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# Interlinking Corpora Through Lemmas

The LiLa Knowledge Base  
of Interoperable Linguistic Resources for Latin

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# Research question

State of affairs



We have built and collected (for Latin and other languages):

- ▶ Textual Resources
- ▶ Lexical Resources
- ▶ NLP Tools

Scattered and unconnected



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A collection of multifarious, interoperable linguistic resources described with the same vocabulary for knowledge description (by using common data categories and ontologies)

### Interlinking as a Form of Interaction



Common Language Resources and  
Technology Infrastructure

Infrastructure



Interoperability

# The Linked Data Principles

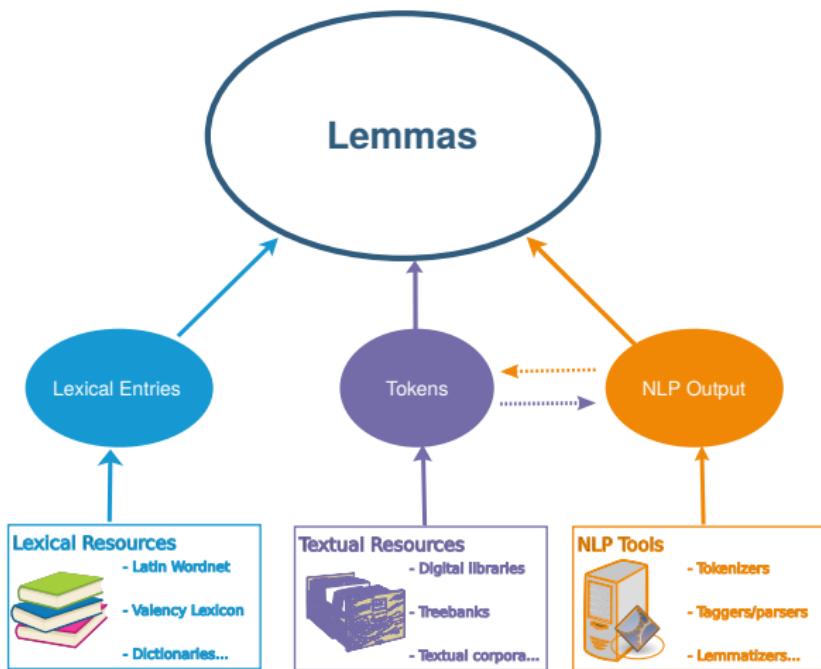
...just to be FAIR



- ▶ Use URIs for things (e.g. an entry in a lexicon, a token in a corpus)
- ▶ Use HTTP URIs to allow people (and machines) to look up things
- ▶ Use web standards to represent/query (meta)data, such as RDF and SPARQL
- ▶ Include links to other URIs

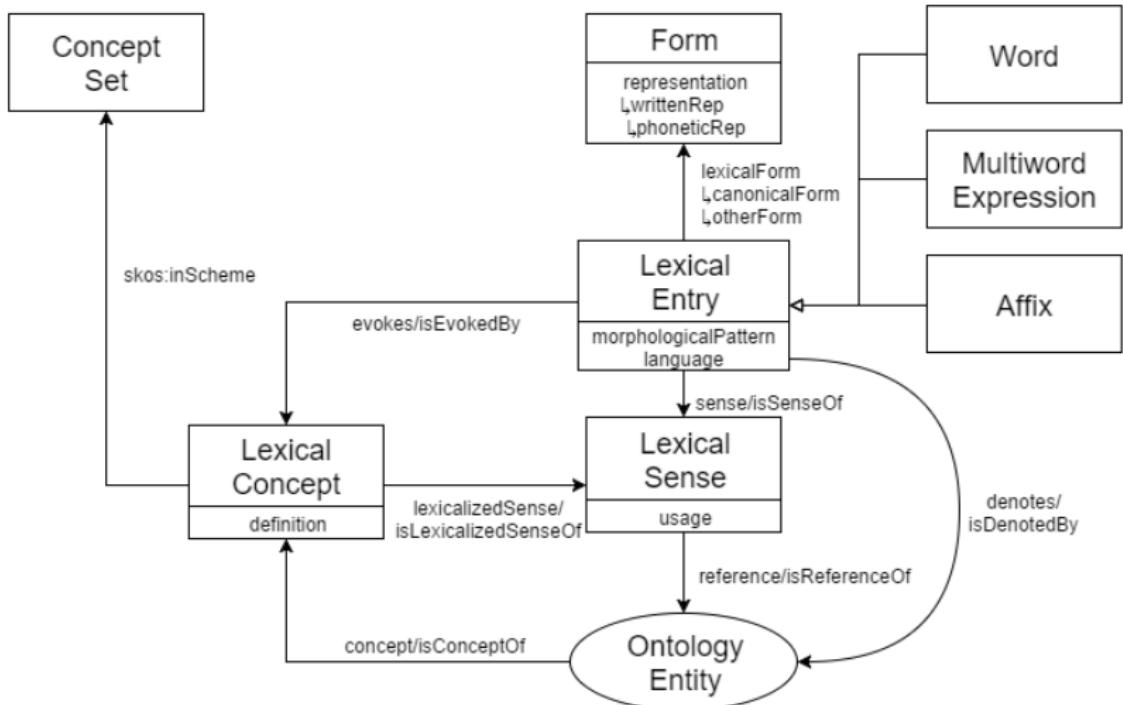
# LiLa Knowledge Base

Lexically-based architecture and (meta)data sources



# LiLa and Ontolex Lemon

A *de facto* W3C standard for publishing lexical data as LLOD



# Lemma Bank and Lexical Resources

The core of LiLa. Source: LEMLAT (extended)



Lemma *admiror* ‘to admire, to respect’

<https://lila-erc.eu/data/id/lemma/87541>

- ▶ Lemma Bank
- ▶ A derivational lexicon (Word Formation Latin)
- ▶ A polarity lexicon (LatinAffectus)
- ▶ An etymological dictionary (De Vaan)
- ▶ A Valency Lexicon (Latin Vallex)
- ▶ A manually checked subset of the Latin WordNet

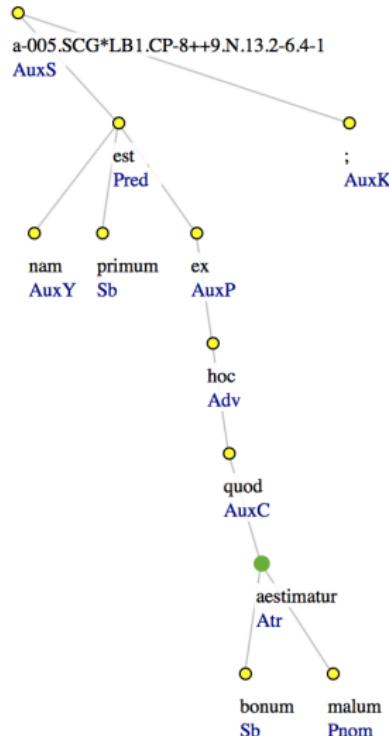
# (Annotated) Corpora in LiLa

A token from the *Index Thomisticus* Treebank in LiLa (original scheme)



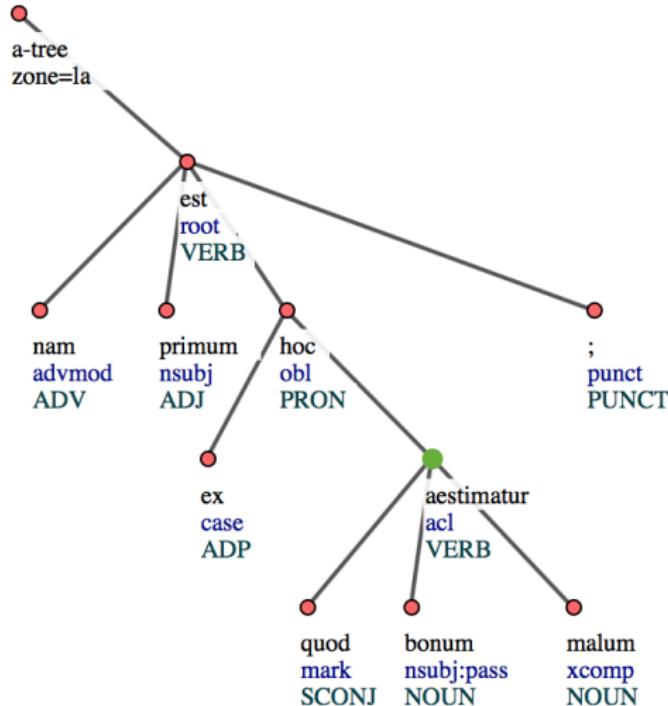
*nam primum est ex hoc  
quod bonum **aestimatur**  
malum; (IT-TB: SCG, lib. 1,  
cap. 89, n. 13)*

*for the first arises because  
the good **is judged** to be  
evil; (Trans. Anton C. Pegis)*



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A token from the *Index Thomisticus* Treebank in LiLa (UD scheme)



Token *aestimatur*

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**Figure:** LiLa's Text Linker



The screenshot shows the LiLa Text Linker interface. On the left, there is a text input area with the placeholder "PASTE YOUR TEXT BELOW". Below this, a block of Latin text is displayed with tokens highlighted in various colors (e.g., green, red, orange) to indicate matches against the knowledge base. Two buttons, "TEXT" and "PROCESS", are located above the text input area. On the right, a circular "LILA KNOWLEDGE BASE" section displays a donut chart with three segments: "exact match" (green), "ambiguous match" (light blue), and "no match" (orange). Below the chart, a message says "Click a token to show linked data". A specific token, "basia", is selected, and its details are shown in a modal window: "Form: basia", "Lemma: basium - Upos: NOUN", and "Data from LemmaBank: Linked to LiLa [lila:Lemma:91384](#)". The modal also lists RDF triples: "rdf:type Lemma", "rdfs:label basium", "lila:hasBase Base536", and "lila:hasGender neuter". At the bottom of the interface, the copyright notice "Copyright © LiLa ERC 2020" is visible.

Figure: Text processed against the LiLa Knowledge Base

<http://lila-erc.eu:8080/LiLaTextLinker/>

## ► Corpora

- Index Thomisticus Treebank (*Summa contra Gentiles*): ca. 450,000 nodes
- Dante Search (700th death anniversary): ca. 46,000 tokens
- Querolus sive Aulularia*: ca. 17,000 tokens
- PROIEL and LLCT treebanks
- Computational Historical Semantics, LASLA and CroALa Corpora

## ► Lexica

- Word Formation Latin: ca. 46,000 lemmas (Classical Latin)
- Etymological dictionary of Latin & the other Italic Langs.: ca. 1,400 entries
- LatinAffectus: ca. 2,300 entries
- Index Graecorum Vocabulorum in Linguam Latinam: ca. 1,800 entries
- Latin WordNet: ca. 1,000 manually checked entries
- Latin Vallex 2.0: Valency Lexicon
- Lewis & Short Dictionary

## ► NLP tools

- LEMLAT (lemma bank): ca. 150,000 lemmas

## ► TOTAL: approximately 13 million triples

## Query Interface, Triplestore and Linker

- ▶ Query interface; Triplestore
- ▶ Linker

## Linguistic Resources. Corpora

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- ▶ *Querulus sive Aulularia*

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# Thanks!

Get in touch



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