

Portfolio Task 2: Description of Corpus

You have now decided for a research question and respective corpus for your research project. The next step is to describe your approach. Please begin with stating your research question and explaining it briefly. Then, describe your corpus design in detail, i.e., elaborate on the parameters you chose for compiling your corpus.

Make sure your description includes

- Which type of language it represents,
- Which kind of corpus it is,
- Where exactly you find the data,
- If the data are accessible free of charge,
- How big your corpus will be approximately (this can be an educated guess, e.g., are you planning on using twelve or 50,000 social media posts),
- Which time frame you are concentrating on (if applicable),
- Which speakers/contributors you are concentrating on (if applicable),
- All criteria you chose for the selection of the material (what is excluded, what is included and why? Explain your choice.)

Also, add a remark if you plan to compare it to any other (prebuilt?) corpus. As well, mention briefly which system you chose for naming your files (cf. Reppen 2010). Please also state **ONE** potential bias, which could influence your data gathering that you are already aware of in the sampling process and explain how you avoid it.

The task in its entirety should have about 500 words, excluding the header. Again, please use a header including your name, the name of the course, the title *Portfolio Task 2*, your matriculation number and the date of handing in.

Hand in your task before the beginning of our course on November 25th via email to regina.holze@uni-passau.de or print it and bring it to class. It will account for 15% of your final grade.

If there are any questions, don't hesitate to ask me via email at regina.holze@uni-passau.de.