Corpus and software resources available at Lancaster

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Today’s outline

• A brief introduction to:
  – corpus resources
  – UCREL research centre

• Two software demonstrations:
  – CQPweb
  – Wmatrix
Corpus resources

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smb://username@depts.lancs.ac.uk/fass-teaching/ling/corpus

• http://corpora.lancs.ac.uk/shareview
Corpus resources (2)

• Linguistic Data Consortium
  – http://www.ldc.upenn.edu/

• ICAME collection (2nd edition)
  – http://icame.uib.no/cd/

• Bank of English (contact Paul Thompson)
  – http://www.cqpweb.bham.ac.uk/

• Archer corpus (contact Paul Rayson)
  – multi-genre corpus of British and American English covering the period 1650-1999
  – also on CQPweb
Corpus resources (3)

• Early English Books Online (EEBO-TCP) v3
  – 1.2 billion words 1473-1700
• UK Hansard
  – 2 billion words, 7 million speeches, 1803-2003
• ~16K Annual Financial Reports, press releases & media articles, conference calls
• Text reuse corpora
  – English-Urdu news, Urdu PA & newspapers
• Twitter dataset(s)
  – See FireAnt software
Digital library

• Conference proceedings
• Corpora
• Journal
University Centre for Computer Corpus Research on Language

- http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/
  - Members
  - Projects
  - Bookshelf
  - Publications list
  - Corpora

- Mailing list
  - http://scc-lists.lancs.ac.uk/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/ucrel
  - (also: link from UCREL homepage)
Software – web-based tools

- http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/tools.html
- BNCweb (web based software tied to BNC)
- CQPweb (web based software – multiple corpora)
- BNC Web-Index
- Significance and Effect Size calculator (LL, LR, etc)
  - http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/llwizard.html
- Wmatrix (web based corpus analysis and comparison)
- http://corpora.lancs.ac.uk
  - Significance test system
  - Clustertool
  - DICER variant analysis
  - TreeTagger
  - New General Service List
  - #LancsBox homepage
Software – processing/annotation

- CLAWS part of speech tagger (English)
- USAS semantic tagger
  - Originally English only
  - Now beta versions for Chinese, Dutch, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Swedish, Welsh, Urdu ....
- Historical Thesaurus Semantic Tagger
  - http://phlox.lancs.ac.uk/ucrel/semtagger/english
- CFIE-FRSE tool
  - PDF to text and structure extraction from annual financial reports
  - Metrics, readability and word list counting
  - http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/cfie/
- VARD (Variant spelling detector)
  - EmodE historical corpora
  - SMS, Twitter & other online social media
  - http://ucrel.lancs.ac.uk/vard/about/
Software – analysis tools

- #LancsBox (incl. GraphColl)
- LWAC (Longitudinal Web As Corpus)
- Geoparser and SHPPS
- Measuring Text Reuse
- Collocation Network Explorer (CONE)
- Fast and memory efficient n-gram tool (Lgram)
Software – from beyond Lancaster

• Netapps (\lancs\depts\fass\teaching\ling\netapps)
  – AntConc (Free Concordancer by Laurence Anthony)
  – WordSmith (Mike Scott)
  – ICECUP (For ICE corpora)

• SketchEngine via Lancaster University licence
  – http://sketchengine.co.uk
Linux Virtual Servers

- stig.lancs.ac.uk
  - Hosts Wmatrix (and the UCREL website)
  - (managed by Paul)
- leech.lancs.ac.uk
  - http://bncweb.lancs.ac.uk
  - http://cqpweb.lancs.ac.uk
  - http://corpora.lancs.ac.uk
  - (managed by Andrew)
- Perl, PHP, MySQL; CWB/CQP; UCREL tools
- Research cluster for Hadoop and VMs
  - (managed by Paul, Alistair, Andrew and Matt)
- GitLab (internal/private projects): https://delta.lancs.ac.uk/
- GitHub (external/public projects): https://github.com/UCREL