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Trismegistos

An interdisciplinary Platform for Ancient
World Texts and Related Information

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Background

- Trismegistos ‘organically grown’
 - project grown from ‘philological and historical practice’
 - by philologists and historians with database interests
- from Leuven, Belgium
 - one country, but two (three) languages (and cultures)
 - interest in Graeco-Roman Egypt
- personal interest
 - no-man’s land between Egyptology, Ancient History and Classics

MaMiGRE (January 2005 – September 2008)

- Sofja Kovalevskaja Award 2004
 - Humboldt Foundation; Sem. Ägyptologie, Univ. zu Köln
 - Multilingualism and Multiculturalism in Graeco-Roman Egypt
- Aims: texts
 - creation of Egyptological Metadata Databases
 - counterparts to existing Greek counterparts (HGV and LDAB)
 - DAHT-database and HHP-database
 - research (language preferences)

Handling Texts of the Ancient World

Texts

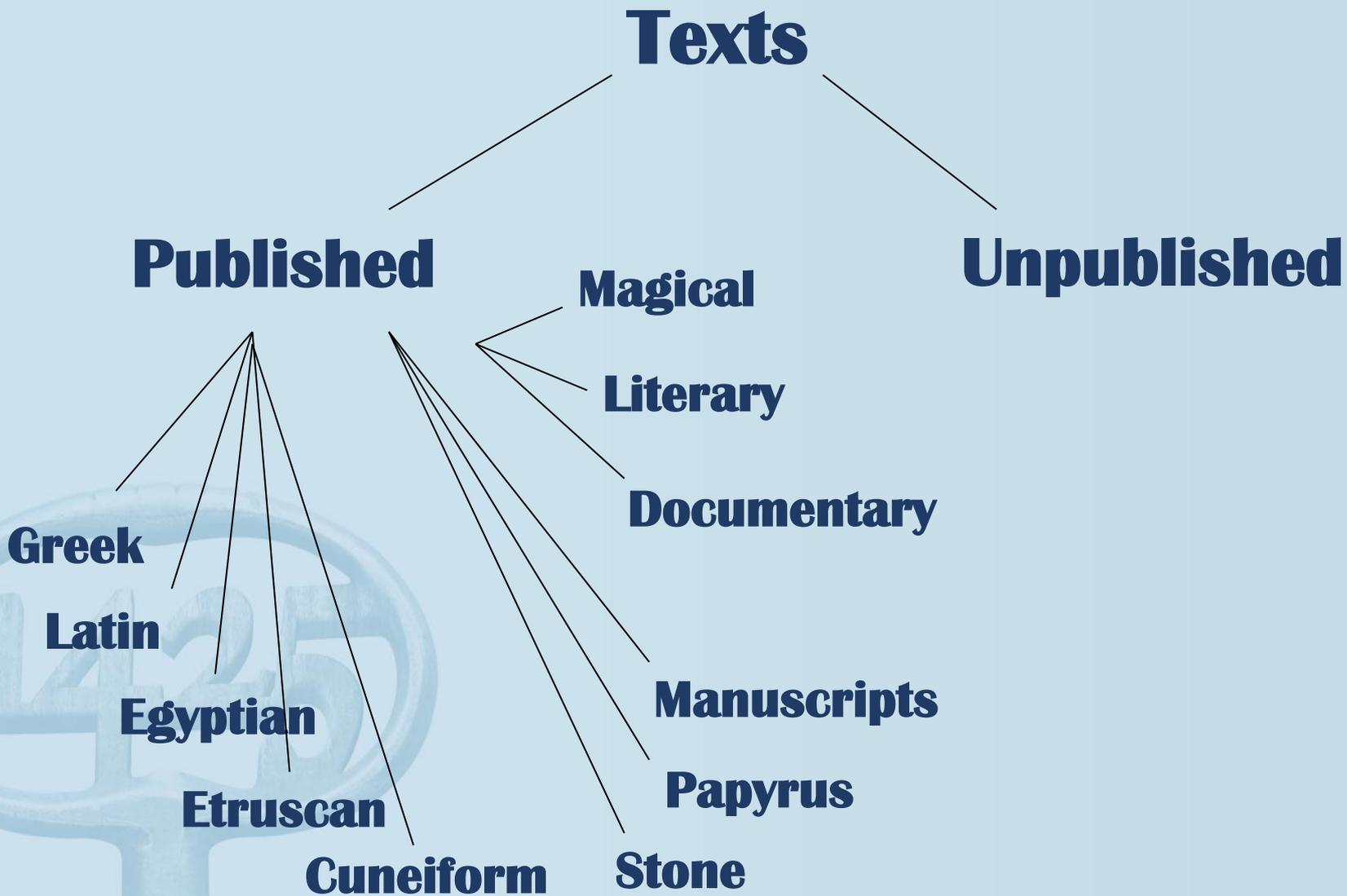
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graph TD; Texts --> Published; Texts --> Unpublished;
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Published

- image (photo, drawing)
- transliteration / transcription
- translation
- metadata (date, provenance, ...)

Unpublished

Handling Texts of the Ancient World



Identifying Texts of the Ancient World

- Digitization
 - separate projects
 - per discipline
- Various conventions for identifying texts
 - publication numbers
 - inventory numbers
 - names
- Leuven familiar with these problems
 - Prosopographia Ptolemaica

Prosopographia Ptolemaica (1937-)

- ‘Le but immédiat (...) est de réunir les noms de toutes les personnes ayant vécu sous la domination des Lagides (323-30 a. C.)’
- no limitations according to genre
 - literary texts (manuscripts)
 - inscriptions (epigraphy)
 - papyri (papyrology)
- no limitations according to language
 - Greek
 - Latin
 - Egyptian scripts

Index cards (ca. 1945 – 1980)

PP IV 10118, 12223

~~Ἀμειννεύς Χαϊάπιος~~

betaalt voor νο(μῶν) ὑπ(ε)ρ Σω(σιβίου) δου(ρ)ῆς
in ολ(γρ) βερεβενδ.

evolutief met opgenomen onder deuren

Koba in Hera Kleopolites. (Kōites)

± 138

± 327

P. Gebt. III 860 r. 61.

~~Ἀμειννεύς~~

v. v. Ἐπιφύς μί(γας) bebouwt κέρος v. derde
plant ἔ(σamos)?

PP IV 9738

Hera Kleopolites. Bousiris?

± 170? ± 10° j.

1358

P. Gebt. III 1043 r. 55.

Computer: from eighties onwards



Het Mooren Report (1998)

- ‘highly complex structure’
- good search capacities
- figures for the Filemaker databases
 - TextFile 9.001
 - ReferenceFile 32.588
 - PersonFile 21.321
 - FamilyFile 13.720
 - Name File 7.147
 - FunctionFile 670
- long term: publication CD-ROM
- ‘sooner or later’: WWW

Setting up Trismegistos (2005 – 2008)

- Mapping the contents of databases
 - various partnerships (HGV, LDAB, ...)
 - map overlap between Greek papyrological and egyptological databases, later also epigraphy
- Disambiguation
 - unique id (= TM number) for each record
 - establish criteria for definition of record = 'document'
 - separate writing surface in antiquity, only split up in the case of unrelated reuse

Trismegistos online: www.trismegistos.org

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text
Quick search for Trismegistos number:
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Search Trismegistos

» Fill in one or more search criteria; for every search field, you can specify up to two requests, combined by the boolean 'OR' or 'AND':

Publication: AND

E.g. P. Hamb. 1 27; SB 22 15237; P. Zauzich 59; Kamal, Stèles ptolémaïques p. 51-54 no. 22054; ...
 For documentary texts we have normally used abbreviations similar to those found in the [Checklist](#) and the Greek or Demotic Berichtigungsliste. We are working on ways to facilitate a search for specific publications.

Inventory: AND

E.g. Berlin, Staatliche Museen P. 11336; Paris, Louvre E 10594; Leipzig, Universität 603; ...
 When looking for a specific text, the quickest way to find it is to combine a search for the English name of the city with one for the number, e.g. 'Paris AND 10594'. Alternatively, you can search for a collection [here](#).

Material: AND

Language: AND

A wildcard character is added automatically before and after your search string, to facilitate searching.

If you want to search for records with a field **not empty**, type an underscore '_' as search-value for that field.

Trismegistos as aggregator

	Papyrological		Epigraphic
	Documentary	Literary	
Greek & Latin	HGV 54704 records	LDAB [Gr.-Lat.] 10774 records	IGLE now 11097 records
Demotic & Abnormal Hieratic	DAHT (incl. LDAB [Dem.]) 14566 records (incl. 671 LDAB [Dem.])		
Coptic	BCD 7309 records	LDAB [Copt.] 1677 records	no partner now 1438 records
Hieroglyphic & Hieratic	HHP 1550 records		HHI now 4059 records
Aramaic	ATE 1299 records		
Meroitic	no partner 940 records		
Arabic	APD 564 records	no partner no records	no partner no records
other languages & scripts	no partners ca. 500 records		

Limitations Trismegistos?

- **Egypt?** → **whole of (western) antiquity**
 - Jan 2010 first contacts with Latin epigraphy
 - Sept 2010 pilot projects Macedonia and Venetia et Histria
 - Apr 2013 meeting Rome and Europeana application
- **800 BC?** → **also pre-800 BC**
 - Jan 2010 contacts Totenbuchprojekt Bonn, concrete in Apr 2011, integration Feb 2012
 - Dec 2011 contacts Deir el-Medina database, integr. Jan 2012
 - Dec 2011 contacts with Topographical Bibliography Oxford
- **800 AD**
 - no extention planned (or wanted ...)
- **Published texts?** → **unpublished also**
 - difference published – unpublished less relevant because of Internet
 - more and more contacts with collections with online presence

Expanding Trismegistos

- Latin epigraphy: Europeana EAGLE project (ca. 120.000)
 - main data providers: EDH, EDR, HispEpOI and EDB
 - total of ca. 350.000 (?) inscriptions
- ‘smaller’ local languages: one-off collaboration (or not)
 - Etruscan: complete thanks to cooperation Meiser, 10.000
 - Italic: complete (Imagines Italicae), 1.000
 - Messapian: complete (Monumenta Linguae Messapicae), 600
 - Lepontic: complete (Lexicon Leponticum open source Wiki), 450
 - Runic (Ouder Futhark) [450], Ogham [450], ...
- Greek epigraphy: contacts
 - ca. 250.000 inscriptions
- future: cuneiform and pre-800 texts
 - cuneiform: C. Waerzeggers (Leiden), K. Abraham
 - pre-800 Egypt: Oxford
- eventually: numeric identifier for all texts of the ancient world
- Now ca. 200.000 → ca. 1.000.000 – 1.500.000 texts?

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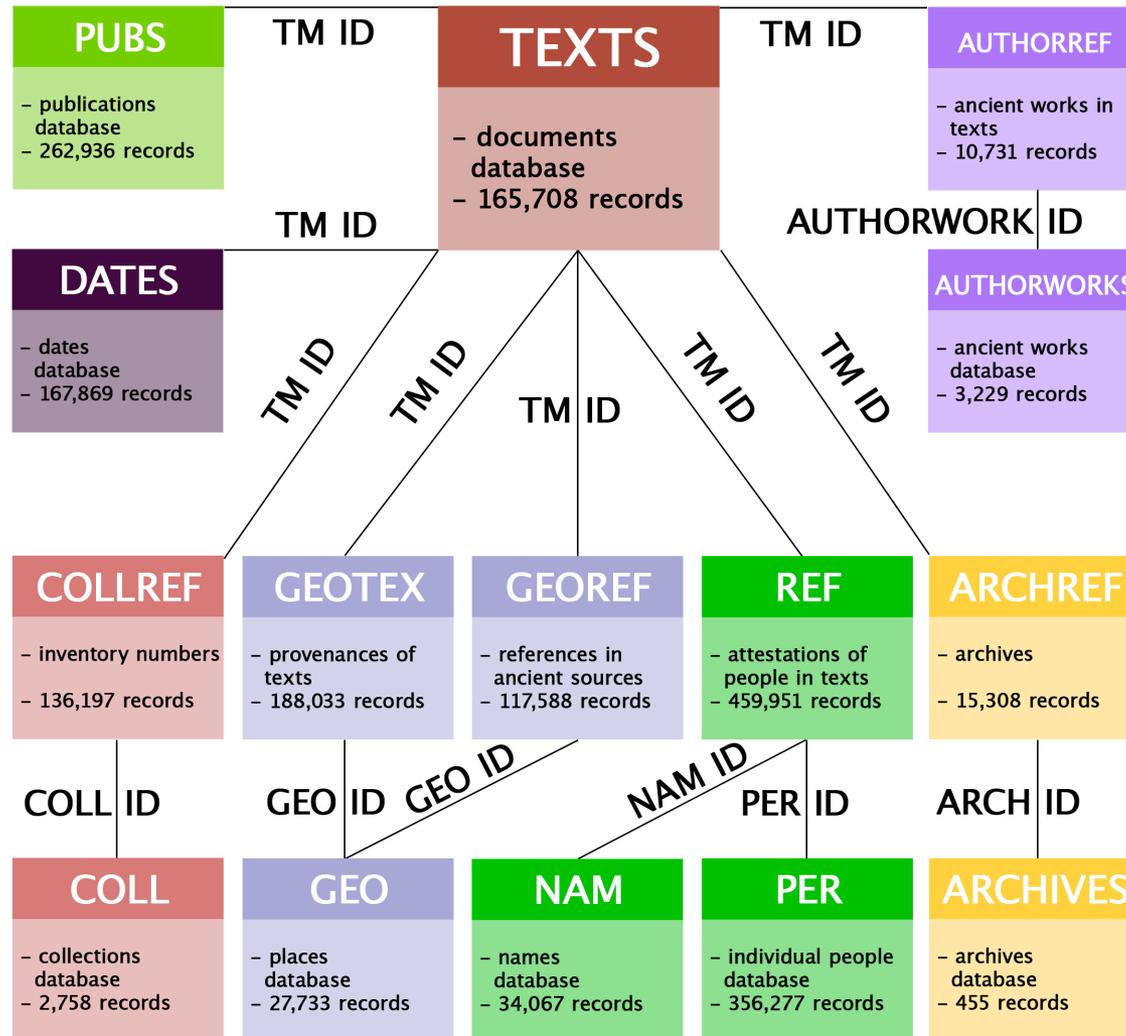
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background
 standardisation
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 better
 communication

Trismegistos in 2013

- 30+ relational Filemaker databases with metadata
 - core: 165.708 'texts' of 'documents'
 - www.trismegistos.org/text/1234
 - 262.936 'publications'
 - 167.869 'dates'
 - 136.197 'inventory numbers'
 - linked to 2.758 collections (Trismegistos Collections)
 - www.trismegistos.org/collection/1234
 - 188.033 'indications of provenance'
 - linked to 27.733 places (Trismegistos Places)
 - www.trismegistos.org/place/1234
 - 15.308 'archival attributions'
 - linked to 455 archives (= Leuven Archives project)
 - www.trismegistos.org/archive/1234
 - 459.951 & 117.588 attestations of people & names
 - www.trismegistos.org/person/1234 , www.trismegistos.org/name/1234 , ...

Structure Trismegistos database



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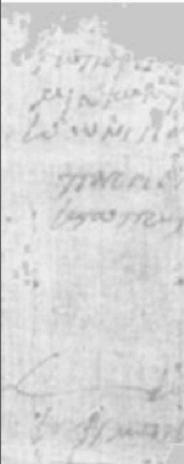
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An interdisciplinary portal of papyrological and epigraphical resources dealing with Egypt and the Nile valley between roughly 800 BC and AD 800 currently expanding its geographical scope to the Ancient World in general

Last updated on 2013-07-26

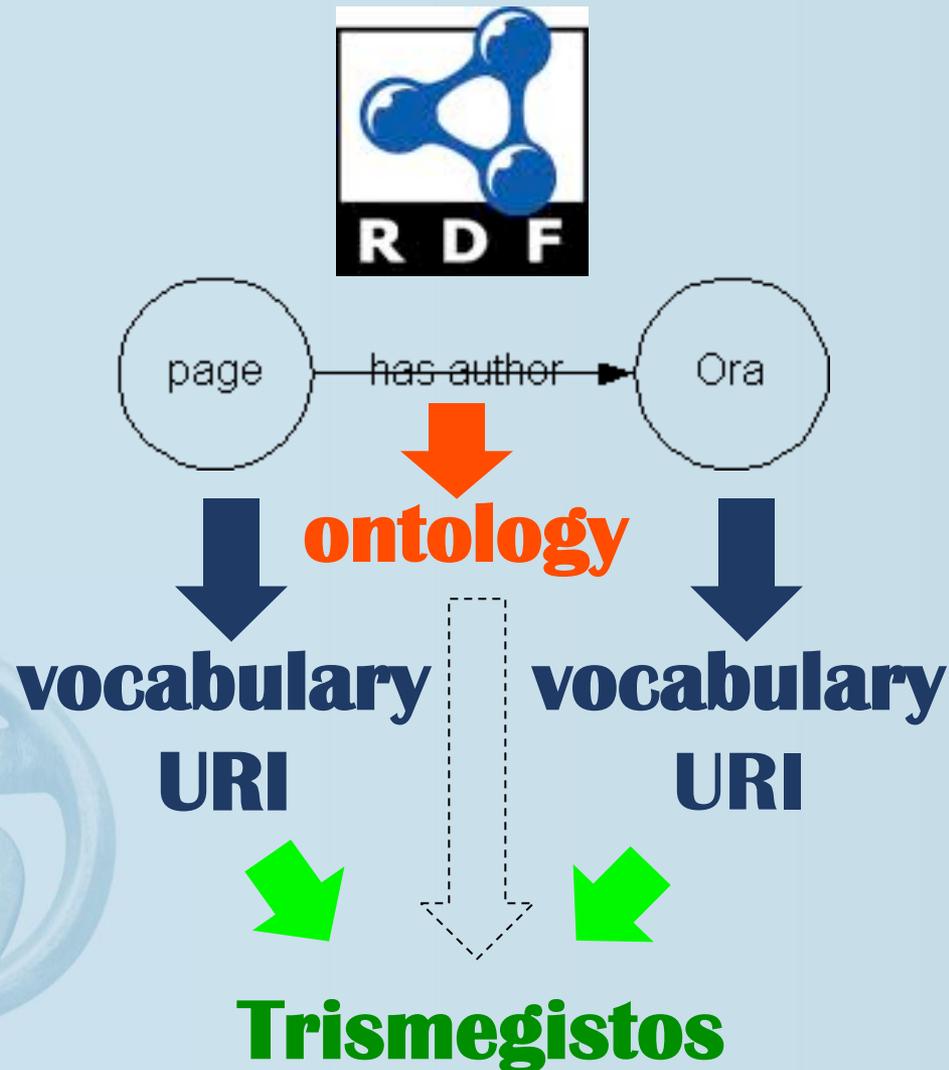
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MySQL-database with PHP

From Filemaker/MySQL to RDF?



Linked data

- Database Texrelations: link to other databases



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SB 22 15370 (Rupprecht, Hans-Albert / Hengstl, Joachim)
= BASP 31 (1994), p. 96 no. 2 (van Minnen, Peter)

Trismegistos nr: **56467**

Publication: [SB 22 15370](#) (Rupprecht, Hans-Albert / Hengstl, Joachim; 2001)

Inventory: Durham (NC), Duke University P. 620

Other inventory nrs:

Related inv. Inf.:

Material: **papyrus**

Material form:

Reuse type:

Reuse detail:

Reuse note:

Language/script: **Greek**

Provenance: [Egypt, U20 - Herakleopolis \(Ihnasva el-Medina\) \[found & written\]](#)

Provincia: **Aegyptus**

Date: **BC 140 - 139? ((P06 or P08), year 31)**
or BC 151 - 150?

Seal: [0](#)

Note:

Attested Authors:

Related resources: [PN \(Duke\)](#)
[PN \(Duke\)](#)

stable url (with TM number):
www.trismegistos.org/text/56467

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The above information is largely based on partner projects. Click the icon(s) for more information.

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