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☞ Latin Natural

Language Processing

☞ OCR-Nachkorrektur-
Tool PoCoTo

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Latin NLP?

- huge heritage: largest body of historical literary sources
- Latin publications dominate print production until about 1750
- many titles have never been reprinted
- either key or barrier to cultural heritage of the western world
- has been left out of the EU IMPACT (**Im**proving **A**ccess to **T**exts, 2008-12) project despite its importance

Foresti 1486, Supplementum Chronicarum

- color is gone, but “printing space economy” still holds (abbreviations)
- was heavily used by Schedel's Weltchronik (Latinist project @LMU)



Foresti 1486 (very modest training)

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Adam von Bodenstein, 1577

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welche der mehrertheil balbierer
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dam einsamlend. Diosc. Difer
wurtzel etwas mit wein myrrhen
vnd pfeffer getruncken / reiniget
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rath der müter / treibt auß die an-
d geburt vñ weiber menses. Ein
salb gemacht vonn difer wurzen
zeitlosen vñ anagallide zeücht vß
spreißel/ dörn vñ geschiferte bein.

Hiemitt beschlies ich mein
rede difer zeit von den zwelff zei-
chen kreütteren/ begären menck-
lich welle mirs im besten aufnem-
men als daß ichs gethan / hab sye
weitleüffiger beschribē wellen / so
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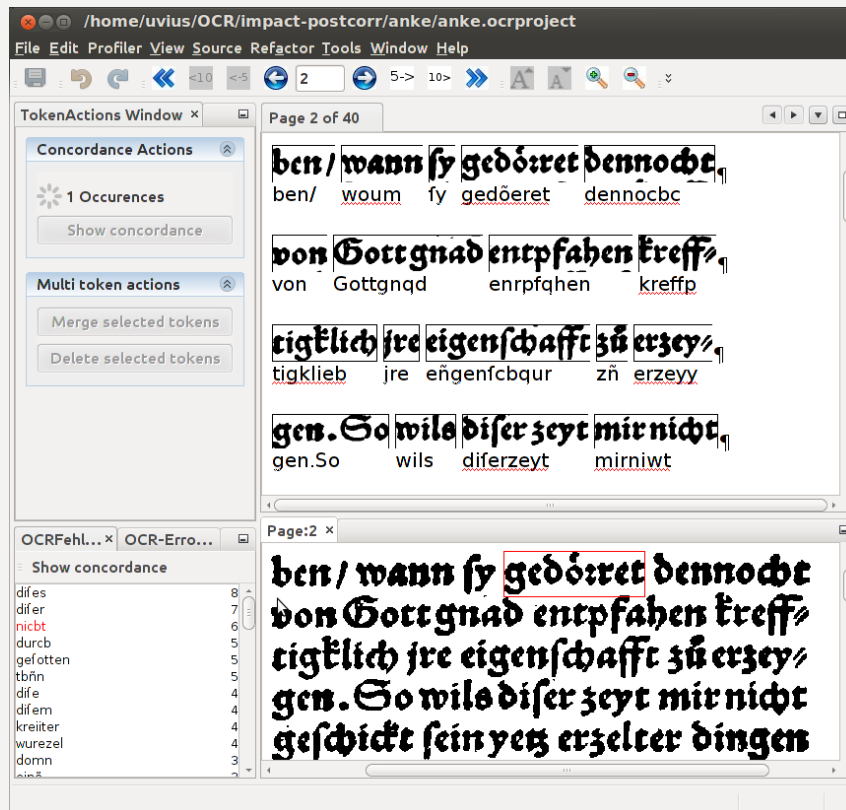
PostCorrectionTool PoCoTo

- locally installable Java package for postcorrection
- developed at CIS as part of the EU IMPACT project
- word synopsis: image + OCR with interactive correction
- error profiling: calculate statistical error model based on
 - a) historical spelling (not an error)
 - b) proper OCR errorsand propose most probable correction candidate
- batch correction: rank errors according to frequency & error pattern and enable quick correction decision in concordance view

- try it out:

<http://www.digitisation.eu/tools/browse/ocr-post-correction-and-enrichment/post-correction-tool/>
<https://github.com/thorstenv/PoCoTo>

PoCoTo (developed at CIS)



The screenshot shows the PoCoTo OCR software interface. The main window displays the OCR output of a historical document page, with tokens highlighted in boxes. The text is: **ben / wann sy gedöret dennoch**, **von Gott gnad entpfahen treff**, **tigklich ire eigenschafft zu erzey**, **gen. So wils diser zeyt mir nicht**. Below the main window, there are two smaller windows: "TokenActions Window" and "OCR-Fehl... x OCR-Erro...".

TokenActions Window: Shows "Concordance Actions" with "1 Occurrences" and a "Show concordance" button. Below it, "Multi token actions" includes "Merge selected tokens" and "Delete selected tokens".

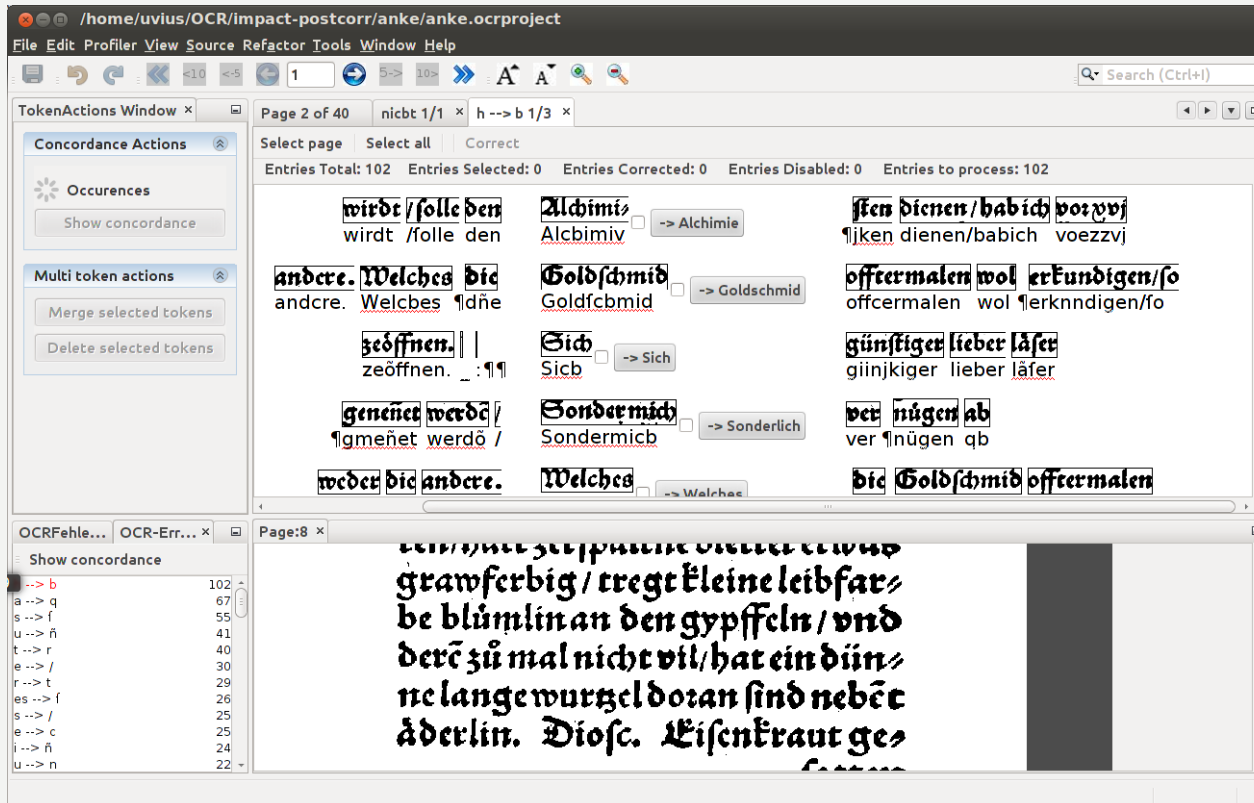
OCR-Fehl... x OCR-Erro...: Shows a list of OCR errors with their line numbers:

Error	Line
dif es	8
dif er	7
nicht	6
durcb	5
gefotten	5
tbfin	5
dife	4
dif em	4
kreiter	4
wurezel	4
domn	3
...	2

- error frequency
- word synopsis (tesseract hocr output)
- page context

PoCoTo (developed at CIS)

error pattern concordance with batch correction



The screenshot displays the PoCoTo software interface, which is used for OCR error pattern concordance and batch correction. The main window shows a list of OCR errors and their corrections, organized into three columns. The left column lists the original OCR output, the middle column shows the corrected text, and the right column shows the original OCR output with the correction highlighted. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Profiler, View, Source, Refactor, Tools, Window, Help), a toolbar with navigation and search icons, and a search bar. The main window is titled "Page 2 of 40" and "nicht 1/1 x h --> b 1/3 x". The status bar indicates "Entries Total: 102", "Entries Selected: 0", "Entries Corrected: 0", "Entries Disabled: 0", and "Entries to process: 102".

The OCR errors and corrections shown are:

Original OCR	Correction	Original OCR
wirdt /solle den	Alchimiz	sten dienen/habich vorzv
wirdt /olle den	Alcbimiv	lken dienen/babich voezzvj
andere. Welches die	Goldschmid	offtermalen wol erkundigen/fo
andere. Welches idne	Goldfcbmid	offtermalen wol lerkndigen/fo
zeöffnen.	Sich	günstiger lieber läfer
zeöffnen. _ : 11	Sich	giinjiger lieber läfer
genenes werde /	Sondermich	ver nügen ab
lgmehet werdö /	Sondermich	ver lnügen qb
weder die andere.	Welches	die Goldschmid offermalen

The bottom window shows the OCR error pattern concordance, listing the error patterns and their frequencies:

Error Pattern	Frequency
--> b	102
a --> q	67
s --> f	55
u --> ñ	41
t --> r	40
e --> /	30
r --> t	29
es --> f	26
s --> /	25
e --> c	25
i --> ñ	24
u --> n	22

Thank you for your attention!