (www.tei-c.org/) -- 2

Corpora	Query Schöpfer Search TEI (P5)
Toolbox	
 Lexicography 	<pre><sense nr="1"> ^</sense></pre>
 Cooperations 	<def>''Kunst, Kultur:'' ein Mensch, der Neues in Kunst, Wissens</def>
 Resources 	<pre><cit lang="en" type="translation"></cit></pre>
Papers and	<pre><cit lang="en" type="translation"> <quote>composer</quote></cit></pre>
Events	<pre><cit lang="eo" type="translation"> <quote>kreinto</quote></cit></pre>
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In this screenshot from the ICLTT tools, the reader can see that we also include the translation information of the Wiktionary within the associated sense. See http://corpus3.aac.ac.at/showcase/index.php/wiktionary001

The TEI harmonization work is a first but important step for making Wiktionary readable for Alfred

- Contrary to other approaches for accessing and transforming Wiktionary (for example lexvo, or http://code.google.com/p/wikokit/wiki/d2rqMappingSPARQL), we access the different Wiktionary lexicons and do not consult only the EN Wiktionary.
 - Towards the building of direct bi-lingual wiktionaries, not using necessarily English as the pivot language
- We export the full morpho-syntactic information included in Wiktionary, so that this one can be used for NLP applications like translation or NL generation
- The TEI mapping proposes an harmonization of the Wiktionaries, so that a subsequent mapping of all Wikionaries in RDF could be more easily done (?)

Or maybe starting with RDF/lemon, aggregate Information from various lexical sources and then mapping to TEI?

Links

Projects:

- AMICUS: Automated Motif Discovery in Cultural Heritage and Scientific Communication Texts (http://ilk.uvt.nl/amicus/)
- "Totentanz" project at ICLTT (http://www.oeaw.ac.at/icltt/, see also http://www.springerlink.com/content/p704452403885454/
- Monnet: Multilingual Ontologies for Networked Knowledge (www.monnet-project.eu/)

Resources

- TMI: http://www.ruthenia.ru/folklore/thompson/
- Lexvo: http://www.lexvo.org/
- Lemon: http://www.monnet-project.eu/lemon
- ICLTT: http://corpus3.aac.oeaw.ac.at/showcase/index.php/wiktionary

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Enjoy!