Language Technology Tools for supporting the Multilingual (Semantic) Web

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The Web is (partly) Multilingual

- Examples:
  - Multilingual pages
  - Online multilingual dictionaries
  - Online translation tools
  - ...

- Differences in term of languages covered
- Not every document available in many languages
- Only few cross-lingual access supported
Multilingual Semantic Resources

- Semantic Resources are also available on the Web, which are including multilingual domain specific terms. Examples:
  - TheSoz (Thesaurus Sozialwissenschaften, 8,000 descriptors in English, French, German – plus other multilingual information)
  - GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard, 8 languages) or ICB (Industry Classification Benchmark, 14 languages)
  - Gemet (GEneral Multilingual Environmental Thesaurus, 33 languages)
- Some of those resources have to be mapped first to RDF or SKOS in order to be used in Semantic Web/Linked Data scenarios
### Detailed example: GICS

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Class-Ids: 0001, 0500, 1300, 1700

Labels: Oil & Gas, Chemicals, Basic Materials
Similar: GICS – showing multilingual labels

1010 Energy (Energía / Energie /…)

- 101010 Energy Equipment & Services (Equipos y Servicios de Energía / Energiezubehör und -dienste /…)
  - 10101010 Oil & Gas Drilling (Perforación de Pozos Petrolíferos y Gasíferos / Erdöl- & Erdgasförderung /…)
    - Drilling contractors or owners of drilling rigs that contract their services for drilling wells
    - Contratistas de perforación o propietarios de torres de perforación que contratan sus servicios para perforar pozos.
    - Anbieter von Bohrdiensten oder Eigentümer von Ölförder- und -bohrausrüstungen, die ihre Bohrdienste anbieten
Towards a Multilingual Linguistic Semantic Web

- Work in Monnet project; also at the basis of the Lemon representation of multilingual content of ontologies, see poster by John McCrae at this workshop and [www.monnet-project.eu](http://www.monnet-project.eu). A starting point of this development: Paul Buitelaar et al., LingInfo: Design and Applications of a Model for the Integration of Linguistic Information in Ontologies

- Development of the Linguistic Linked Open Data (LLOD, [http://nlp2rdf.lod2.eu/OWLG/lod/lod.png](http://nlp2rdf.lod2.eu/OWLG/lod/lod.png))

- Need for a combination of NLP tools and Semantic Representation, for semantic annotation of textual (web) documents. 2 Steps:
  - Linguistic analysis of labels of konowledge sources, results of which to be stored as linguistically analysed labels of elements of knowledge sources (using Lemon as representational means)
  - Application of this combined set of linguistic and semantic data to texts, for a semantic annotation.

- Retrieval of multilingual equivalents of detected semantic objects in text not by applying (only) machine translation algorithms, but by displaying the labels in other languages
Test with NooJ

- NooJ is a development environment used to construct large-coverage formalized descriptions of natural languages. See www.nooj4nlp.net/

- NooJ supplies tools to describe inflectional and derivational morphology, terminological and spelling variations, vocabulary (simple words, multi-word units and frozen expressions), semi-frozen phenomena (local grammars), syntax (grammars for phrases and full sentences) and semantics (named entity recognition, transformational analysis).

- NooJ is also used as a corpus processing system: it allows users to process sets of (thousands of) text files. Typical operations include indexing morpho-syntactic patterns, frozen or semi-frozen expressions (e.g. technical expressions), lemmatized concordances and performing various statistical studies of the results.

- New version as open source very soon available as the result of the CESAR project (a satellite project of META-NET): Max Silberztein; Tamás Váradi; Marko Tadic‡

Open source multi-platform NooJ for NLP, Coling 2012
NLP Analysis of Labels

- Oil & Gas Drilling
  - [NP [Noun Conj Noun Noun] ]
- Perforación de Pozos Petrolíferos y Gasíferos
  - [NP [Noun Prep Noun Adj Conj Adj ] ]
- Erdöl- & Erdgasförderung
  - [NP [Noun Conj Noun] ]
- Leading to language specific patterns for term recognitions in text
  - but need for prior harmonization (i.e „&“ => „and“, ellipsis resolution, etc)
Terminological Expansion of Labels

● Goal: Supporting this way higher coverage of Ontology-Based Information Extraction (OBIE). Example: Erdöl- & Erdgasförderung (Oil & Gas Drilling), as the prefLabel, generating automatically alternative Labels:
  ● Erdölförderung und Erdgasförderung (Oil Drilling & Gas Drilling)
  ● Erdölförderung / Ölförderung
  ● Erdgasförderung / Gasförderung
  ● Förderung von Erdöl / Drilling oil wells
  ● Fördertung von Erdas / Drilling gas wells

● Domain Specific Class Ids plus prefLabel and altLabel(s) can be encoded in NooJ grammars
Cross-Lingual Terms Expansion

- Apply the ellipsis resolution cross-lingually to all labels in other languages corresponding to a German hyphen compound
  - Perforación de Pozos Petrolíferos y Gasíferos
    - Perforación de Pozos Petrolíferos y Perforación de Pozos Gasíferos
  - Бурение нефтяных и газовых скважин
    - Бурение нефтяных#скважин и Бурение газовых скважин

- Need for a check due to language specific morpho-syntactic properties
Automatic Generation of OBIE grammars

- Work by Declerck and Buitelaar et al in Monnet (example in NooJ)
  - Input: Ontology/Taxonomy Elements together with prefLabels and altLabels (Either in Lemon or directly in NooJ Format)
  - Output: A NooJ grammar that can be directly applied to text.

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Application of OBIE to Text

- “VUELING es la segunda mayor aerolínea española”

<GICS ID="20302010" LABEL="Líneas_Aéreas">
<ICB Label="Líneas_aéreas" ID="5751" LEV3="5750" LEV2="5700" LEV1="5000">

The system can also display all the corresponding terms in the other available languages
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