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- ✤ Skillnet project
- Sources and data
- ✤ CEMROL platform
  - 0 development
  - o audience
  - o results and future



Sharing Knowledge in Learned and Literary Networks

### Early Modern Republic of Letters



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- $\clubsuit$  five research projects
  - Van Miert: RoL in the modern age
  - Llano: prosopography and social networks
  - Scholten: scholarly memory and identity
  - Hollewand: ideal of sharing knowledge
  - Van Vugt: knowledge commons



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- o our own or established platform (*Vele handen*)
- o developers (Digital Humanities Lab UU)
- create or adopt framework (SCR BE)
- editing the interface (from tutorials to buttons)

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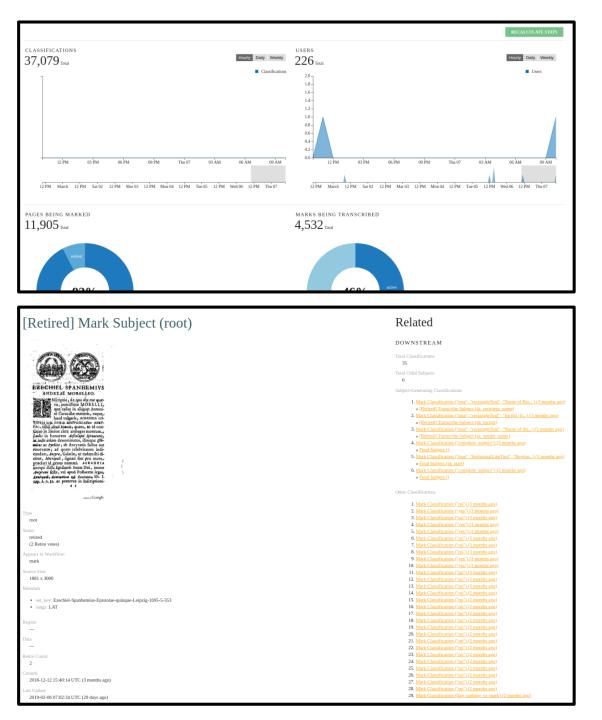
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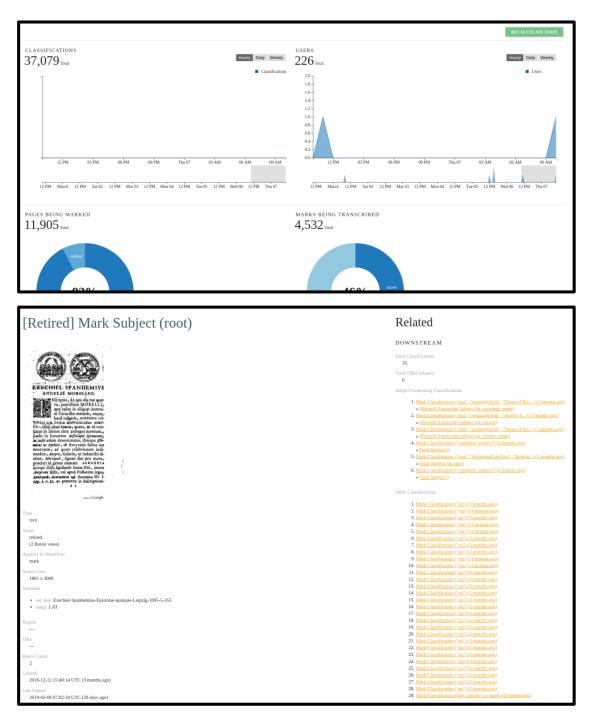


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  - $\circ~$  personal login and more context
  - meeting the volunteers and more outreach (have a look at cemrol.hum.uu.nl)



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