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The TEI Consortium sponsored a Hackathon at DH2015, run by James Cummings and Martin Holmes. The group of participants decided on the day what they wanted to work on, and while James helped a new user get his files into TEI, the main part of the group worked on transforming HOOCR output files from OCRing printed texts into TEI and then rendering this in the browser with side-by-side image views of the image which was OCRed. All files are available at <https://github.com/TEIC/Hackathon/tree/master/DH2015> with an example of the conversion of Cinderella available at: <http://web.uvic.ca/~mholmes/teiHackathon2015/cinders/cinders.xml> (view source for the XML). In the rendering the darker the red colour the less confident the OCR engine was about the text. While the number of participants was small, this was a beneficial outreach activity.

SIGS:

TEI Ontology SIG meeting

10 attended

C-E Ore gave an introduction to the activities of the group which then was discussed in the meeting:

- 1) How to link real world knowledge formulated compliant an ontology/conceptual model to a TEI document, e.g. with the information expressed in RDF and with pointers back into the text. This has now become standard practice
- 2) The ontological expressiveness of the TEI exemplified by testing how much of the CIOC CRM can be expressed easily in TEI.
- 3) The need for a module describing all kinds of text carrying physical objects not only manuscripts. That is, a module more general than the current manuscript description module.

In the discussion we observed that 2 and 3 are closely related. Furthermore, point 2 and subsequently issue 3 are in fact a part of the issue raised by Elena Pierazzo her talk – to formulate a conceptual model for the TEI.

It was a common agreement in the group to continue the work on issue 3 based on the current manuscript description module and on ontological analysis of palaeographical and epigraphical practice and on curation of physical artefact.

Christian-Emil Ore
co-convener TEI Ontology SIG

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The LingSIG had a lively meeting, with a report on the upcoming ISO/Tei module for the transcription of spoken language, report on linguistic tools from the head of Tools SIG, discussion on the place of semantic analysis in dictionary descriptions, and a report on an upcoming new proposal for the description of structured syntactic data.

The short message is: we're alive ;-)

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The SIG on Libraries will soon begin a revision to the Best Practices to TEI in Libraries, accounting for various revisions to the TEI and for development in metadata practice in libraries that have happened over the past four years since we last revised it. We'll also be looking closely at TEI Simple to see how it relates to the Best Practices. This is part of our broader effort to explain the relationship between the Best Practices, Tite, and Lite, all of which are associated with libraries and confused with each other.

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