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OLAC: Accessing the world's language resources

Language resources are the bread and butter of language documentation and linguistic investigation. They include the primary objects of study such as texts and recordings, the outputs of research such as dictionaries and grammars, and the enabling technologies such as software tools and interchange standards. The Open Language Archives Community (OLAC) provides a standard for language resource description that permits users to simultaneously query more than 90,000 language resources across more than 40 language archives. This poster presents two newly developed OLAC services that help linguists discover language resources. The first is an indexing service that provides a web page of relevant resources for each of 7,670 distinct human languages (as identified in the ISO 639-3 standard). The second is a faceted search service that makes it easy to find resources of interest by clicking on selected values of standardized descriptors to successively refine the search.