Crawling, Archiving, and Corpus Creation

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Goal: typological sample of language corpora

- include ‘small’ languages with **limited data** available
- use **all data** (as much as possible) available
- **linguistic specialists** have to be involved

Specialist’s worries should also be our worries

- **details** become very important
  - transcription
  - context
  - author
- **trackability** of corpus creation
- original context is **recoverable**
- **corrections** should be possible

Proposed phases of corpus construction

- collection
- extraction
- synchronization
- versioning

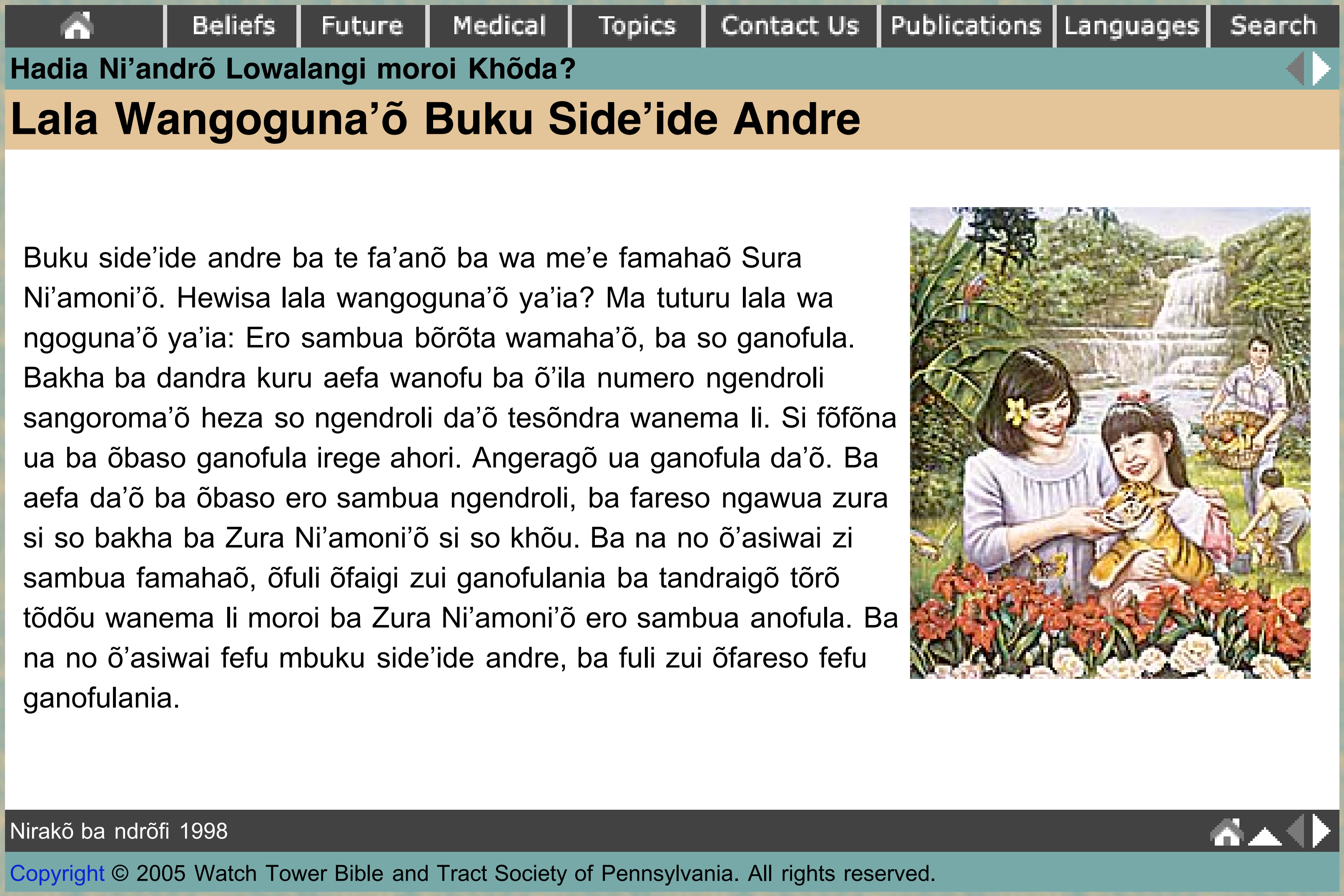
Every phase should be recoverable!

Collection

- keep **original text** in archive (possibly with strong access restrictions)

- annotate files with **metadata**
  - SIL language code
  - file format
  - text encoding used (store font is needed!)
  - date, genre, ...

Web-crawling



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Nirakõ ba ndrõfi 1998

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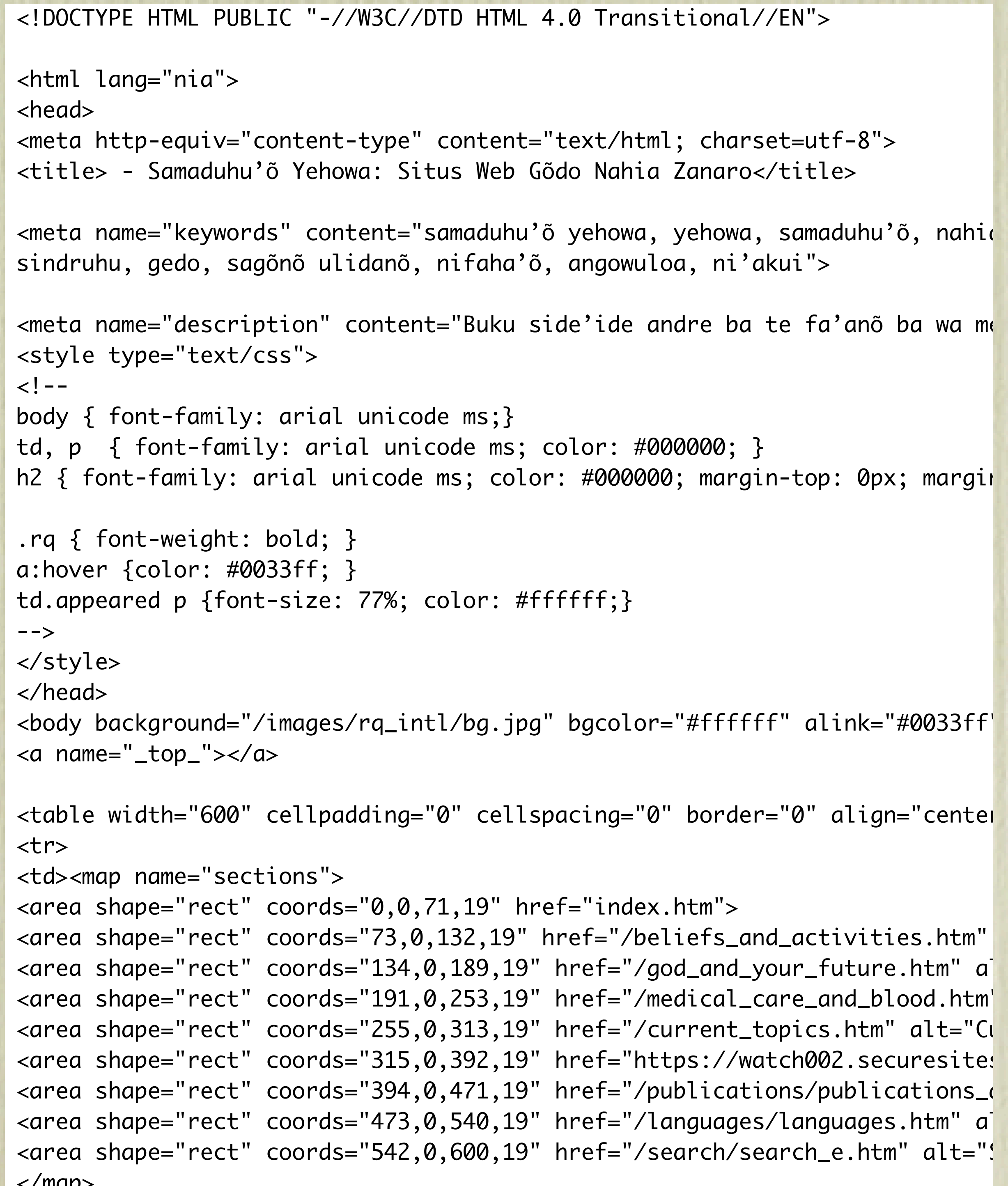

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Extraction

- extract **relevant pieces** of text
- transfer to **unicode**
- build **transcription profile**
  - characters used
  - include multigraphs (gh, sch, ò, m´¸, ...)
- this phase can probably be **automatised**

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Synchronization

- **interlink** transcription profiles (probably through rough IPA matching)
- for this, a **language specialist** is needed
- **combine texts** into corpus

Versioning

- it should be made possible to **correct errors**
- a system of **versioning** is necessary
- the **organization** of this is still unclear

Uses

- typological **surveys**
- language **classification**
- **T9 dictionaries** for minorities

Thank you