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What is DELPH-IN



What are we doing here?

DELPH-IN:

BACKGROUND, PURPOSE & STATE



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The Motivation

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- ☆ Deep interest in deep linguistic processing
- ☆ Deep interest in understanding the essence of human language, i.e., the mapping between form and meaning
- ☆ Deep interest in grammar and grammatical processing
- ☆ Convergence on a linguistic framework that seems suited for the task





The Theme

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- ☆ Deep processing means to maximally exploit grammatical knowledge for language processing
- ☆ Deep linguistic processing is what you need to get at the meaning of language
- ☆ The opposite of deep is not statistical but shallow
- ☆ The members of the DELPH-IN initiative have selected a common strategy for achieving progress in deep linguistic processing





The problem of deep processing is so complex that it demands

- ☆ division of labor
- ☆ a multitude of competing approaches
- ☆ a sharing of resources

and therefore also

- ☆ some common ground



Initial Idea

Solve the problem of lacking performance

- ☆ by agreeing on a common formalisms and format for grammars
- ☆ by working on shared tasks
- ☆ by comparing techniques and systems
- ☆ by sharing (positive and negative) experience
- ☆ by sharing resources



Sharing Resources

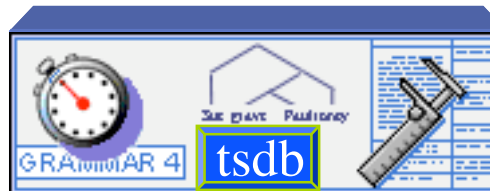


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PET
Runtime Parser



English
Grammar
German
Grammar
Japanese
Grammar



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Sharing Open-Source Resources



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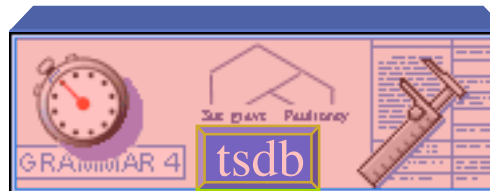
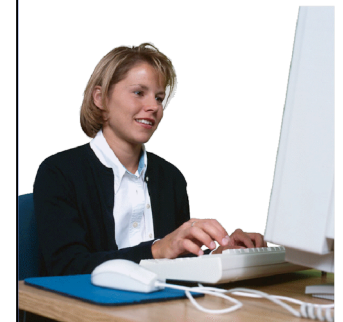


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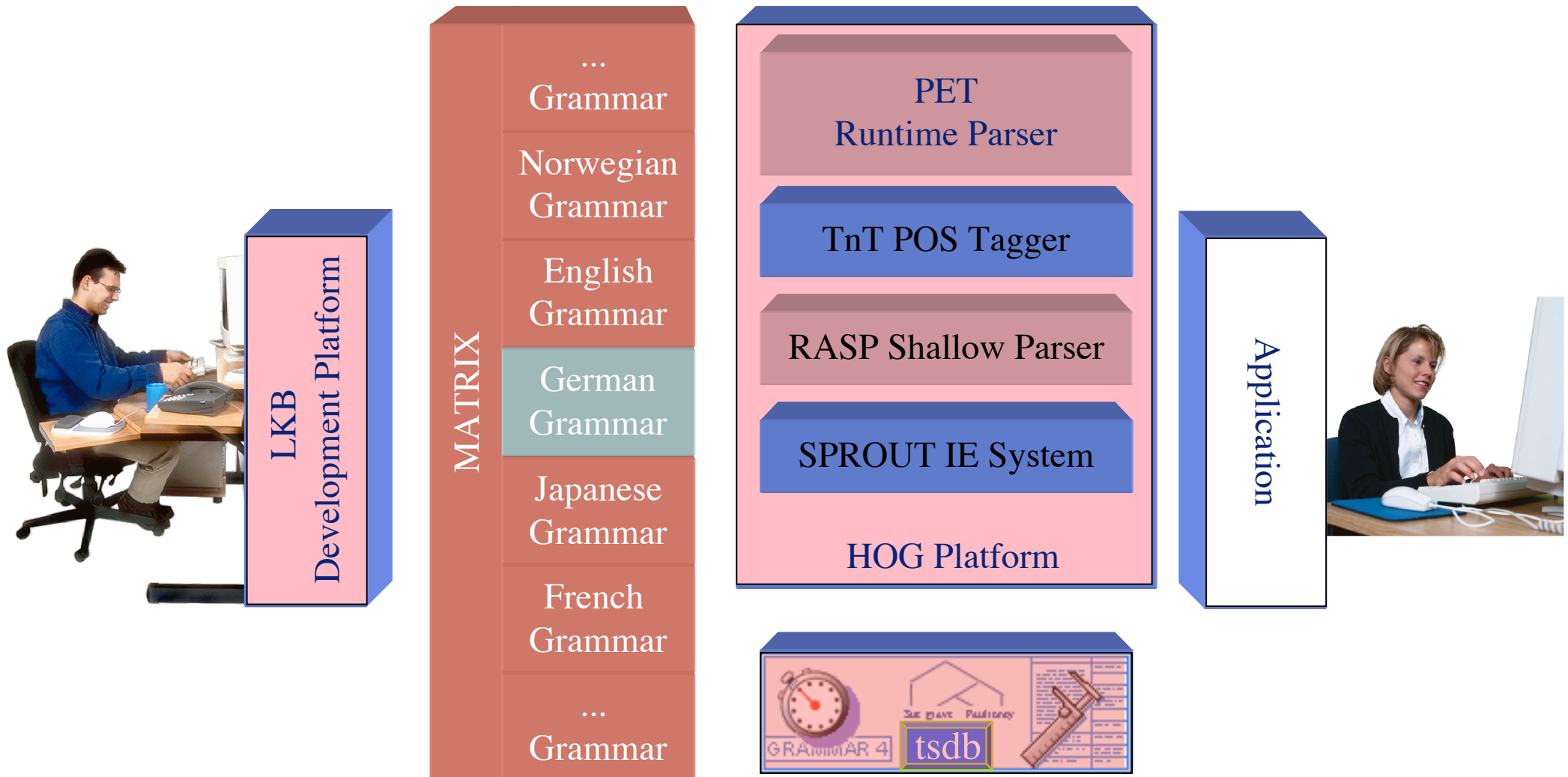
Application





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Current Setup





12 Components of DELPH-IN

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- ☆ Joint Computational Formalism (set by ERG Grammar and LKB)
- ☆ Grammar Development Tools (LKB)
- ☆ An Interlingual Core Grammar (The Matrix)
- ☆ Implemented Grammars (ERG, Japan., French, German, Greek,...)
- ☆ HPSG Treebanks (Redwoods, Eiche, ...)
- ☆ Parsers (PET, LILFES, ...)
- ☆ Generator (in the LKB)
- ☆ Engineering Platform (tsdb)
- ☆ Platform for Hybrid Processing (HoG)
- ☆ Comparative Evaluations
- ☆ Exchange, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance
- ☆ Joint Promotion and Project Acquisition





focus has shifted from efficiency to

- ☆ coverage/robustness and specificity

- ☆ systematic multilinguality

- ☆ finding and building applications for which the benefits of deep processing can be demonstrated

- ☆ hybrid processing methods





- ☆ as a means of improving processing

- ☆ as model of human performance

One special approach for real-life applications: Let deep processing assist shallow processing

- ☆ prevent falling below the baseline of best shallow approaches



Applications that demand deep processing

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☆ machine translation

☆ knowledge based applications

- gaining knowledge through analysis
- verbalizing knowledge

☆ problem of some semantic interlingua for both machine translation and knowledge-based applications





Systematic Coverage

- ☆ achieving, measuring and characterizing coverage w.r.t. meaningful areas: real-life applications or linguistic concepts
- ☆ striving for “complete” coverage w.r.t. to an area

Confidence Assessment

- ☆ providing confidence values with the help of statistical methods
provide



- ☆ Demand for high quality MT (better 50% at 100% quality than 100% at 50% quality)
- ☆ Demand for hybrid MT
- ☆ Demand for self-critical MT
- ☆ Do we have a chance of applying HPSG processing in real-life MT?



for...

- ☆ organizing comparative evaluations
- ☆ enlarging the repository of open-source resources
- ☆ promoting our program and our results
- ☆ defining and acquiring joint projects

