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## WORTGESCHICHTE DIGITAL: A HISTORICAL DICTIONARY OF NEW HIGH GERMAN

**Abstract** *Wortgeschichte digital* ('digital word history') is a new historical dictionary of New High German, the most recent period of German reaching from approximately 1600 AD up to the present. By contrast to many historical dictionaries, *Wortgeschichte digital* has a narrated text – a “word history” – at the core of its entries. The motivation for choosing this format rather than traditional microstructures is briefly outlined. Special emphasis is put on the way these word histories interact with other components of the dictionary, notably with the quotation section. As *Wortgeschichte digital* is an online-only project, visualizations play an important role for the design of the dictionary. Two examples are presented: first, the “quotation navigator” which is relevant for the microstructure of the entries, and, second, a timeline (“Zeitstrahl”) which is part of the macrostructure as it gives access to the lemma inventory from a diachronic point of view.

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