

Static Infrastructure Status with Jekyll and GitHub Pages

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~40 servers with Puppet

The Problem

- ▶ Large distributed infrastructure
- ▶ Lots of different services
- ▶ Services depend on infrastructure components
- ▶ They fail (sometimes)
- ▶ Users want & need to be informed quickly!



Monitoring

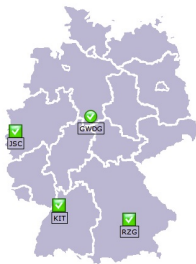


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Übersicht über die Infrastruktur

Rechenzentren



Dienste

AAI	✓
Repositoryum	✓
Generische Suche	✓
Collection Registry	✓
Schema Registry	✓
Storage API	✓
Geo-Browser & Datasheet Editor	✓
Digivoy	✓
CollateX	✓
Confluence	✓
Continuous Integration	✓
TextGrid Repository	✓
TextGrid Laboratory	✓

- ▶ Automated checks and notifications
- ▶ Missing context – is someone working on it?

Requirements

- ▶ Manually added notifications
- ▶ Independent from our infrastructure
- ▶ Easily accessible in case of an emergency
- ▶ Low maintenance

GitHub Pages with Jekyll

- ▶ Simple syntax
- ▶ Completely independent
- ▶ Availability of credentials not a problem
- ▶ Static pages are low risk

All is well ...

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Current notifications

Latest update: Sun Jan 28 20:48:06 2018

All services are available

✉ **Is there a service missing? Please contact us.** See the **History** for older messages.

Maintenance is regularly scheduled Thursdays between 15:00 and 19:00 German time.

Tweets by @DARIAHdeTech



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Am Do 18.01.18 werden in der Zeit von 15h-18h mehrere DARIAH-Server gewartet. Die Ausfälle bewegen sich im Minuten-Bereich. Grund ist der Intel CPU Bug.



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Die Störung wurde behoben.



Dec 15, 2017

When disaster strikes ...

Problem

What is actually affected by an outage of X?

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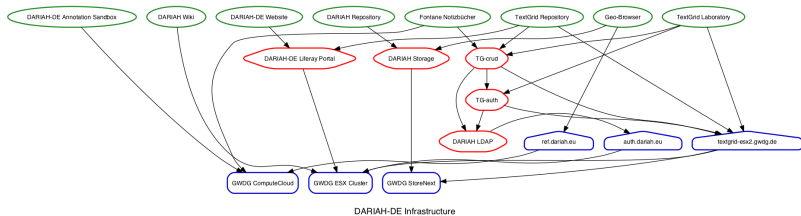
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Jekyll Collections

Infrastructure inventory with dependencies

Under the hood

- ▶ Standard GitHub Pages without custom plugins
- ▶ Infrastructure inventory as Jekyll Collections
- ▶ Outages and Announcements as Jekyll Data
- ▶ Dependency resolution with recursive liquid templates



Beyond git push

- ▶ GitHub Pages builds the pages
- ▶ That breaks on dependency errors
- ▶ Travis-CI runs more checks, e.g. is graph up to date?
- ▶ Data is rendered to yaml for inclusion in static history i.e. no dynamic dependency resolution

So when the storage breaks ...

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Current notifications

Latest update: Sun Jan 28 20:44:13 2018

Service Disruption!

FOSDEM demo

This screenshot shows a storage outage.

The following services are affected:

- DARIAH Repository
- Fontane Notizbücher
- Geo-Browser
- TextGrid Laboratory
- TextGrid Repository

And sometimes things happen ...

HISTORY

DARIAH Service Downtime on Saturday, July 22

Effective from 2017-07-21 until 2017-07-24.

Due to maintenance work at the computing center (**interruption of the power supply**) most DARIAH-DE Services will not be available from July 21 to July 24.

Affected services:

- DARIAH Repository
- DARIAH Wiki
- DARIAH-DE Annotation Sandbox
- DARIAH-DE Website
- Fontane Notizbücher
- Geo-Browser
- TextGrid Laboratory
- TextGrid Repository

Future work

- ▶ Add full infrastructure
- ▶ Use an export from (planned) CMDB
- ▶ Generic solution?

Thanks!

<https://dariah-de.github.io/status>