



Manuscript Description in TEI

Particularities





Controlled vocabularies

- Although there are some areas that would benefit from controlled vocabularies, the manuscript communities are sometimes reluctant to such ideas
 - Decoration
 - Script
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Dealing with centralised info

- Some information may be collected and kept at central places and referenced from the descriptions:
 - Bibliography
 - Lists of persons, organisations, places
- Consider not to do all the work by yourself, e.g. to identify persons, when there are databases out there that might contain the information
 - GND, TGN, geonames



How to reference

- Entities such as persons might exist in databases which then need to be referenced:

```
<author ref="#augustinus">Augustinus</author>
```

```
<ref type="mss" cRef="64-weiss"></ref>
```

```
<persName key="PND_11860354X">Peter Paul Rubens</persName>
```



Indices

- Indices might either be generated or explicitly defined:
 - Some special information may be used for index generation, e.g. persons or manuscripts mentioned, decoration described
 - An index entry can be predefined using `<index>`

```
<index indexName="">  
  <term>[term, level 1]</term>  
</index>  
  <term>[term, level 2]</term>  
</index>  
</index>
```



Advice I

- Be aware that you design and generate a resource that might be referenced and/or re-used by someone else out there!
- Pay special attention to your design of
 - `xml:ids`
 - values of attributes (especially `@type`)
 - which information will be marked up separately



Advice II

- Why don't you get in touch with the library that holds „your“ manuscript and offer your data in return for free digitisation?
- A library is a good (the best?) place to store your information in a long-term perspective