

PARTICIPATORY INDEXING IN THE EYES OF ITS POTENTIAL USERS

An Exemple of a Co-Design of Participatory Services in an Academic Digital Library

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TOWARD A PARTICIPATORY INDEXING TOOL

- Participatory indexing: Users add keywords to works from pre-existing controlled vocabularies (RAMEAU, Nuovo Soggetario, LCSH).
- Unlike tagging, participatory indexing would be:
 - A way to help users better understand the librarian way of thinking;
 - A way to improve their navigation in a digital library (DL) that organises its works according to those vocabularies;
 - A way for librarians to standardize keywords and to improve search functionalities.



CONTEXT AND METHOD

Context:

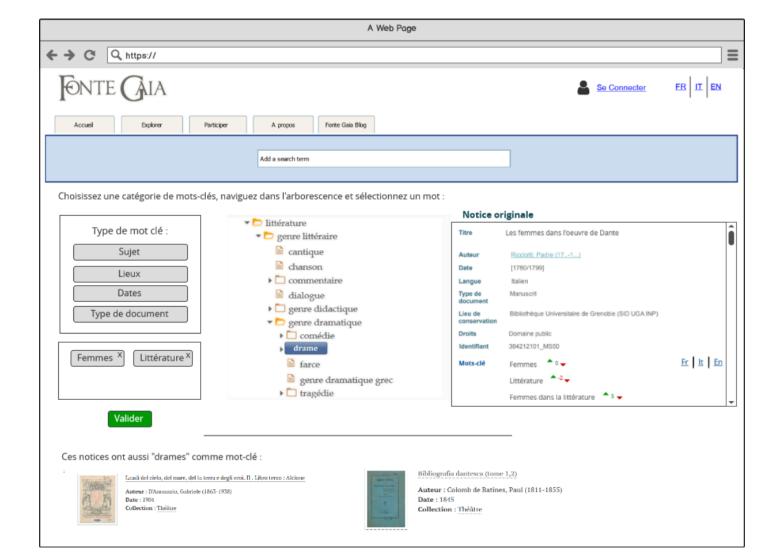
- The Fonte Gaia Bib project: a participatory and scientific French-Italian DL, that follows the digital humanities (DH) methods;
- The *Collex-Persée* program: a **scientific interest group** dedicated to the valorisation of documentary and scientific information.

Method:

- Participatory design workshops based on a hackathon model;
- Two-days workshops ("Hacke ta bibliothèque") with 2 teams of 4 participants each;
- Profile of the participants: librarians and students in DH;
- Support of 4 experts in digital humanities, digital libraries and natural language processing.

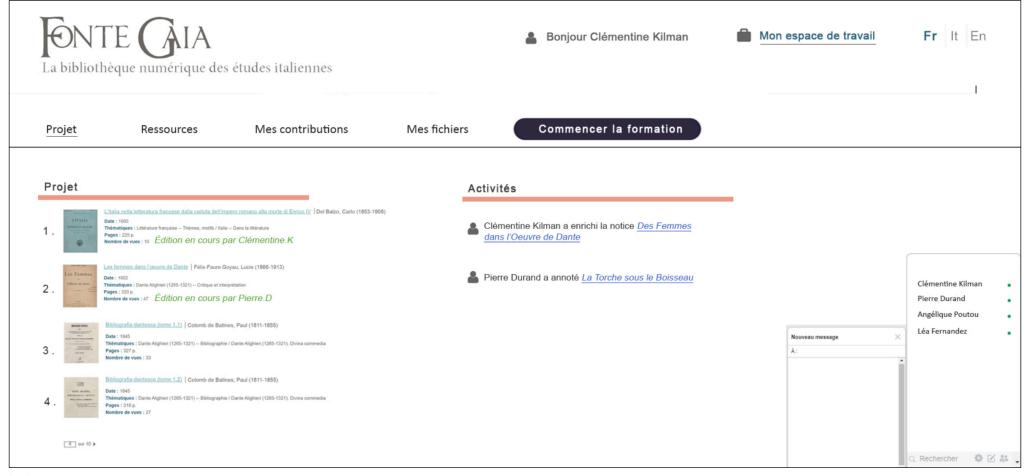


1ST PROJECT: AN INDEXING TOOL





2ND PROJECT: A VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENT FOR DIGITAL HUMANITIES TRAINING





PARTICIPATORY SERVICES: COOPERATION OR COLLABORATION?

- 1st project: **Cooperative** service
 - Indexation as an one-time activity;
 - Juxtaposition of knowledge.
- 2nd project: Collaborative service
 - DL as an initiation platform to DH and scientific activities (indexation, digital scholarly editions);
 - Co-creation of contents by students, researchers and librarians.



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PARTICIPATORY INDEXING FOR OUR USERS

- Different perceptions of participation, but a similar vision of indexation.
- A librarian vision:
 - A simplified indexation: addition of tags from controlled vocabularies.
 - Focus on the validation of the contributions.
 - Indexation: a core activity of their profession with rules and standards;
- Simplification as a way to **highlight their scientific authority and expertise**.
 - → Raising awareness of a librarian activity.

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THANK YOU!



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