1. STEP Transcriptor/Descriptor

Six Encoding Methods (Transcriptive or Descriptive)

1. Typing the tags directly: automatic tag completion and correction (including paragraphing and spaces).
2. Using the powerful Tagging Area to form simple or complex tags using pull-down menus and automatic formatting, and then insert them into the text or around selected words.
3. Using pop-up menus full of tags and tag copy/replacement tricks right-clicked in the text field.
4. Using function keys.
5. Using keyboard shortcuts.
6. Using specialized cursors: select text with a tagging cursor, release the mouse button, et voilà.

Also: Complete customizability. Content of pop-up and pull-down tag menus, colorization of tags, tag anchors, addition and deletion of TEI tags/attributes/values, tagtips—all of it can be adapted to needs.

2. STEP Text Comparator

STEP Text Comparator is an application that (1) helps visualize several ranges of differences between two texts in either direction, and (2) creates a detailed listing and report of several categories of differences.

The software can be used to compare distinct variants of an author's text; identify passages that have been relocated with or without internal modifications; check proofreading corrections between different iterations of a transcription; compare a perfected transcription with its critically edited version; identify emendations based on the selection or rejection of substantives.

The software accommodates all of those purposes. Identifying and classifying textual discrepancies is indeed neutral them: the algorithms are the same. But once the differences have been identified and precisely located, they can be listed in ways that are adjustable to the specific aim of the comparison. Lists of alterations, of emendations, of rejected substantives, of proofreading corrections, of errata, adopt different formats, and it is STEP Comparator’s ambition to help build such lists as helpfully as possible. One goal is to reduce the time it takes to build textual apparatus lists significantly.

Preliminary visualization of differences

Sentence by sentence comparison

Fragment by fragment comparison

Detailed textual comparison and reports

Automatic creation of alterations list

Word(s) by word(s) (and punctuation) comparison

Comprehensive report of six classes of variations

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