

## A Federated Search and Retrieval Platform for Lexical Resources in Text+ and CLARIN

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# Outline

- » Text+ and Lexical Resources
- » Federated Content Search Infrastructure
- » FCS Specification Extension for Lexical Resources
- » Next Steps and Future Work

# Text+ and NFDI

- » [Text+](#): research data consortium focused on **language and text data**
- » part of Germany's National Research Data Infrastructure ([NFDI](#))
  - » Aims: make research data **available** for scientific usage, support their **interlinkage**, and their long-term **preservation**
  - » inter-disciplinary network of data and services based on common standards and the FAIR principles between consortia from various research areas

# Text+ Data Domains

- » 3 data domains: Collections, Lexical Resources, Editions
- » Joint working groups



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# Data Domain Lexical Resources

- » Thematic clusters
  - » German dictionaries in the European context
  - » Born-digital lexical resources
  - » Non-latin scripts and under-resourced languages
- » Resource types
  - » Dictionaries (mono/bilingual)
  - » Encyclopedias
  - » Normative Data (GND, ...)
  - » Terminology Databases
  - » Ontologies, Knowledge Databases
  - » Word Nets (Princeton, GermaNet)
  - » ...

# Data Domain Lexical Resources

## Data Formats

- » Wide, diverse spread of formats with custom search functionalities
  - » Generic and customized TEI/XML to legacy XML formats
  - » Table-like serializations (lemma lists, frequency information)
  - » Custom, proprietary formats
  - » Geographic information (images of maps), Character Sets
  - » ...
- » Challenges due to heterogeneity for unified representation for search and retrieval

# Data Domain Lexical Resources Findability

- » **Decentralized** dictionary platform, **federated** approach
  - » Heterogeneous nature of resources, formats, annotation levels, technical architectures
- » CLARIN *Federated Content Search (FCS)*
  - » Framework for accessing spatially distributed text corpora
  - » Common specification of techn. interfaces, data formats, query languages

# Other Approaches for Linking Lexical Resources

- » Often organisationally restricted, e.g. “Wörterbuchnetz” by Trier, Global WordNet Association
- » Initiatives in common research infrastructures (CLARIN, DARIAH); ELEXIS
- » Standardized formats, e.g. TEI, refinements by DARIAH, ELEXIS; RDF/OntoLex, ...
- » Collaborative / not exclusively academic dictionaries, e.g. Wiktionary, DBPedia, Wikidata



# Why Federated Content Search?

- » Advantages to endpoints (data centers)
  - » Full control about access to resources
    - » Copyright, licensing or data protection
  - » Knowledge about resource, e.g. how to search, rank results, ...
  - » Visibility
- » Advantages to end users
  - » Ease of use and simple overview of resources and results
  - » Simple search box – „Just like google“
  - » For details and expert search options → backlink to endpoint

# CLARIN Federated Content Search (FCS)

» Federated “Corpus Query Platform”

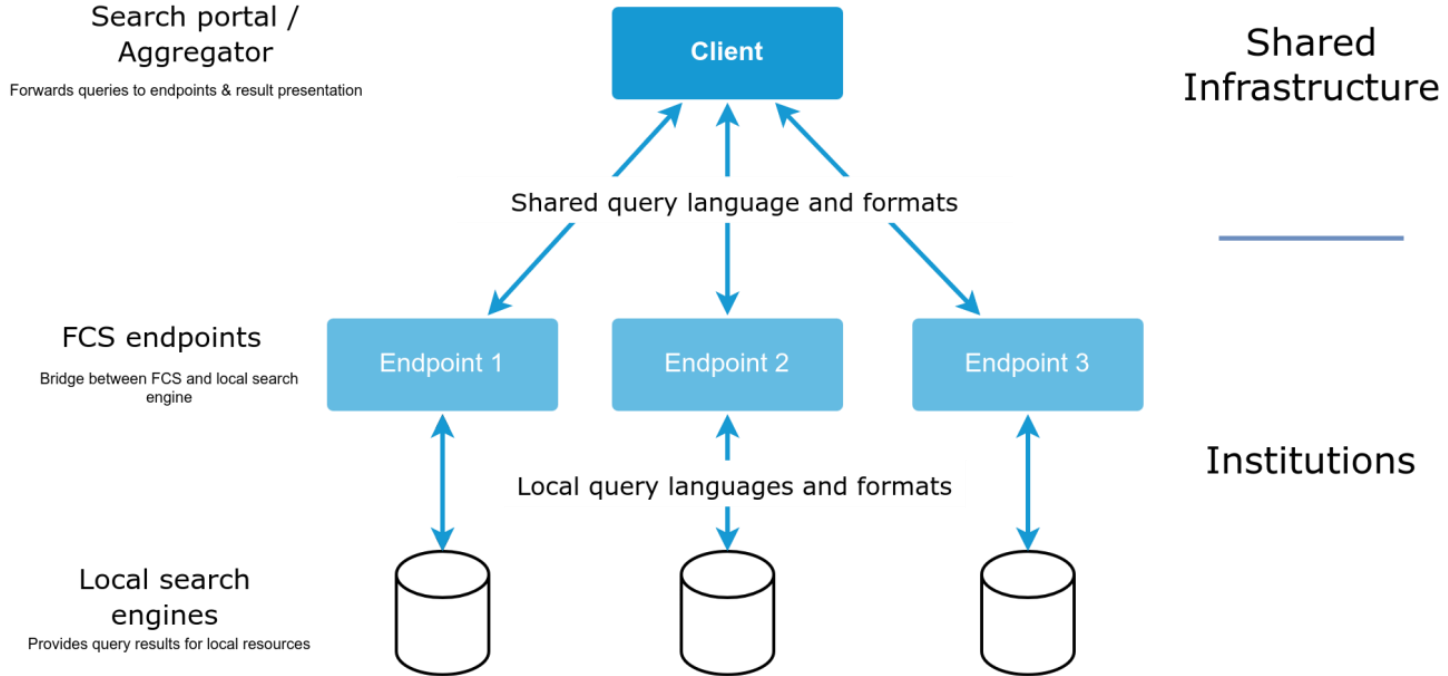
» FCS =

- » RESTful protocol
- » Query languages & data formats
- » Data Aggregator + web portal
- » (Software ecosystem)

The screenshot shows the CLARIN Federated Content Search (FCS) web portal. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "Content Search", "Aggregator", and "Help", along with a search icon and a grid icon. Below the navigation bar is a search input field labeled "Text layer CQL query" containing the text "Elephant". Below the search input field is a search options bar with the following settings: "Search for" set to "Any Language", "Text layer Contextual Query Language (CQL)" set to "Text layer Contextual Query Language (CQL)", "in" set to "4338 selected collections", and "and show up to" set to "10" hits per endpoint.

» FCS ≠ complete replacement for local search engines

# CLARIN Federated Content Search (FCS)



# Communication Protocol: FCS Core 2.0

- » Extension of SRU (Search/Retrieval via URL) / searchRetrieve
  - » Standardized by Library of Congress LoC / OASIS
  - » Data as XML
- » RESTful
  - » **Explain:** Existing resources
    - » Language, annotations, supported data formats, etc.
  - » **SearchRetrieve:** search query
- » **FCS-QL** as general query language (FCS 2.0)

# Assumption over data structure

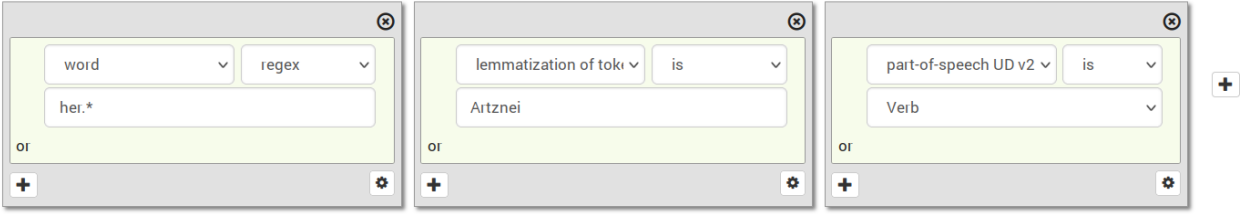
» Full text + optional annotation layers

<b>Full Text</b>	<i>Die (The)</i>	<i>Autos (cars)</i>	<i>Sind (are)</i>	<i>Schnell (fast)</i>
<i>Part of Speech (UD17)</i>	<i>DET</i>	<i>NOUN</i>	<i>VERB</i>	<i>ADJ</i>
<i>Base form</i>	<i>Das (The)</i>	<i>Auto (car)</i>	<i>Ist (is)</i>	<i>Schnell (fast)</i>
<i>Phonetic transcription (=SAMPA)</i>	...	...	...	...
<i>Orthographic transcription</i>	...	...	...	...
<i>Orthographic normalization</i>	...	...	...	...

# Query Language FCS-QL

- » Similar to CQP (e.g. corpus query workbench)
- » Supports multiple annotation layers

Multi-layer FCS query





The interface displays three query layers, each with a dropdown menu for the annotation layer and a text input for the query. The first layer is for 'word' with the query 'her.\*'. The second layer is for 'lemmatization of tokens' with the query 'Artznei'. The third layer is for 'part-of-speech UD v2' with the query 'Verb'. Each layer has a plus sign to add more layers and a gear icon for settings. The resulting query is shown in a search bar at the bottom: [ word = "her.\*" ] [ lemma = "Artznei" ] [ pos = "VERB" ]


```
[ word = "her.*" ] [ lemma = "Artznei" ] [ pos = "VERB" ]
```



# Visualization of results (1/2)

## German Text Archive (DTA) – Homepage 🏠

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 German Text Archive (DTA) - Basis for a reference corpus of the New High German language.

 German

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Auf den **furnehmften Gaffen und Platzen** in Parnaffo wurden Zeddel angefchlagen / darauf gefchrieben ftunde / wie daß alhier ankommen ware / der weit berühmte Medicus Johannes Zecca von Bononien / welche eine bewerthe Kunnft und **herrliche Artzney erfunden** / Das einer nicht die Frantzofen bekomme / fondern allezeit darfur ficher fey .

Im Gegentheil werden die **Kraffte** und Tugenden eines folchen fluchtigen Spiritus von vielen Chymicis und Practicis gegen die Epilepfie , Hertzklöpfen ꝛc. auch zu **krafftiger Refolution** allerhand Verstopffungen und **zäher schleimichter Feuchtigkeiten** mit folchen großen Lob-Reden heraus geftrichen , daß , wenn nur die Halbfcheid davon wahr ift , man folchen als eine **herrliche Artzney anzufehen** hat .

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Ach ift es um die Zeit / fo ift unferm Lande ein groß Heyl wiederfahren / daß ein folcher Mann mit feinem **herrlichen Artzneyen konit** .

[API-Call](#)

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# Existing Resources

- » Ecosystem
  - » Reference implementations
  - » Libraries (Java), Documentation
  - » FCS/SRU Validator
  - » Endpoint Registry
- » Existing resources (actual number fluctuate)
  - » 20 institutes in 38 endpoints in 11 countries
  - » About 200 „collections“ in varying granularity in ~60 languages

# FCS for Lexical Resources?

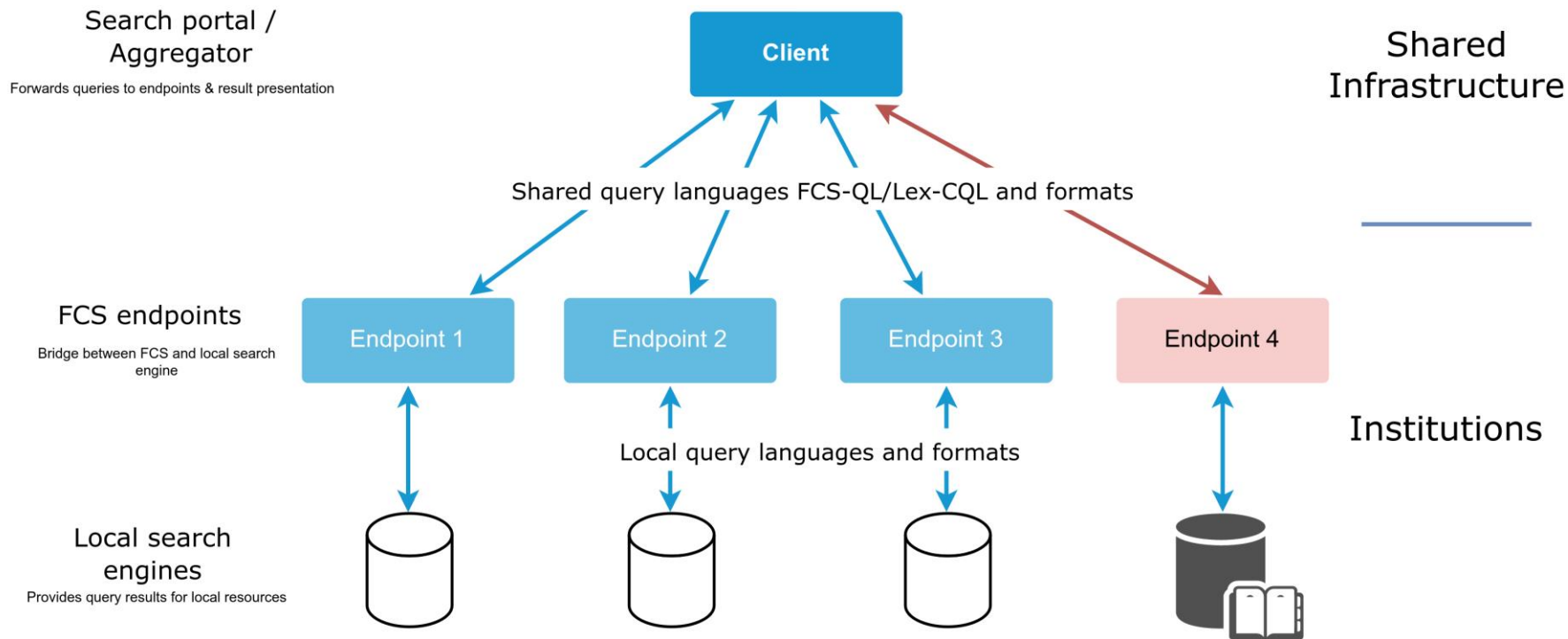
- » No – not yet!
- » Focus on text „streams“ (corpora, transcriptions) & querying of annotation layers
- » lexical resources structurally completely different (word lists, word nets/graphs, key-value based, ...)

 Specification extension

# FCS Specification Extension for Lexical Resources Goals

- » Query language dedicated to querying lexical entries
  - » Subset of **Contextual Query Language** (CQL), agreements on accessible fields of information for a lexeme, complex queries
- » Common data formats for unified result presentation
  - » Mandatory **LexHITS** data view with **inline annotation** of information types
  - » Advanced tabular representation, key-value style
- » Compatibility with FCS architecture
  - » Reuse of features: access control for restricted resources, automatic registering of endpoints

# FCS Specification Extension for Lexical Resources



# FCS Specification Extension for Lexical Resources Draft v0.1

- » Query Language – LexCQL
- » DataViews – LexHITS + Tabular (draft)
- » Draft: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7849753>

# LexCQL

- » Subset of Contextual Query Language (CQL)
- » Relation „=“
- » Operators AND/OR/NOT
- » (draft) Fuzzy with „/exact“ Modifier
- » Fields:
  - » lemma,
  - » pos (UD17)
  - » def
  - » xr\$synonymy, xr\$hyponymy, ...
  - » (draft) senseRef

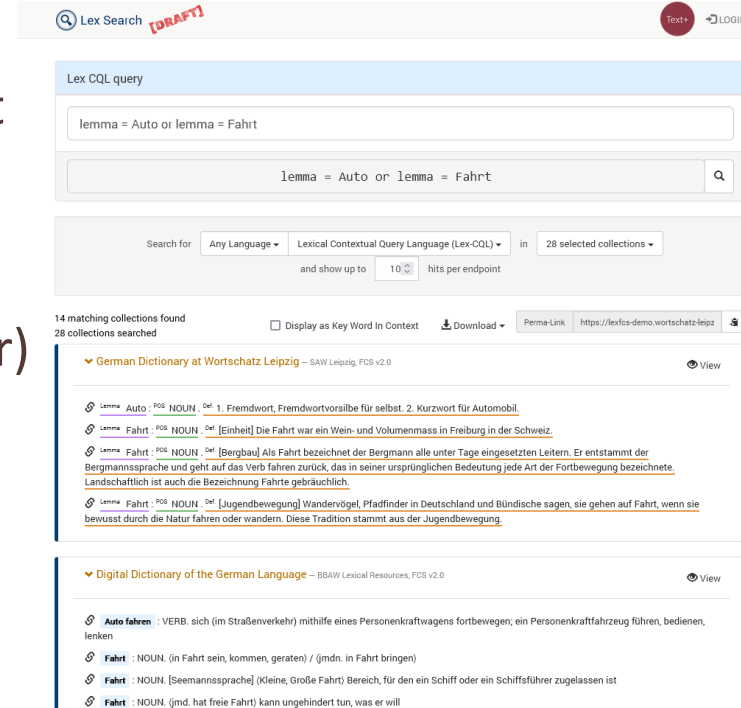
1. `cat` # searching on default field, e. g. lemma; specified by endpoint
2. `lemma =/exact "läuft"` # exact string match requested
3. `def = "an edible" and pos = "NOUN"` # (implicit) partial match in def
4. `pos = ADJ and xr$synonymy = "tiny"`
5. `senseRef = "https://d-nb.info/gnd/118571249"`

# LexHITS

- » Seamless integration for *mandatory* result format (HITS) BUT optional annotation of „lemma“, „pos“ and „def“
- visual hints in frontend (e.g. Aggregator)

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<fcs:DataView type="application/x-textplus-fcs-hits+xml">
  <hits:Result xmlns:hits="http://textplus.org/fcs/dataview/hits"
    <hits:Hit kind="lex-lemma">Apple</hits:Hit>
    <hits:Hit kind="lex-pos">NOUN</hits:Hit>
    <hits:Hit kind="lex-def">An apple is an edible fruit produced by
an apple tree.</hits:Hit>
  </hits:Result>
</fcs:DataView>
```

Apple: NOUN. An apple is an edible fruit produced by an apple tree.



The screenshot shows the Lex Search interface with a search query "lemma = Auto or lemma = Fahrt". The results are displayed in two sections:

- German Dictionary at Wortschatz Leipzig – SAW Leipzig, FCS v2.0**
  - Auto** : POS NOUN Def 1. Fremdwort, Fremdwortvorsilbe für selbst. 2. Kurzwort für Automobil.
  - Fahrt** : POS NOUN Def [Einheit] Die Fahrt war ein Wein- und Volumenmass in Freiburg in der Schweiz.
  - Fahrt** : POS NOUN Def [Bergbau] Als Fahrt bezeichnet der Bergmann alle unter Tage eingesetzten Leitern. Er entstammt der Bergmannssprache und geht auf das Verb fahren zurück, das in seiner ursprünglichen Bedeutung jede Art der Fortbewegung bezeichnete. Landschaftlich ist auch die Bezeichnung Fahrte gebräuchlich.
  - Fahrt** : POS NOUN Def [Jugendbewegung] Wandervogel, Pfadfinder in Deutschland und Bündische sagen, sie gehen auf Fahrt, wenn sie bewusst durch die Natur fahren oder wandern. Diese Tradition stammt aus der Jugendbewegung.
- Digital Dictionary of the German Language – BBAW Lexical Resources, FCS v2.0**
  - Auto fahren** : VERB. sich (im Straßenverkehr) mithilfe eines Personkraftwagens fortbewegen; ein Personkraftfahrzeug führen, bedienen, lenken
  - Fahrt** : NOUN. (in Fahrt sein, kommen, geraten) / (jmdn. in Fahrt bringen)
  - Fahrt** : NOUN. [Seemannssprache] (Kleine, Große Fahrt) Bereich, für den ein Schiff oder ein Schiffsführer zugelassen ist
  - Fahrt** : NOUN. (jmd. hat freie Fahrt) kann ungehindert tun, was er will

# Possible Additional Fields for Complex Tabular Data View

- » Structured result presentation, in discussion: „key-value pairs“
- » Aim: easy conversion of potential complex formats into general flat structure
- » Requires:
  - » Recommendation for *required* and *optional* information types
  - » *Normative* list of keys and value *formats*
- » Attributes:
  - » Lemma, Pos, Definition, SenseRef, \*nym
  - » *Examples, Baseform, Hyphenation, Decomposition*
  - » *Cooccurrences, Frequency*
  - » *Provenience, Etymology/Word-History*

```
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  <Result>
    <Entry>
      <!-- Lexeme entry -->
      <Name type="lemma">Lemma</Name>
      <Value>Lauf</Value>
    </Entry>
    <Entry>
      <!-- Standard POS tag set -->
      <Name type="pos">POS</Name>
      <!-- Multiple values are possible -->
      <Value>NOUN</Value>
      <Value>VERB</Value>
    </Entry>
    <Entry>
      <!-- Custom POS tag set, as additional "pos" entry type -->
      <Name type="pos">STTS</Name>
      <Value>VVIMP</Value>
      <Value>NN</Value>
    </Entry>
  <!-- ... -->
</Result>
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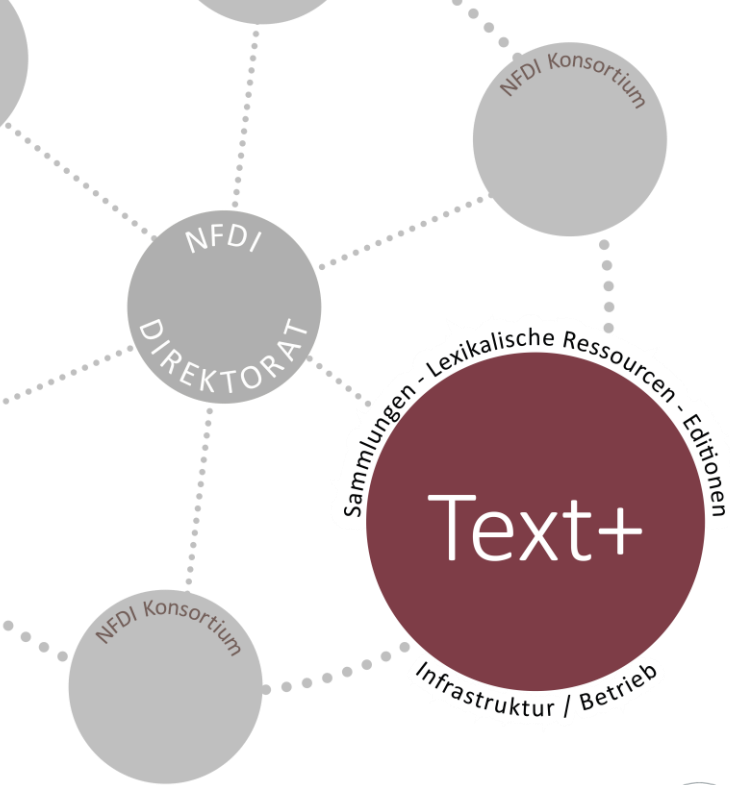
# Next Steps and Future Work

Where are we at?

- » First draft (v0.1) published
  - » LexCQL query language & LexHits data view
  - » Demo implementations (Text+ FCS Aggregator + Endpoints)
- » Text+: 50 resources from 6 institutes (2 data domains)

Planned

- » Implementation Guide
- » Tabular Key-Value Data View
- » Endpoint Tester for (Lex)CQL Conformance Levels



  
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