

MULTILINGUAL LABELS FOR DIGITAL PRESERVATION

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Abstract – We introduce a technique for finding multilingual translations for lists of words using technologies of the Semantic Web. We present four subsets of data from Wikidata and Wikipedia as sources of multilingual labels. Our sample dataset consists of seven terms related to digital preservation. We compare the number of labels we can source for these terms from other human languages via SPARQL queries using the Wikidata Query Service. After discussing the composition of each subset, we detail their advantages and disadvantages. Providing multilingual labels as additional access points for resources such as ontologies, vocabularies and user interfaces for applications increases the relevance of these resources to a larger percentage of the global population. Increasing multilingual access promotes inclusion for a broader range of people, which leads to greater diversity in the digital preservation community.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Digital preservation is an international field made up of practitioners from all parts of the globe. Resources such as ontologies, vocabularies, and applications relevant to the work of digital preservation are frequently monolingual. English is used as the primary language for many resources. Such monolingual resources restrict their audience to people who have knowledge of English, while all others are excluded. Increasing the number of multilingual access points within such resources promotes equity and broadens the diversity of audiences who can benefit from the field of digital

preservation. Maintainers of monolingual resources are faced with budgetary constraints, and may argue that expanding multilingual access is too expensive to be practical. Translations created by human experts are expensive, perhaps we can leverage the technologies of the Semantic Web to source multilingual labels as a cost-effective alternative.

We describe four subsets of Wikidata that people may find useful for sourcing multilingual labels. We created a sample data set to test for multilingual label coverage, and we describe the results of consulting four subsets of Wikidata for each term in the sample data set. After describing each subset, we discuss advantages and disadvantages of each. We introduce an interactive application that we created to browse each set of multilingual labels. We offer this work as a demonstration of how communities of editors who contribute to the projects of the Wikimedia Foundation have created a valuable multilingual knowledge graph. The fact that all of the data in Wikidata is free for anyone to reuse for any purpose makes this a shared international resource. Times of international crises such as global pandemic, or armed conflict, reinforce the importance of striving to make resources more equitably available. Providing cost-effective strategies for sourcing multilingual labels is a pathway to promoting equity through increasing multilingual access.

II. WIKIDATA

Wikidata is a project of Wikimedia Deutschland, the German chapter of the Wikimedia Foundation. The Wikidata community launched this public knowledge base of structured data in 2012. The

architecture of Wiki- data was designed from the outset to support multilingual content [1]. The Wikidata knowledge base contains Items that can be connected to literal values, or to other Items, through the use of Properties [2]. The Wikidata community has added more labels in English than any other supported language, but there are dozens of additional languages for which the Wikidata community has also added many labels [3]. The work of the members of the Wikidata community to add multilingual labels to Items and Properties has resulted in a corpus of equivalent labels across hundreds of human languages.

III. RELATED WORK

Wikidata is an example of a collaboratively-created knowledge graph [4]. After ten years of existence, Wiki- data is well-recognized as valuable source for reusable data [5]. Researchers have leveraged multilingual content from Wikidata for various applications. For example, multilingual content from Wikidata has been used to power a question-answering platform [6], and has been used to generate article placeholders for encyclopedias [7]. The challenge of organizing access terms for multi- lingual digital content has been addressed by language- independent mappings drawn from the Semantic Web [8]. Multilingual access is necessary for national con- texts in which multiple languages are supported [9]. Due to the fact that the digital preservation community is an international community, it is clear that we need to pro- vide access to our applications and resources in a wide range of human languages [10].

We sampled several subsets of Wikidata for this work. Wikidata subsets are portions of the Wikidata knowledge graph [11]. The size of Wikidata makes it desirable to reuse a subset, as it is time-consuming to process and host the entire Wikidata graph. Often subsets are focused around a particular type of data, or a specific domain. We identified subsets of Wikidata related to seven sample terms, and wrote SPARQL queries to ex- tract associated data from Wikidata. Subsets of Wikidata may be extracted by a variety of software tools, or via the Wikidata Query Service. An overview of tools available to extract subsets from Wikidata is provided by [12]. Researchers have also explored memory-efficient

techniques that allow for larger subsets to be extracted more quickly than techniques that use Wikidata’s SPARQL end- point [13].

Researchers and practitioners approach the translation of ontologies, vocabularies, and other term-based resources using a variety of methods. One approach is to extend an ontology with multilingual labels [14]. A successful tri-lingual project is described in [15]. Others have explored using Wikipedias to generate translations [16]. Our approach differs in that we combine translations from Wikipedias along with additional multilingual content from Wikidata, thus extending coverage from additional human languages.

IV. SAMPLE DATA SET

We selected seven terms related to digital preservation to create a sample data set¹. The terms we included are: file format, checksum, operating system, data integrity, software, license, and reproducibility. We chose these terms because of their relevance to digital preservation work activities. We then searched the Wikidata knowledge base to gather the Qids for the relevant Wiki- data items. Using the Qids for these terms, we wrote SPARQL queries to identify multilingual labels for these terms. The Wikidata items served as the basis for three of the subsets: the Wikidata Item Labels, the Wikipedia Article Titles, and the Wikidata Lexemes. To find our fourth subset, we searched the Property namespace for our terms to retrieve the Property Labels.

We created an interactive application that presents the labels available in each of the four subsets for each of the words in our sample dataset¹. This application allows anyone to quickly compare the language cover- age per subset for each term. For example, in Table 1, we see a visualization of the languages (represented by their ISO codes²) color-coded if we have a label in that language, and without color if we do not. As the user hovers over a language, the label itself will be dis- played alongside the name of the language. There are drop-down menus that users can select from in order to switch between terms from the sample data set and to switch between the four subsets. The layout of languages is consistent across the different views, allowing visual comparison of the overlap between

¹ The webapp that includes the interactive table is available at <https://wikidp-research.k2.services/multi-lingual-table>.

² <https://www.iso.org/iso-639-language-codes.html>

subsets. In Figure 2, we see the labels available from the Wikidata item for 'software' (Q7397).

| software - | | Wikipedia Articles - | |
|------------|-------------|----------------------|-----|
| Food Item | Data Source | | |
| aa | ab | af | ak |
| als | am | an | ang |
| ang | ar | arc | arz |
| as | ast | av | awa |
| ay | az | ba | bar |
| bcl | be | bg | bh |
| bi | bm | bn | bo |
| bpy | br | brx | bs |
| bug | bxr | ca | cdo |
| ceb | ch | cho | chr |
| chy | ckb | co | cr |
| cs | csb | cu | cv |
| cy | da | de | diq |
| dsb | dv | dz | ee |
| el | en | eo | es |
| et | ext | fa | ff |
| fi | fj | fo | fr |
| frp | fur | fy | ga |
| gan | gbm | gd | gil |
| gl | gn | got | gu |
| gv | ha | hak | haw |
| he | hi | ho | hr |
| ht | hu | hy | hz |
| ia | id | ie | ig |
| ii | ik | ilo | inh |
| io | is | it | iu |
| ja | jbo | jv | ka |
| kg | ki | kj | kk |
| kl | km | kn | khw |
| ko | kr | ks | ksh |
| ku | kv | kw | ky |
| la | lad | lan | lb |
| lg | li | lij | lmo |
| ln | lo | lzz | lt |
| lv | mg | man | mh |
| mi | min | mk | ml |
| mn | mo | mr | mrh |
| ms | mt | mus | mwl |
| my | na | nah | nap |
| nd | nds | ne | new |
| ng | nl | nn | no |
| nr | nso | nrm | nv |
| ny | oc | oj | om |
| or | os | pa | pag |
| pam | pap | pdic | pi |
| pms | ps | pt | qu |
| rm | rmy | rn | ro |
| ru | rw | sa | sc |
| scn | sco | sd | se |
| sg | sh | si | sk |
| sl | sm | sn | so |
| sq | sr | ss | st |
| su | sv | sw | ta |
| te | tet | tg | th |
| ti | tk | tl | th |
| tn | to | tpi | tr |
| ts | tt | tum | tw |
| ty | udm | ug | uk |
| ur | uz | ve | vi |
| vec | vis | vo | wa |
| war | wo | xal | xh |
| xmf | yi | yo | za |
| zh | zu | | |

Figure 1: Labels for 'software' from Wikipedia Article titles, as seen in <https://wikidp-research.k2.services/multi-lingual-table>

| software - | | Wikidata Labels - | |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|-----|
| Food Item | Data Source | | |
| aa | ab | af | ak |
| als | am | an | ang |
| ang | ar | arc | arz |
| as | ast | av | awa |
| ay | az | ba | bar |
| bcl | be | bg | bh |
| bi | bm | bn | bo |
| bpy | br | brx | bs |
| bug | bxr | ca | cdo |
| ceb | ch | cho | chr |
| chy | ckb | co | cr |
| cs | csb | cu | cv |
| cy | da | de | diq |
| dsb | dv | dz | ee |
| el | en | eo | es |
| et | ext | fa | ff |
| fi | fj | fo | fr |
| frp | fur | fy | ga |
| gan | gbm | gd | gil |
| gl | gn | got | gu |
| gv | ha | hak | haw |
| he | hi | ho | hr |
| ht | hu | hy | hz |
| ia | id | ie | ig |
| ii | ik | ilo | inh |
| io | is | it | iu |
| ja | jbo | jv | ka |
| kg | ki | kj | kk |
| kl | km | kn | khw |
| ko | kr | ks | ksh |
| ku | kv | kw | ky |
| la | lad | lan | lb |
| lg | li | lij | lmo |
| ln | lo | lzz | lt |
| lv | mg | man | mh |
| mi | min | mk | ml |
| mn | mo | mr | mrh |
| ms | mt | mus | mwl |
| my | na | nah | nap |
| nd | nds | ne | new |
| ng | nl | nn | no |
| nr | nso | nrm | nv |
| ny | oc | oj | om |
| or | os | pa | pag |
| pam | pap | pdic | pi |
| pms | ps | pt | qu |
| rm | rmy | rn | ro |
| ru | rw | sa | sc |
| scn | sco | sd | se |
| sg | sh | si | sk |
| sl | sm | sn | so |
| sq | sr | ss | st |
| su | sv | sw | ta |
| te | tet | tg | th |
| ti | tk | tl | th |
| tn | to | tpi | tr |
| ts | tt | tum | tw |
| ty | udm | ug | uk |
| ur | uz | ve | vi |
| vec | vis | vo | wa |
| war | wo | xal | xh |
| xmf | yi | yo | za |
| zh | zu | | |

Figure 2: Labels for 'software' from Wikidata, as seen in <https://wikidp-research.k2.services/multi-lingual-table>

V. REUSING MULTILINGUAL CONTENT FROM WIKIMEDIA PROJECTS

The human editors working to create and extend content in Wikimedia projects are constantly working to improve the quality of information across the projects. The large number of people who view and edit this content help to remove errors and ensure accuracy. Content in Wikidata is published under the Creative Commons Zero license, meaning that data in Wikidata is free for anyone to reuse for any purpose. The Wikidata SPARQL endpoint³ is a public endpoint that anyone can use to request data from Wikidata [17]. No credentials are needed to run queries on Wikidata's SPARQL endpoint, making this a convenient method of data retrieval. We introduce four subsets in this section: Wikipedia Arti-

cle Titles, Wikidata Item Labels, Wikidata Property Labels and Wikidata Lexemes. Data from each of these subsets is available from the Wikidata Query Service.

A. Article Names per Language Version of Wikipedia

One early layer of data in Wikidata is that of interwiki links. Interwiki links connect articles that describe a topic among the different language versions of Wikipedia. These interwiki links are now stored in Wikidata, meaning that Wikidata items are connected to corresponding Wikipedia articles [1]. The titles of the articles in the different language versions are a potential source of multilingual labels for these terms. New language versions of Wikipedia are still being created. There are more than three hundred versions of Wikipedia [18]. Hypothetically, if every language version were to have an article about file formats, we would then have hundreds of multilingual labels from the set of article titles. We wrote SPARQL queries to return the article titles from each of these language versions of articles about file formats.

For example, there are 44 versions of Wikipedia that have an article about file formats, as seen in Figure 3. We can retrieve all of these article titles and consider them multilingual label candidates. The largest number of labels from the Wikipedia Articles subset is available for 'operating system' with 150 potential labels. This is due to the fact that more Wikipedia communities have written articles about 'operating system' than about any of the other terms from our sample set. Only twenty-seven language versions of Wikipedia have articles about 'reproducibility'. This is likely due to the frequency of usage of these terms, and thus relevance for an average contributor to Wikipedia. The Google Books Ngram Viewer⁴, which presents occurrence data for search terms as seen in the corpus of Google Books, demonstrates that 'operating system' is found more frequently than 'reproducibility' between the years 1960-2019, as seen in Figure 4.

³ <https://query.wikidata.org/>

⁴ <https://books.google.com/ngrams/>

| Wikipedia (44 entries) edit | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| ar | صيغة ملف |
| bg | Файлов формат |
| bn | ফাইল ফরম্যাট |
| bs | Formati datoteka |
| ca | Format de fitxer |
| cs | Formát souboru |
| da | Filformat |
| de | Dateiformat |
| el | Μορφότυπο |
| en | File format |
| es | Formato de archivo |
| et | Failivorming |
| eu | Fitxategi formatu |
| fa | قالب پرونده |
| fi | Tiedostomuoto |
| he | פורמט קובץ |
| hr | Datotečni format |
| hu | Fájlformátum |
| id | Format berkas |
| is | Skráasnið |
| it | Formato di file |
| ja | ファイルフォーマット |
| ka | მონაცემთა ფორმატი |
| ko | 파일 형식 |
| lb | Dateiformat |
| mhr | Файлформат |
| ml | ഫയലിന്റെ ഫോർമാറ്റ് |
| ms | Format fail |
| nl | Bestandsformaat |
| pl | Format pliku |
| pt | Formato de arquivo |
| ru | Формат файла |
| simple | File format |
| sk | Formát súboru |
| sv | Filformat |
| sw | Umbizo jalada |
| ta | கோப்பு வடிவம் |
| tg | Қолаби парванда |
| uk | Формат файлу |
| vec | Forma de file |
| vi | Định dạng tập tin |
| wuu | 文件格式 |
| yue | 檔案格式 |
| zh | 檔案格式 |

Figure 3: Interwiki links for the different language versions of Wikipedia that contain an article titled ‘file format’.

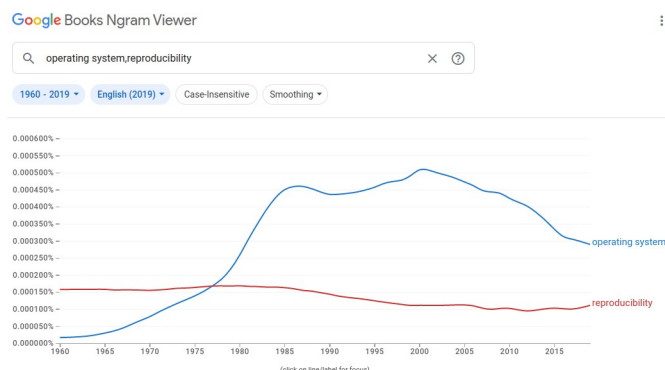


Figure 4: Google Books Ngram Viewer results for ‘operating system’ and ‘reproducibility’ from 1960-2019

In Table 1 we see the count of labels available in the Wikipedia Article Title subgraph for each of the

terms in our sample data set. An advantage of sourcing labels from this subset is that article titles have high visibility within Wikipedias, thus these labels are likely to be corrected very quickly if they are vandalized or require improvement. A disadvantage of sourcing labels from this subset is that new articles are created on a relatively slow timeline, thus this subset is likely to grow slowly. If we compare the work involved in writing a new article in Wikipedia with adding a label to a Wikidata item, writing a new article requires substantially more effort.

| Term | Count Wikipedia Article Titles |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| file format | 44 |
| checksum | 37 |
| operating system | 150 |
| data integrity | 30 |
| software | 131 |
| license | 65 |
| reproducibility | 27 |

Table 1: Count of Labels from Wikipedia Article Titles

B. Multilingual Item Labels from Wikidata

The designers of the data model for Wikidata intended it to be a multilingual knowledge base [1]. Each item in Wikidata has a Qid identifier composed of the letter Q and numbers. These Qids are designed to avoid privileging one human language over others supported by the knowledge base. The Wikidata data model supports labels in more than three hundred languages [3]. Wikidata editors add labels in many different languages. Over time, the set of all labels for a particular item becomes a very useful set of translations.

An advantage of sourcing labels from this subset is that Wikidata labels are added at a faster pace than new articles are created, thus this subset is likely to grow more quickly over time. In order to add a label, users type the string into the user interface in the area designated for the language of choice, and then press ‘publish’ to contribute the content. Wikidata item labels are seen by many editors, as well as by many people who reuse data from Wikidata, thus these labels are likely to be updated quickly if they require improvement. Multilingual labels are an aspect of Wikidata that some editors monitor closely [3].

In Table 2 we see the count of labels available in the Wikidata Items subgraph. To date the terms from our sample data set with the largest number of available labels are ‘software’ and ‘operating system’, each with labels in more than one hundred human languages. The terms ‘checksum’ and ‘reproducibility’ have fewer available labels.

C. Multilingual Property Labels from Wikidata

Four of the terms in our sample dataset are related to properties in Wikidata. Wikidata properties are predicates that describe how items are related to one another. Properties are also modeled to accommodate labels in all languages supported by Wikidata. Some members of the Wikidata community specialize in working on property labels [19]. We can consult the subgraph of property labels for our sample dataset to see if there are any additional labels in languages not yet covered by the other subsets. While this may result in some redundant labels, as we would expect the labels to be the same for the item and the property, there could be some additional languages that have coverage in the property label subgraph. For example, in Figure 5, we see some of the labels available for the Wikidata item ‘checksum’ include labels from Thai and Ukrainian, but not Turkish. In contrast, in Figure 6, we see that a Turkish label is available.

| Term | Count Wikidata Item Labels |
|------------------|----------------------------|
| file format | 55 |
| checksum | 39 |
| operating system | 105 |
| data integrity | 33 |
| software | 103 |
| license | 70 |
| reproducibility | 35 |

Table 2: Count of Labels from Wikidata Item Subgraph

A disadvantage of sourcing labels from this subgraph is that there are a limited number of properties in Wikidata. There are currently more than 10,000 properties in Wikidata, but more than 100,000,000 items. Thus there are many terms that will not be found among properties. In Table 3 we see the count of labels available in the Wikidata Property label subgraph. For terms in our sample data set that are not related to a Wikidata property, we recorded N/A in the table.

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Serbian | контролна сума |
| Swedish | kontrollsumma |
| Thai | ผลรวมตรวจสอบ |
| Ukrainian | контрольна сума |
| Cantonese | 核對和 |

Figure 5: Some of the labels available for the Wikidata item ‘checksum’ (Q218341)

| | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Swedish | kontrollsumma |
| Turkish | sağlama toplamı |
| Ukrainian | контрольна сума |

Figure 6: Some of the labels available for the Wikidata property ‘checksum’ (P4092)

| Term | Count Wikidata Property Labels |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| file format | 38 |
| checksum | 26 |
| operating system | 69 |
| data integrity | N/A |
| software | N/A |
| license | 76 |
| reproducibility | N/A |

Table 3: Count of Labels from Wikidata Property Sub-graph

D. Multilingual Property Labels from Wikidata

Wikidata also contains detailed linguistic data in the Lexeme namespace. Community members create lexemes, forms, and senses in the Lexeme namespace following the data model for lexicographical data [20]. The Lexeme namespace, namespace L, was created in 2018 [21]. Wikidata has

a property that is used to connect Lexeme senses to corresponding Wikidata items. The property has the English label ‘item for this sense’ and is P5137. Through the use of this property, the Wikidata items from our sample data set can be connected to lexeme senses. In Figure 7, we see the lexeme ‘software’ (L1135). In the section of the page with the heading ‘Senses’ we see that the property ‘item for this sense’ has the value ‘software’ which is the Wikidata item identified with Q7397.

The graph of lexeme senses and their connections to Wikidata items is likely to increase in size over time. Currently, for this sample data set there are zero lexeme senses for ‘checksum’ and ‘data integrity’. This is likely due to the fact that these concepts are domain-specific, and relatively infrequently used by people who are not engaged with the domain of computing.

A useful tool for searching for lexemes is Ordia [22]. Ordia can be used to search for lexemes and provides overviews of connections between lexemes and other content. Wikidata editors to the Lexeme namespace have already contributed more than half a million lexical entries [23].

An advantage of sourcing labels from this subset is that it is likely to grow in the future. As more editors use the property ‘item for this sense’ P5137 to connect Lexeme senses to Wikidata items, this subgraph will grow. Lexemes are connected to external identifiers related to etymology, dictionaries and other linguistic resources. Depending on the type of resource for which you are sourcing multilingual labels, pointers to additional linguistic information may also be helpful. Another advantage is that the data model for lexicographic data in the L namespace accommodates the use of references. Lexemes can also be connected to authoritative sources from which information was sourced. For example, in Figure 9, we see that the Swedish noun ‘licens’ is sourced back to Svenska Akademiens Ordbok using the property ‘described by source’ in Wikidata’s Lexeme namespace. This increases the value of labels sourced from the lexeme subset as they may also include provenance information.

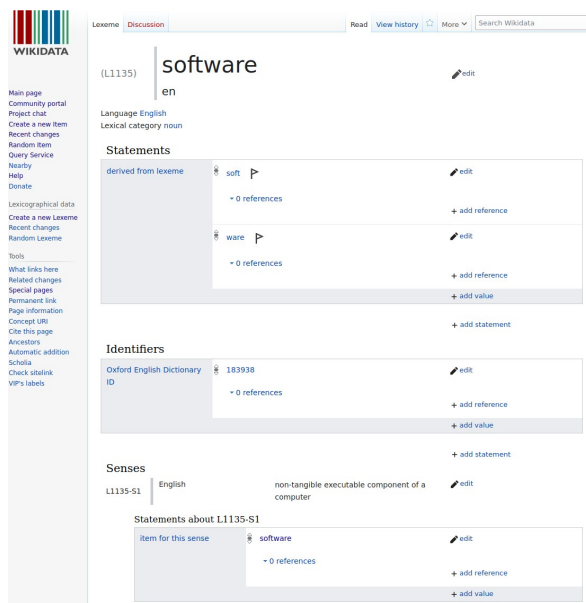


Figure 7: Lexeme L1135 ‘software’ in Wikidata

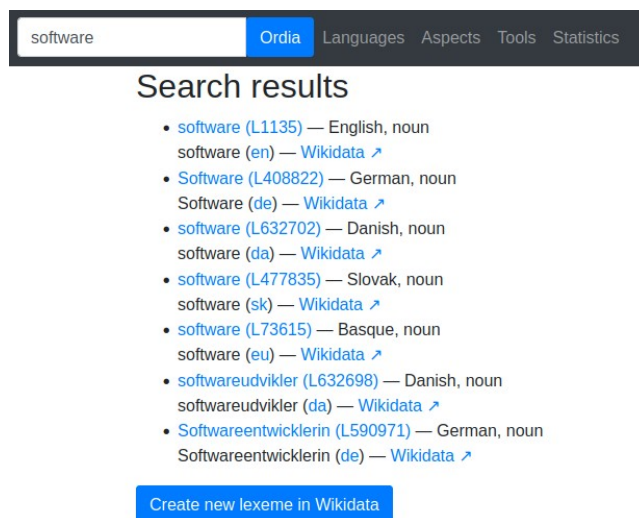


Figure 8: Screenshot from the Ordia application showing a search for ‘software’ in Wikidata’s L namespace.



Figure 9: The Swedish noun ‘licens’ is connected to Svenska Akademiens Ordbok using the property ‘described by source’ in Wikidata’s Lexeme namespace.

The disadvantage of sourcing labels from this subset is that there are not as many editors contributing edits to the Lexeme namespace in Wikidata as there are editors who contribute to other namespaces.

In Table 4 we see the count of labels available in the Wikidata Lexemes subgraph. The terms ‘software’ and ‘license’ currently have the largest number of lexeme senses that have been connected to their Wikidata items. As encouragement for more Wikidata editors to familiarize themselves with the Lexeme namespace, people organize weekly challenges with a topical focus. For example, one recent lexeme challenge was focused on software⁵ and another on computing⁶. These challenges are announced via Wikidata-related communication channels. We anticipate that as more editors learn about the lexeme namespace this subgraph is likely to increase in size.

| Term | Count Wikidata Lexeme Senses |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| file format | 1 |
| checksum | 0 |
| operating system | 3 |
| data integrity | 0 |
| software | 16 |
| license | 23 |
| reproducibility | 1 |

Table 4: Count of Labels from Wikidata Lexeme Sub-graph

VI. DISCUSSION

The multilingual labels available via the Wikidata Query Service could be of value to people who are looking to source translations for terms in an ontology, vocabulary, glossary or for text in the user-interface of an application. While the number of available labels varies across terms, the open licensing of the data and the accessibility of the data via the Wikidata Query Service make this an attractive cost-free alternative to hiring translators for groups with limited budgets.

Looking at the count of labels available for the terms in our sample data set it is clear that editors have added more labels for ‘software’ and ‘operating system’ than the other terms. This is likely due to the high levels of awareness many editors have for these terms. The other terms in the sample data set are more specialized, and thus may be less familiar to editors. To date, editors have added the fewest number of labels for the terms ‘reproducibility’ and ‘data integrity’. Fewer editors may be familiar with these terms, or have use cases that would lead them to edit these items.

⁵ <https://dicare.toolforge.org/lexemes/challenge.php?id=52>

⁶ <https://dicare.toolforge.org/lexemes/challenge.php?id=28>

The webapp⁷ we created to complement this paper allows viewers to see each label in the context of the set of supported languages. Not only can you get a sense of how many labels are available per term for each subset, it is also possible to see each label if you hover over the colored language blocks in the webapp.

Members of the Wikidata community are motivated to contribute for many different reasons. There is no group or individual dictating how others should contribute to the project [24]. Different subsets of Wikidata have different numbers of labels for the terms in our sample data set because there is no coordination of how work is accomplished, other than ad hoc decisions among editors to collaborate. This is consistent with the theoretical work describing peer-productions systems [25], [26].

As more people with digital preservation expertise decide to become editors of projects of the Wikimedia Foundation, it is possible that editors from our international community of practice could contribute more labels in additional languages to items, properties, and lexeme senses to Wikidata or contribute new articles in additional language versions of Wikipedia. Such contributions would benefit anyone interested in reusing data from Wikidata or Wikipedia. Guidance related to contributing to Wikidata tailored to the digital preservation community is described in [27]. Leveraging the infrastructure of the projects of the Wikimedia Foundation for collaboration is a strategy for that supports users from many different language contexts to benefit [28].

VII. CONCLUSION

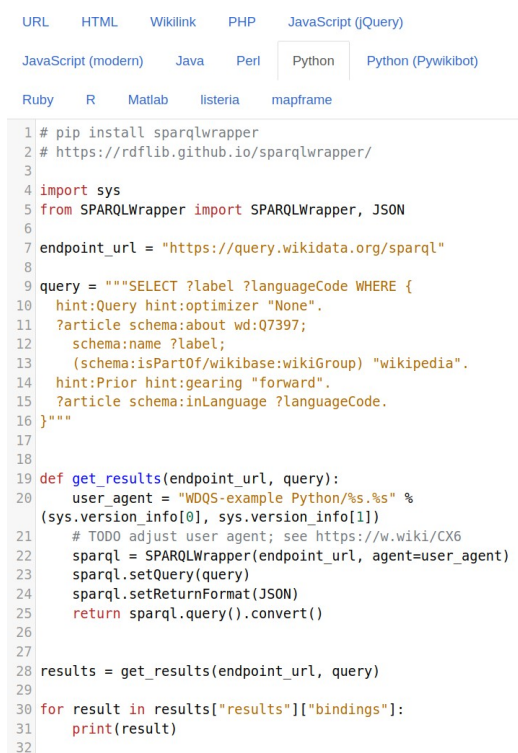
People who create or maintain vocabularies, ontologies, applications or other projects may require multilingual labels for concepts in their systems. The cost of paying for translations into multiple languages can quickly add up, and may be beyond the budgetary constraints of many projects. Not only is there a multilingual knowledge graph that is free to reuse, exploring the multilingual data in the projects of the Wikimedia Foundation is an approachable task using the Wikidata Query Service. The Wikidata Query Service provides multiple options for downloading results in formats such as

⁷ The webapp that includes the interactive table is available at <https://wikidp-research.k2.services/multi-lingual-table>.

CSV, JSON, or HTML, they also provide code snippets for reusing queries within external applications, as seen in Figure 10. Once a subset has been identified, either through SPARQL queries or a ShEx schema in the Entity Schema namespace, results may be consulted again at a later point to determine if additional data is added by the Wikidata community over time. Subsets can be reused in other applications, to enrich ontologies, vocabularies, or within other resources where multilingual labels are needed.

Figure 10: Python code snippet available from the Wikidata Query Service

Sourcing labels from multiple subsets of Wikidata



```

1 # pip install sparqlwrapper
2 # https://rdflib.github.io/sparqlwrapper/
3
4 import sys
5 from SPARQLWrapper import SPARQLWrapper, JSON
6
7 endpoint_url = "https://query.wikidata.org/sparql"
8
9 query = """SELECT ?label ?languageCode WHERE {
10   hint:Query hint:optimizer "None".
11   ?article schema:about wd:Q7397;
12   schema:name ?label;
13   (schema:isPartOf/wikibase:wikiGroup) "wikipedia".
14   hint:Prior hint:gearing "forward".
15   ?article schema:inLanguage ?languageCode.
16 }"""
17
18
19 def get_results(endpoint_url, query):
20     user_agent = "NDOS-example Python/%s.%s" %
21     (sys.version_info[0], sys.version_info[1])
22     # TODO adjust user agent; see https://w.wiki/CX6
23     sparql = SPARQLWrapper(endpoint_url, agent=user_agent)
24     sparql.setQuery(query)
25     sparql.setReturnFormat(JSON)
26     return sparql.query().convert()
27
28 results = get_results(endpoint_url, query)
29
30 for result in results["results"]["bindings"]:
31     print(result)
32

```

increases the breadth of languages that can be covered. People who are committed to holding themselves accountable to the values of accessibility, inclusion, and diversity may want to consider sourcing multilingual labels for resources in the domain of digital preservation from the projects of the Wikimedia Foundation. Some members of the digital preservation community may wish to contribute labels in their own languages for these terms, or for any other items or properties in Wikidata related to digital preservation, in order to improve and extend the knowledge graph.

We offer the techniques described in this paper for identifying potential subsets of multilingual data as strategies that others in the digital preservation community may find helpful. Investigating the

multilingual label inventory from projects of the Wikimedia Foundation via the Wikidata Query Service could reduce or eliminate the need to source multilingual translations from other, more expensive, sources. As we are all in this together, let's support one another in our shared goals of increasing multilingual access points in projects and tools used by the digital preservation community.

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