



OpeNER and PANACEA: Web Services for the CLARIN Research Infrastructure

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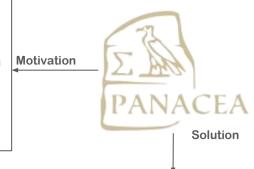
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 - WorkFlow, Interoperability...
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PANACEA: an overview of the project (1 / 2)

Project detail Details: Web; Seventh Framework Programme (theme 3) Grant: 248064; Duration: 2010-2012

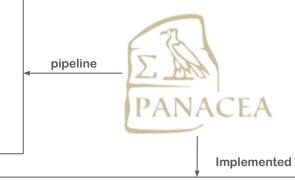
- To overcome language barriers through technological means;
- To address MT systems and their significant impact on the management of multilingualism in Europe w/ related translations of the huge quantity of data produced;
- To cover the needs of hundreds of millions of citizens.



- A factory of different LRs by means of a platform:
 - o To automate all the stages involved in the acquisition, production, updating, validation and maintenance of LRs;
 - To foster the interoperability among LTs;
 - To allow less skilled people to use LRTs.

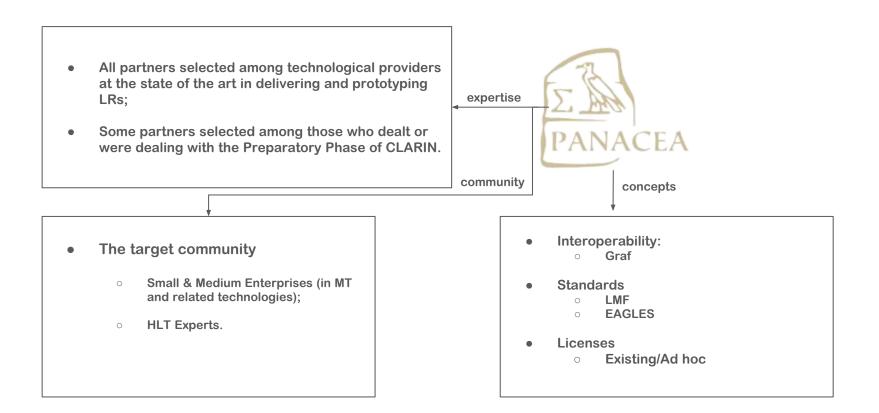
PANACEA: an overview of the project (2 / 2)

- Corpus creation
- Text Pre-processing for erasing non-linguistic code, indexing and segmenting the text.
- Text Annotation (part-of-speech tagging, lemmatization NER...)
- "Parallel Corpus Technologies"
- Lexical Acquisition Technologies
- ..



- As a set of interoperable SOAP Web Services:
 - based on both available or newly developed tools;
 - o To create, transform Language Resources.
- Through a platform that:
 - functionally integrates the different components required in the production of LRs;
 - o is based on an especially dedicated workflow engine (taverna) for the composition of different web services;

PANACEA: Panacea & CLARIN



OPENER: an overview of the project (1 / 2)

Project detail Details: Web; Seventh Framework Programme. Grant: 296451; Duration: 2012-2014

- Reviews as a means to understand the evaluation of (offered) products and services;
- Social media impact over the customer-customer relation;
- Sentiment Analysis and Opinion Mining is a nascent field of research: Who, What, When and how...
- A plethora of companies offering such services (in one or more languages) at various levels;
- The role of NER(C) in SA and OM.



- Technologies for Crosslingual NER, Sentiment Analysis and Opinion Mining
 - Reuse of existing resources;
 - A standardized source of NER;
 - An open development of complementary technologies, including:
 - Lexica
 - tools

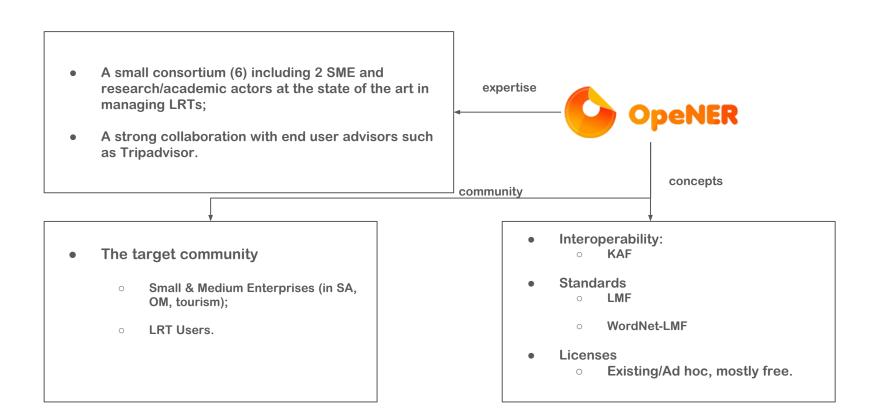
OPENER: an overview of the project (2 / 2)

- Lexicon creation;
- Basic Text Annotation (part-of-speech tagging, lemmatization NER...);
- Production of advanced annotations (for OM, SA...)
- ..



- As a set of interoperable REST Web Services:
 - based on both available or newly developed tools;
 - Adapted to a specific domain.
- Through a set of APIs that:
 - functionally integrates the different components required in the production of LRs;
 - o is based on an especially dedicated pipeline system which guides the users to compose web services.

OPENER: OpeNer & CLARIN



Few Notes on the Projects

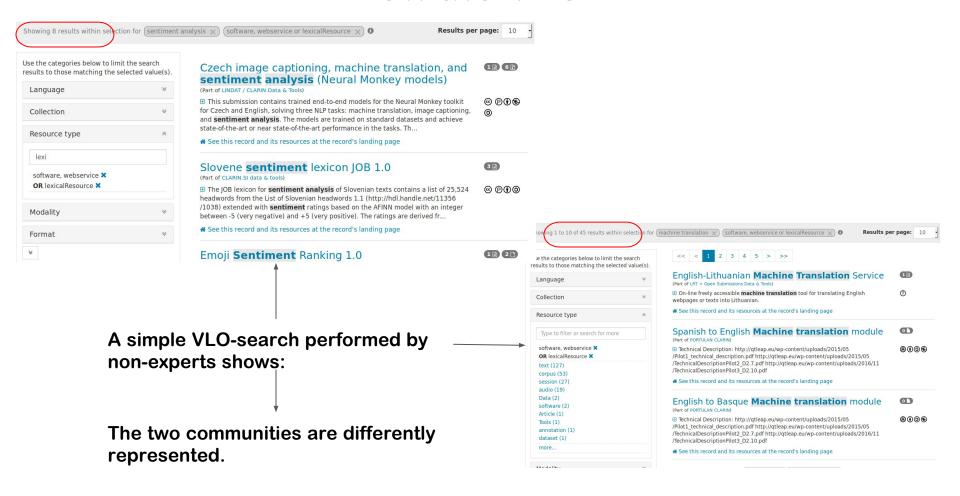
- Both projects implement interoperability and exploit available standards;
- Both projects use a sort of workflow to process linguistic data.

But

- PANACEA involves HLT community more than OpeNer;
- The consortium of Panacea is closer to "CLARIN stuff" than Opener's.

So... Opener seems to be more interesting!

On the VLO



Community Involvement

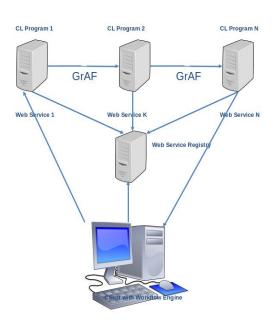
- From a double point of view:
 - Political/organizative:
 - User Involvement;
 - Workshop;
 - Dedicate events;
 - **....**
 - Technical
 - Include the web services into CLARIN:
 - REST APIs;
 - Ready to be inserted into Workflow engines;
 - Documented into repositories.

The Projects: Common Aspects

PANACEA and OpeNer services have some common aspects:

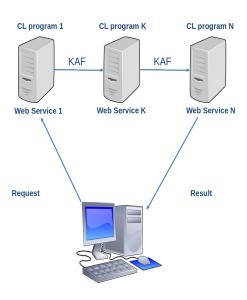
- I. Many tools in OpeNer and PANACEA are command line tool. OpeNer uses Ruby to wrap command line tools and to build REST Web Services, while PANACEA uses Soaplab and offers SOAP Web Services;
- II. OpeNer offers both POST and GET API;
- III. PANACEA offers SOAP Web Services through a Web Interface;
- IV. Simple pipelines are available in OpeNer, while a workflow engine is used in PANACEA;
- V. Kyoto Annotation Format (KAF), Lexical Markup Framework (LMF) and Graph Annotation Format (GrAF) guarantee the interoperability among data and services at different levels.

PANACEA: WorkFlow sketched



- Each Web Service is created from a CL program using SOAPLab;
- Each SOAP WS is embedded into a GUI (for human-machine interaction);
- Each WS is registered into a registry;
- GRAF is used as lingua franca;
- Native CL Program output as output format.

OpeNer: WorkFlow sketched



- Each Web Service is created from a CL (o existing tools) program using Ruby and offers REST APIs;
- KAF is used as lingua franca;
- KAF(JSON) as output format(s).

OpeNer & PANACEA Meet CLARIN

Motivations

- Attract more users;
- Ingest new services into Weblicht and Language Resource Switchboard, which (should)
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Make CLARIN growing and increase its

importance.

CLARIN @ ILC

ILC4CLARIN

- The first and leading CLARIN B-centre of CLARIN-IT
- Already offers services as web interfaces:
 - https://ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/en/services/ (mostly Panacea's)
 - http://opener.ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/tokenizer
 - http://opener.ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/pos-tagger
 - http://opener.ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/kaf2json
- No offered service is WebLicht AND Language Resource Switchboard

Strategy

- Goal:
 - Create REST Web Services (and APIs).
- Considerations:
 - OpeNer offers REST Web Services (through APIs)
 - Easily wrapped into a REST context
 - PANACEA offers SOAP Web Services ((through GUI)
 - We need to play w/ some SOAP APIs before inserting in a REST context.

Strategy

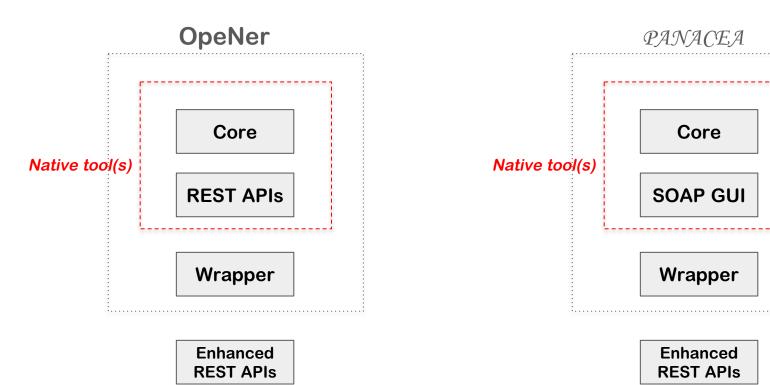
- Two alternatives for PANACEA:
 - (i) Use SOAP APIs (thanks to SoapLab);
 - (ii) Start from the original CL programs and use a different framework to transform these scripts into REST APIs.
- Pros & Cons (i).
 - Develop a shell around SOAP Web Services s.t. they can be "executed" by a software program and not just from a web interface
 - Fortunately the SoapLab APIs help a lot! (It's a pro)
 - o But:
 - Additional pieces of software to manage (It's a con)

Strategy

- Pros & Cons (ii).
 - Replicate (operatively) what was already obtained through SoapLab
 - Using a state-of-the-art tool and technologies implies to be part of a wider community and to be aware of new possible solutions (not strategies) (It's a pro)
 - o But:
 - Replication of endpoints (same service with more than one endpoint)
 - Duplication of server (file systems) (cons)

We consider (ii) not economical (from our perspective)

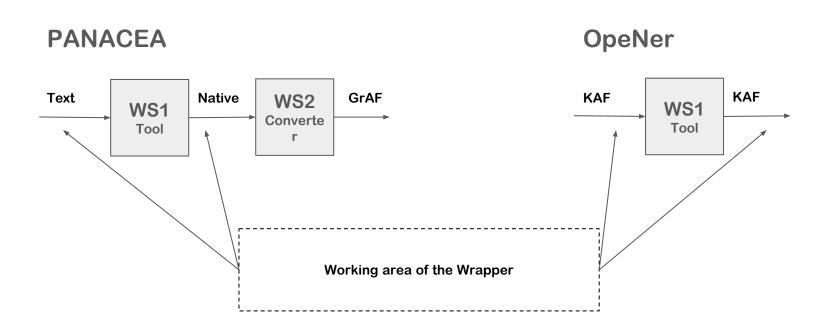
Overview



Recipe

- Use <u>Dropwizard</u>
 - To separate web-ish part from core-ish part
 - Servlet Engine (Jetty)
 - JAX-RS (Jersey)
 - Lingua franca (JSON)
- Create multiple endpoints for
 - Language Resource Switchboard
 - WebLicht
- (A couple of) Dockers

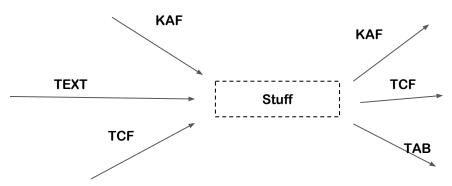
Details of the wrapper



Details of the wrapper

The wrapper consumes different formats in input and produces different formats in output.

- Input
 - Text & TCT for integration in WebLicht
 - KAF for back compatibility with the OpeNer chain
 - Text for integration with Language Resource SwitchBoard
- Output
 - Valid KAF, TCF and tabbed formats



From the OpeNer service readme

From the readme documentation of OpeNer http://ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/services/opener/readme

We get some examples from

http://ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/services/opener/tokenizerhr

The service

- manages plain texts to produce a valid TAB, TCF or KAF document;
- manages TCF document to produce a valid TAB, TCF or KAF document;
- manages KAF document to produce a valid TAB, TCF or KAF document.

Example

curl -H 'Content-Type: multipart/form-data' -F 'file=@myfile' -F 'form={"language":"it","iformat":"raw","oformat":"tcf"}' -X POST http://ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/services/opener/tokenizer/runservice

From the PANACEA service readme

From the readme documentation of PANACEA http://ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/services/panacea/readme

The service

- manages plain texts to produce a valid TAB, TCF or KAF document;
- manages TCF document to produce a valid TAB, TCF or KAF document;
- manages KAF document to produce a valid TAB, TCF or KAF document.

Example

curl -H 'content-type: text/xml' --data-binary @kaf-file.xml -X POST http://ilc4clarin.ilc.cnr.it/services/panacea/freeling_it/kaf/runservice?format=tcf

Github & Docker(s)

- Code available at
 - https://github.com/cnr-ilc/linguistic-tools-for-weblicht/tree/master/OpeNerServices
 - https://github.com/cnr-ilc/linguistic-tools-for-weblicht/tree/master/PanaceaServices

Docker Images

• https://cloud.docker.com/u/cnrilc/repository/docker/cnrilc/ltfw

Few Comments on Github & Docker(s)

 The github code contains more than the services described. It is also a skeleton to wrap other services. What is needed to do is to intercept the output of a service and convert it into an internal format which will be further managed.

- At <u>ILC4CLARIN</u> we use <u>rancher</u> to manage docker images;
- The official organization cnrilc at dockerhub is constantly updated.

Finally, to do list

- Update the list of services offered by ILC4CLARIN so that they can be used and distributed;
- Contact Language Resource Switchboard to test our services;
- Build-up a CMDI file for WebLicht.



Conclusion



We told a story.

A story of two Projects and what they created for researchers in HLT, OM, SA; and to what extent such outcomes can be useful for CLARIN too.

We digressed a bit on some technical aspects and made a lot of promises for the times to come. Promises that must be fulfilled.

"And now it ends". Absolutely not. "No, now it begins"

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