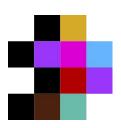
# Consulting for digital humanists

The cultural shock developing tools and pedagogy





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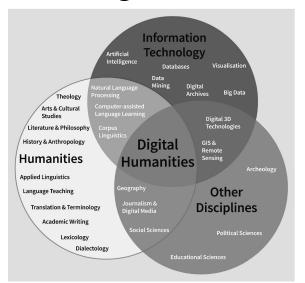
From pipe dreams and waste to functional accretion: building a capable infrastructure for the Digital Humanities. Thank you FOSDEM! <u>lan Johnson</u>

Executable papers in the Humanities, or how did we land to the Journal of Digital History Daniele Guido

Using Advene to accompany research in AudioVisual Digital Humanities Olivier Aubert

Stylo: a user friendly text editor for humanities scholars Antoine Fauchié

# What is Digital Humanities?



## What is an engineer in Digital Humanities?

someone technical that will have expertise in one or several domain of computer science and whose mission is to help humanists in their projects (i.e. philosophy, literature, history, sociology, archeology...)

# Examples

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Helping theologist showing the colors of the bible.

# Building online databasis for art historians



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#### **Humanists**

Male audience

Programming is the norm (Linux/Mac, latex, terminal app...)

Industry influence (salary, practices...)

Broad, commercial topics...

Metrics oriented(quantified performance, speed)

Female/mixed audience

Point and click and often proprietary is the norm (Windows, Mac, pptx, word...)

Academic job culture

Scarce data, niche topics.

Question oriented





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How can we help each others?



#### Digital humanists and free software

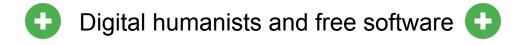
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- Lot of activism
- Nascent varied motivated community
- Financial means (grants)
- Diverse different from our usual dev crowd
- Know communication, science of education, ethics, think critical.

### Questions?

- Ideas to reach this community?
- How to make them feel welcome?

#### THANK YOU!

The slides after this are kept for illustration purpose for the question session.



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# Asking the right question as engineer

Context: what is your domain? What does this domain focus on?

What is the problem you try to solve?

(eventually) What did you already try to solve your problem? What tools did you use?

What are the data you have (or hope to collect?)

Can you present me your data? Size, format, how has it been collected?



















### **Dante Running from the Three Beasts**



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Title: Illustrat In comedia: s "Divine Comedy". Origination: William Blake inventor, delineator, colorist.

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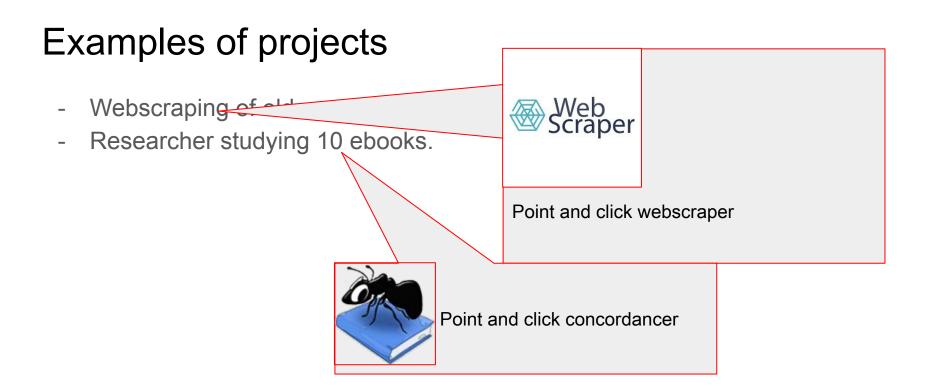
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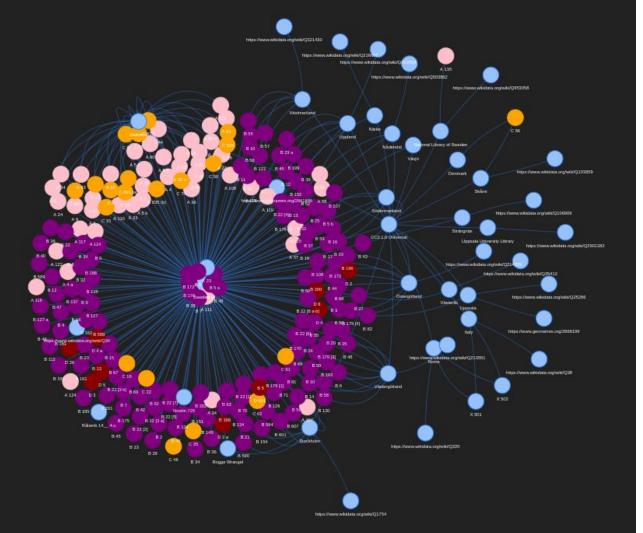
Point and click webscraper



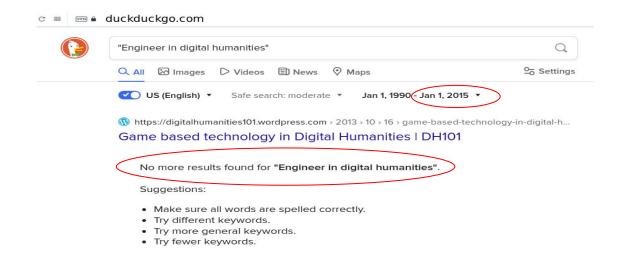
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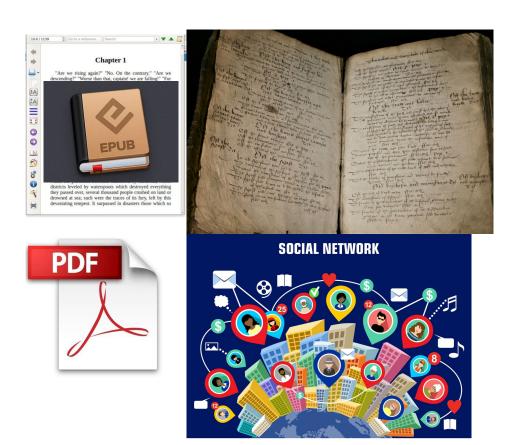
Both freeware, neither free software!



# Did you say *Engineer* in *Humanities*!?



#### Diverse source of data and formats



#### **Tools**

some OS and Free softwares....











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