

The APIS Project

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- Based on the "Austrian Biographical Dictionary" (ÖBL)
- ~18.500 biographies of people who "had an impact" on - back then - Austrian soil and died between 1815 and 1955
- The APIS project intends to semantically enrich these biographies (relations to people, places etc.)
- ..and use that data to research migration patterns.

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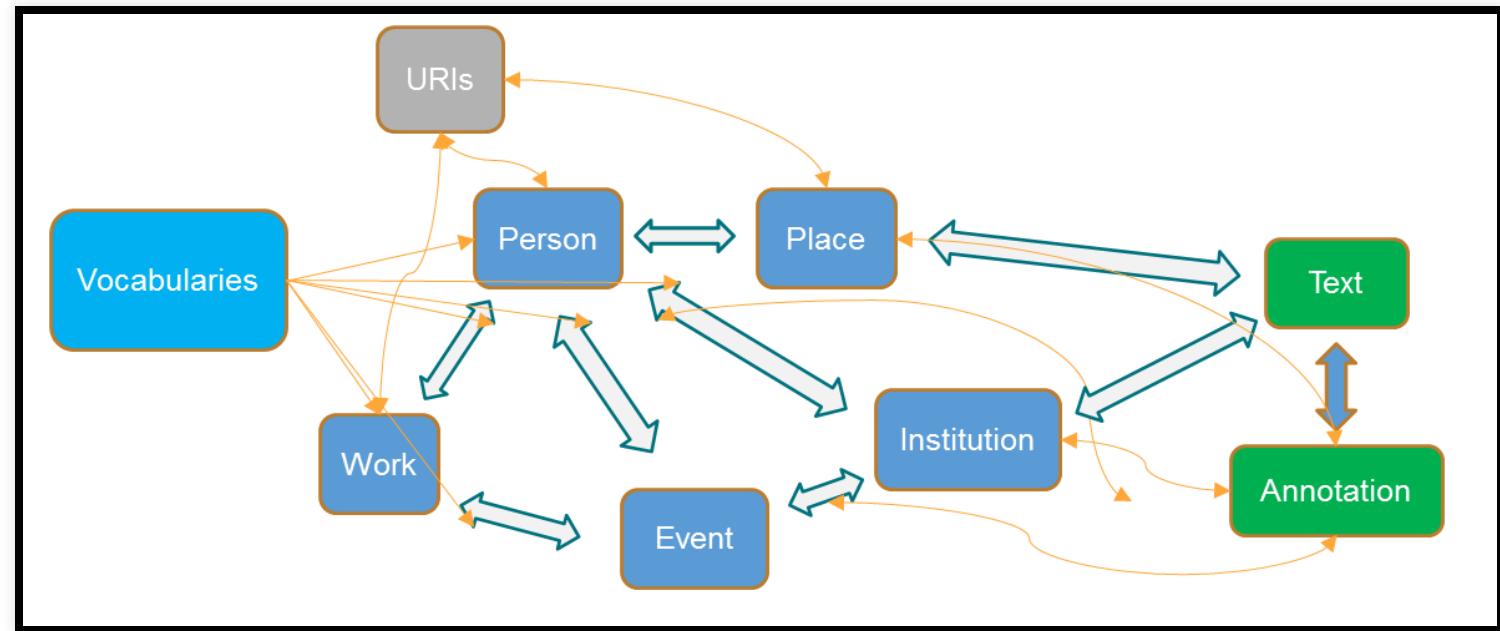
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ideas

- simple data model >> serialize later in various formats/data models (karma, ontop)
- rock solid and widely used software stack >> less bugs, better documented, easier to develop
- hybrid approach >> researchers and tools use the same webtool/database

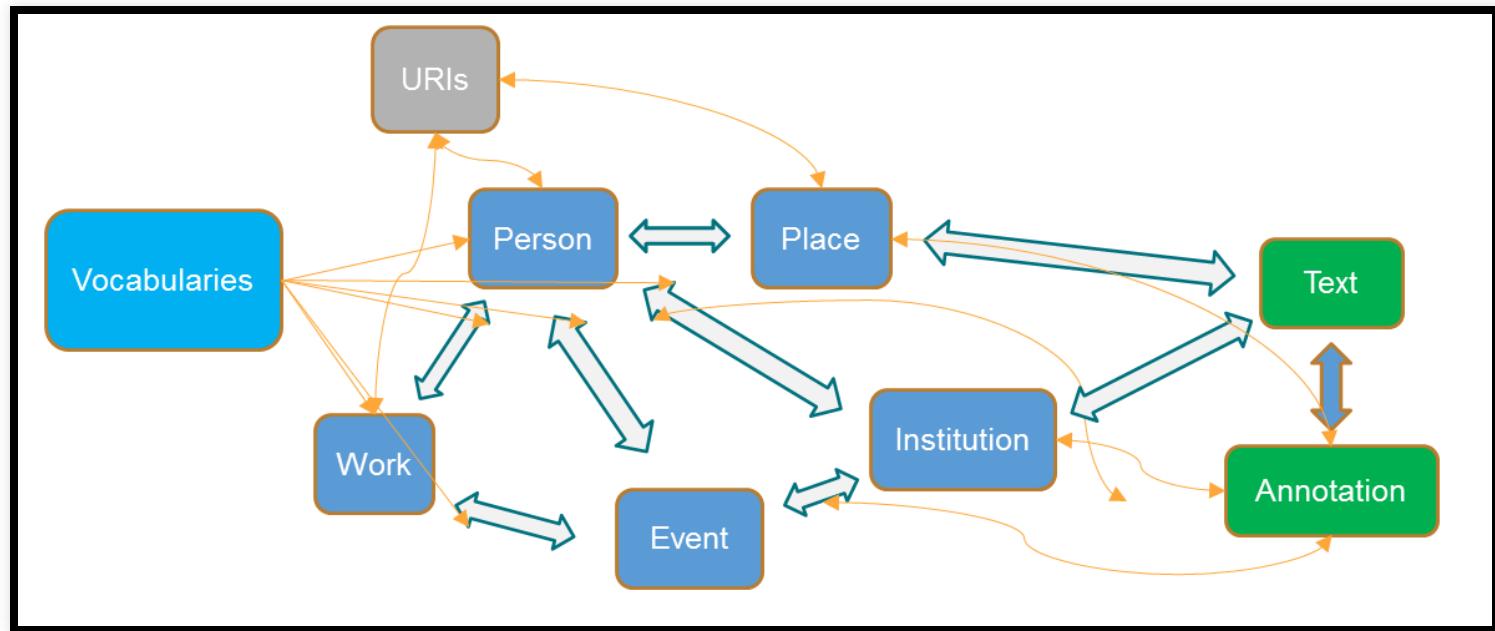
datamodel #1

5 core entities: people,
places, institutions, events
and works



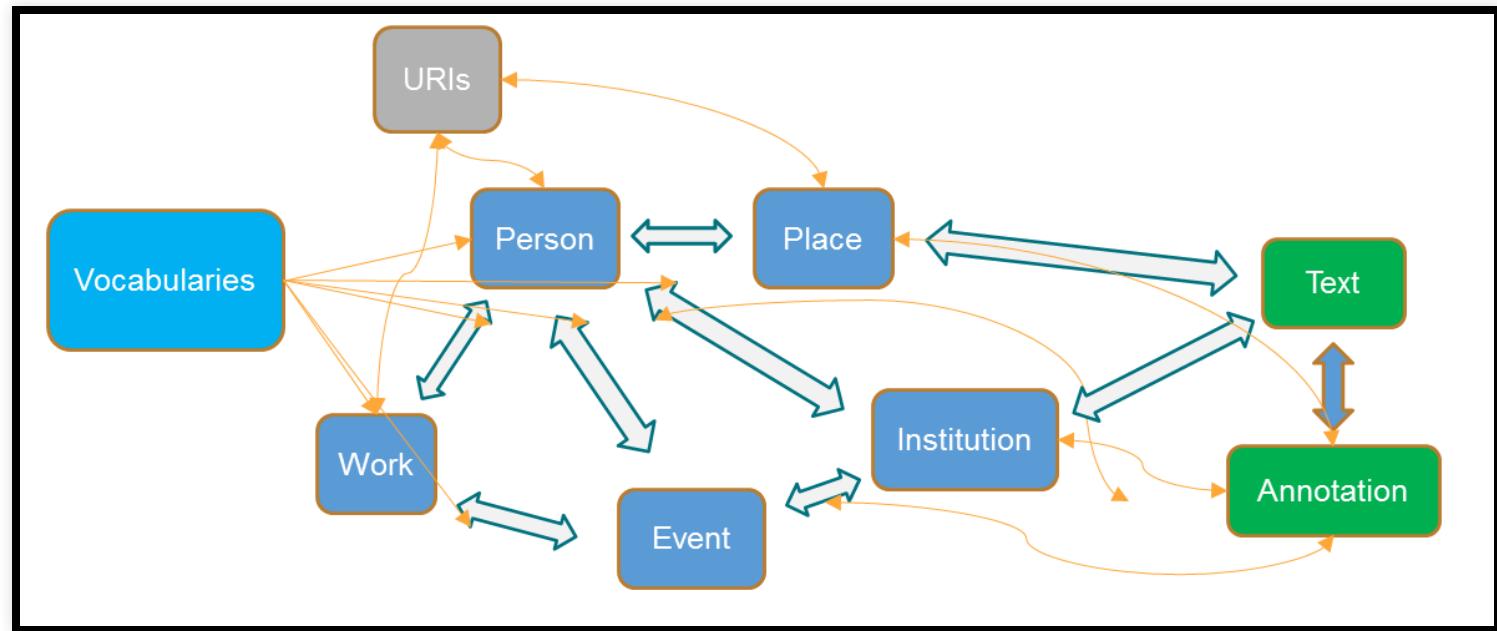
datamodel #2

all interrelated >>
relations contain a type
(SKOS), a time span and
some free text fields



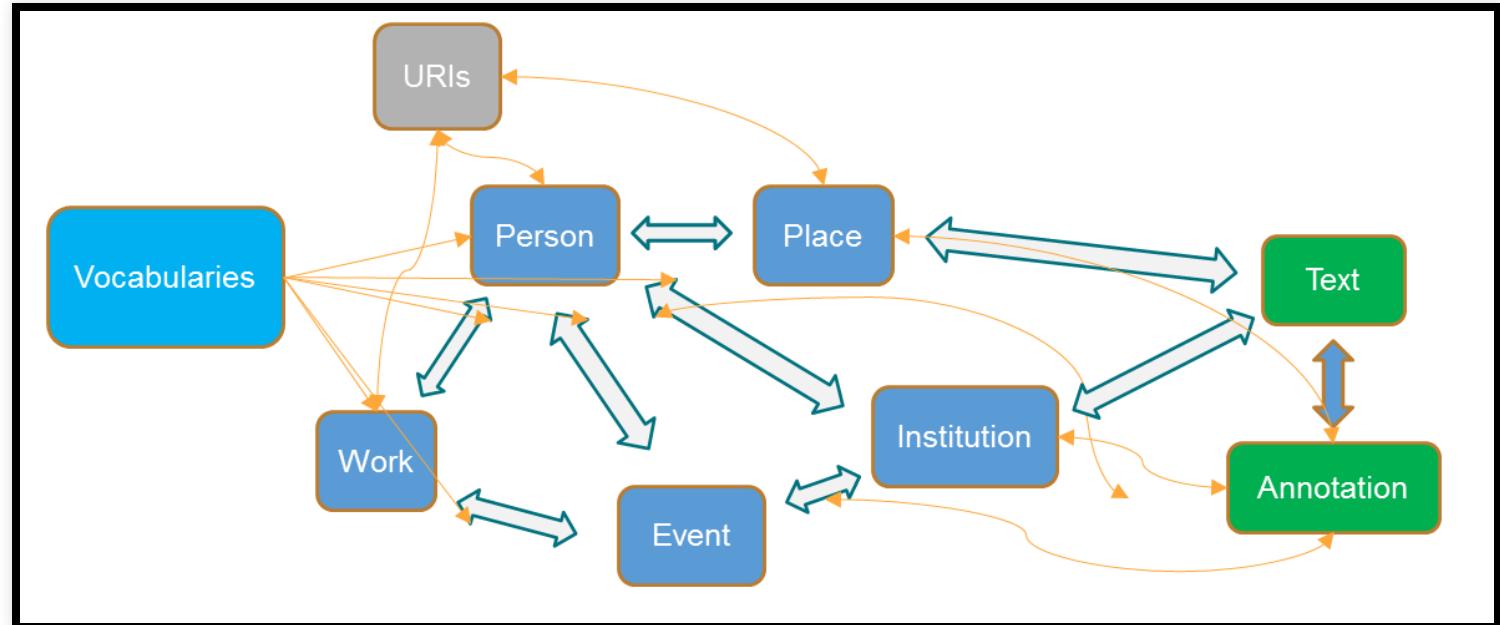
datamodel #3

every entity type can have
several text types
attached



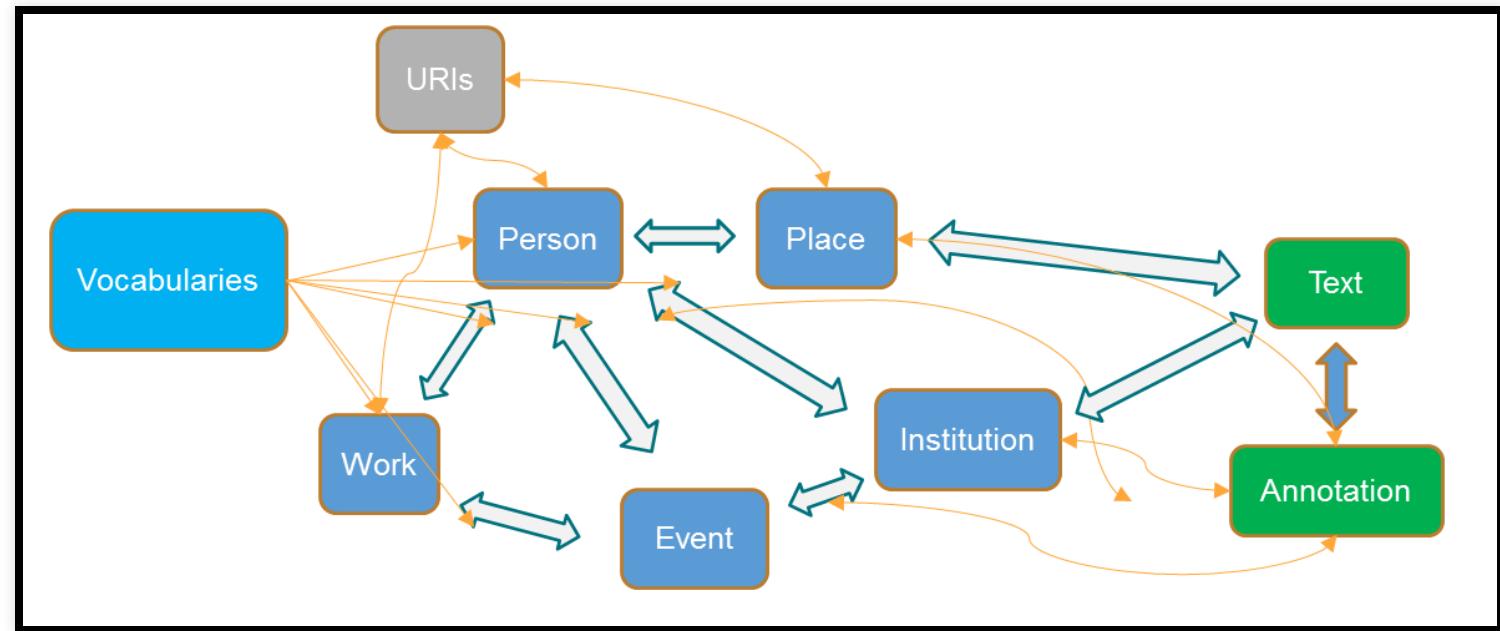
datamodel #4

every annotation is linked
to an annotation project, a
user and a entity or
relation >> allows for
multiple annotations (e.g.
different tools) of one and
the same text



datamodel #5

every change of an object
is serialized to json and
stored with user and
timestamp (revisioning)



software

- Django (Python Web Development Framework)
- MySQL (Database)
- Stanbol (Reference resources)
- spacy and Gate for NLP

webapp #1

- customizable filters and lists
- download of filtered lists in various formats
- creating new entities from customizable reference resources

webapp #2

- metadata of entity on the left
- link to other entities on the right
- auto-import of entities from reference resources

webapp #3

- annotation of text
- annotation projects
- filter annotations to show

webapp #4

- iteratively create network
- add whole collections
- export to graphml/json

Thanks!

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