## Brede Wiki: Neuroscience data structured in a wiki Finn Årup Nielsen The Lundbeck Foundation Center for Integrated Molecular Brain Imaging; Department of Informatics and Mathematical Modelling, Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby, Denmark; Neurobiology Research Unit, Rigshospitalet, Copenhagen, Denmark. Example page from the Brede Wiki **Brede Wiki templates** Summary The templates used in the Brede Wiki may be The Brede Wiki running on MediaWiki software represents data in templates. Data is from pubgrouped in four categories 0000000000000000 lished peer-reviewed neuroscience articles. Further Main page 1. Non-hierarchical Right temporoparietal cortex activation during information is ontologies of, e.g., brain regions and template visuo-proprioceptive conflict Templates used to describe the concept on brain functions. Since data in the templates is the wiki page. A wiki page may represent represented in a simple format all template data a researcher and a Researcher template is can be extracted and represented in SQL. From tex 15(2) added on the top of the page with fields an SQL database specialized search can be per-Go Search such as name. Other similar templates are formed Paper and Journal. 2. Hierarchical Background Templates used to describe the concept of the wiki page, which furthermore can Subjects be organized in a hierarchy — a sim-Other on-page Group 1 of 11 volunteers with 3 males and 8 females were Neuroscience produces a wealth of data of differple ontology: Brain region, Cognitive bjects/d/9:11/3/8 Automatically templates ent sorts. Neuroimaging uses positron emission component, Organization, Software. generated text tomography or magnetic resonance imaging brain 3. On-page — single scanners and may report results as 3D coordinates Besides the main template on a page mulindicating foci of peak brain activation. For aMRI T1 tiple other templates are used in the Brede Wiki, e.g., to describe the methodology in Analysis After acquisition of the brain scans the a paper: Subject group, Mri scanning, Pet scanning. Psychoexperimental condition. The brain scans with visuo proprior entive conflict were s External links 4. On-page — multiple $(\overset{\star}{})(\overset{\star}{})(\overset{\star}{})(\overset{\star}{})$ for search and Templates where multiple instantiations visualization are formated into a single HTML table: Discussion Multiple templates Talairach coordinate, Brain volume, The activation in the right of the cerebral cortex. An early human brain mapping study with positron emission tomography found that the for Talairach coordinates Gene personality association. The template instantiations are non-nested, all Example data from Lin et al. (2008)<sup>1</sup> CC-by. use lower case field and template names and field

values are without wiki markup and links. Links

are constructed in the template definitions.

Several databases exist for storing these data,<sup>2</sup> but contributing data is not straightforward. A struc-\tured wiki might be good for organizing this data.

## SQL of template data

SQL can be generated from the data in the templates. Since the template instantiations are simple the extraction of data from the wiki templates is complete, i.e., all template data can be extracted and represented in SQL.

Two kinds of SQL tables are constructed from the Brede Wiki template data:

- 1. One master table where the template field names are represented as SQL values.
- 2. Secondary tables where template field names are SQL table columns. Here is one table for each template definition, e.g., the {{Paper | ...}} template is associated with the SQL table called brede\_paper

• What links here

Example template in MediaWiki markup:

{{Paper | author1 = Tim | author2 = Wendy | title = Semantic Web }}

Simplified master SQL table:

CREATE TABLE brede(title, template, field, fid, value)

with simplified data for inserts:

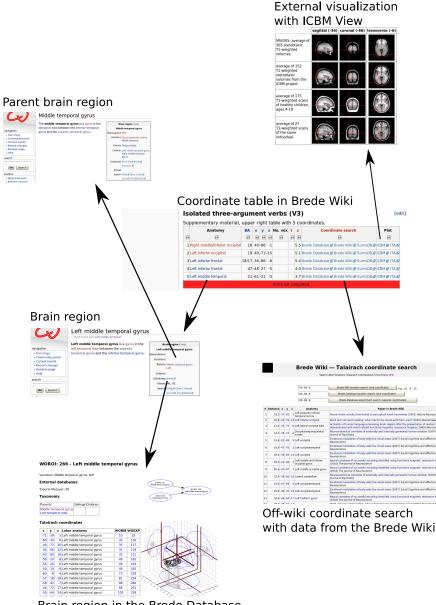
("The Web", "paper", "author", 1, "Tim") ("The Web", "paper", "author", 2, "Wendy") ("The Web", "paper", "title", 1, "The Web")

Definition for secondary SQL tables can for example be CREATE TABLE brede\_paper(\_\_title, \_author1. \_author2. \_title) And simplified data for inserts:

("The Web", "Tim", "Wendy", "The Web")

With the SQL database complex queries can be made on all data encoded in the templates of the Brede Wiki. So far our only Web-service is for searching for nearby brain coordinates using SQLite.

## Automated linking and querying for coordinate data



Brain region in the Brede Database

## **Further issues**

Formating: Brede Wiki template coordinate data can be formated from a Matlab image analysis program. Another of our structured wikis can output its personality genetics data in template format ready for inclusion in the Brede Wiki. MediaWiki extensions might be of interest for in-wiki form input.

**Download**: MediaWiki dumps of the Brede Wiki as well as SQL and SQLite files are available from the Brede Wiki homepage. From the ontologies a SKOS<sup>3</sup> file is also produced.

Why not Wikipedia and DBpedia?: Much of the information in the Brede Wiki will not be notable enough, so Wikipedia administrators would delete the page. Furthermore, building our own wiki allow us to keep the templates simple so extraction can be complete, i.e., all data from the templates can be extracted.

**Other database**: The Brede Wiki links to, e.g., Brede Database, PubMed, NeuroLex wiki, So far it is not possible to automatically translate data from, e.g., the Brede Database to the Brede Wiki.

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