



Tunisian Arabic Corpus

Design and Progress

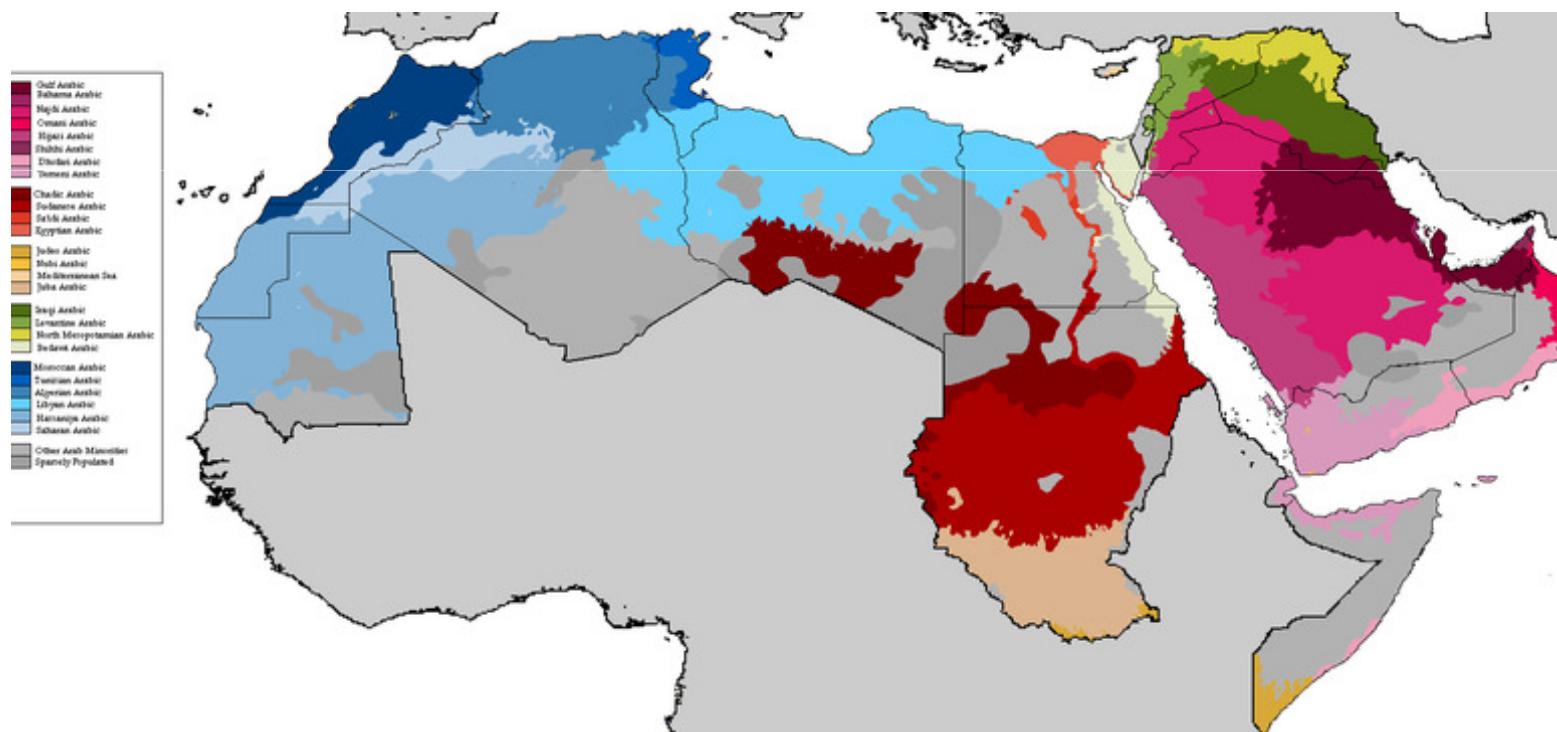
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Why Corpora?

- * Language Resources
 - * Lexicography
 - * Grammar
 - * Authentic Teaching Materials
- * Natural Language Processing
 - * Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)
 - * Language ID
 - * Machine Translation

A Linguistic Map of Arabic



Why Spoken Arabic?

Percentage of Overlap	Conv Egyptian vs. Media MSA	Conv British vs. Media American
Unigrams	10.3 %	44.5 %
Bigrams	1 %	19.2 %
Trigrams	< 1 %	5.3 %

Kirchhoff 2005:41

Error Rate	Egyptian Only	Egyptian + MSA
Development Set	56.1 %	54.8 %
Evaluation Set	42.7 %	41.4 %

Kirchhoff 2005:49

Spoken Arabic Corpora

- * CALLFRIEND Egyptian Arabic (1996)
- * CALLHOME Egyptian Arabic Speech (1996)
- * Fisher Levantine Arabic Conversational Telephone Speech (2005)
- * Gulf Arabic Conversational Telephone Speech (2006)
- * Iraqi Arabic Conversational Telephone Speech (2006)
- * Levantine Arabic Conversational Telephone Speech (2006)
- * BBN/AUB DARPA Babylon Levantine Arabic Speech and Transcripts (2005)

Why Tunisian?

- * So-far neglected dialect
 - * No resources available in English
- * Linguistically interesting
 - * Sociolinguistics / Codeswitching
- * North African

Sources

- * Traditional Written Sources
 - * Folklore
 - * Songs / Folk Poetry
 - * Proverb collections
 - * Screenplays
- * New Written Sources
 - * Blogs
 - * Email
 - * Facebook
- * Transcribed Audio
 - * Radio

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Average Time per Assignment:	9 minutes 30 seconds	Effective Hourly Rate:	\$1.26
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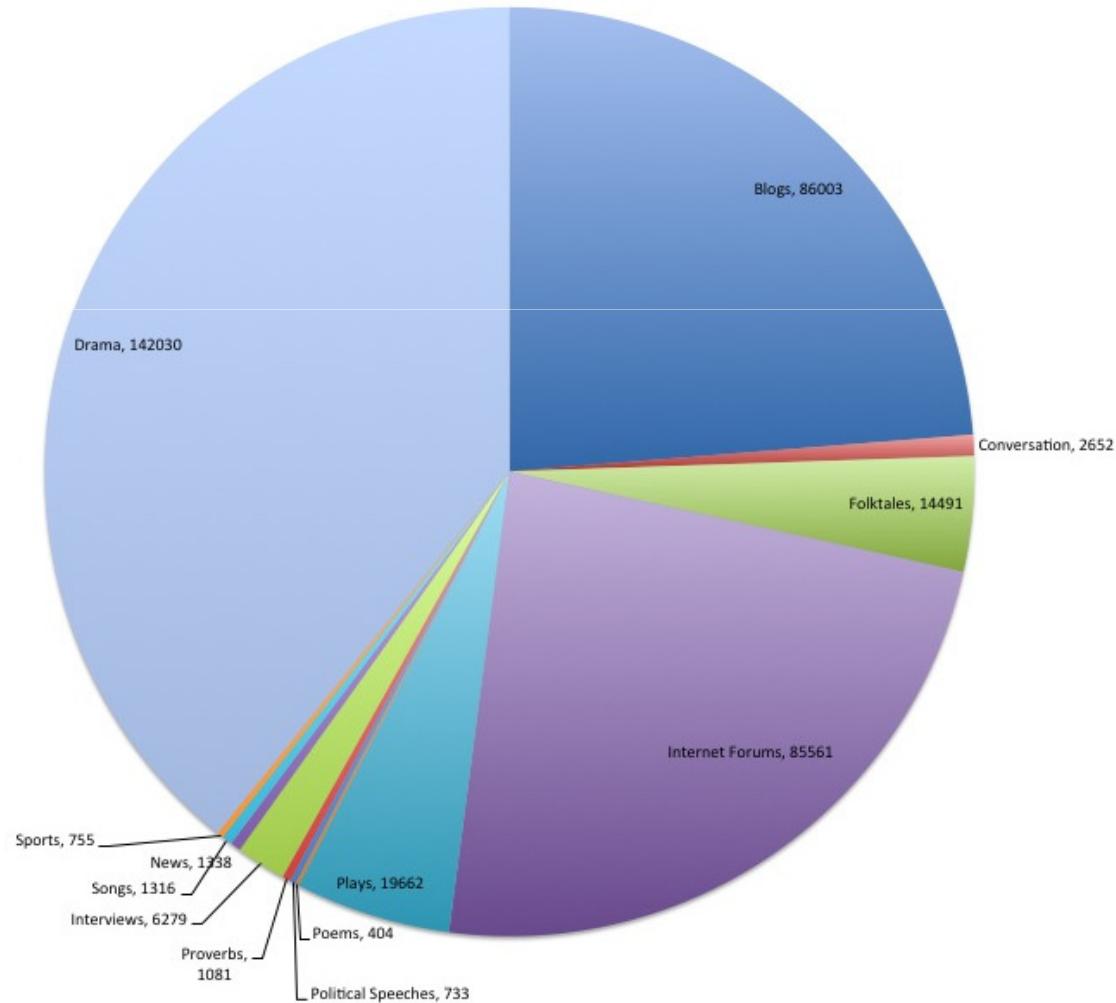
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Genres / Balance



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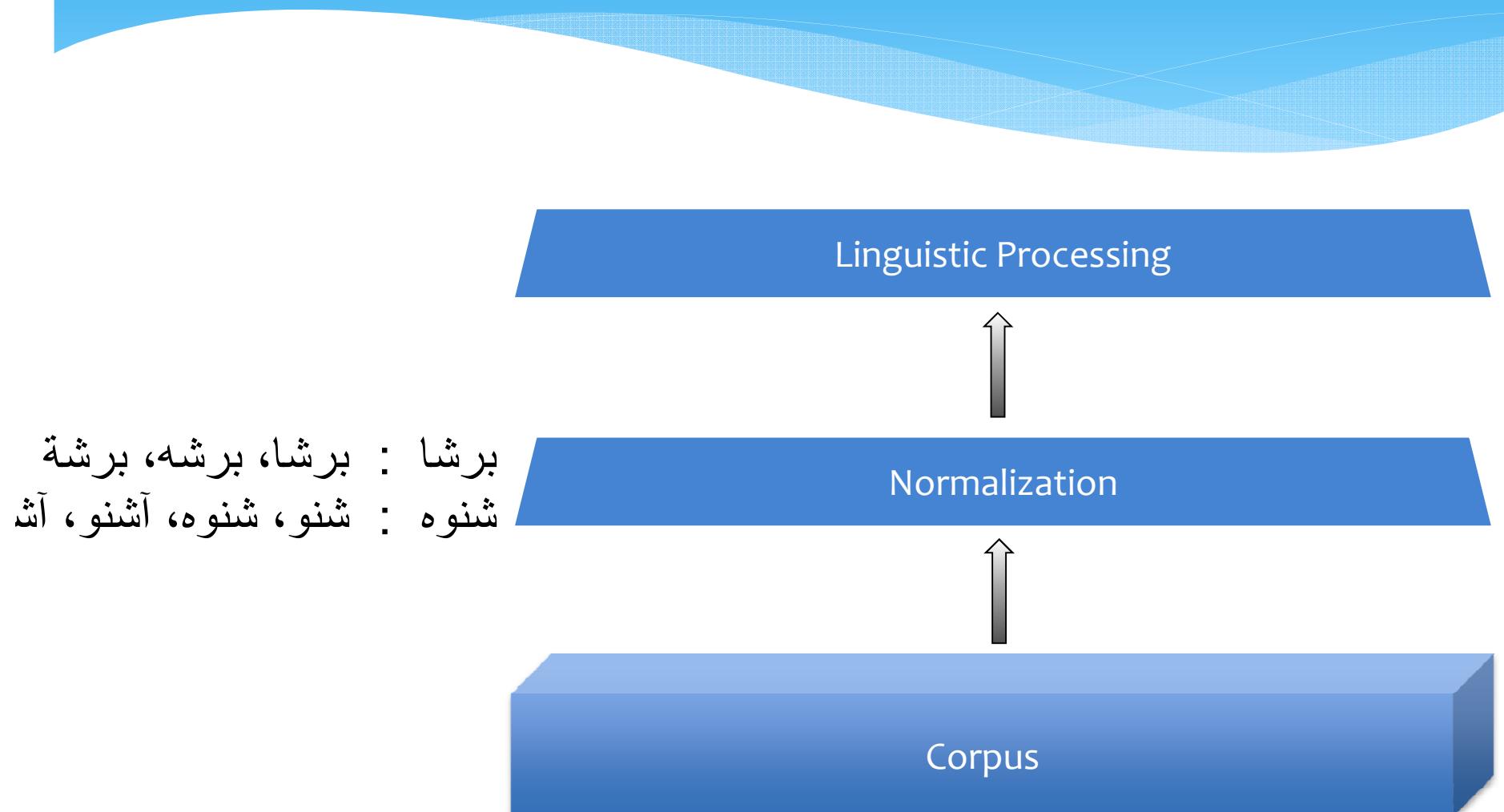
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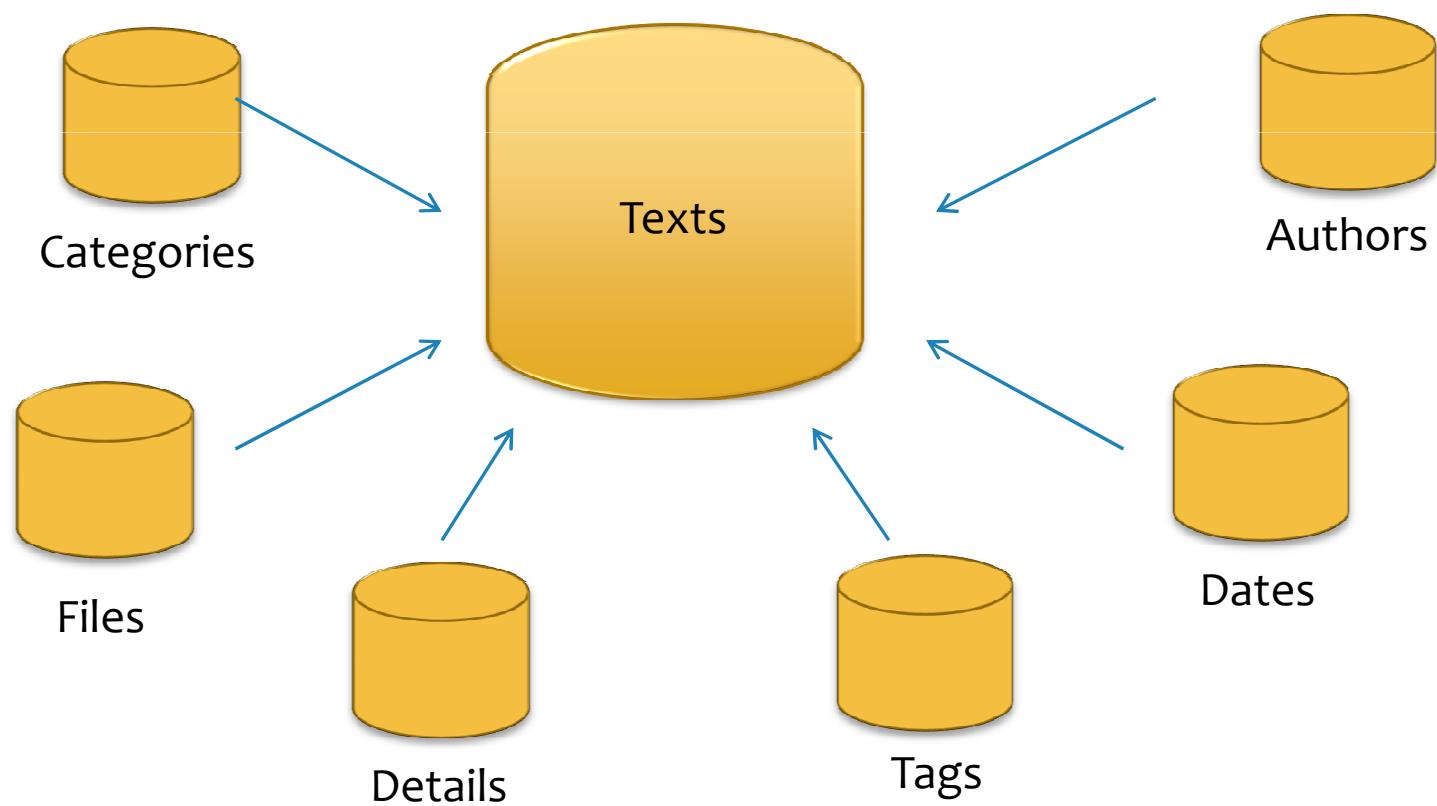
Normalization



TAC Management Tool

- * Requirements:
 - * Allow easy management of Corpus and files
 - * Allow remote collaboration
 - * Flexible and expandable
 - * Attractive and High Usability
- * Technical Specs
 - * Python
 - * Django (Web Framework)
 - * Model – View – Controller (MVC) separation

Database Structure



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* www.tunisiya.org