Language Richness of the Web

Martin Majliš, Zdeněk Žabokrtský

Charles University in Prague Institute of Formal and Applied Linguistics Faculty of Mathematics and Physics majlis@ufal.mff.cuni.cz, zabokrtsky@ufal.mff.cuni.cz

Abstract

We have built a corpus containing texts in 106 languages from texts available on the Internet and on Wikipedia. The W2C Web Corpus contains 54.7 GB of text and the W2C Wiki Corpus contains 8.5 GB of text. The W2C Web Corpus contains more than 100 MB of text available for 75 languages. At least 10 MB of text is available for 100 languages. These corpora are a unique data source for linguists, since they outclass all published works both in the size of the material collected and the number of languages covered. This language data resource can be of use particularly to researchers specialized in multilingual technologies development. We also developed software that greatly simplifies the creation of a new text corpus for a given language, using text materials freely available on the Internet. Special attention was given to components for filtering and de-duplication that allow to keep the material quality very high.

Keywords: multilinguality, web corpus, under-resourced languages

1. Introduction

As statistical approaches become the dominant paradigm in natural language processing, there is an increasing demand for data. Linguistic data for many languages can be found on the Internet in a computer-accessible form, i.e. obtained very cheaply without additional digitalization costs. However, retrieving them requires special knowledge, computational resources, and tools. Even easy access to such data is one of the key issues for computational linguists, corpora of a reasonable size are available only for the major world languages.

We aim to collect, with minimal or no human intervention, a large multilingual corpus comprising of textual data available on the Internet for as many languages as possible, with the minimum total size of 10 MB of text per language. The novelty of our work lies in stressing the multilinguality dimension.

There are 6,909 known living languages according to the Ethnologue database,¹ but only about 390 of them are used by more than 1 million of native speakers. Roughly speaking, 95% of people are using only 5% of languages and 95% of languages are used by 5% of people. Furthermore, 55% of languages are used by a mere 1% of population.

Existing multilingual projects and multilingual web corpora as well as methods used for their construction are reviewed in Section 2. Methods used for constructing the W2C Web Corpus are described in Section 3. The constructed corpus is presented in Section 4., which sketches the amount of downloaded data and amount of texts remaining after processing. In the final Section 5., the W2C Wiki Corpus and the W2C Web Corpus are compared to the quality of retrieved texts.

2. Related Work

In this section, we briefly review the existing multilingual resources, then we introduce the existing multilingual corpora and at the end, we describe the procedures used for building web corpora.

2.1. Multilingual Resources

There are many publicly available projects which contain multilingual textual resources, including the following ones:

- The Rosetta Project² is an effort of native speakers and language specialists to construct a publicly accessible digital library of material on all known human languages. Some of the available materials are just scanned grammar books or simple dictionaries containing around 200 words.
- The Open Language Archives Community³ (OLAC) is also trying to create a digital library of language resources.
- Wikipedia⁴ is a free, web-based, collaborative, and multilingual encyclopaedia project.
- The Universal Declaration of Human Rights⁵ (UDHR) is a milestone document in the history of human rights, available in 379 languages.
- The Project Gutenberg⁶ is a volunteer effort to digitize and archive cultural works, especially books.
- Wikisource⁷ is an on-line library of free content textual sources, operated by the Wikimedia Foundation.

²http://rosettaproject.org/ and http://www. archive.org/details/rosettaproject

¹http://www.ethnologue.com/ethno_docs/ distribution.asp?by=size

³http://www.language-archives.org/

⁴http://www.wikipedia.org/

⁵http://www.ohchr.org/EN/UDHR/Pages/

Introduction.aspx

⁶http://www.gutenberg.org/

⁷http://www.wikisource.org/

Projects	Languages	Size
Rosetta Project	over 2,500	over 100,000 pages
OLAC	4,575	82,051 items
Wikipedia	281	19,034,746 articles
UDHR	379	at most 379 documents
Project Gutenberg	60	34,000 documents
Wikisource	62	1,028,303 pages
Watchtower	366	thousands of pages
Launchpad	323	1,730,838 strings
Gnome	173	about 1 million of strings

Table 1: Multilingual resources – summary. Launchpad andGnome are examples of Open-source Software projects.

- The Watchtower⁸ is an illustrated religious magazine, published semi-monthly by Jehovah's Witnesses. It is written in 366 languages. Texts are available as web pages or PDF files. All files have a very similar structure, which makes them as a very good source of parallel texts.
- Open-source Software (OSS) is computer software that is available with source codes, that contains documentation, messages, and labels.

The number of languages and items available in the individual multilingual projects is presented in Table 1. We can observe that there are two language counts boundaries. The first one is around 60: Sixty languages are available in Project Gutenberg, Wikisource, and popes blessing Urbi et Orbi. This is the number of languages used in developed or newly industrialized countries countries, which covers almost 70% of all people. The following boundary is around 300 languages which are used in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Wikipedia, the Watchtower, and Launchpad. This is the number of languages that is at least theoretically available and used in written form on the Internet. This covers almost 90% of all people. In order to cover more languages, special language interest groups and linguistics specialists are required.

All these projects contain a relatively small amount of data in comparison to the total amount of data available on the Internet. Furthermore, all these resources do not provide balanced texts and special tools are needed for their extraction. Most researchers have therefore been focusing mainly on the construction of corpora from publicly available webpages.

2.2. Multilingual Web Corpora

Many web corpora were constructed during the last decade. Some of the most prominent are the following ones:

- Corpus Factory is a multilingual corpus constructed by Kilgarriff et al. (2010). It contains texts in 8 languages Dutch, Hindi, Indonesian, Norwegian, Swedish, Telugu, Thai, and Vietnamese.
- Crúbadán 1.0 is a multilingual corpus introduced by Scannell (2007), containing texts in 487 languages.
- Crúbadán 2.0 is a successor of Crúbadán 1.0, published in December 2011 and containing texts in 1023 languages.

Corpus	Lang	Median	Mean	Total
Corpus Factory	8	102.0	85.5	684
Crúbadán 1.0	487	0.068	1.6	769
Crúbadán 2.0	1023	0.127	1.5	1556
I-X	3	126.0	136.0	409
WaCky	3	1500.0	1592.0	4778

Table 2: Sizes of prominent web corpora in million of words.

- I-X Sharoff (2006) introduced BNC-like multilingual web corpus. This corpus contains texts in 6 languages – English, German, Russian, Chinese, Romanian, and Ukrainian, but only for three of them results are available.
- WaCky was introduced by Baroni et al. (2009). This corpus contains texts in 3 languages English, German and Italian.

The number of languages represented in the listed corpora as well as their data sizes are presented in Table 2.

2.3. Building Web Corpus

The process of building a web corpus is very similar across all the existing corpora and can be divided into several steps as follows:

- 1. Building an initial corpus from reliable text sources.
- 2. Generating n-tuples of words and using them as search queries.
- 3. Downloading the found web pages.
- 4. Removing boilerplate code.
- 5. Identifying language.
- 6. Removing duplicate content.

One of the last steps in web corpus construction is the corpus quality analysis. Without comparing them to existing corpora or any other reliable source of text, it is hard to say whether high quality texts were downloaded. Bharati et al. (2000) suggested using the number of unique unigrams, entropy, word and sentence lengths to compare different corpora.

When a corpus is constructed, it is important to store and distribute in an easily accessible form. Wynne (2005) as well as E-MELD⁹ suggests many tips. Archival copies should be made in a format which offers LOTS (i.e., it is Lossless, Open Standard, Transparent, and Supported by multiple vendors). The corpus should also contain a proper documentation of used formats, along with information about terms of use and access restrictions.

3. Building the Multilingual Web Corpus

This section describes the tools and methods used for building our web corpus. While the procedures are quite similar for many different corpora, our procedure, however differed from the already existing ones in the focus on multilinguality and the amount of collected texts at the same time. We also concentrated on an additional step aimed at preparing metadata in order to minimize human intervention in the later steps. In addition, we applied byte n-grams to identify

⁸http://watchtower.org/

⁹http://emeld.org/school/bpnutshell.html

the web page language instead of function words or simple domain filtering. We also used more fine-grained approach to the duplicity reduction which better reflects the nature of the web.

3.1. Overview

In the initial step we gathered metadata from Wikipedia and Ethnologue. The downloaded metadata was stored in a database. When metadata was available, a wiki corpus was built from Wikipedia articles, using which frequency lists of trigrams and quadgrams were computed. The construction of the web corpus was divided into smaller jobs executed on a computer cluster, whose results were merged into a raw corpus. This raw corpus was reprocessed using an improved language identifier. From this corpus duplicities were removed, statistics were computed, and distribution packages were prepared.

3.2. Metadata

Metadata, such as language name, its ISO codes, classification, number of speakers, writing system, etc., was automatically downloaded for each language from the Internet. The following sources were combined:

- SIL International¹⁰ which provides an easily parsable table of all languages with their ISO codes and names.
- Wikipedia¹¹ with its list of all wikipedias where they use their own codes and names.
- Ethnologue¹² providing an easily parsable page with information about each language.

The extracted metadata is now available at:

http://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/~majlis/w2c/api/ This website is not only a web interface accessible for humans, but serves also as a RESTful API for programmatical retrieval of this data.

The RESTful API provides access to information about all languages. It is also capable of converting language names, ISO 639-1, ISO 639-2b, or ISO 639-2t codes into ISO 639-3 codes. The following output data formats are available:

- TXT a tab-separated plain text output, to be easily processed with Unix command-line tools.
- XML XML output.
- JSON JSON output which can be easily applied in programs.

3.3. Building the Initial Corpus

We needed to obtain a reliable source of texts. These texts were necessary for the construction of initial search phrases. Another intended usage was the evaluation of the quality of the web corpus.

We decided to use Wikipedia, because it contains high quality texts that can be easily retrieved and processed. Wikimedia provides Wikipedia dumps for 282 languages. We only selected the regular articles from these dumps (i.e. no user pages, images, talk pages, categories, etc.). We only used the plain text bodies of articles discarding headers, tables, and all tags. From the extracted texts, we removed duplicate lines. For each Wikipedia containing at least 5,000 articles, we created a corpus of up to 20,000 articles.

3.4. Language Identification

To identify hundreds of languages on large number of documents, we need to use a different approach to language identification as opposed to the methods used by other multilingual corpora (cf. 2.2.), which worked only for a limited number of languages or did not scale well.

We decided to use the YALI algorithm introduced by Majliš (2012). We trained this language identifier on our initial corpus.

3.5. URL Seeds

We used a trigram frequency list from the initial corpus to generate search phrases. All trigrams containing a number or a punctuation character were removed, and from the remaining ones, only lines from 2nd to 5th percentile were chosen. We omitted the most frequent trigrams because they were mostly containing short function words, that are very similar among related languages.

We used 30 queries to Google and stored the first hundred of links.

3.6. Downloading the Data

We used our own system to download web pages, which is capable of running on multiple machines in an unstable environment with many breakages. It is also able to learn patterns of web pages worth downloading. The system consists of a single server responsible for distributing jobs and collecting results, and many clients, called workers divided into three types – *crawlers*, *parsers*, and *detectors*.

The *crawler* is responsible for downloading a specific URL and storing information about the current time, URL md5 hash, HTTP status code, base URL, charset, and size in bytes of the webpage.

The *parser* is responsible for extracting texts and links from web pages. It processes only HTML pages with the corresponding mime-type and a HTTP status code 200.

The *detector* is responsible for language identification. It processes only texts that are long enough and does not contain too many links.

When the server receives a result from any detector, it processes only URLs in the collected language. All outgoing links are added to the database and the text is appended to the corpus.

The first jobs are constructed from the initial URL seeds. The construction of the corpus with out system is relatively easy from the user point of view is, because it is sufficient to use only a single command as shown in Figure 1.

./create-corpus.sh czech 10M

Figure 1: Command for building a web corpus with 10 million words in Czech.

¹⁰http://sil.org

[&]quot;"http://www.wikipedia.org/"

¹²http://www.ethnologue.com/

3.7. Duplicity Reduction

While other multilingual corpora discard duplicities on the document level, we decided to use a more fine-grained approach in order to not throw away the whole document if it contains a duplicate passage. This decision is important especially for under-resourced languages. There are at least three reasons for such approach – *spam, common passages,* and incorrectly detected *boilerplate code*.

The spam problem is caused by the fact that a good position in search engine results is crucial for business success. There are thousands of pages trying to sell the same product, but users usually click only on the top few links. Therefore, spammers are trying to manipulate the search engine indexing (this technique is called spamdexing). They build scaper sites - automatically generated tightly-knit website pages referring to each other. Their content is typically generated from Wikipedia or other publicly available resources. To trick the search engines, these websites do not contain exact copies of original texts, but rather only mixed fractions. It may fool the duplicity detection on document level. Another technique used by spammers, is spamming blogs, where bots comment blog posts. These comments contain links to the spammers' website to increase its popularity. Spam in comments may also be the source of duplicities and therefore decrease the corpus quality. When a blogger writes a spot on his/her blog in language X, the text is valuable for the corpus. Later, when a few spam comments are attached, this article will still be identified as language X, but it will not be so valuable, because it will also contain some English sentences. When many such articles are added, the same comments may be presented many times.

The common passages problem is caused by writers who need to define terms in their articles. The general approach is using definitions from Wikipedia. For example, the following phrase (the first sentence from the Wikipedia article about Internet) is used on roughly 300,000 pages, according to Google:

The Internet is a global system of interconnected computer networks that use the standard Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP) to serve billions of users worldwide.

And the last reason is removing the *boilerplate code* which is repeated on every page from a certain website.

After the duplicity reduction step, the corpus contains only unique paragraphs.

4. The Constructed Corpora

We have constructed 2 different corpora which are now publicly available at:

http://ufal.mff.cuni.cz/~majlis/w2c/ This web page also contains more detailed statistics and precomputed frequency lists from unigrams to fivegrams. The list of all languages included in these corpora is presented at the end of this article in Table 8.

4.1. W2C Wiki Corpus

The W2C Wiki Corpus contains texts in 106 languages with a total size of 8.53 GB. The detailed information about the

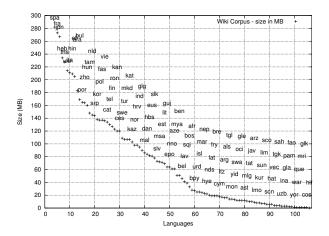


Figure 2: The W2C Wiki Corpus – size in MB for individual languages, sorted according to their size in the W2C Wiki Corpus. English with 429 MB, German with 342 MB, and Russian with 350 MB are not displayed.

Number of downloaded URL	103,886,418
Raw crawl size	4,554.6 GB
Raw text size	131.3 GB
Unique text size	54.7 GB

Table 3: Download Statistics

data sizes for the particular languages are given in Figure 2.

4.2. W2C Web Corpus

To construct the W2C Web Corpus, we downloaded more than 100 million web pages with a total size of over 4.5 TB. The amount of unique texts is relatively small, only 54.7 GB of text, as is presented in Table 3. This amount depends heavily on the parameters used during text extraction. With more relaxed rules, we were able to retrieve twice the amount of texts, but we decided to prefer quality over quantity.

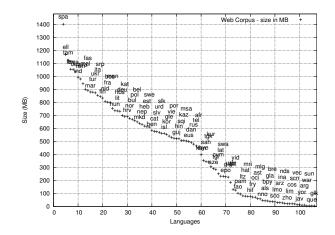


Figure 3: The W2C Web Corpus – size in MB for individual languages, sorted according to their size in the W2C Web Corpus. English with 4601 MB, Japanese with 2283 MB, and Thai with 2199 MB are not displayed.

The W2C Web Corpus contains texts in 106 languages with a total size of 54.7 GB. The detailed information about the

ISO	Wiki	Web	ISO	Wiki	Web	ISO	Wiki	Web	ISO	Wiki	Web	ISO	Wiki	Web
afr	28	455	est	71	612	isl	25	562	mya	51	1052	swa	12	232
als	16	43	eus	81	499	ita	211	854	nds	20	24	swe	109	610
ara	183	943	fao	2	102	jav	10	12	nep	23	631	tam	148	1125
arg	16	10	fas	137	892	jpn	$\overline{267}$	$\overline{2283}$	nld	145	808	tat	10	130
arz	9	29	fin	127	833	kan	120	398	nno	61	46	tel	130	465
ast	12	60	fra	$\overline{273}$	802	kat	107	690	nor	98	677	tgk	4	342
aze	61	291	fry	19	72	kaz	103	507	oci	12	71	tgl	14	283
bel	46	650	gla	3	38	kor	138	554	pam	2	95	tha	228	$\overline{2199}$
ben	51	583	gle	12	541	kur	8	306	pol	137	660	tur	107	879
bos	33	799	glg	90	225	lat	19	233	por	165	525	ukr	214	873
bpy	27	42	glk	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	lav	41	1055	que	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	urd	25	569
bre	19	37	guj	64	521	lim	7	20	ron	123	980	uzb	3	185
bul	169	670	hat	6	79	lit	69	734	rus	$\overline{350}$	479	vec	4	13
cat	134	578	hbs	82	732	lmo	8	29	sah	4	344	vie	136	530
ces	120	1035	heb	234	618	ltz	17	81	scn	6	19	war	<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>
cos	<u>1</u>	20	hif	<u>0</u>	77	mal	86	900	sco	6	35	yid	13	125
cym	18	251	hin	209	520	mar	24	880	slk	78	562	yor	<u>1</u>	10
dan	84	491	hrv	98	690	mkd	107	639	slv	73	574	zho	164	20
deu	$\overline{342}$	699	hun	160	736	mlg	11	58	spa	$\overline{282}$	1401			
ell	205	$\overline{1167}$	hye	22	353	mon	14	754	sqi	39	507			
eng	$\overline{429}$	4601	ina	3	27	mri	<u>1</u>	78	srp	144	845			
epo	64	229	ind	95	993	msa	72	503	sun	7	<u>4</u>			

Table 4: W2C Wiki Corpus & W2C Web Corpus – sizes. In each column the highest five values are *overlined* and the lowest five are *underlined*. Columns – *ISO*: ISO 639-3 code, *Wiki*: size in the W2C Wiki Corpus in MB, *Web*: size in the W2C Web Corpus in MB

data sizes for the particular languages is presented in Table 4 and also depicted in Figure 3, where one can see a drop in the amount of collected data around the 60th language which corresponds to our observation from Table 1.

Size	Languages	Size	Languages
> 10	100	> 160	72
> 20	94	> 320	63
> 40	87	> 640	34
> 80	77		

Table 5: The number of *languages* for which has been obtained more texts than *Size* MB.

The collected size differs for various languages – for 34 languages, more than 640 MB of texts are available, for 72 languages, more than 160 MB, and for 100 languages, moreover than 10 MB of texts. More details are presented in Table 5.

4.3. Comparison

The comparison of the W2C Wiki Corpus and the W2C Web Corpus with existing multilingual corpora is presented in Table 6. The number of words listed for W2C corpora is underestimated, because we only use space as word delimiter, which is inaccurate especially for under-resourced languages with non-latin alphabet.

5. Quality Evaluation

Comparing W2C Wiki Corpus and W2C Web Corpus is one of the possibilities how to check whether reliable data was downloaded. Difference in certain text properties may point to a language for which suspicious material was collected. The following properties are used for comparing Wikipedia and the Internet:

Corpus	Lang	Median	Mean	Total
Corpus Factory	8	102.0	85.5	684
Crúbadán 1.0	487	0.068	1.6	769
Crúbadán 2.0	1023	0.127	1.5	1556
I-X	3	126.0	136.0	409
WaCky	3	1500.0	1592.0	4778
W2C Wiki Corpus	106	1.985	6.8	725
W2C Web Corpus	106	13.725	46.8	4961

Table 6: The number of languages and sizes of web corpora in million of words.

- Average word length
- Average sentence length
- Conditional entropy

The absolute values presented here should be used with caution, as their main purpose was only the comparison of the two corpora. The numbers may change significantly with a different preprocessing. Additional figures are presented in Majliš and Žabokrtský (2011).

5.1. Average Word Length

The average word length may reveal problems caused by HTML parsing. From the overall statistics shown in Table 7, we assume that the downloaded data has a reasonable quality, since the ratio of word lengths on Wikipieda and on the Internet is around 1.

The values are presented in Table 9 and visualized in Figure 4. The farthest outlier is the Burmese language (mya), which has almost 3 times shorter words on Wikipedia than on the Internet.

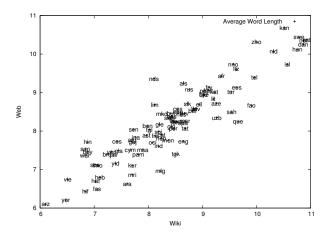


Figure 4: Wiki vs Web - average word length

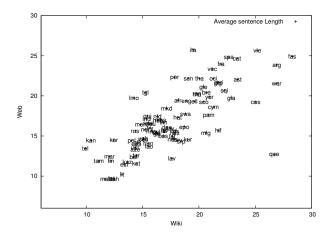


Figure 5: Wiki vs Web - average sentence length

5.2. Average Sentence Length

The average sentence length is a good text quality measure as well, since it can reveal some errors in boilerplate code removal. The sentence lengths statistics are presented in Table 7. As we can see the median and the means have been also around 1, which means that most languages are processed correctly. The average sentence lengths are visualized in Figure 5.

The farthest outlier according to this metric is the Burmese language again, which has the average sentence length of almost 1586 words on Wikipedia, whereas only 27 on the Internet. Checking any page on Burmese Wikipedia¹³ reveals that it does not contain any dot, so the whole paragraph is treated as a single sentence, while extracted segments from the Internet are much shorter, which causes the difference.

5.3. Conditional Entropy

The conditional entropy is another measure used to compare the quality of texts retrieved from Wikipedia and from the Internet. The overall statistics are presented in Table 7. The conditional entropy ratio between the Wikipedia and the Internet is 0.88 in average, which reflects the fact that the data available on Internet has a higher variability. The

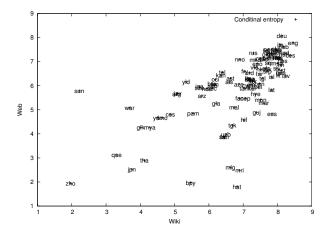


Figure 6: Wiki vs Web – conditional entropy

plotted values are in Figure 6.

5.4. Quality Evaluation Summary

The Wiki-to-Web statistics for various metrics are presented in Table 7. This table shows that the W2C Web Corpus has similar properties as the W2C Wiki Corpus.

Metric	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.
Word Length	0.948	0.973	0.973	1.005
Sentence Length	0.863	0.960	1.559	1.068
Conditional Entropy	0.814	0.894	0.887	0.962

Table 7: Wiki-to-Web ratios for average word length, average sentence length, and conditional entropy between texts for individual languages in the W2C Wiki Corpus and the W2C Web Corpus.

The common property of all the outliers is the fact that they are either minor languages, such as Maori (mri), Malagasy (mlg), for which only low quality texts were collected, or they are written in non-latin scripts, which are sensitive to preprocessing, such as Japanese (jpn), Chinese (zho), Nepali (nep), or Burmese language (mya).

6. Conclusions and Future Work

The W2C Web Corpus consists of texts in 106 languages available on the Internet, with a total size of 54.7 GB of text. There is more than 100 MB of text available for 75 languages, and at least 10 MB of text for 100 languages. It would be possible to achieve the same quota for more languages, albeit at the cost of decreasing corpus quality.

The W2C Web Corpus is a unique data source for linguists, as it outclasses all published works both in terms of the size of the collected material and the number of languages covered. The collected data may be used for comparative analysis of related languages and construction of language models for various applications, such as machine translation, speech recognition, spell checking, etc.

We have developed tools for collecting metadata, building corpus from Wikipedia, crawling, reducing text duplicity, and statistical analysis.

Along with the main W2C Web Corpus, we also constructed the W2C Wiki Corpus containing 8.5 GB of text in 106 languages from articles from the Wikipedia.

¹³http://my.wikipedia.org/wiki/

All downloaded data, more than 4.5 TB, are preserved for further investigations, so that more information about the real usage of the individual languages can be revealed, such as the distribution of character encodings or scripts for each language. Different tools for text extraction, language identification and duplicity detection may be plugged in. If the text extractor could extract text segments instead of complete pages, it would be possible to increase the corpus size for minor languages.

7. Acknowledgments

This work has been using language resources developed and/or stored and/or distributed by the LINDAT-Clarin project of the Ministry of Education of the Czech Republic (project LM2010013). The research has been supported by the grant Khresmoi (FP7-ICT-2010-6-257528 of the EU and 7E11042 of the Czech Republic). We would like to thank Ondrej Dusek for his helpful comments.

8. References

- Marco Baroni, Silvia Bernardini, Adriano Ferraresi, and Eros Zanchetta. 2009. The wacky wide web: a collection of very large linguistically processed web-crawled corpora. *Language Resources and Evaluation*, 43:209– 226. 10.1007/s10579-009-9081-4.
- A. Bharati, K. P. Rao, R. Sangal, and S. M. Bendre. 2000. Basic statistical analysis of corpus and cross comparison among corpora. *Technical Report of Indian Institute of Information Technology*.
- Adam Kilgarriff, Siva Reddy, Jan Pomikálek, and P. V. S. Avinesh. 2010. A corpus factory for many languages. In *Language Resources and Evaluation*.
- Martin Majliš and Zdeněk Žabokrtský. 2011. W2C large multilingual corpus. Technical Report Prague, Czech Republic, ÚFAL, Charles University, December.
- Martin Majliš. 2012. Yet Another Language Identifier. In *EACL 2012*. The Association for Computer Linguistics.
- Kevin P. Scannell, 2007. The Crúbadán Project: Corpus building for under-resourced languages, volume 4 of Cahiers du Cental, pages 5–15. C. Fairon and H. Naets and A. Kilgarriff and Gilles-Maurice de Schryver, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- Serge Sharoff. 2006. Creating general-purpose corpora using automated search engine queries. In *WaCky! Working papers on the Web as Corpus. Gedit.*
- Martin Wynne, 2005. *Developing Linguistic Corpora: a Guide to Good Practice*, chapter Archiving, Distribution and Preservation, pages 71–78. Oxford: Oxbow Books. Available online, Accessed 2011-01-01.

ISO	Name	ISO	Name	ISO	Name	ISO	Name	ISO	Name
afr	Afrikaans	est	Estonian	isl	Icelandic	mya	Burmese	swa	Swahili
als	Tosk Albanian	eus	Basque	ita	Italian	nds	Low German	swe	Swedish
ara	Arabic	fao	Faroese	jav	Javanese	nep	Nepali	tam	Tamil
arg	Aragonese	fas	Persian	jpn	Japanese	nld	Dutch	tat	Tatar
arz	Egyptian Arabic	fin	Finnish	kan	Kannada	nno	Norwegian Nynorsk	tel	Telugu
ast	Asturian	fra	French	kat	Georgian	nor	Norwegian	tgk	Tajik
aze	Azerbaijani	fry	Western Frisian	kaz	Kazakh	oci	Occitan	tgl	Tagalog
bel	Belarusian	gla	Scottish Gaelic	kor	Korean	pam	Pampanga	tha	Thai
ben	Bengali	gle	Irish	kur	Kurdish	pol	Polish	tur	Turkish
bos	Bosnian	glg	Galician	lat	Latin	por	Portuguese	ukr	Ukrainian
bpy	Bishnupriya	glk	Gilaki	lav	Latvian	que	Quechua	urd	Urdu
bre	Breton	guj	Gujarati	lim	Limburgan	ron	Romanian	uzb	Uzbek
bul	Bulgarian	hat	Haitian	lit	Lithuanian	rus	Russian	vec	Venetian
cat	Catalan	hbs	Serbo-Croatian	lmo	Lombard	sah	Yakut	vie	Vietnamese
ces	Czech	heb	Hebrew	ltz	Luxembourgish	scn	Sicilian	war	Waray
cos	Corsican	hif	Fiji Hindi	mal	Malayalam	sco	Scots	yid	Yiddish
cym	Welsh	hin	Hindi	mar	Marathi	slk	Slovak	yor	Yoruba
dan	Danish	hrv	Croatian	mkd	Macedonian	slv	Slovenian	zho	Chinese
deu	German	hun	Hungarian	mlg	Malagasy	spa	Spanish		
ell	Modern Greek	hye	Armenian	mon	Mongolian	sqi	Albanian		
eng	English	ina	Interlingua	mri	Maori	srp	Serbian		
epo	Esperanto	ind	Indonesian	msa	Malay	sun	Sundanese		

Table 8: Languages included in the W2C Web Corpus.

ISO	Web	Wiki	R	ISO	Web	Wiki	R	ISO	Web	Wiki	R	ISO	Web	Wiki	R
afr	9.35	9.43	1.01	fra	8.13	7.87	0.97	lav	8.89	8.58	0.97	sco	7.01	7.12	1.02
als	8.65	9.24	1.07	fry	9.12	9.14	1.00	lim	8.12	8.68	1.07	slk	8.72	8.71	1.00
ara	7.61	6.62	0.87	gla	7.45	7.49	1.00	lit	9.20	8.83	0.96	slv	8.44	8.36	0.99
arg	7.70	7.77	1.01	gle	8.21	8.18	1.00	lmo	7.07	7.10	1.01	spa	8.64	8.21	0.95
arz	<u>6.11</u>	6.10	1.00	glg	8.43	8.12	0.96	ltz	9.63	9.61	1.00	sqi	8.19	7.98	0.97
ast	7.97	7.89	0.99	glk	5.92	5.66	0.95	mal	$\overline{13.29}$	12.81	0.96	srp	8.37	8.34	1.00
aze	9.26	8.71	0.94	guj	7.71	7.71	1.00	mar	8.68	8.26	0.95	sun	6.83	7.54	1.10
bel	8.81	8.53	0.97	hat	7.03	6.70	0.95	mkd	8.25	8.44	1.02	swa	8.53	8.25	0.97
ben	7.99	8.13	1.02	hbs	8.61	8.43	0.98	mlg	8.22	6.96	0.85	swe	10.79	10.44	0.97
bos	8.43	8.38	0.99	heb	7.11	6.80	0.96	mon	8.37	7.76	0.93	tam	$\overline{11.73}$	11.28	0.96
bpy	6.88	7.46	1.08	hif	6.84	6.43	0.94	mri	7.70	6.86	0.89	tat	8.68	8.07	0.93
bre	7.24	7.39	1.02	hin	6.88	7.71	1.12	msa	7.90	7.51	0.95	tel	9.96	9.39	0.94
bul	8.42	8.46	1.01	hrv	8.67	8.46	0.98	mya	$\overline{15.53}$	5.95	<u>0.38</u>	tgk	8.51	7.40	0.87
cat	8.25	7.90	0.96	hun	10.76	10.12	0.94	nds	8.11	9.36	1.15	tgl	8.02	8.03	1.00
ces	8.54	8.57	1.00	hye	9.03	8.96	0.99	nep	8.24	7.81	0.95	tha	$\overline{27.96}$	$\overline{31.65}$	1.13
cos	7.42	7.72	1.04	ina	7.77	7.84	1.01	nld	10.31	10.06	0.98	tur	9.53	9.02	0.95
cym	7.67	7.51	0.98	ind	8.19	7.61	0.93	nno	9.57	9.73	1.02	ukr	9.02	8.93	0.99
dan	10.86	10.25	0.94	isl	10.57	9.73	0.92	nor	10.87	10.36	0.95	urd	6.74	5.98	0.89
deu	10.88	11.86	1.09	ita	8.46	8.26	0.98	oci	8.08	7.70	0.95	uzb	9.27	8.35	0.90
ell	8.94	8.69	0.97	jav	7.36	7.38	1.00	pam	7.82	7.40	0.95	vec	7.32	7.46	1.02
eng	8.65	7.73	0.89	jpn	14.27	14.89	1.04	pol	9.03	9.04	1.00	vie	6.51	6.75	1.04
epo	8.55	8.49	0.99	kan	10.52	10.68	1.02	por	8.46	8.07	0.95	war	6.83	7.36	1.08
est	10.93	10.37	0.95	kat	9.22	9.01	0.98	que	9.66	8.25	0.85	yid	7.39	7.16	0.97
eus	9.64	9.14	0.95	kaz	9.11	9.06	0.99	ron	8.49	8.22	0.97	yor	<u>6.48</u>	6.21	0.96
fao	9.91	8.66	0.87	kor	4.97	4.55	0.92	rus	8.75	9.08	1.04	zho	10.00	10.31	1.03
fas	7.05	6.49	0.92	kur	7.71	7.11	0.92	sah	9.54	8.49	0.89				
fin	$\overline{12.56}$	$\overline{11.86}$	0.94	lat	8.84	8.58	0.97	scn	7.73	8.04	1.04				

Table 9: Wiki vs Web — average word length