

Linguistic annotation of CMC and social media corpora:

To what extent do we have to adapt existing encoding standards and tag sets?

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CMC and corpus linguistics

- CMC: important part of everyday communication for many people – for at least 20 years.
- Broad field of research for a range of disciplines in the Humanities (since the early 90ies).
- Nevertheless: Almost no representation of CMC in corpora of written language + only very few specialized CMC corpora.
 - ⇒ **Reasons:**
 - Unclear legal situation
 - Lack of standards (for describing, annotating and processing CMC data)

⇒ To date, each corpus project on CMC has to develop their own *best practices* in representing and annotating their data.

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Main focus: genres of *written* CMC

CMC '*macro-*' and '*microstructures*'

CMC **macrostructures**:

structure of the interaction as documented on the screen and/or in one corpus document.

The building blocks of CMC macrostructures are the individual **user posts**.

CMC macro structures are not created by one participant alone but as an interactional achievement of all participants *plus* the system.

CMC '*micro-*' and '*macrostructures*'

subject

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the structure of the **content of a CMC post** –
i.e.:

- of the stretch of written text which one participant in the interaction has sent to the server *at once* in order to make a new contribution

or

- of a stretch of written text created by the system which is displayed using the format of a post (e.g., “system messages” in chats).

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token3/POS token4/POS token5/POS
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token6/POS token7/POS/BOLD ...

</paragraph>

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<paragraph>token1 token2 token3 ...

AUTOSIGNATURE</paragraph>

ChatCorpus2CLARIN: Project background

Curation project of the CLARIN-D F-AG 1 “German Philology”



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<http://www.clarin-d.de/en/curation-project-1-3-german-philology>

The corpus

Dortmund Chat Corpus

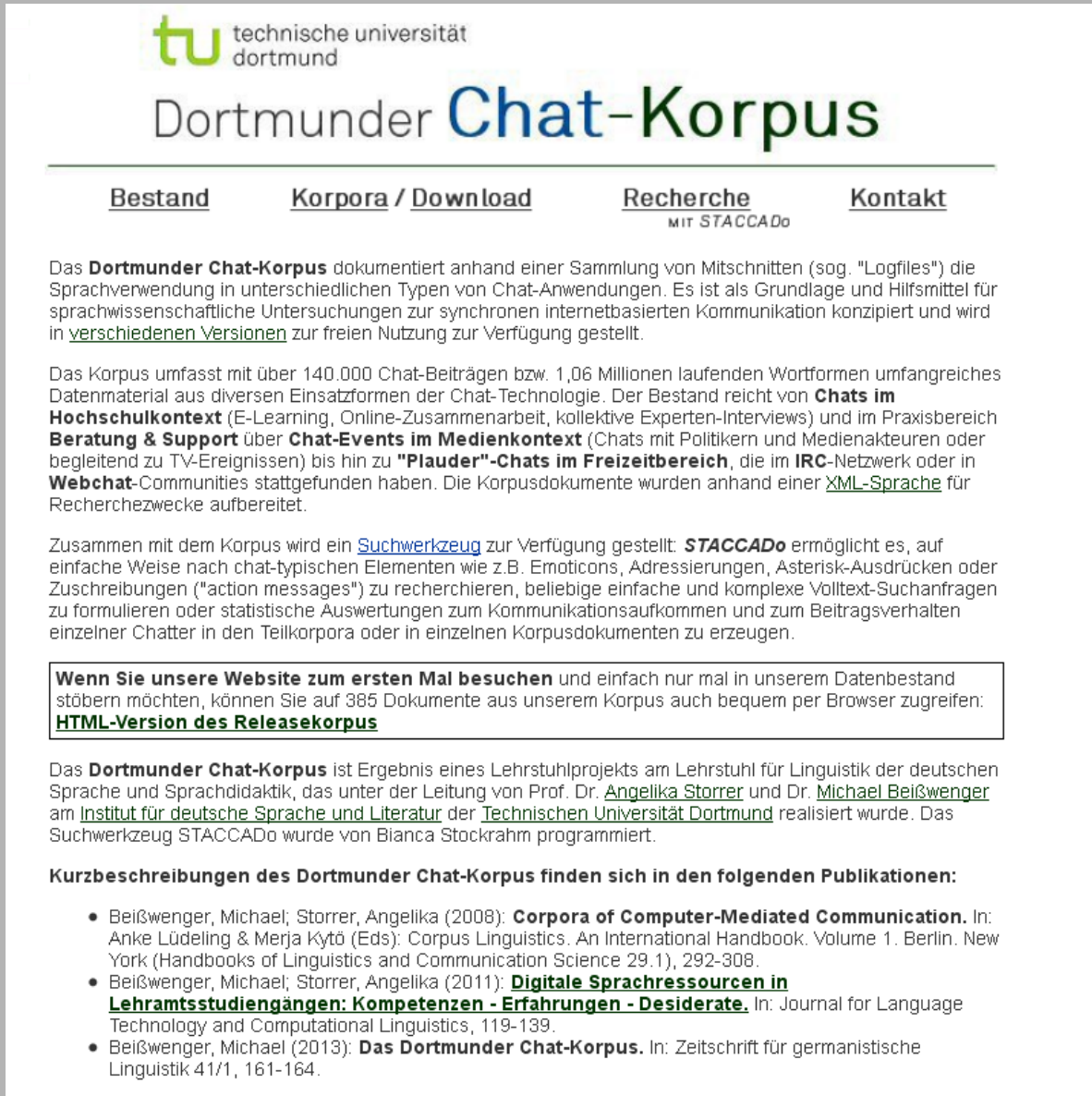
<http://www.chatkorpus.tu-dortmund.de>

478 logfile documents with 140,240 user postings or 1M words of German chat discourse.

Resource for the analysis of **linguistic variation in chats** including chats from different social/institutional contexts (social chats, advisory chats, learning and teaching, moderated chats in the media context).

Annotated in a home-grown XML format ('**ChatXML**):

- (1) basic structure of chat logfiles and postings,
- (2) selected CMC phenomena,
- (3) selected metadata.



The screenshot shows the website for the Dortmund Chat-Korpus. At the top left is the logo for TU Dortmund (technische universität dortmund). The main title is 'Dortmunder Chat-Korpus'. Below the title are four navigation links: 'Bestand', 'Korpora / Download', 'Recherche MIT STACCADo', and 'Kontakt'. The main content area contains three paragraphs of text. The first paragraph describes the corpus as a collection of chat transcripts (logfiles) used for linguistic research. The second paragraph details the scope of the corpus, mentioning over 140,000 chat messages and 1.06 million word forms, covering various contexts like e-learning and media. The third paragraph mentions a search tool called STACCADo. Below this is a box with a warning about accessing the HTML version of the release corpus. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Kurzbeschreibungen des Dortmunder Chat-Korpus' with a list of three publications.

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Das **Dortmunder Chat-Korpus** dokumentiert anhand einer Sammlung von Mitschnitten (sog. "Logfiles") die Sprachverwendung in unterschiedlichen Typen von Chat-Anwendungen. Es ist als Grundlage und Hilfsmittel für sprachwissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zur synchronen internetbasierten Kommunikation konzipiert und wird in [verschiedenen Versionen](#) zur freien Nutzung zur Verfügung gestellt.

Das Korpus umfasst mit über 140.000 Chat-Beiträgen bzw. 1,06 Millionen laufenden Wortformen umfangreiches Datenmaterial aus diversen Einsatzformen der Chat-Technologie. Der Bestand reicht von **Chats im Hochschulkontext** (E-Learning, Online-Zusammenarbeit, kollektive Experten-Interviews) und im Praxisbereich **Beratung & Support** über **Chat-Events im Medienkontext** (Chats mit Politikern und Medienakteuren oder begleitend zu TV-Ereignissen) bis hin zu **"Plauder"-Chats im Freizeitbereich**, die im **IRC-Netzwerk** oder in **Webchat-Communities** stattgefunden haben. Die Korpusdokumente wurden anhand einer [XML-Sprache](#) für Recherchezwecke aufbereitet.

Zusammen mit dem Korpus wird ein [Suchwerkzeug](#) zur Verfügung gestellt: **STACCADo** ermöglicht es, auf einfache Weise nach chat-typischen Elementen wie z.B. Emoticons, Adressierungen, Asterisk-Ausdrücken oder Zuschreibungen ("action messages") zu recherchieren, beliebige einfache und komplexe Volltext-Suchanfragen zu formulieren oder statistische Auswertungen zum Kommunikationsaufkommen und zum Beitragsverhalten einzelner Chatter in den Teilkorpora oder in einzelnen Korpusdokumenten zu erzeugen.

Wenn Sie unsere Website zum ersten Mal besuchen und einfach nur mal in unserem Datenbestand stöbern möchten, können Sie auf 385 Dokumente aus unserem Korpus auch bequem per Browser zugreifen: [HTML-Version des Releasekorpus](#)

Das **Dortmunder Chat-Korpus** ist Ergebnis eines Lehrstuhlprojekts am Lehrstuhl für Linguistik der deutschen Sprache und Sprachdidaktik, das unter der Leitung von Prof. Dr. [Angelika Storrer](#) und Dr. [Michael Beißwenger](#) am [Institut für deutsche Sprache und Literatur](#) der [Technischen Universität Dortmund](#) realisiert wurde. Das Suchwerkzeug STACCADo wurde von Bianca Stockrahm programmiert.

Kurzbeschreibungen des Dortmunder Chat-Korpus finden sich in den folgenden Publikationen:

- Beißwenger, Michael; Storrer, Angelika (2008): **Corpora of Computer-Mediated Communication**. In: Anke Lüdeling & Merja Kytö (Eds): *Corpus Linguistics. An International Handbook*. Volume 1. Berlin. New York (Handbooks of Linguistics and Communication Science 29.1), 292-308.
- Beißwenger, Michael; Storrer, Angelika (2011): **Digitale Sprachressourcen in Lehramtsstudiengängen: Kompetenzen - Erfahrungen - Desiderate**. In: *Journal for Language Technology and Computational Linguistics*, 119-139.
- Beißwenger, Michael (2013): **Das Dortmunder Chat-Korpus**. In: *Zeitschrift für germanistische Linguistik* 41/1, 161-164.

Other corpora / data sets in the project focus

- German **WhatsApp Corpus** (Data collection „What's up, Deutschland?“ 2014/15, directed by Beat Siebenhaar/ U Leipzig)
- German **Wikipedia corpus** in DeReKo (IDS Mannheim)
- German **News Corpus** in DeReKo (IDS Mannheim)
- DWDS **Blog Corpus** (BBAW Berlin)

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Main goal:

- Pave the way for the inclusion of linguistically annotated CMC resources into the CLARIN-D corpus infrastructures and create the prerequisites for investigating linguistic peculiarities of CMC with state-of-the art corpus technology.

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Work packages (amongst others):

- Specify an XML schema for the representation of **structural information on the macro- and microstructure level** of CMC and convert the corpus into the target format
- Add **part-of-speech information** on the microstructure level

Ways to handle the lack of standards for CMC corpora

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⇒ [Advanced opportunities for empirical research](#)

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perspective: from best practice to standardization



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Complying with a well-established standard increases the chance that the community takes notice of the need to adapt the standard to a new subject.

⇒ extension of the standard?

⇒ Advanced opportunities for empirical research

Challenge I: Representation of structural information on the macro and micro level of CMC genres

Annotation framework provided by the **Text Encoding Initiative (TEI)**: *De-facto* standard in the field of Digital Humanities.



www.tei-c.org

- widely used interchange format for a variety of genres and document types (1st version of the TEI guidelines: 1990) ⇒ interoperability of resources
- In their current version, the TEI encoding guidelines don't include models for the representation of CMC – but the framework offers a broad sortiment of models for diverse text genres:
 - genres of edited text
 - transcriptions of spoken language
 - performance texts
 - correspondence
 - manuscript editions
 - (...)

Challenge I: Representation of structural information on the macro and micro level of CMC genres

What makes the annotation framework provided by the TEI an attractive starting point for modeling CMC genres:



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- Very lively community organized in several special interest groups and workgroups which are continuously developing solutions for adapting the guidelines to new usage contexts and genres.
- **The TEI framework allows for a flexible adaptation to new genres and document types (“**customization**”):**



“Because the TEI Guidelines must cover such a broad domain and user community, it is essential that they be customizable: both to permit the creation of manageable subsets that serve particular purposes, and also to **permit usage in areas that the TEI has not yet envisioned.**”

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Customizing the TEI guidelines for written CMC:

Starting points:

TEI schema drafts by Beißwenger et al. (2012) and Chanier et al. (2014)

The challenge:

The basic units of interaction on the macro level – the posts – share characteristics both with written texts and with utterances in spoken conversations.

⇒ Neither the models *paragraph* or *division* (building blocks of *text structure in TEI*) nor the model of the *utterance* (building blocks of *transcribed speech in TEI*) are useful to describe the characteristics of CMC posts.



POST
<post>...</post>

divPart-like element



the post as a stretch of text on the screen

Attribute @who



unit of dialogic interaction

metadata

user-generated content



a product of individual language production with visible metadata



Modeling thread and logfile structures

<post> attribute **@replyTo:**

indicates to which previous post the current post replies or refers to.

+ **Best practice for the use of the TEI standard model <div>** (typically used for the annotation of divisions in edited text):

“division in a CMC document” =

a CMC macrostructure, i.e.: a unit that consists of at least one post and typically of several posts
(types: *logfile*, *thread*, ...)

Schema drafts of the TEI-SIG on CMC

page discussion view source history watch

Main Page

This is a wiki devoted to the [Text Encoding Initiative \(TEI\)](#). It is created by TEI-ers for TEI-ers, and if you wish to contribute something or join the discussions, you are most welcome – all you need to do is [login](#) or [register](#). Choose from the following:

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http://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG:Computer-Mediated_Communication

"CLARIN-D schema" (2015): TEI Schema and ODD from the CLARIN-D curation project *ChatCorpus2CLARIN*

Project context: The schema has been developed and tested with data from several CMC genres (chats, tweets, whatsapp, wikipedia talk pages, ...) as part of the work of the German CLARIN-D curation project *ChatCorpus2CLARIN*.

Authors: Michael Beißwenger, Eric Ehrhardt, Axel Herold, Harald Lungen, Angelika Storrer.

Main characteristics compared to previous schema drafts (CoMeRe, DeRiK):

- Reduction of new elements through re-modeling some CMC-specific concepts from the previous schemas with „standard“ TEI (guiding principle: "reduce to the max": introduction of new models and modification of existing models only for concepts which are needed *in any case*; for everything else: definition of best practices for the use of existing models in TEI-P5)
- Definition of an interface to part-of-speech annotations (using <w> and <phr>)

■ **ODD / documentation of the schema:** see detail page: [SIG:CMC/CLARIN-D schema draft for representing CMC in TEI \(2015\)](#)

Presentation / discussion of the CLARIN-D schema: The schema will be discussed in two panels at the following conferences:

- *TEI across corpora, languages and genres: Towards a standard for the representation of social media and computer-mediated communication.* Panel at the Annual Conference and Members Meeting of the Text Encoding Initiative 2015: "Connect, Animate, Innovate", Université Lumière, Lyon 2 (F), 29 October 2015 (organized by Michael Beißwenger & Thierry Chanier).
- *Towards an encoding standard for social media and CMC: Experiences from German and French corpus projects using TEI.* Panel at the International Research Days: Social Media and CMC Corpora for the eHumanities, Université Rennes 2, Rennes (F), 23-24 October 2015 (organized by Michael Beißwenger & Thierry Chanier).

"CoMeRe schema" (2014): TEI schema and ODD from the CoMeRe network

Project context: The schema has been developed in the context of the French network CoMeRe (Communication médiée par les réseaux) and used for annotation of several corpora of French CMC (SMS, tweets, chat, weblogs, multimodal CMC, ...).

Authors: Thierry Chanier, Céline Poudat, Benoit Sagot, Georges Antoniadis, Ciara R. Wigham, Linda Hriba, Julien Longhi, Djamé Seddah.

Main characteristics compared to the previous schema draft (DeRiK):


- Introduction of an element <prod> for the representation of non-verbal acts
- (re-)definition of <post>, <prod> and <u> as models which may be combined within one interaction (= installation of one main result of the SIG meeting 2013 in Rome). => make the schema fit for multimodal CMC
- includes a metadata schema for CMC

ODD / documentation of the schema: see detail pages:

- [SIG:CMC/CoMeRe schema draft for representing CMC in TEI \(2014\)](#)
- [CMC/CoMeRe metadata schema draft for CMC](#)

Article in the JLCL special issue on CMC corpora:

TEI Special Interest Group (SIG) on CMC (since 2013)

 < Text Encoding Initiative > <http://www.tei-c.org/Activities/SIG/CMC/>

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Context

In the past three decades, computer networks and especially the internet have brought forth new and emerging genres of interpersonal communication (*computer-mediated communication*, henceforth "CMC"). Even though there's been a lot of research on CMC genres and on language use on the internet in linguistics and social sciences as well as in the field of natural language processing, there are still no common standards for the representation and annotation of these new forms of communication and their structural and linguistic peculiarities. Being able to represent CMC data on the basis of an encoding framework such as the TEI which is broadly acknowledged within the field of digital humanities will allow for an interchange of data between research groups and for building interoperable CMC corpora for different languages

Scope and Tasks

This special interest group is elaborating on suggestions for adapting the TEI guidelines to the representation of genres of computer-mediated communication (CMC). The focus of the group's work is on (but not limited to) tasks such as:

- modelling user contributions (*posts*) to written CMC dialogues (which share features both with written discourse and with spoken utterances);
- modelling CMC document structures ("*CMC macrostructures*" – e.g., forum threads, wiki talk pages, chat logfiles, Twitter timelines etc.);
- annotating linguistic features within user posts ("*CMC microstructures*" – elements such as emoticons, addressing terms, hashtags; quotes from prior posts; etc.);
- representing linked data and media objects connected with/embedded in CMC discourse;
- metadata schemata for the description of CMC resources;
- developing perspectives for the representation of discourse in multimodal CMC environments in which the participants in one interaction space combine a variety of modalities from written, spoken and non-verbal modes.

Challenge II: Part-of-speech annotations for the microlevel of CMC posts (using NLP tools & tag sets)

Without a part-of-speech (PoS) annotation:

- only very limited querying options;
- no basis for advanced processing steps which require a useful linguistic preprocessing (e.g., parse trees).

The Problem:

Part-of-speech taggers (NLP tools in general) do not perform very well on written CMC discourse:

- new elements which don't fit into any established PoS category (emojis, addressings, action words, hashtags);
- speedwriting phenomena (typos, omission of characters, norm-deviating use of whitespace);
- colloquial (*Wazzup?*) and creative spellings (*nyce2meetU*)

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Designing a basic PoS tag set for German CMC

- Initiative in **CLARIN-D** (2012-13) for “**updating**” the **canonical STTS** through adapting it for genres which its original creators didn’t have in focus (Zinsmeister et al. 2014) — e.g.:
 - historical corpora
 - spoken language corpora
 - learner corpora
 - CMC
- Discussions in the DFG network *empirikom* (2010-2014, <http://www.empirikom.net>) on how to make NLP tools fit for automatically processing & annotating CMC corpora
- ⇒ Idea: Let’s set up a **community shared task** on NLP for CMC in order to encourage the developers of NLP tools to adapt their tools & tagging models for CMC
 - ⇒ <https://sites.google.com/site/empirist2015/home>
(supported by **GSCL**)



“STTS 2.0”: A basic PoS tag set for German CMC

- **Basis:** The “Stuttgart Tübingen Tagset” (STTS): de-facto standard for German (focused on PoS tags for the language occurring in edited text / newspaper texts) (Schiller et al. 1999)
- **“STTS 2.0”:** canonical STTS extended with new categories, but still downward-compatible with STTS (1999)
- **Compatible with the extended STTS for spoken language** which is used for PoS tagging the FOLK corpus of spoken German at IDS Mannheim (for phenomena which are *not* in the canonical STTS and which also occur in spoken language)

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Tag	Beschreibung	Beispiele
ADJA	attributives Adjektiv	[das] große [Haus]
ADJD	adverbiales oder prädikatives Adjektiv	[er fährt] schnell [er ist] schnell
ADV	Adverb	schon, bald, heute, jetzt
APPR	Präposition, Zirkumposition links	in [der Stadt], ohne [mich]
APPRART	Präposition mit Artikel	im [Haus], zur [Sache], vom, überm, fürm
APPO	Postposition	[ihm] zufolge, [der Sache] wegen
APZR	Zirkumposition rechts	[von jetzt] an
ART	bestimmter oder unbestimmter Artikel	der, die, das, ein, eine
CARD	Kardinalzahl	zwei [Männer], [im Jahre] 1994
FM	Fremdsprachliches Material	[Er hat das mit] A big fish [übersetzt]
ITJ	Interjektion	mhm, ach, ja
ONO	Onomatopoeikon	boing, miau, zisch
DM	Diskursmarker	prototypisch: <i>wel, obwohl, nur, also</i> als Einheiten mit projektivem Potential im Vorfeld von V2-Sätzen
KOUI	unterordnende Konjunktion mit „zu“ und Infinitiv	um [zu leben] anstatt [zu fragen]
KOU8	unterordnende Konjunktion mit Satz (VL-Stellung)	wel, dass, damit wenn, ob
KON	nebenordnende Konjunktion	und, oder, aber
KOKOM	Vergleichspartikel ohne Satz	als, wie
NN	Appellative	Tisch, Herr, [das] Reisen
NE	Eigennamen	Hans, Hamburg, HSV
PD8	substituierendes Demonstrativpronomen	dieser, jener
PDAT	attribuierendes Demonstrativpronomen	jener [Mensch]
PI8	substituierendes Indefinitpronomen	keiner, viele, man, niemand
PIAT	attribuierendes Indefinitpronomen ohne Determiner	kein [Mensch] jemandem [Glas]
PIDAT	attribuierendes Indefinitpronomen mit Determiner	[ein] wenig [Wasser] [die] beiden [Brüder]
PPER	inflexives Personalpronomen	ich, er, ihm, mich, dir
PPO88	substituierendes Possesivpronomen	meins, deiner
PPO8AT	attribuierendes Possesivpronomen	mein [Buch], deine [Mutter]
PREL8	substituierendes Relativpronomen	[der Hund], der
PRELAT	attribuierendes Relativpronomen	[der Mann], dessen [Hund]
PRF	reflexives Personalpronomen	sich, einander, dich, mir
PW8	substituierendes Interrogativpronomen	wer, was
PWAT	attribuierendes Interrogativpronomen	welche [Farbe]
PWAV	adverbiales Interrogativ- oder Relativpronomen	warum, wo, wann woüber, wobei
PAV	Pronominaladverb	dafür, dabei, deswegen, trotzdem
PTKZU	„zu“ vor Infinitiv	zu [gehen]
PTKNEG	Negationspartikel	nicht

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PTKVZ	abgetrennter Verbzusatz	[er kommt] an [er fährt] Rad
PTKANT	Antwortpartikel	ja, nein, danke, bitte
PTKA	Partikel bei Adjektiv oder Adverb	am [schönsten], zu [schnell]
PTKIFG	Intensitäts-, Fokus- oder Gradpartikel	sehr [schön], höchst [eigenartig], nur [sie], voll [gel]
PTKMA	Modal- oder Adbnungspartikel	[Das ist] ja / vielleicht [doo] [ist das] denn [ichtig so?] [Das waf] halt [echt nicht einfach]
PTKMWL	Partikel als Teil eines Mehrwort-Lexems	keine [mehr], noch [mal], schon [weder]
TRUNC	Kompositions-Estglied	An- [und Abreise]
VFIN	finites Verb, voll	[du] gehst [wif] kommen [an]
VVIMP	Imperativ, voll	komm [!]
VVINFIN	Infinitiv, voll	gehen, ankommen
VVIZU	Infinitiv mit „zu“, voll	anzukommen, loszulassen
VVPP	Partizip Perfekt, voll	gegangen, angekommen
VAFIN	finites Verb, aux	[du] bist, [wif] werden
VAIMP	Imperativ, aux	sei [ruhig!]
VAINF	Infinitiv, aux	werden, sein
VAPP	Partizip Perfekt, aux	gewesen
VMPFIN	finites Verb, modal	dürfen
VMINF	Infinitiv, modal	wollen
VMPP	Partizip Perfekt, modal	[er hat] gekommt
VPPER	Konkretion: Vollverb + Inflexives Personalpronomen	schreibste, machste
VMPPER	Konkretion: Modalverb + Inflexives Personalpronomen	wilste, darfst, musste
VAPPER	Konkretion: Auxiliavverb + Inflexives Personalpronomen	hast, bist, bist
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PPERPPER	Konkretion: Inflexives Personalpronomen + Inflexives Personalpronomen	ichs, dus, ers
ADVART	Konkretion: Adverb + Artikel	son, some
EMO88C	Emoticon, als Zeichenfolge dargestellt (Typ „ASCII“)	:-) :^_^ O.O
EMOIMG	Emoticon, als Grafik-ikon dargestellt (Typ „Image“)	kodiert (Beispiel aus WhatsApp): emo[QsmilingFaceWithSmilingEyes emo[QkissingCatFaceWithClosedEyes
AKW	Aktionswort	“lach“ freu, grübel lol“
H8T	Hashtag	[Krete wer super] #aufauf
ADR	Adressierung	@lothar [: Wie bist so?]
URL	Uniform Resource Locator	http://www.tu-dortmund.de
EML	E-Mail-Adresse	peterklein@web.de
XY	Nichtwort, Sonderzeichen enthaltend	D2XW3
,	Komma	,
.	Satzbeendende Interpunktio	. ? ! : :
{ }	sonstige Satzzeichen, Satzintem	- [/ ()

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EMO IMG	Graphic emoticon	😊 🍌 😜
AKW	Interaction word	*lach*, freu, grübel, *lol*
HST	Hash tag	Kreta war super! <u>#urlaub</u>
ADR	Addressing term	<u>@lothar</u> : Wie isset so?
URL	Uniform resource locator	<u>http://www.tu-dortmund.de</u>
EML	E-mail address	<u>peterklein@web.de</u>
<i>II. Tags for phenomena which are typical for spontaneous spoken language in colloquial registers:</i>		
VV PPER	Tags for types of colloquial contractions which are frequent in CMC (APPRART is already existing in STTS 1999)	schreibste, machste
APPR ART		vorm, überm, füm
VM PPER		willste, darfst, musste
VA PPER		haste, biste, isses
KOUS PPER		wenns, weils, obse
PPER PPER		ichs, dus, ers
ADV ART		son, sone
PTK IFG	'Intensitätspartikeln', 'Fokuspartikeln', 'Gradpartikeln'	<u>sehr</u> schön, <u>höchst</u> eigenartig, <u>nur</u> sie, <u>voll</u> geil
PTK MA	Modal particles	Das ist <u>ja</u> / <u>vielleicht</u> doof. Ist das <u>denn</u> richtig so? Das war <u>halt</u> echt nicht einfach.
PTK MWL	Particle as part of a multi-word lexeme	keine <u>mehr</u> , <u>noch</u> mal, <u>schon</u> wieder
DM	Discourse markers	<u>weil</u> , <u>obwohl</u> , <u>nur</u> , <u>also</u> , ... <i>with V2 clauses</i>
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Annotation Guidelines

The training data that will be provided as a gold standard have been manually tokenized and tagged according to the following guidelines:

- Beißwenger, Michael; Bartz, Thomas; Storrer, Angelika; Westpfahl, Swantje (2015): **Tagset und Richtlinie für das Part-of-Speech-Tagging von Sprachdaten aus Genres internetbasierter Kommunikation**. Guideline document from the Empirikom shared task on automatic linguistic annotation of internet-based communication (*EmpiriST 2015*). (21 pages).
PDF: [EmpiriST_Guideline-PoS.pdf](#)
- Beißwenger, Michael; Bartsch, Sabine; Evert, Stefan; Würzner, Kay-Michael (2015): **Richtlinie für die manuelle Tokenisierung von Sprachdaten aus Genres internetbasierter Kommunikation**. Guideline document from the Empirikom shared task on automatic linguistic annotation of internet-based communication (*EmpiriST 2015*). (29 pages).
PDF: [EmpiriST_Guideline-Tokenisierung.pdf](#)

When citing these documents, please use the bibliographic information given above and refer to the URL <http://sites.google.com/site/empirist2015/>.

Overview: The part of speech tagset used for annotations:

Extensions to STTS (1999) are highlighted with blue background colour:

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PoS tagset + annotation guidelines available on the website of the GSCL/ Empirikom shared task on automatic linguistic annotation of CMC ([EmpiriST2015](#)).

<https://sites.google.com/site/empirist2015/home/>

PoS annotation of the CLARIN-D project: workflow

- 1. Automatic tokenisation, PoS annotation & lemmatisation** of the chat corpus with tools + tagging models from the BMBF project „Schreibgebrauch“ at U Saarbrücken (Horbach et al. 2014, Horbach et al. 2015)
<http://www.schreibgebrauch.de>
PoS tag set used: previous version of “STTS 2.0” (Bartz et al. 2014)
- 2. Manual post-processing of the tagging results** using OrthoNormal in FOLKER (preview version 1.2) with an import/export filter for PoS tagged chat data (defined by Thomas Schmidt/IDS Mannheim)

Manual post-processing of PoS tagging results with OrthoNormal

The screenshot shows the OrthoNormal 0.9 interface with a transcript on the left and a POS tagging table on the right. A dialog box is open for manual correction of the word "Du".

Transcript (Left Panel):

- 45 Lant... :)))
- 46 Lant... Na , zori ? :))
- 47 marc... den ?
- 48 quaki * g [G] *
- 49 quaki dange [danke] lantonie
- 50 Lant... Ich habe heute einen SMS von Tigaaaaelse bekommen .
- 51 Lant... * erzähl *
- 52 Pharao lanto redet wie ne [eine] bewahrungshelferin [Bewahrungshelferin]
- 53 zora zora [Zora] freut sich über ihr zeugnis :))
- 54 quaki * aufpluster *
- 55 syste... Thor... betritt den Raum.
- 56 marc... ich mal wieder nich [nicht] ...
- 57 quaki was hast denn zori ??
- 58 quaki erzähl
- 59 syste... stoeps kommt aus dem Raum ((Number_of_the_beast))herein.
- 60 Lant... Das hast du [Du] dir [Dir] verdient , zori ?
- 61 Tomc... oh man wat [was] fürn krawall [Krawall] hier draußen ... * guck *

POS Tagging Table (Right Panel):

Wort	Normal	Lemma	POS	p(POS)
lanto			NE	
redet		reden	VVFIN	
wie		wie	KOKOM	
ne	eine	eine	ART	
bewahrungsh...	Bewahrungsh...	Bewahrungsh...	NN	
zora	Zora	Zora	NE	
freut		freuen	VVFIN	
sich		sich	PRF	
über		über	APPR	
ihr		ihr	PPOSAT	
zeugnis			NN	
:))			EMOASC	
*		*	AWIND	
aufpluster			ADJD	
*		*	AWIND	
ich		ich	PPER	
mal		mal	ADV	
wieder		wieder	ADV	
nich	nicht		PTKNEG	
...		...	\$(
was		was	PWS	
hast		haben	VAFIN	
denn		denn	ADV	
zori			NE	
??			\$.	
erzähl		erzählen	VVIMP	
Das		die	PDS	
hast		haben	VAFIN	
du	Du	du	PPER	
dir	Dir	du	PPER	

Manual Correction Dialog (Bottom Center):

Buttons: NGIRR, NGHES, PTKMA, PTKIFG, **ADV**, VVINF, VVFIN

Input field: AKWI

Dropdown menu (selected): VVINF

Other options: NN, NE, V, VVFIN, VVIMP, VVINF, VVIZU

Buttons: ab|cd, **OOV**, %

Modus: Normalisieren, Tagging, XML

Automatisches Weiterrücken

(Overview of the FOLK tools: Schmidt 2012)

Vision (1): The CLARIN-D chat corpus as a showcase

After its integration into the CLARIN-D infrastructure the resource will be characterized by the following added values:

- interoperability with other corpus resources that are represented in TEI and with annotation and analysis tools that support the TEI format;
- advanced querying options (PoS tags, normalized spellings);
- interoperability with other corpus resources that have been tagged with STTS;
- advanced options for corpus-based analyses on the peculiarities of CMC discourse as compared to the language of edited text and of spoken language, using the text and speech corpora which are already available in the corpus infrastructures of BBAW and IDS;
- *((may probably serve as a model – or at least an example – for building and representing other German CMC corpora.....))*

Vision (2): Building a “community of best practices”

Network of corpus projects which are developing “best practices” for *their* data and *their* research questions:

- to learn from each other through exchange of expertise, experiences, resources and tools,
- as an opportunity to find out where projects could agree upon using similar practices for similar challenges / where solutions from one project can be adopted by other projects and for other languages,
- to create show cases for what one can gain through an interoperability between CMC corpora *for different languages and genres* (⇒ new research options).

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Linguistic annotation of social media corpora:

To what extent do we have to adapt existing
encoding standards and tag sets?

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Thank you very much for your attention! :-)

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Using <w> for the representation of PoS information in our TEI schema

```
<post type="standard" who="#A04" auto="false" rend="color:green">
  <p>
    <w type="VVFIN">dachte</w>
    <w type="PPER">ich</w>
    < type="ADV">auch</w>
    <w type="ADV">immer</w>
    <w type="$(">,</w>
    <name type="nickname" corresp="#A09">
      <w type="NE">monk</w>
    </name>
    <w type="$.">..</w>
    <w type=,"$(">*</w>
    <w type="AKW">heul</w>
    <w type=,"$(">*</w>
  </p>
</post>
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CLARIN-D TEI schema (documentation):

[http://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG:CMC/
CLARIN-D schema draft for
representing CMC in TEI \(2015\)](http://wiki.tei-c.org/index.php/SIG:CMC/CLARIN-D_schema_draft_for_representing_CMC_in_TEI_(2015))

ineli26: dachte ich auch immer, monk .. *heul*
*I was always thinking the same, monk .. *crying**

Contractions in chats

'social chat' subcorpus of the Dortmund chat corpus:
21 logfiles / 104.094 tokens, including 584
occurrences of colloquial contractions

