

# Platforms and standards for data sharing

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## Overview

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## Open source/free software

- A very successful hippy attitude to program development and distribution:  
**Users have the freedom to run, copy, distribute, study, change and improve the software.**
- Success stories: emacs, Linux, Perl, Apache, ...
- Licences to go with OS software: GPL, LGPL, Apache license, ...  
→ not only should the software be open, but any upgrade should also be made open

## Closed data

- The basis of science is that experiments should be reproducible
- Yet without the data, they cannot be.
- But research data is typically unavailable to other researchers
  
- Data is produced by researchers in (mostly) non-profit public institutions
- Data is developed with public money

So, why is it closed?

## Reasons for locking (linguistic) data

- **Fear:**  
„I could be sued for copyright or privacy violation“
- **Perfectionism:**  
„It still contains mistakes“
- **Stinginess:**  
„I worked too hard on it to just give it away“
- **Work:**  
„I would have to document/format it first“
- **Money:**  
„Maybe I can sell it at some point“
- **Monopoly:**  
„I am protecting my scientific position“

## Results

- Waste of public funds and of researchers time (duplication of effort)
- Impossible to improve previous results & to collaborate (smaller efficiency)
- Impossible to involve citizens and society (non-transparency of the scientific process)

## Changing times

Open text repositories:

- MediaWiki, Google Books, OLAC, ...

H2020:

- Open data and publications are a requirement
- This policy is being adopted by EU member states

Research infrastructures:

- EU instrument for establishing long term facilities, resources and related services in order to support research
- Humanities and social sciences: DARIAH, CLARIN

## II. Common Language Resource Infrastructure

- CLARIN ERIC: EU legal entity
- 13 national consortia (sites)
- From May 5th, 2015: also Slovenia

The screenshot shows the CLARIN website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: About, Services, Centres, Technology, Material, Events, News, Contact. Below the menu is a search bar with a 'Search' button. The main content area features a large 'CALL FOR PAPERS' banner with a graphic of blue dots and lines. To the right of the banner is a red box titled 'Call for Papers: CLARIN Annual Conference 2015' with a 'Read more' link. Below the banner are three main sections: 'Search for Language Resources' with a search input and 'Search' button; 'Deposit your resources' with an icon of a folder and a 'Read more' link; and 'Featured Resource' with a link to 'Deutsches Textarchiv'. At the bottom, there are sections for 'Showcases' (Gesta Danorum) and 'Searching multiple corpora' with a 'Submit' button. A blue box on the right contains a Twitter feed for @Twitter.

## CLARIN Mission

- Give researchers access to a platform integrating language-based resources and advanced tools at a European level
- Implemented as a shared distributed infrastructure making available **language resources**, technology and expertise
- Pillars:
  - **Coverage**: every scholar should have access to the all data
  - **Legal issues**: minimal restrictions but protection of legitimate interests
  - **Integration**: meta-data, content and services should be findable and composable
  - **Preservation**: data and research results should be available in the long-term and should have persistent identifiers
  - **Ease of access**: no technical obstacles
  - **Sustainability**: financial, technical, organisational

## CLARIN language resource repositories

- Established by individual members, who use various approaches and solutions
- The Czech CLARIN (@UFAL) developed LINDAT:
  - based on DSpace (open inst. repository application)
  - available on GitHub (open VCS)
- LINDAT implements:
  - single sign-on access
  - persistent identifiers
  - various types of licences
  - meta-data harvesting
- Slovenia also uses LINDAT

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# CLARIN.SI repository

The screenshot shows the CLARIN.SI repository homepage. At the top, there are navigation tabs: CLARIN.SI, Repository, Concordances, Tools & Services, and Contact. Below this is a search bar and a 'Find Linguistic Data and NLP Tools' section. The main content area features an 'Advanced Search' section with filters for Author, Subject, and Language (ISO). The Author filter lists names like Erjavec, Tomaz (3), Krek, Simon (2), Dobrovolic, Kaja (1), Drstvensek, Nina (1), and Fiser, Darja (1). The Subject filter lists tagging (3), corpus (2), historical language (2), lemmatisation (2), and modernisation (2). The Language (ISO) filter is set to English (1). Below the filters is a 'What's New' section with a 'Corpus' category and a link to 'Digital library and corpus of historical Slovene IMP 1.1'. On the right side, there are 'DEPOSIT' and 'CITE' buttons, and a 'Browse' section with a dropdown menu for 'All of the Repository'.

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# Single (AAI) sign in

This screenshot is similar to the previous one but shows a sign-in dialog box open on the right side of the page. The dialog box is titled 'Sign in to LINDAT/CLARIN Repository' and lists several providers. The first provider is 'Instit Jozef Stefan (IS)' with a 'Sign in' button. Other providers listed include 'SREDNJA FRIBERSKA ŠOLA LAUBLJANA', 'OS SŠNLICA', 'OSNOVNA ŠOLA ANKA GLAZERIA ROSE', 'OSNOVNA ŠOLA BELINCA OB DRAVI', 'ŠOLSKE CENTER PTUJ', 'OSNOVNA ŠOLA FRANCIŠKA PRISERNA KRANJ', 'BIOLOGIJA - Cooperativa Lattes Associazione di Studiosi', 'EKONOMSKA ŠOLA CELJE', and 'University of Applied Sciences'. Below the list, there are options to 'search for a provider, such as Example University', 'Please help, I cannot find my provider', and 'Locate me and show nearby providers'. At the bottom of the dialog, there is a 'Show providers in: Slovenia' dropdown and a 'show all countries' link. The background of the page is dimmed, showing the same search filters as in the previous screenshot.

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## Citation and persistent ID

CLARIN.SI Repository Concordances Tools & Services Conta

CLARIN.SI repository home / View Item

### Training corpus ssj500k 1.3

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Krek, Simon; Erjavec, Tomaž; Dobrovoljc, Kaja; Može, Sara; Ledinek, Nina and Holz, Nanika, 2013, *Training corpus ssj500k 1.3*, Slovenian language resource repository CLARIN.SI, <http://hdl.handle.net/11356/1029>.

[CLARIN.SI Data & Tools](#)

**Authors** Krek, Simon ; Erjavec, Tomaž ; Dobrovoljc, Kaja ; Može, Sara ; Ledinek, Nina ; Holz, Nanika

**Project URL** <http://eng.slovenscina.eu/tehnologije/ucni-korpus>

**Date issued** 2013-09-30

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## Licence and download


Project code: 3311-08-986003  
Project name: Communication in Slovene


**Subject(s)** [training corpus](#) [morphosyntactic description](#) [tagging](#) [dependency treebank](#) [parsing](#) [named entities](#) [named entity recognition](#) [tokenization](#) [segmentation](#)

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<b>Name</b>	ssj500kv1_3.zip	
<b>Size</b>	7.81 MB	
<b>Format</b>	application/zip	
<b>Description</b>	Corpus encoded in TEI-like format with annotations in Slovenian	

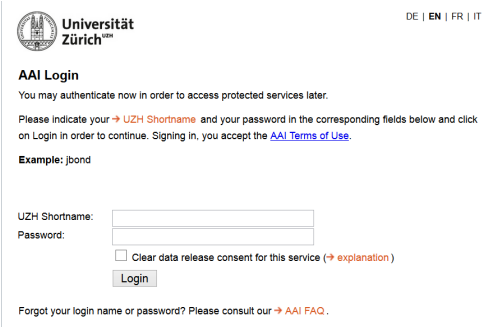
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<b>Name</b>	ssj500kv1_3-en.tei.zip	
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## Benefits of depositing

- Safe place for the data
- Maintained platform
- Licenced download
- Citation support
- Discoverable – meta-data harvesting
  - CLARIN ERIC
  - OLAC
  - Thomson Reuters



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You may authenticate now in order to access protected services later.

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**Example:** jbond

UZH Shortname:

Password:

Clear data release consent for this service (→ [explanation](#))

Forgot your login name or password? Please consult our → [AAI FAQ](#).

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## II. Standards for encoding language data

- Bad practice:
  - Data (text and annotations) is in an proprietary and undocumented encoding, tied to a particular piece of software
- Standards exist to make (textual) data
  - Interchangeable: others can use it, on a different platform
  - Reusable: for a different purpose
  - Permanent: for a long time after you made it
- Good practice:
  - Data is stored in an open, documented, maintained and machine-independent format, i.e. it uses standards.



# Problem

„The nice thing about standards is that you have so many to choose from.“

List of **CLARIN standard recommendations**:

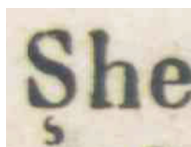
Name	Standard	State	Print	Advice	Function	Comment
<b>General</b>						
XML	**	**	-	**	text document structure description	CLARIN should require the usage of XML, where feasible
W3C XML Schema	**	**	-	**	specification of classes of structures, i.e. containing XML	CLARIN should require the existence of schemas when using XML
RDF (compact and XML variants)	**	**	-	**	mechanism to describe semantic relations	whenever possible an RDF output should be available
RDF	**	**	-	**	specification of some semantics	certainly a recommended formalism
OWL	**	**	-	**	specification of semantics	certainly a recommended formalism
SKOS	**	**	-	**	more simple formalism to describe hierarchies	certainly a recommended formalism
URIs	**	**	-	**	General Identifier system for resources on the internet	ongoing debate whether URIs are stable
Handles	**	**	-	**	Persistent Identifier Framework for resources on the internet	well-tested resolver system with additional services; CLARIN will offer a handle resolving mechanism
URIs that do not specify an access protocol	**	0	0	0	URIs that do not specify an access protocol	not to promote; resolve available
<b>Languages (ISO-3)</b>						
ISO 639-1	**	**	-	**	Country codes	widely used as domain extension
ISO 639-2	**	**	-	**	Codes for the representation of names of scripts	required in CLARIN
<b>CLARIN</b>						
CLARIN	**	**	-	**	a protocol for metadata harvesting	should be the preferable choice in CLARIN for some difficult to implement
Doc API	0	0	-	0	an API to interact with the ISO DocR	should be offered to all DocR instances in CLARIN - a new version will soon be published at <a href="http://www.docr.org">http://www.docr.org</a>
WSDL	**	**	-	**	specification of web service API	should be the preferred option in CLARIN
SOAP	**	**	-	**	specification of data exchange in XML	should be the preferred option in CLARIN
REST	**	**	-	**	widely used simple web service API	no agreed specification language but widely used, so CLARIN may not ignore it
<b>Terminology</b>						
ISOcat/260	**	**	-	**	model and software for the specification of linguistic concepts and terms	model is a standard; software is in progress; CLARIN will adopt this as a reference/provid standard
Doc Profiles	**	0	-	**	concepts in ISOcat in different domains	CLARIN should strongly recommend the usage of DocR concepts or at least require to refer to them; since many of the defined concepts will be entries in ISOcat there is a natural follow-up
EASLESABLE	-	-	-	-	specification of linguistic concepts	
GOLD	0	-	-	0	linguistic ontology	created in the EASLES project, there is much work to be done on the definition
TBX	**	**	-	**	allows for the interchange of terminology data including detailed usage information	should be a required standard in CLARIN for exchanging terminology data
TEI Tags	**	**	-	**	various tag sets defined by TEI (P5)	will be supported by CLARIN when elements are required
ISO 15924 TMF	**	**	-	**	Terminology Markup Framework	
<b>Metadata</b>						
Dublin Core DCAM	**	**	-	**	specification of 15 general metadata elements and a number of more detailed elements as qualified DC	should be generated as metadata delivered to all types of archive providers such as DMR/DCR to support occasional users
OLAC	**	**	-	**	linked refinements on DC elements	should be supported as a simple pivot format in LRT
IMDI	-	-	-	-	more detailed description set for various LR	is a widely used format and will be supported in CLARIN; elements will use ISOcat
TEI Header Tags	-	**	-	**	specification of a wide number of elements	will be supported by CLARIN when elements are

# Ladder of standards

- **Character set:** How are characters encoded?
- **Format:** What distinguishes annotations from the text?
- **Schema:** Which annotations does the document use?
- **Metadata:** How is the information about the document encoded?
- **Linguistic categories:** What is the vocabulary of linguistic features?

## Character sets

- Do not use Latin-1 (ISO/IEC 8859-1 / Windows-1252) use **Unicode**
- Most characters you will ever need
- Most software now supports it
- Is being extended
- Still, there are always problems:
  - U+0218 LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH COMMA BELOW ?
  - U+015E LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH CEDILLA ?
  - Also: lc(ç) ≠ r (long s)



## Encoding format: XML

- If data structure is simple, people still use tabular format
- Otherwise, XML is (almost) mandatory
- Simple syntax
- Formally checking of well-formedness and validity
- A host of associated standards:
  - DTD, XML Schema, RelaxNG
  - XPath, XSLT, XQuery
- Good tool support

## Example: Post from UCG corpus in XML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<corpus id="janes.forum">
  <forum id="janes.forum.medovernet">
    <thread url="http://med.over.net/forum5/read.php?416,9676700">
      <post time="2014-05-30T10:22:00"
        url="http://med.over.net/forum5/read.php?416,9676700,9676700#msg-9676700">
        <author>katical</author>
        <title>Znamenje na nosu odstranitev</title>
        <text>
          <p>Pozdravljena,</p>
          <p>že od otroštva imam piko na nosu iznad nivoja kože (mehko na otip), v barvi
            peg (ker sem pegasta) in me moti iz estetskega vidika. Premer ima približno
            4-5mm. Podobno tako znamenje na hrbtu so mi zamrznili.</p>
          <p>Oz. kateri način odstranitve bi bil primeren, da ne bo opazno?</p>
        </text>
      </post>
    </thread>
  </forum>
</corpus>
```

## Schema: Text Encoding Initiative

- Guidelines and (XML) schemas for encoding scholarly texts: detailed and maintained
- Longest running standardisation effort
- Mostly used for digital humanities, less for HLT
- Good tool support:
  - conversion between formats
  - schema generator
- Active user community:
  - very friendly mailing list
  - annual TEI conferences
  - TEI journal

## Slovene biographical lexicon in TEI

```
<person xml:id="sbi128011" corresp="sbl-text.xml#sbl00024" role="main">
  <idno type="URL">http://www.slovenska-biografija.si/oseba/sbi128011/</idno>
  <sex value="1"/>
  <persName xml:lang="de"><name>Almanach</name></persName>
  <persName xml:lang="it"><name>Allmenaco</name></persName>
  <occupation scheme="#occupation" code="#slikar"/>
  <floruit>
    <date notAfter="1700" notBefore="1600">17. stol.</date>
  </floruit>
  <birth>
    <placeName>
      <settlement>Antwerpen</settlement>
      <settlement xml:lang="fr">Anvers</settlement>
      <country>Belgija</country>
    </placeName>
  </birth>
</person>
```

## ISO encoding language resources

- ISO TC 37: Technical Committee for Terminology
- In 2004: ... **and other language and content resources**
- ISO TC 37 SC4 **Language resource management:**
  - Feature structures: ISO 24610-1:2006
  - Lexical markup framework (LMF): ISO 24613:m2008
  - Morphosyntactic annotation framework: ISO 24611:2012
  - Syntactic annotation framework: ISO 24615-1:2014
  - Semantic annotation framework:
    - Part 1: Time and events: ISO 24617-1:2012
    - Part 2: Dialogue acts: ISO 24617-2:2012
    - Part 4: Semantic roles: ISO 24617-4:2014
    - Part 7: Spatial information: ISO 24617-7:2014
    - etc.
- etc.

## Meta-data

- Too many standards to discuss!
  - Librarians: MARCXML, FRBR
  - Digital humanities: TEI header
  - Web: Dublin Core
  - Language resources: CMDI
  - etc. etc.
- Meta-data fields:
  - Dates and times: ISO 8601
  - Language codes: ISO 639 (-1, -2, ...)

## III. Standards for linguistic categories

Very difficult problem:

- Many incompatible linguistic theories
- Should be applicable to any language
- Should also have resources that embody the standard

Some progress at the lower levels of linguistic description:

- Word-level features (morphosyntax)
- Shallow syntax (dependency relations)

## Word-level features

- Goal: to have a documented and stable set of word-level morphological features
- For systems for morphological analysis
- For Part-of-Speech tagging
  - PoS tag: a string giving the morphosyntactic properties of a word form, e.g. *Ncms*
  - PoS tagger: assigns a PoS tag to each word in a text

## MULTEXT-East

- Covers the morphosyntactic trinity:
  - Specifications
  - Lexicons
  - Corpus
- For 16 languages
  - For a number of these languages the MULTEXT-East tagset has become the standard for corpus annotation
- Everything encoded in TEI
- Specifications also available in OWL and Haskell

## MULTEXT-East tables

P	Attribute	Value	Code	English	Romanian	Polish	Czech	Slovak	Slovene	Resian	Croatian	Serbian	Russian	Ukrain
0	CATEGORY	Noun	N	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
1	Type	common	c	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		proper	p	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		gerund	g			pl								
2	Gender	masculine	m	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		feminine	f	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		neuter	n	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		common	c										ru	uk
3	Number	singular	s	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		plural	p	en	ro	pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		dual	d				cs		sl	sl-rozaj				
		count	t									sr		
		collective	l							sl-rozaj				
4	Case	nominative	n			pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		genitive	g			pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		dative	d			pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		accusative	a			pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		vocative	v		ro	pl	cs	sk			hr	sr	ru	uk
		locative	l			pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
		instrumental	i			pl	cs	sk	sl	sl-rozaj	hr	sr	ru	uk
direct	r		ro											

## Use of MSDs in the corpus

```

<s xml:id="Osl.1.1.2.2.1">
  <w lemma="biti" ana="#Va-p-sm">Bil</w>
  <w lemma="biti" ana="#Va-r3s-n">je</w>
  <w lemma="jasen" ana="#Agpmsnn">jasen</w>
  <pc>,</pc>
  <w lemma="mrzel" ana="#Agpmsnn">mrzel</w>
  <w lemma="aprilski" ana="#Agpmsny">aprilski</w>
  <w lemma="dan" ana="#Ncmsn">dan</w>
  <w lemma="in" ana="#Cc">in</w>
  <w lemma="ura" ana="#Ncfpn">ure</w>
  <w lemma="biti" ana="#Va-r3p-n">so</w>
  <w lemma="biti" ana="#Va-p-pf">bile</w>
  <w lemma="trinajst" ana="#Mlc-pa">trinajst</w>
  <pc>.</pc>
</s>

```

## ISOCat - a Data Category Registry

- Specification of data categories and management of a Data Category Registry for language resources: ISO 12620:2009
- One of the first ISO standards delivered in the form of a database
- ISO DCR used also for defining linguistic terms: ISOCat
- First entries by developers, then a registered interface
- Interface was hosted by MPI but now in the process of migration..

## Morphological features

Data type: string

Name	type	
1 <a href="#">active voice</a>	simple	
2 <a href="#">adjectival voice</a>	simple	
3 <a href="#">animacy</a>	complex/closed	<b>animacy</b>
4 <a href="#">animate</a>	simple	<i>animacy</i> : standardized name
5 <a href="#">antipassive voice</a>	simple	PID: <a href="http://www.isocat.org/datcat/DC-1902">http://www.isocat.org/datcat/DC-1902</a>
6 <a href="#">aorist</a>	complex/open	Identifier: animacy Type: complex/closed Origin: Member of MAF DCS Profiles: Morphosyntax, Terminology
7 <a href="#">apocope mood</a>	simple	Definition: The characteristic of a word indicating that in a given discourse community, its referent is considered to be alive or to possess a quality of volition or consciousness.
8 <a href="#">applicative voice</a>	simple	Source: ISO12620
9 <a href="#">aspect</a>	complex/closed	License: This work by <a href="http://www.isocat.org/datcat/DC-1902">http://www.isocat.org/datcat/DC-1902</a> is licensed under a <a href="#">Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License</a> .
10 <a href="#">bound</a>	simple	Language sections: English, French
11 <a href="#">broken plural</a>	simple	Data type: string
12 <a href="#">causative voice</a>	complex/open	
13 <a href="#">cessative</a>	simple	
14 <a href="#">circumstantial voice</a>	simple	
15 <a href="#">cliticness</a>	complex/closed	
16 <a href="#">collective</a>	simple	
17 <a href="#">comitative</a>	simple	



## Syntax: Universal Dependencies

- Aims to develop cross-linguistically consistent treebank annotation for many languages
- To facilitate multilingual parser development and research
- Based on Google universal PoS tags, (universal) Stanford dependencies and the Intersect interlingua for morphosyntactic tagsets
- Philosophy: provide a universal inventory of categories and guidelines to facilitate consistent annotation of similar constructions across languages, while allowing language-specific extensions when necessary
- UD V1.1 Treebanks available at CLARIN / LINDAT:  
<http://hdl.handle.net/11234/LRT-1478>

## Back to platforms: Git

- UD based on GitHub:  
<http://universaldependencies.github.io/docs/>
- Git appropriate for:
  - Hand annotated datasets
  - Documentation
- Git is a *great* platform:
  - Version control system (fork, push, conflicts)
  - Collaborative development
  - Open and free

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## Top level page of Slovenian

The screenshot shows the 'Universal Dependencies' website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for various languages: Universal, Amharic, Basque, Bulgarian, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian, Romanian, Slovenian, Spanish, and Swedish. The 'Slovenian' tab is selected. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Introduction'. To the right, there is a 'Status' section with the following information:

Status	
Overview:	complete draft
POS tags:	complete draft
Features:	complete draft
Relations:	template only
Data:	none

The main content area contains a table of contents for Slovenian:

- Tokenization
- Morphology
  - General principles
  - Slovenian POS tags (single document)
  - Slovenian features (single document)
- Syntax
  - General principles
  - Specific constructions
  - Slovenian dependency relations (single document)

Below the table of contents, there is a link for 'CoNLL-U format' and a link for 'How to contribute'.

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## Project home page on GitHub

The screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for 'Universal Dependencies'. The repository name is 'Universal Dependencies' and it is owned by 'TomasErjavec'. The page features a search bar and a list of repositories:

- docs**: Universal Dependencies online documentation. HTML. 27 stars, 26 forks. Updated 5 hours ago.
- UD\_English**: English data. 4 stars, 0 forks. Updated a day ago.

On the right side, there is a 'People' section showing 56 contributors and a 'Teams' section showing 2 teams.

## V. Conclusions

- Platforms: CLARIN vs. Git
- Schemas: ISO vs. TEI
- Categories: ISO vs. UD