# Applications of language technology to Digital Humanities

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## Areas of research

#### PULS

→ newsweb.cs.helsinki.fi
Web-scale surveillance of news media

#### Revita

→ revita.cs.helsinki.fi
Support for language learning, and for endangered languages

## Etymon

- → etymon.cs.helsinki.fi Models of language evolution
- ...

## PULS: Web-scale surveillance of news media

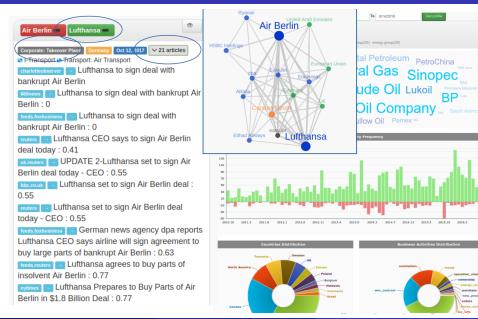
## TEKES, companies, EU agencies

• business news. security, epidemics, ...

Challenges: find interesting patterns in data: (millions of articles, across time and sources)

- is an entity receiving attention—from many sources?
- positive or negative attention?
- what entities are similar to given entity, and how?
- ...

# Challenges



# Revita: language learning

#### Directions:

- → Support for endangered languages
- ullet Support for language learning: Finnish, Swedish, Russian, German

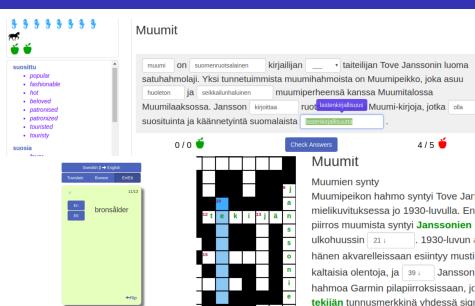
### Key innovations:

- Intermediate-advanced learners
- ullet Work with any text o **dynamic** generation of exercises
- Provide best exercises for learner
  - $\rightarrow$  model learner competency: what does s/he know?

## Challenges: simulate a good teacher: model learner's competency

- if exercises too difficult → user becomes discouraged
- ullet if exercises too simple o user becomes bored

## Revita: Features



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# Learner model: learning knowledge space from data

