Multilingual Lexical Acquisition by Bootstrapping Cognate Seed Lexicons

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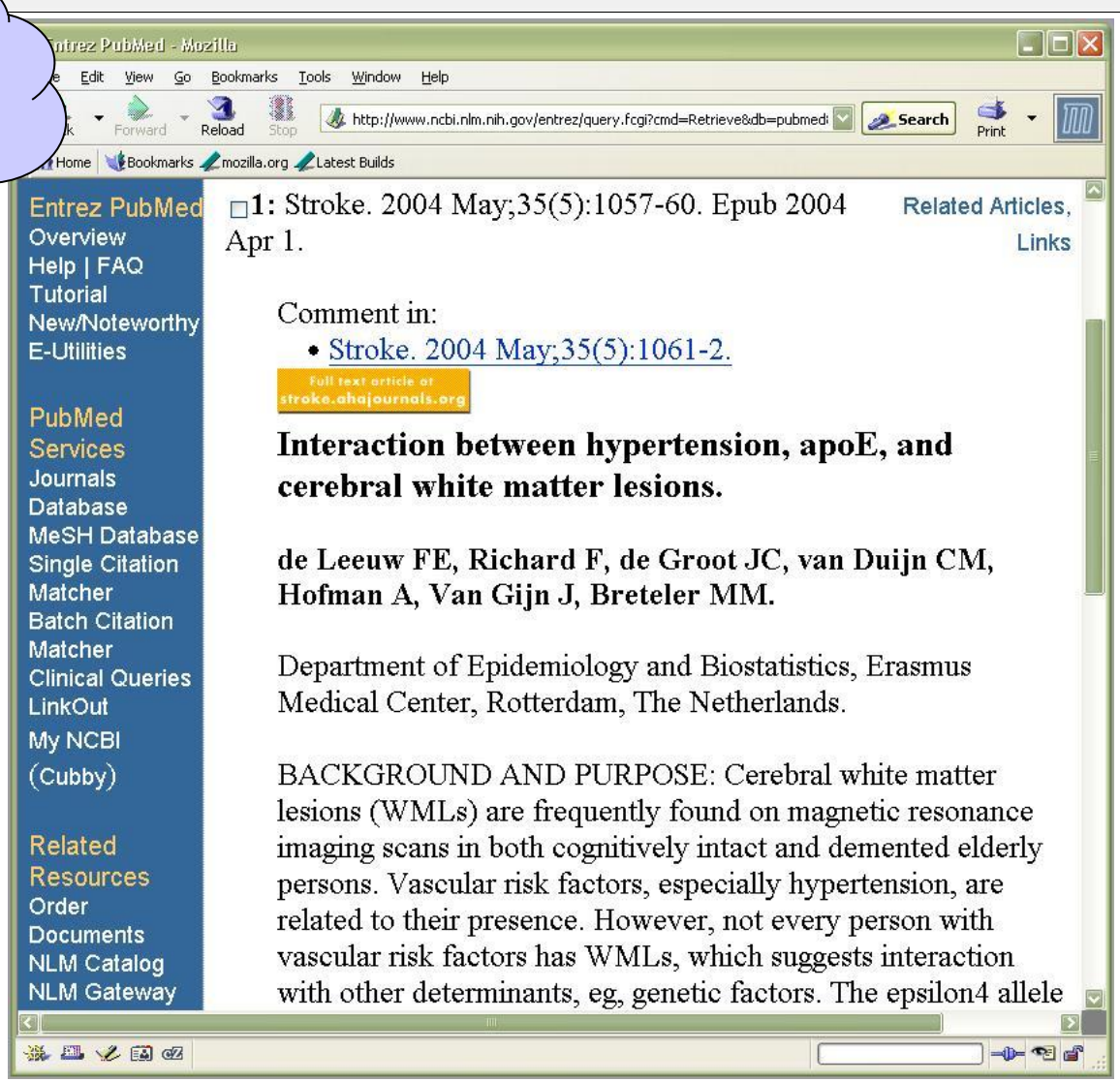

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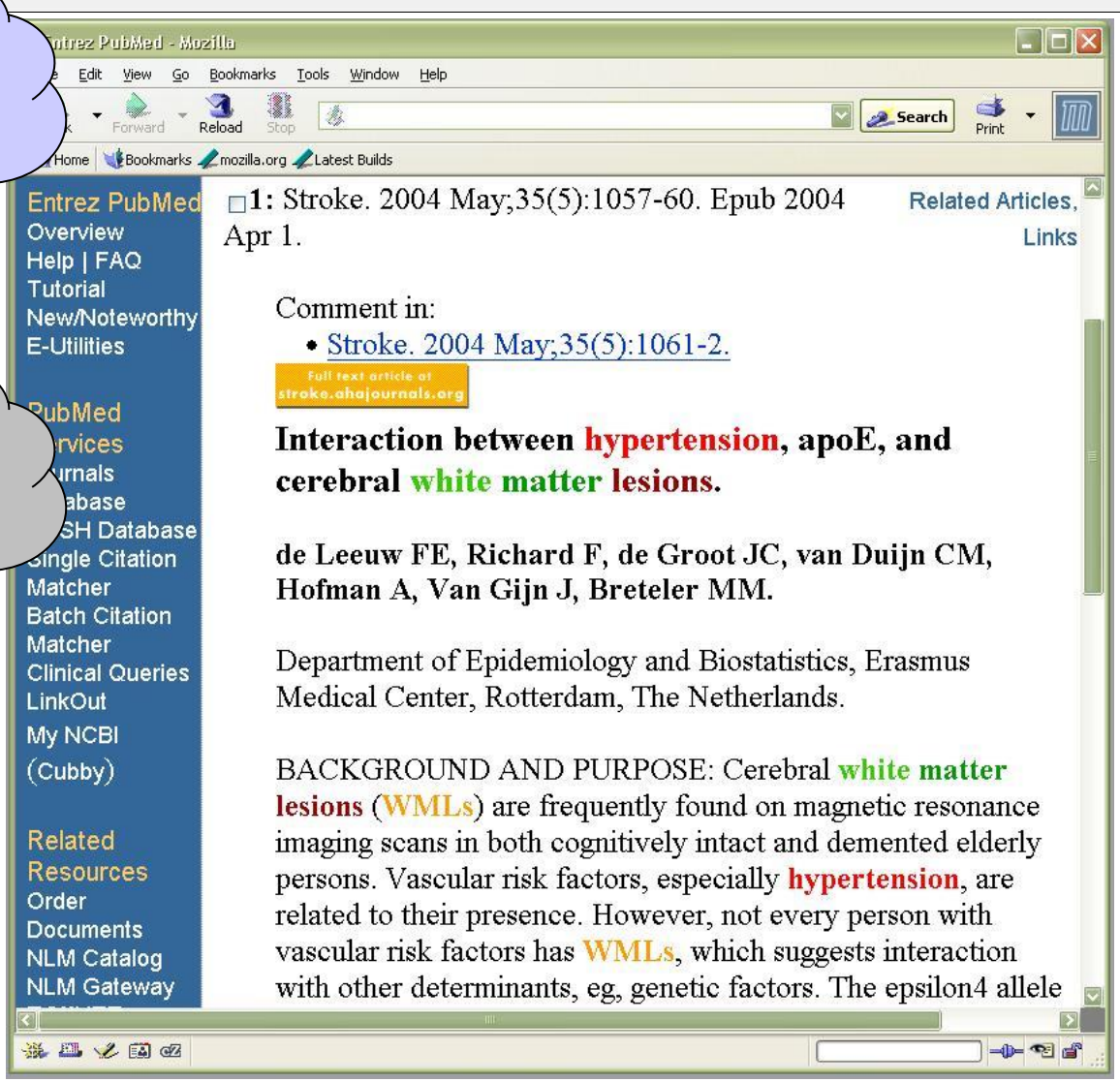

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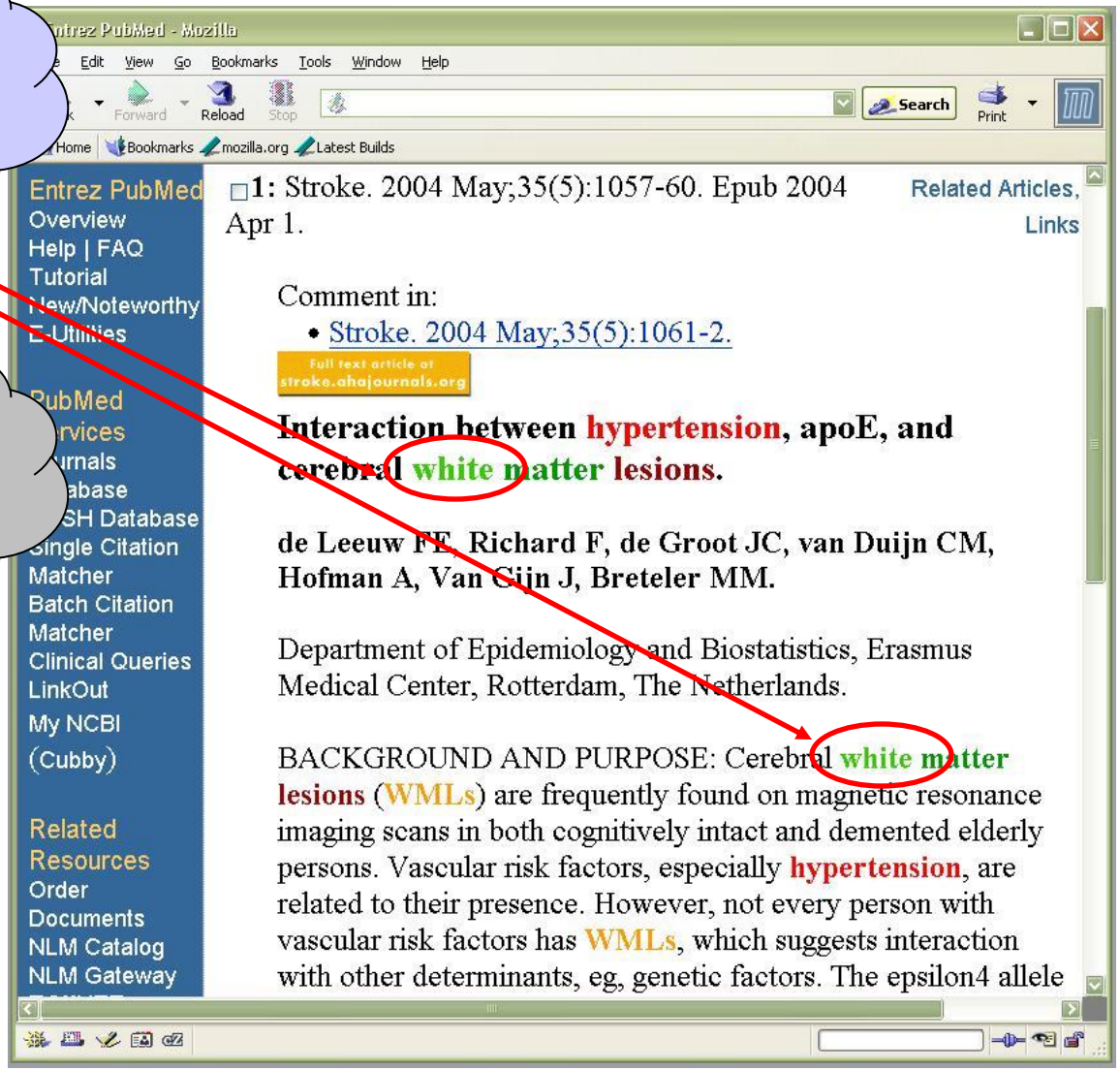
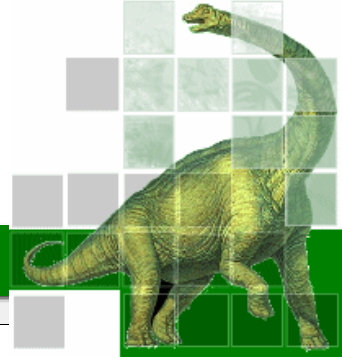


MorphoSaurus* semantic indexing system



- Subword oriented:
  - Subwords are atomic conceptual or linguistic units

stomach, gastr-, diaphys-,
anti-, bi-, hyper- , -itis
-ary, -ion, -it, -is, -o-, -s-

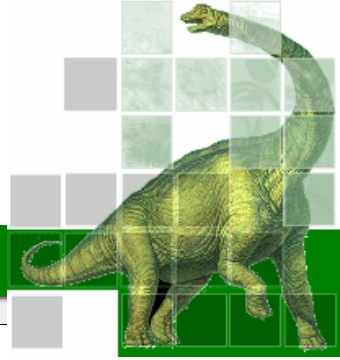
- Multilingual subword lexicon:
  - Good coverage for German, English, Portuguese (manually), French, Spanish, Swedish under construction
- Subword thesaurus
  - Groups synonyms and translations are in equivalence classes.

#female = { ***woman***, ***women***, ***female***, ***frau-***, ***weib-***, ***mulher-***}

MID (MorphoSaurus Identifier)

**http://www.morphosaurus.net*

Example of MorphoSaurus Indexing



Original	
High TSH values suggest the diagnosis of primary hypo-thyroidism ...	Erhöhte TSH-Werte erlauben die Diagnose einer primären Hypothyreose ...

Orthographic Normalization

Orthografic Rules

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Segmenter
Subword Lexicon

high tsh value s **suggest** the **diagnos** is of **primar** y **hypo thyroid** ism	er **hoeh** te **tsh wert** e **erlaub** en die **diagnos** e einer **primaer** en **hypo thyre** ose

Semantic Normalization

Subword Thesaurus

Interlingua of MIDs	
#up tsh #value #suggest #diagnost #primar #small #thyre	#up tsh #value #permit #diagnost #primar #small #thyre

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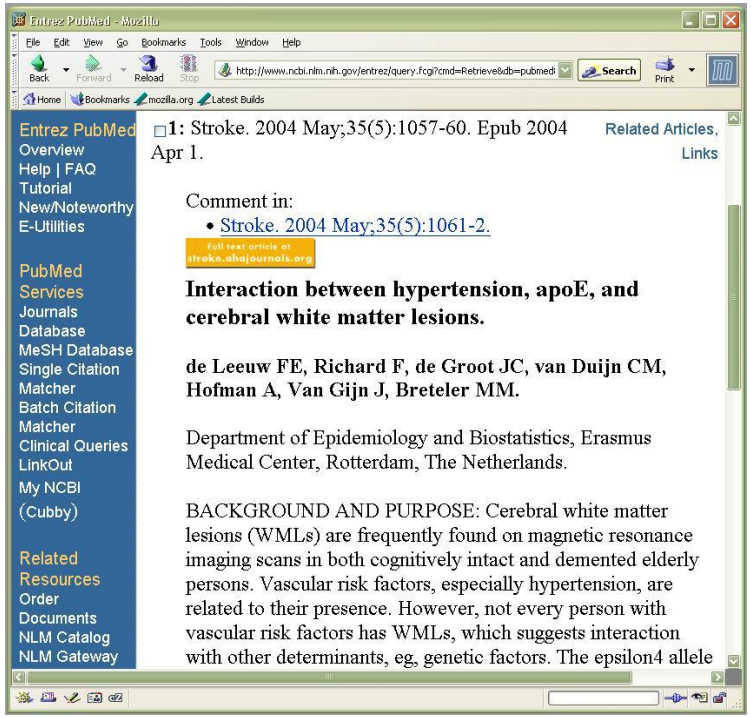

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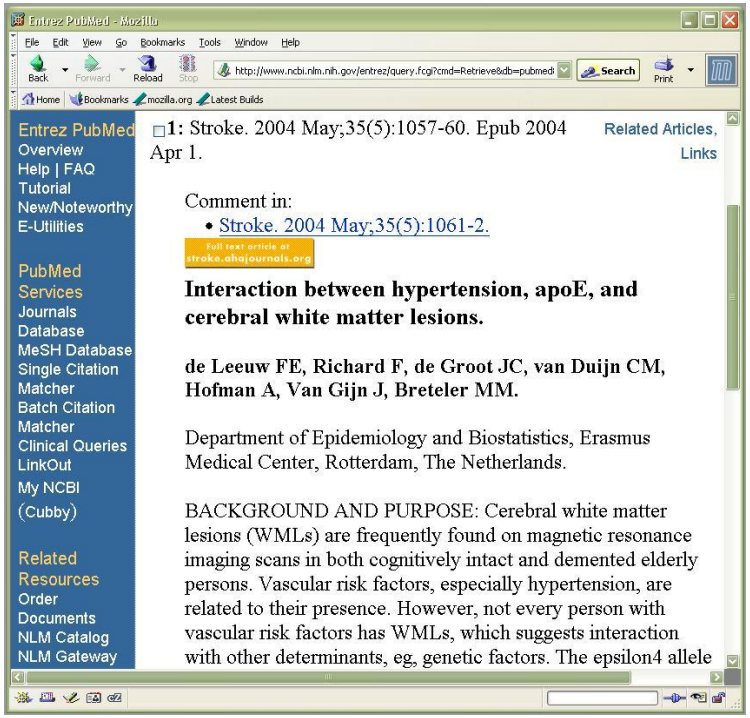

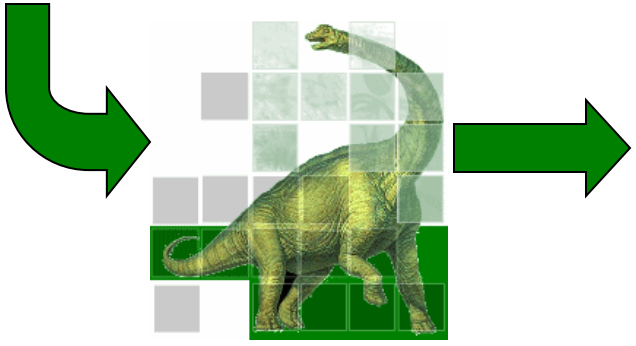

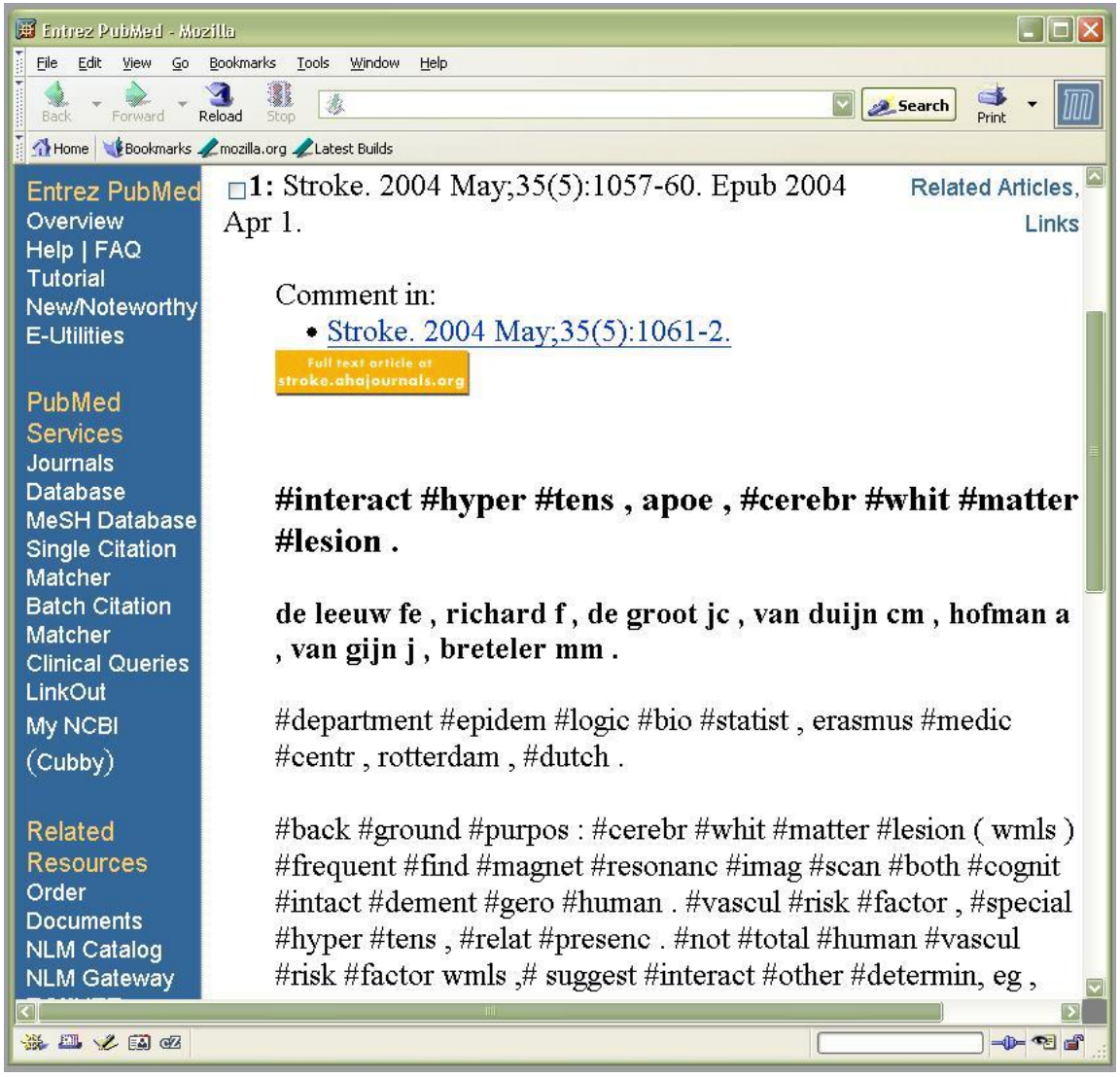

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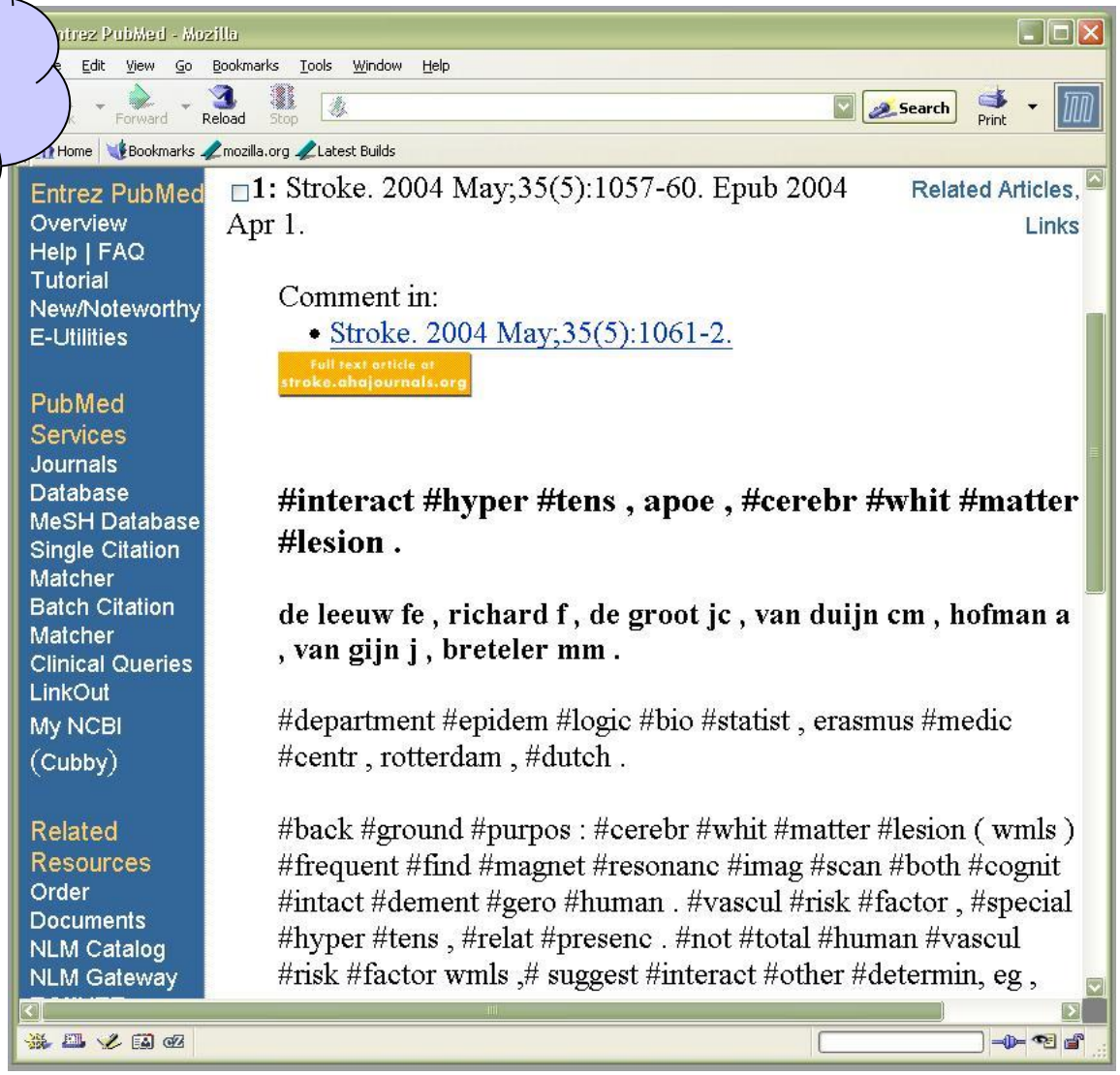

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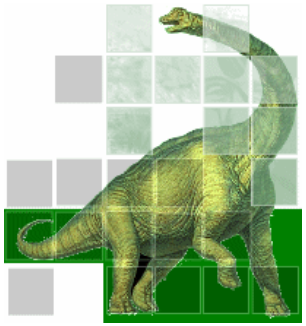
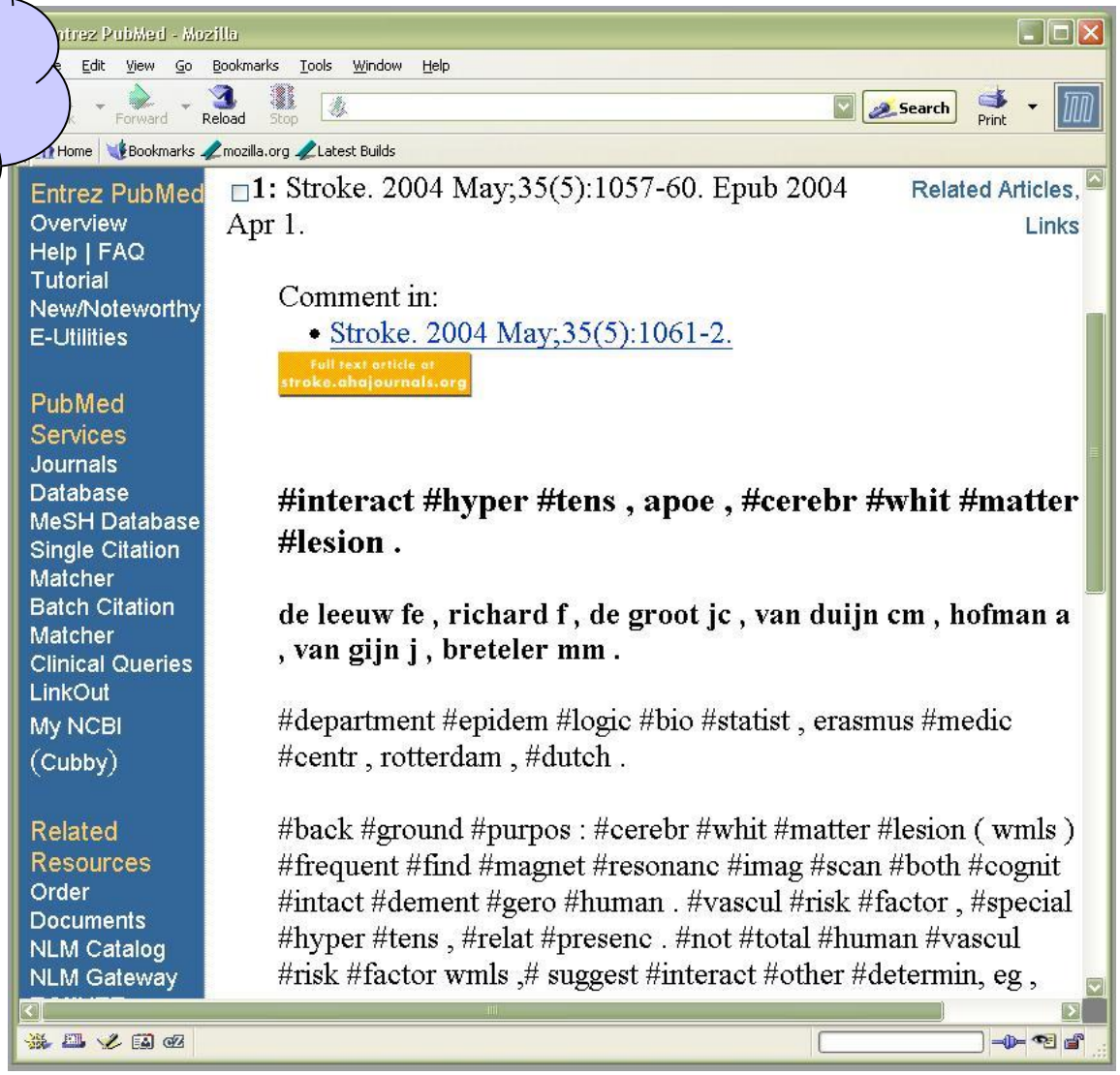


„#correl #hyper #tens #lesion #whit #matter“



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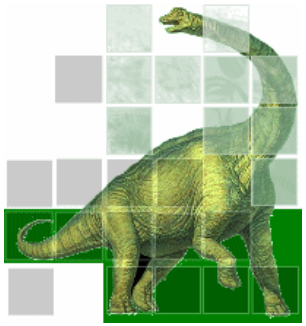

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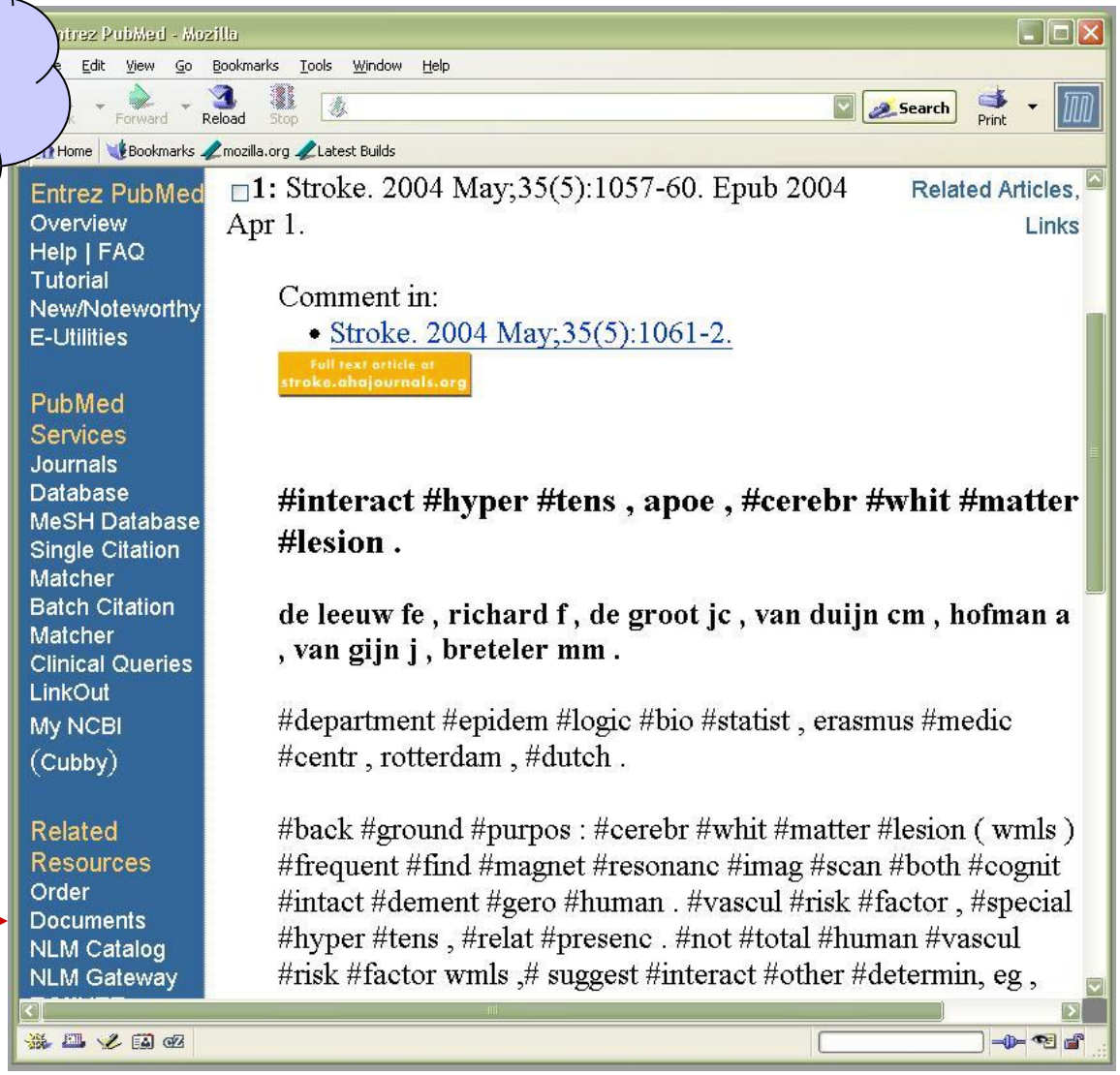

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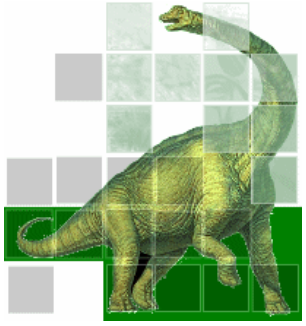

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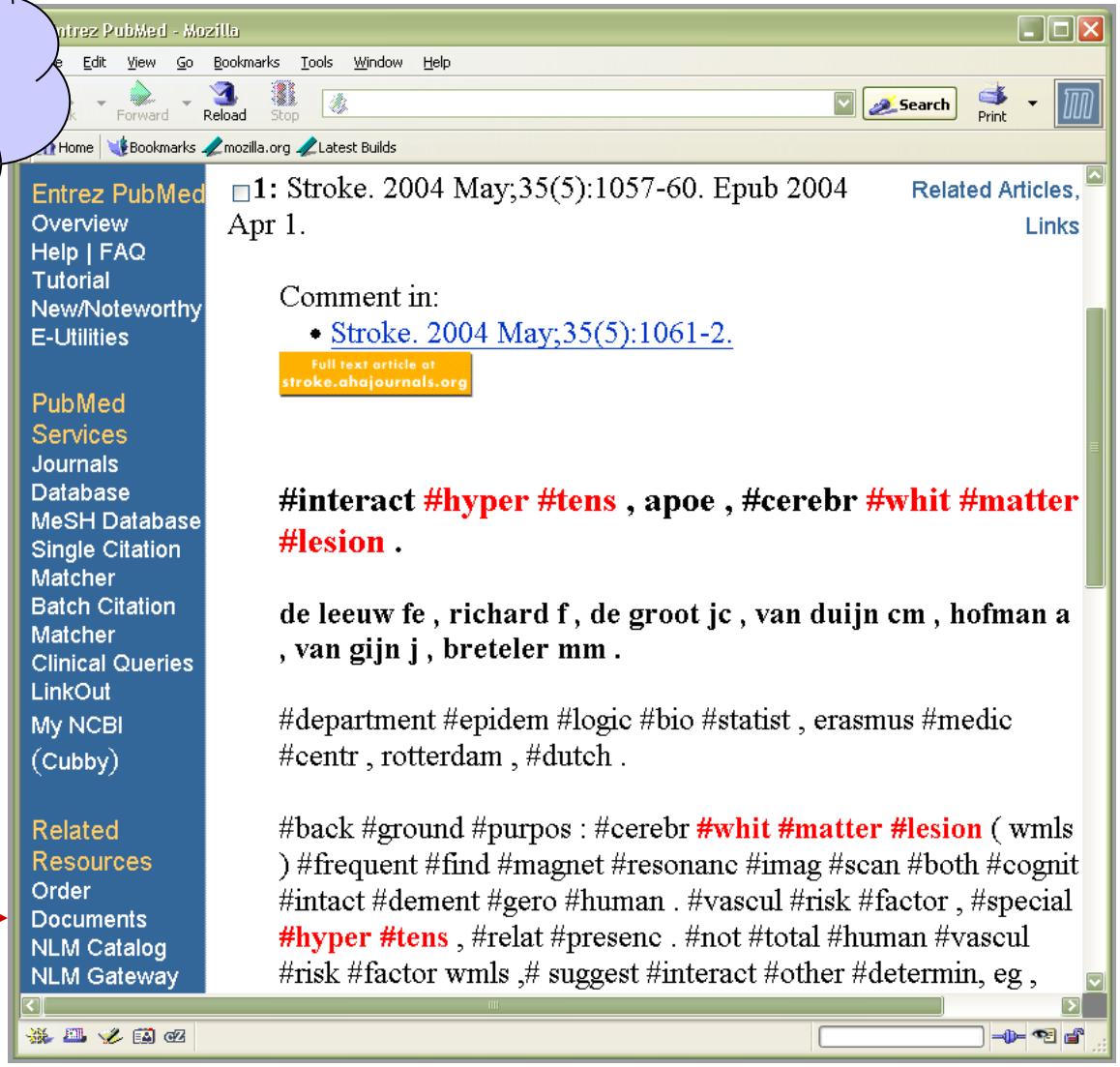

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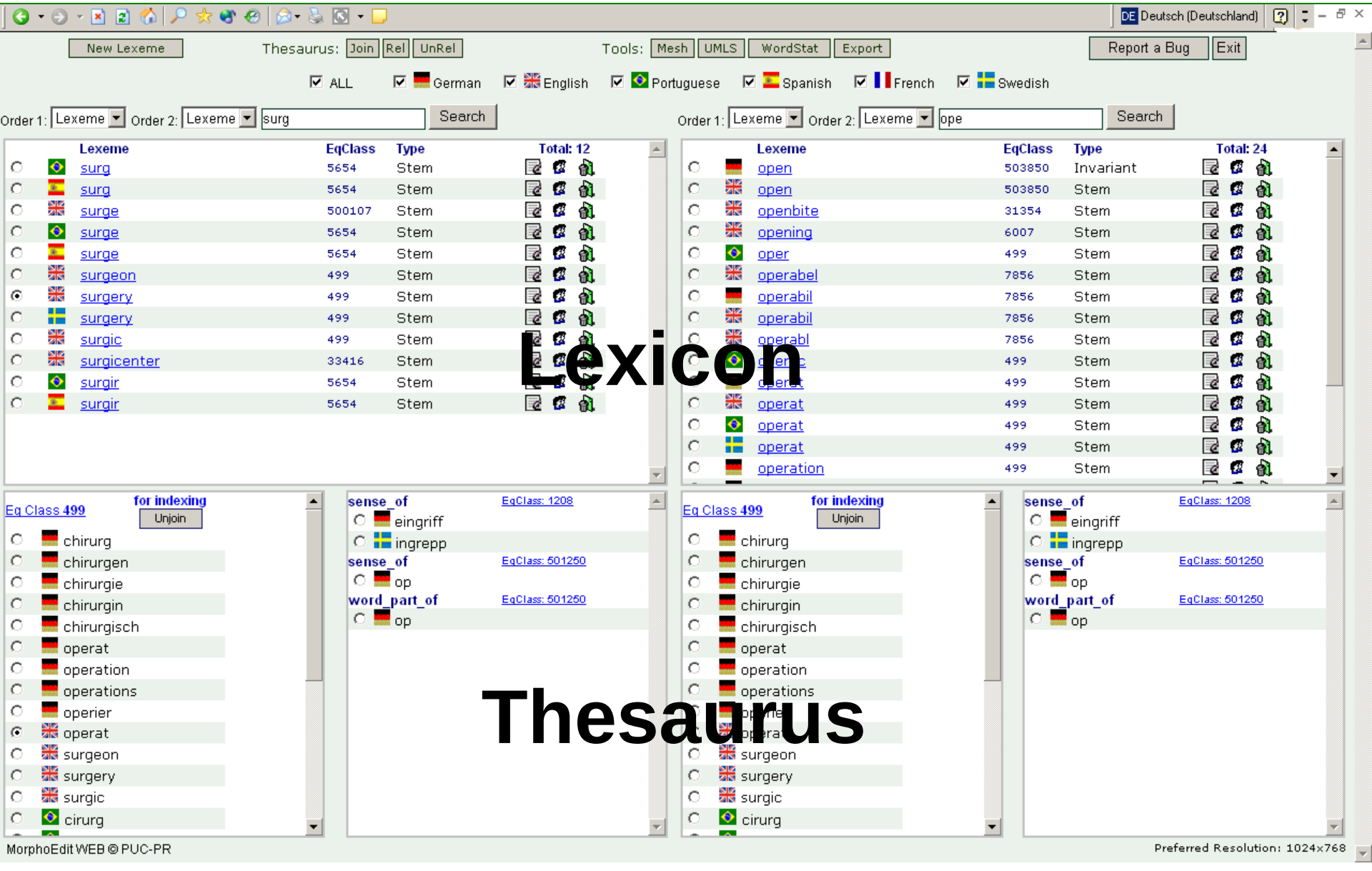

Lexicon Construction

- Manual construction of lexicon labor-intensive
- Many medical terms exhibit high degree of similarity across languages (“cognates”):
  surgical, *chirurgisch*, *chirurgique*, *cirúrgico*, *quirurgico*, *kirurgisk*
- Others don’t (“non-cognate translations”):
  spleen, *Milz*, *rate*, *baço*, *bazo*, *mjälten*
- Project: development of automated technique for lexicon acquisition for new languages
- Case study:
  Acquisition of medical subword lexemes for target languages Spanish, French and Swedish

Automatic Lexicon Acquisition

Two steps of lexicon acquisition:

1. *Generation and Validation* of trusted subword cognates for the target languages
2. *Bootstrapping*: iterative learning of non cognate subword translations

Resources for Cognate Acquisition

- Manually constructed subword lexicons in the source languages:
  - German (~22,000 stems)
  - English (~22,000 stems)
  - Portuguese (~14,000 stems)
- Manually created list of prefixes and suffixes for the target languages
- Medical corpora for all languages
- Word frequency lists generated from these corpora
- Language pair specific string substitution rules

Generating Cognate Candidates

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...
estomag-
mulher-
...

Application of 44 string substitution rules

Rule (Port. » Span.)
qua » cua
eia » ena
ss » s
lh » j
lh » ll
l » ll
f » h
...

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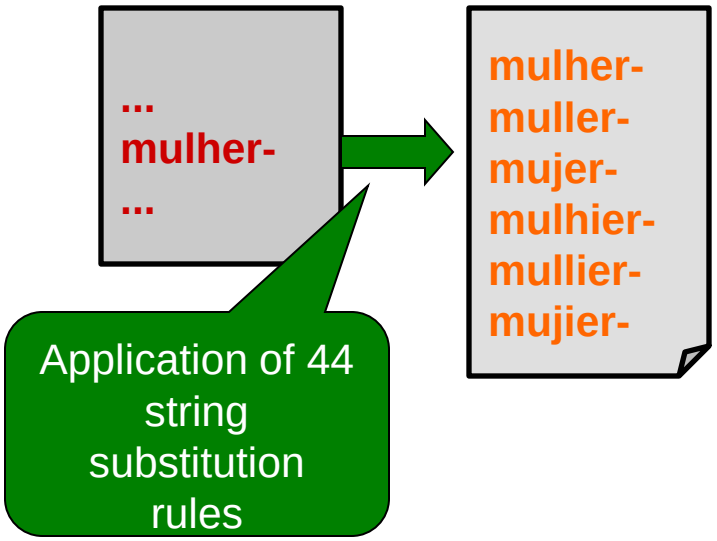

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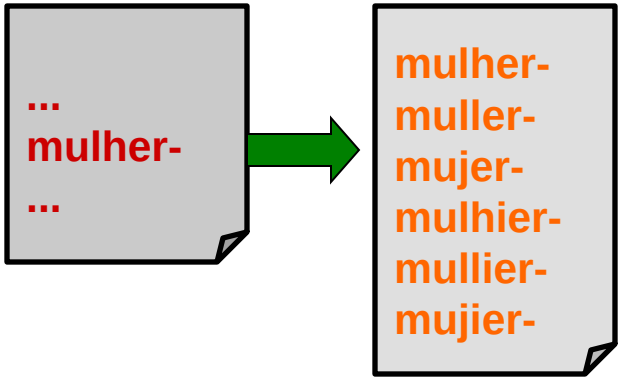
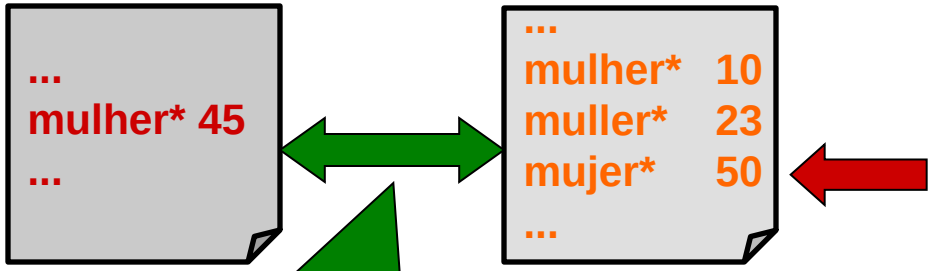


Word frequency lists derived from unrelated corpora:

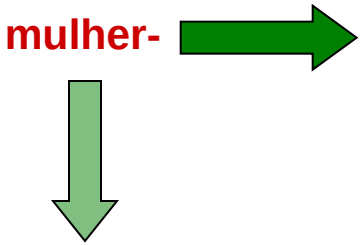
Size (Portuguese) ~ Size(Spanish)



Comparison between word frequency lists:

Choose that cognate alternative with the *most similar* corpus frequency

Semantic Mapping



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German-Swedish English-Swedish	21,705 21,501	**6,086**

Use of parallel corpora to identify false cognates:

- Example:
  - Portuguese *crianc-* (*child*) ↔ Spanish *crianz- (breed)*
  - Portuguese *crianc-* (*child*) ↔ Spanish *nin-* (*child*)

- UMLS Metathesaurus as parallel corpus
  - English-Spanish: 60,526 translations
  - English-French: 17,130 translations
  - English-Swedish: 10,953 translations

- English-Spanish Example
  - „*Cell Growth*“ ↔ „*Crecimiento Celular*“

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|abdomin|al| **#abdom**
|wall| **#wall**
|proced|ure| **#operat**

„Cirugia de la pared abdominal“:

|cirug|ia|
|pared| **#wall**
|abdomin|al| **#abdom**

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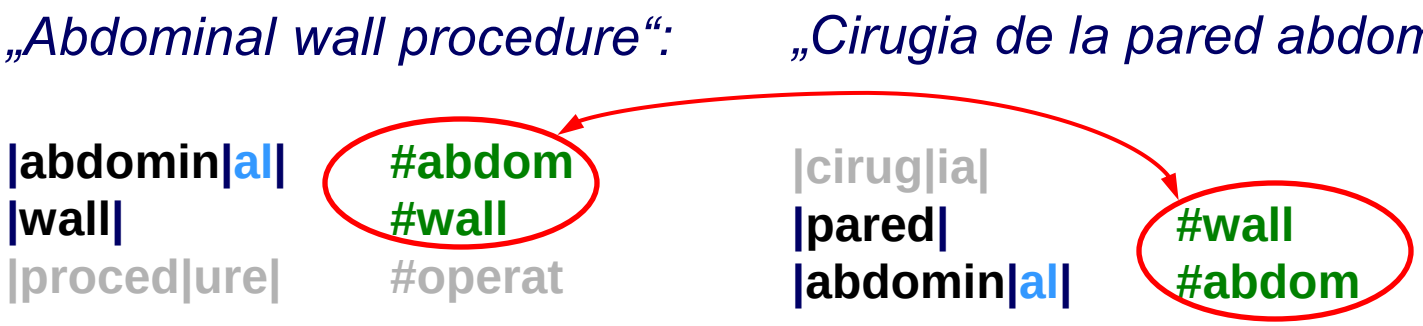

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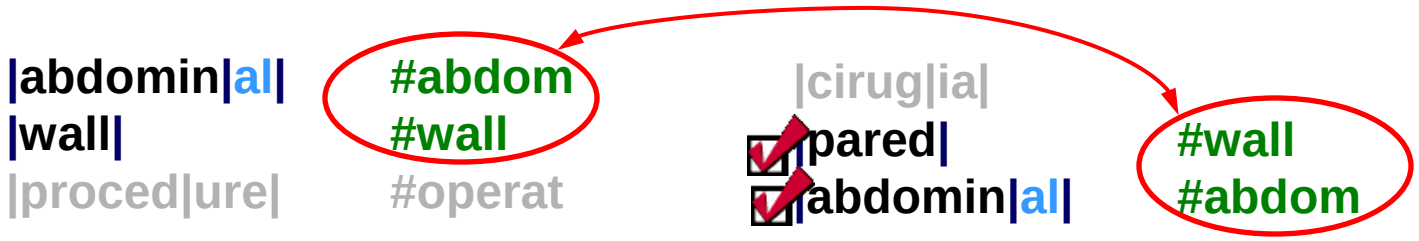

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Step 2: Bootstrapping

- Acquisition of non-cognates
  uses:
  - validated cognate seed lexicons
  - parallel corpora

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Bootstrapping Algorithm

For every UMLS term pair do

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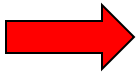

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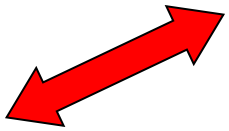

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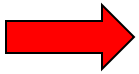

Restore invalid segmentation and strip off potential affixes

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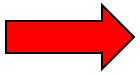
|cirug|ia| 	**|cirug|ia|**
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Add new stem into target lexicon. Link it to source MID.

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|pared| #wall
|abdomin|al| #abdom

#operat = { proced, surgery, operat, prozess, operier, proced, process, metod, cirug }

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Repeat all until quiescence

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|skin| **#derma**

|operat|ions| **#operat**

„Cirugia de la pared abdominal“:

„Cirugia de piel“:

|cirug|ia| **#operat**

|piel|

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„Cirugia de la pared abdominal“:
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|cirug|ia| **#operat**
|piel| → **|piel|**

#derma = { derm, cutis, skin, haut, kutis, pele, cutis, piel } ←

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„Skin abnormalities“:

|skin| **#derma**
|abnorm|alities| **#anomal**

„Cirugia de la pared abdominal“:
„Cirugia de piel“:
„Malformacion de la piel“:

|malformation|
|piel| **#derma**

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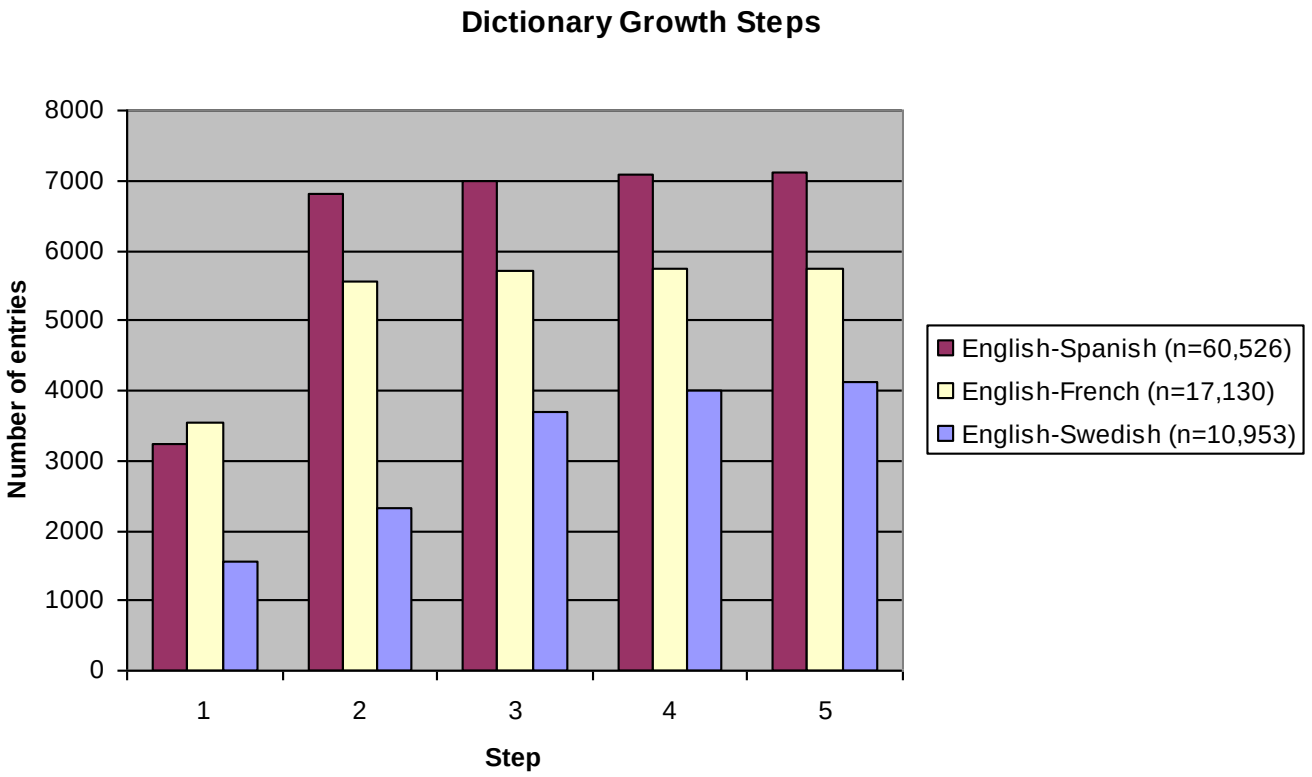
|piel| **#derma**

#anormal = { abnorm, anomal, abnorm, anomal, abnorm, anomal, malform }

Bootstrapping Results



Total: 7,154 Spanish,
5,734 French and
4,148 Swedish entries acquired

Evaluation

- Process the English-Spanish, English-French and English-Swedish UMLS translation pairs with the MorphoSaurus system
- Additionally process Spanish-French, Spanish-Swedish, and French-Swedish UMLS translation pairs

- Measures:
  - Coverage: At least one MID co-occurs on both sides
  - Consistency $$C_{AU(i)} = \frac{(100 * A)}{(A + N + M)}$$
    - *A*: Number of MIDs co-occurring on both sides
    - *N,M*: Number of MIDs occurring on only one side
  - Identical Indexes

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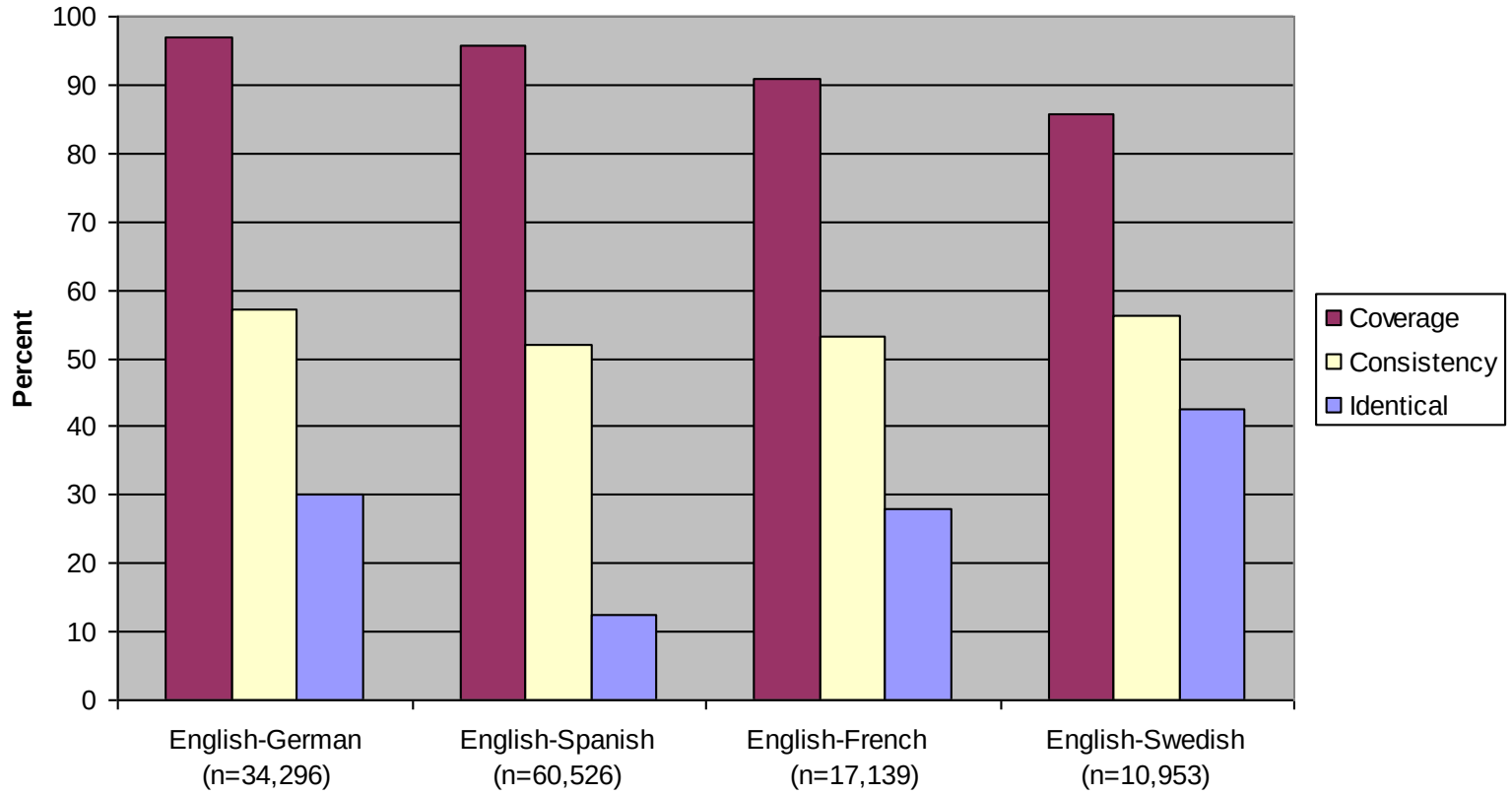
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100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
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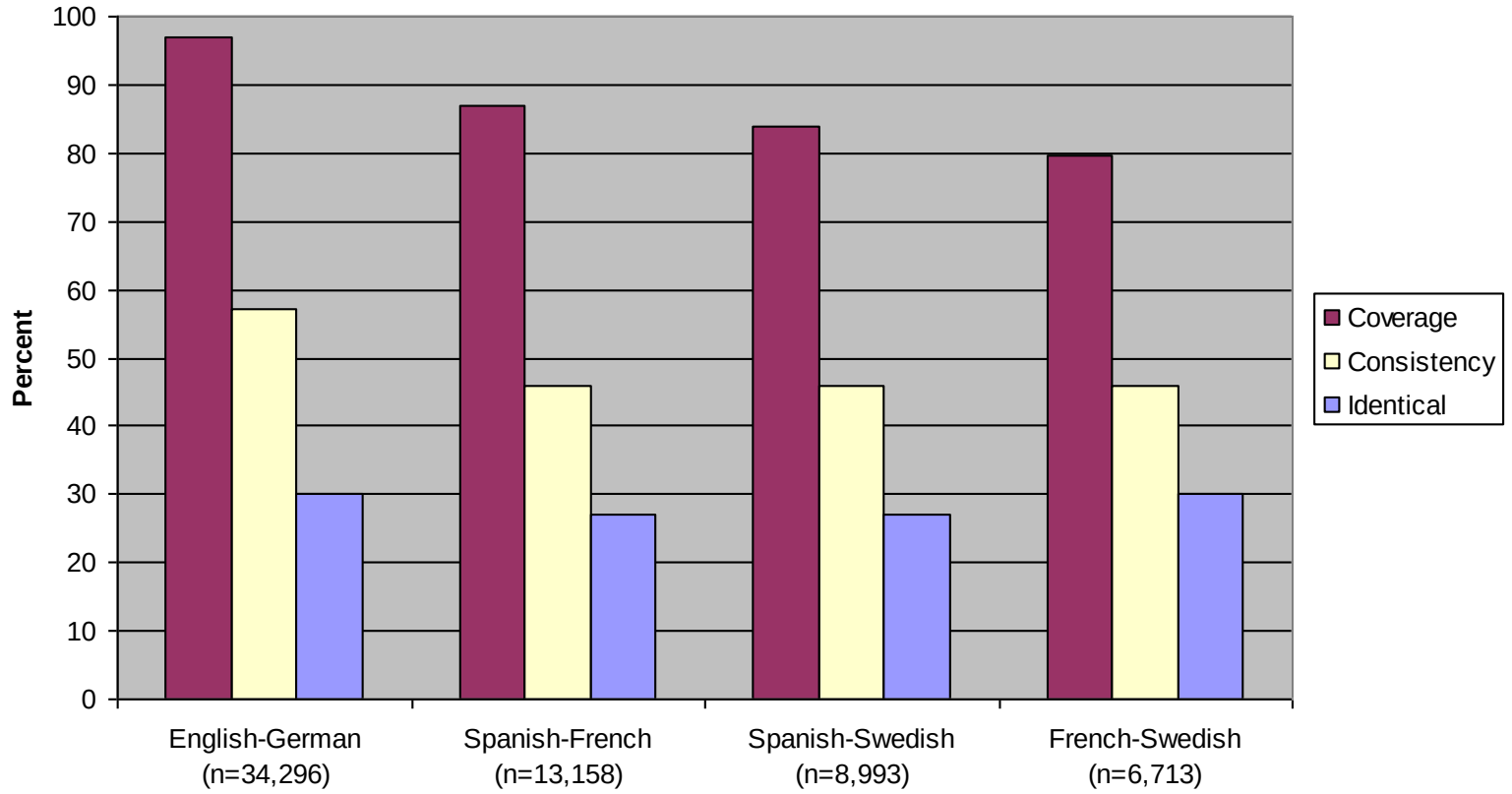
English-Spanish (n=60,526)
English-French (n=17,139)
English-Swedish (n=10,953)
Coverage
Consistency
Identical

Results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Conclusion

- Cross-Language Document Retrieval based on a language-independent, interlingual layer.
- Automated approach for acquiring lexicon entries for new languages
- Significant amount cognate subwords can be acquired using simple string substitution rules.
- These seed lexicons are further enlarged by subword translations which are *not* cognates by bootstrapping and using parallel corpora.
- Current limitation: size of parallel corpora for bootstrapping step

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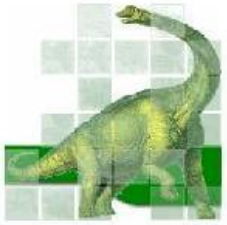

Search: darmkrebsrisiko (English/German/Portuguese)

Language: All Information Level: Any MorphoSaurus: Use

Search

Search results for 'darmkrebsrisiko' : **Best 20 Documents of 2095 matches (298 msecs)**

Entrez PubMed (94%) Expert information
Keywords: MEDLINE, NCBI, National Center for Biotechnology Information, National Library of Medicine, NLM, PubMed
Description: PubMed is the National Library of Medicine's search service that provides access to over 11 million citations in MEDLINE, PreMEDLINE, and other related databases, with links to participating online journals.
... almost unaltered **risk** of all other **cancers** (SIR, 1.2; 95% CI, 1.0 1.4), including nonelevated **risks** for several **gastrointestinal** tract **cancers.** At 10 years of follow up, the absolute **risk** of liver **cancer** was 6% among men and 1.5% among women. With 21 liver **cancers** and 508 nonhepatobiliary **cancers,** first degree ... (Cached)
http://supreme.coling.uni-jena.de/~coling/search_engine_docs/original/medline/14724826.html

Deutsches Ärzteblatt (91%) Expert information
... DEUTSCHES ÄRZTEBLATT PRINT wErhöhtes **Risiko** für **gastrointestinale Karzinome** nach Cholezystektomie Deutsches Ärzteblatt 99, Ausgabe 26 vom 28.06.2002, Seite A 1824 B 1541 C 1437 MEDIZIN: Referiert Eine Cholezystektomie führt möglicherweise über toxische Effekte des alkalischen Refluats auf die Speiseröhrenschleimhaut zu einem mäßiggradigen Anstieg des **Adenokarzinomrisikos** der Speiseröhre (Barrett **Karzinom).** Aber ... (Cached)
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Dickdarm und Mastdarmkrebs Kolorektales Karzinom (91%) Patient information
Keywords: Dickdarm, Mastdarmkrebs
Description: Dickdarm und Mastdarmkrebs ist eine bösartige Schleimhautwucherung im Dickdarm oder Mastdarm. Ärzte bezeichnen diese Krebsart auch als kolorektales Karzinom (von griechisch kolon, Darm und lateinisch intestinum rectum, Enddarm). Häufig wird der Dickdarm und Mastdarmkrebs auch nur als Kolonkarzinom bezeichnet, obwohl ein Kolonkarzinom im eigentlichen Sinne nur Dickdarmkrebs ist.
... Werbung Sponsoring NetDoctor.com Dickdarm und **Mastdarmkrebs** (Kolorektales **Karzinom)** Prof. Dr. med. Stefan Endres, Facharzt für Innere Medizin und **Gastroenterologie** Was ist Dickdarm und **Mastdarmkrebs?** Dickdarm und **Mastdarmkrebs** ist eine **bösartige** Schleimhautwucherung im Dickdarm oder Mastdarm. Ärzte bezeichnen diese **Krebsart** auch als kolorektales **Karzinom** (von griechisch kolon, **Darm** und lateinisch **intestinum** ... (Cached)
http://www.netdoktor.de/krankheiten/Fakta/dickdarm_mastdarmkrebs.htm

Evaluation

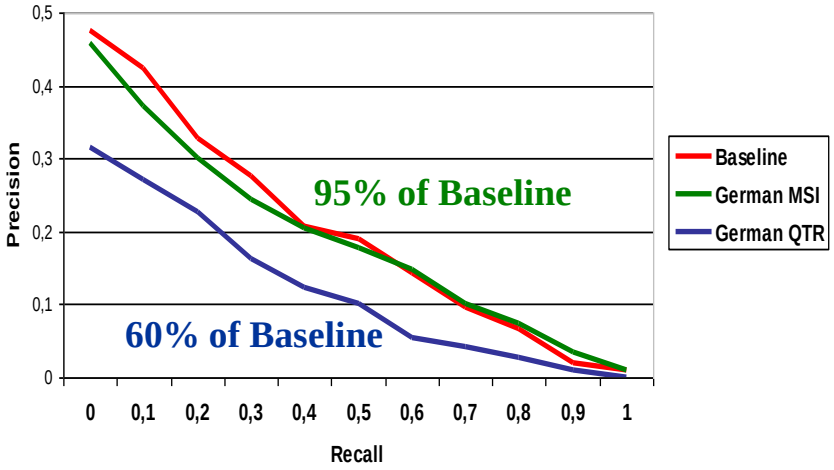
- OHSUMED-Corpus (Hersh et al., 1994)
  - Subset of MEDLINE
  - ~233,000 English documents
  - 106 English user queries, additionally translated to German, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish by medical experts
  - query-document pairs have been manually judged for relevance
- Search Engine: Lucene
  - http://lucene.apache.org/

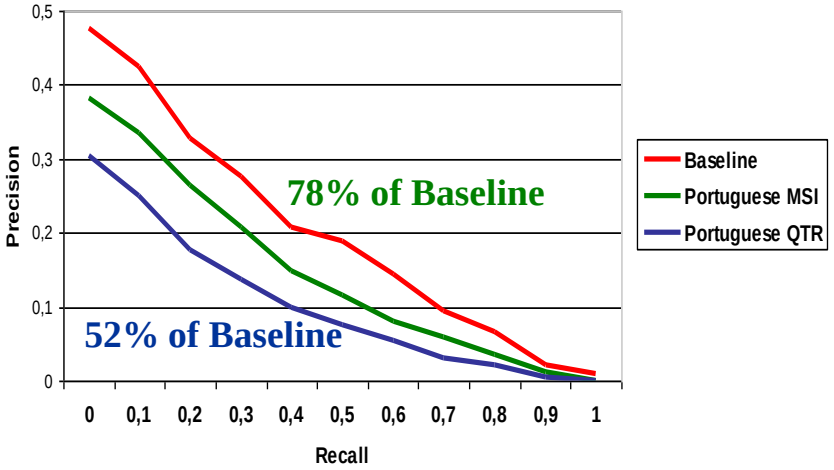
Evaluation

- Baseline: monolingual text retrieval
  - (stemmed) English user queries
  - (stemmed) English texts
- Query translation (QTR)
  - Google translator
  - Multilingual dictionary compiled from UMLS
- MorphoSaurus Indexing (MSI)
  - Interlingual representation of both user queries and documents

Evaluation Results

German (n = 22,385) Top 200 **Portuguese (n = 14,862)**





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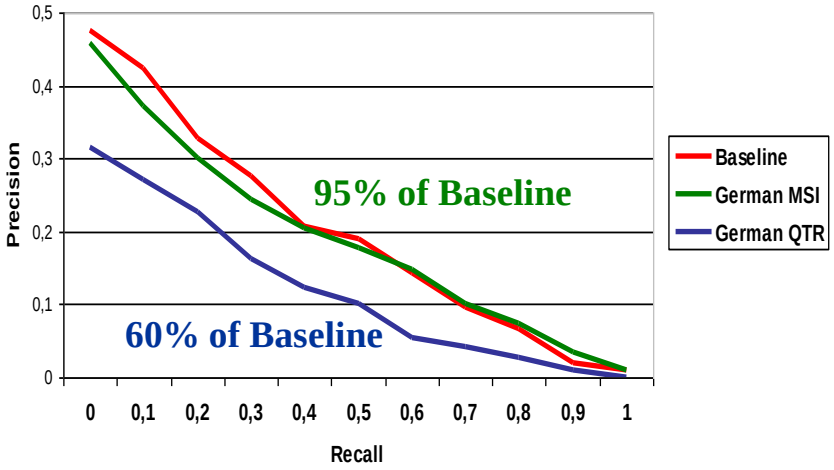

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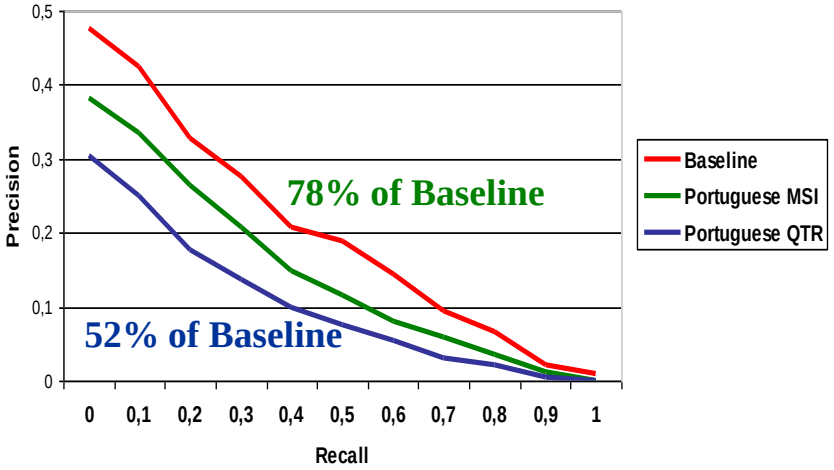

Spanish (n = 7,154)

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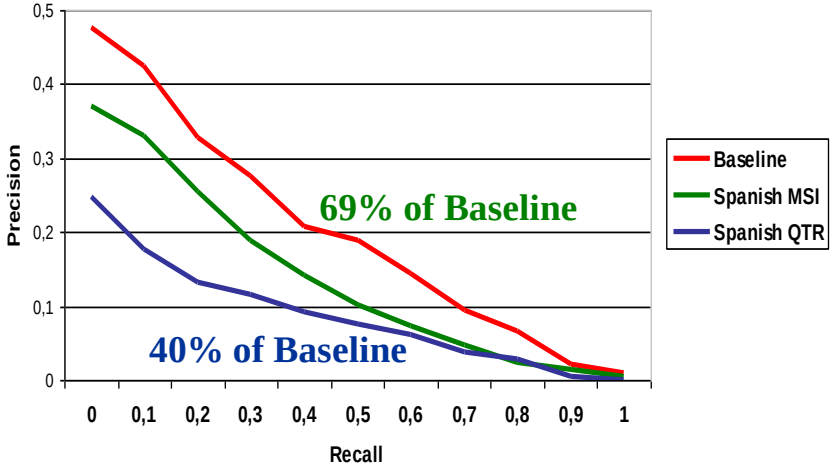

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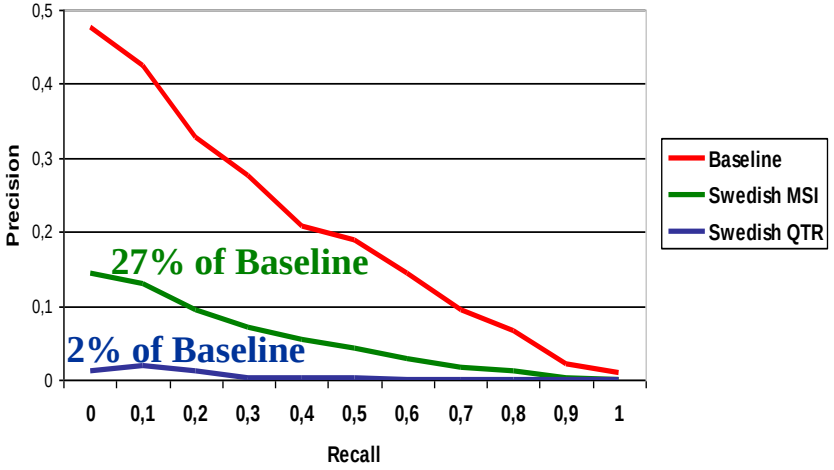

Semantic Mapping

Language Pair	Source Lexicon	Selected Cognates	Linked MIDs
Portuguese-Spanish	14,004	**8,644**	**6,036**
German-Swedish	21,705	4,249	3,308
English-Swedish	21,501	4,140	3,208
Combined Swedish Evidence (set union)		**6,086**	**4,157**