'What is mainzed?' Again and again, we have been hearing this question and finally we are able to answer it. As mainzed has been (and still is) a young institution, this has not been possible for a long time. Since its establishment on 6 November 2015, mainzed has developed more and more every month.

We are very proud of our competence network that originally arose from a brave initiative of six scientific institutions and is now well-known all over Germany.

Today, mainzed represents practically oriented approaches and innovative ideas. At mainzed, people meet in various contexts. They visit events, their research projects are supported by us or they follow mainzed on twitter.

Of course, you now want to know who works at mainzed, where it is located, if you can become a member, if it offers interships and so on.
Therefore, it is about time for a compilation of the 19 most important questions and answers on mainzed!

01. What does 'mainzed' mean?
mainzed is an acronym for 'Mainz Centre for Digitality in the Humanities and Cultural Studies' and at the same time alludes to the English word mindset.

02. Is mainzed an institute?
mainzed was founded as a joint initiative in 2015 and does not have a partictular legal form. It has neither been established as an institution nor as an association in order to avoid the development of a new bureaucratic superstructure. Hence, the focus of mainzed is entirely put upon the themed cooperation of structures that are already existing.

03. Who works at mainzed?
Formally, mainzed is merely composed of the managing director. The other members such as the director work for one of the six partners of mainzed.
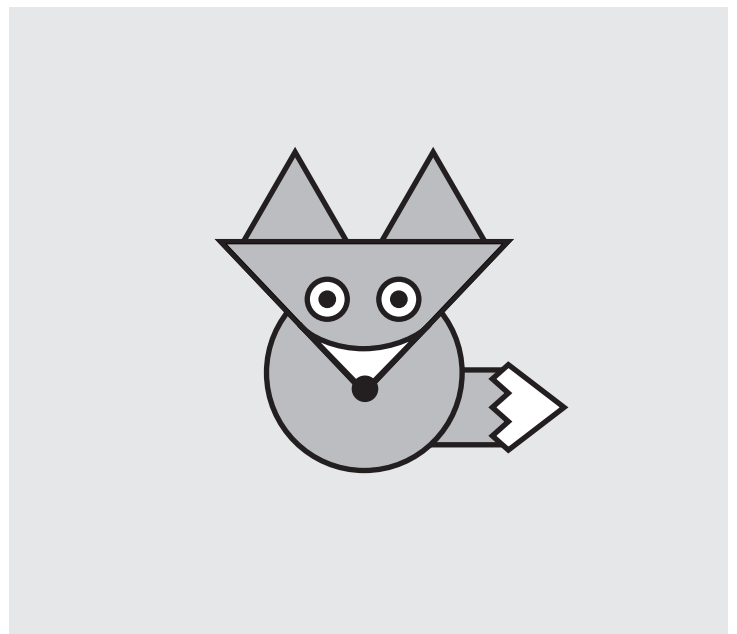
04. Who founded mainzed?
mainzed was founded by the directions of the six partner institutions. Thus, the presidents and directors wanted to ensure that

the scientists from all institutions could work together more easily and conduct innovative research.

05. Where is mainzed located?
As a network, mainzed is spread across the locations of all six partner institutions. The office is located at the Mainz University of Applied Sciences. Here, the administration of mainzed is operated and information on mainzed is distributed.

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Frequently asked questions
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Research area

06. What does mainzed research into?

mainzed does research into the development and application of digital methods in the humanities and cultural studies. Digital methods are already applied to all disciplines - from archaeology to the history of science - but within these disciplines, new potentials are still continually evolving.

| 3D data |
| Content management |
| Geodata |
| Prosopographical network |
| Linked data |
| Open research data |
| Natural language processing |
| Web development |

07. Is mainzed conducting a research project?

Since 2015, many projects have been initiated in the network of mainzed and its partners. Therefore, financial means for research projects could be repeatedly attracted by sponsors; that way, the three-year joint project Humanist Computer Interaction by the Academy of Sciences and Literature, the Mainz University of Applied Sciences and the TU Darmstadt could be started in autumn 2017.

| UX / UI design |
| Digital edition |
| Graph database |
| Computer science |
| Music informatics |
| Semantic modeling |
| TUSTEP / TUSCRIPT |

Competences in the network of mainzed (status as of Jan 2018)

Research support

08. How can mainzed help me to conduct digital research?

mainzed is no service centre but it is trying to assist researchers with the identification and choice of digital tools and methods. Often, mainzed is able to help by contacting experts from all over Germany via its network. Important note: the earlier you talk to us about your project, the more effective our measures are.

09. Is mainzed offering courses?

Since 2017, mainzed is conducting an annual summer school in October which teaches the foundations of digital methods. Furthermore, mainzed is repeatedly offering workshops on different topics. Information on dates and topics can be received via mainzed-newsflash or directly via *info@mainzed.org*.

10. Are there any charges at mainzed?

mainzed is not a service provider and hence does not charge fees for its services. We render support out of the conviction that large-scale digital research is only possible by cooperating with various scientific institutions in Mainz.

11. Can I use hardware at mainzed?

As a network, mainzed does not host any hardware or technical infrastructure. Computer centres and further offices of the partners are responsible for these requirements. However, mainzed can help with identifying the requirements for a project.

| Choice of software and methods |
| Demonstrating potential for innovative digital research |
| Identification of funding lines |
| Conveying expertise |
| Assistance with the formulation of requests |
| Thematic workshops |

Working areas of research support (status as of Jan 2018)

Getting in contact with mainzed

12. Where can I meet mainzed?

Scientists of mainzed can be found at various specialist conventions. In different contexts, they also appear as organisers. Furthermore, mainzed itself organises mainzedZWEI at the beginning of every year where topics of its research projects are presented to the public.
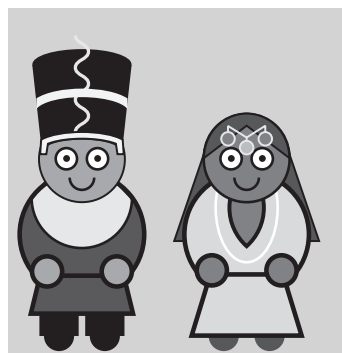
13. Can I become a member of mainzed?

All scientists who work at the six partner institutions of mainzed and are concerned with questions of digital humanities and cultural studies can become active in the network of mainzed. That means, they become part of a Community of Practice that jointly conducts research and, if possible, integrates its expertise into research support. Here, the academic degree is not considered. Important aspects are merely competences, experiences and motivation.

14. How do I hear about news regarding mainzed?

Information on events, new research projects and other announcements can be retrieved from mainzed-newsflash. You can subscribe to it by sending an e-mail with the subject Registration to *newsflash@mainzed.org*.

mainzed is also actively using twitter with the *username @_mainzed*.

mainzed figures of the degree programme

Degree programme, internships and jobs

15. Can I study at mainzed?

It is not possible to study directly at mainzed but the contents of the master's degree programme Digital Methods in the Humanities and Cultural Studies are supported by mainzed. The degree programme is closely linked to research practice and thus provides very good opportunities for graduates in the labour market.

16. Which degree do I need for the master's degree programme?

Applicants who have a bachelor's degree in the humanities, cultural studies or with a focus in computer science can be admitted to the full-time study programme comprising four semesters.

17. Where do I apply for the degree programme?

You can apply for the master's degree programme at the University of Mainz. Yet, you will be enrolled at the University of Mainz as well as at the Mainz University of Applied Sciences.

18. Can I do an internship at mainzed?

mainzed is offering many opportunities for internships: On the one hand, you can do an internship directly at one of the partner institutions within the network and work with digital edition, music informatics or 3D scans. On the other hand, it is possible to work at the managing office in order to get an insight into scientific management.

19. Are there student jobs available at mainzed?

mainzed has regular demand for students who want to work at the managing office or at the partner institutions. Here, we are looking for research assistants depending on the task field, e.g. for programming work, for the organisation of events, for editorial work etc.