



# Introduction

## The TEI ecosystem





# The TEI Guidelines

- Point your browser to:

<http://www.tei-c.org>

- Navigate to
  - Guidelines
  - P5 Guidelines: Table of Contents



# The TEI Guidelines

- The ToC represent the TEI's understanding of text:
  - „bookish“: front, body, back
- We are interested in:
  - ch. 2-5, 10-13, 16
- After this course (and when the presentation is online): Make yourself a bookmark with this content:
  - `javascript:Qr=document.getSelection();if(!Qr){void(Qr=prompt('P5%20Element%20Name:%20', ''));if(Qr)location.href='http://www.tei-c.org/release/doc/tei-p5-doc/en/html/ref-'+escape(Qr)+'.html'}`



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- (almost) each chapter is represented by a module of elements
  - core, msDesc, transcr, textcrit
- All elements belong to a model, all attributes to a class
- TEI supports strong datatyping
  - [data.pointer](#), [data.temporal.w3c](#)



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- How to read the documentation?
  - example: [msDesc](#)
  - cf. [IDE XML-Kurzreferenz](#)



# The TEI evolution

- TEI is a living beast
  - Discussion list (link on the homepage)  
→ ask your questions and get help in minutes
  - [TEI @ Sourceforge](#)  
→ propose changes (feature requests)  
→ download everything (especially the most up-to-date-code from the repository)
  - Customise TEI for your needs: Tools  
→ Roma, lets you generate schemata
  - Get involved  
→ Special Interest Groups (SIG)



# The TEI view

- TEI started to offer a way to encode texts.
- During the last years it shifted towards the description of „documents“:
  - possibility to add „facsimile“ images
  - locate text on a page (via rectangular zones)
  - describe visual aspects of text (@rend)
  - module for description of „things“, called 'msDesc'



# The TEI SIGs

- TEI is about to open up towards new „objects“
  - Correspondance
  - Music
  - „Text-bearing objects“ (working title)
- In the next years TEI will develop towards „relations“
  - Ontologies
  - Semantic web