

**NEW DATA MODEL
& INTERFACE**



LIBRARY OF LATIN TEXTS (LLT)

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Aims and Scope

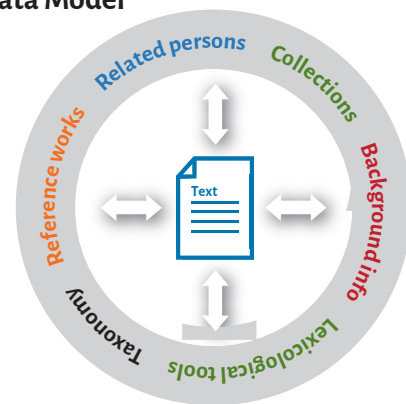
The *Library of Latin Texts* is the world's leading database for Latin texts, offering texts from the beginnings of Latin literature down to the present day. The database currently includes **almost 20,000 works** which span a **wide range of genres** (e.g. narrative texts, poetry, commentaries, sermons, speeches, letters, official documents, and expository texts) **and topics** (e.g. theology and biblical studies, biography and hagiography, philosophy, history, mythology, linguistics and literature studies, sciences, law, and Bible and apocrypha), making the LLT an invaluable resource for researchers of various fields and disciplines. **New content** is added two times a year.

The texts which are incorporated are selected from the **best editions available** and established according to **best contemporary scholarly practice**. Great efforts have been made to verify facts relating to the text, such as the reliability of the authorial attribution or the dating. In many cases, the printed text is enhanced by correcting typographical errors detected by in-house software. In order to isolate, insofar as possible, the words proper to each work, a distinction is made between the original text and "paratextual" elements.

The Beginning of a New Era

In July 2025, Brepols and the CTLO (Centre 'Traditio Litterarum Occidentalium', Brepols' in-house Digital Classics lab) released the completely revamped *Library of Latin Texts*. This launch marked the beginning of a comprehensive overhaul of the various BREPOLIS Latin databases, designed to enhance your interaction with Latin literature throughout the ages.

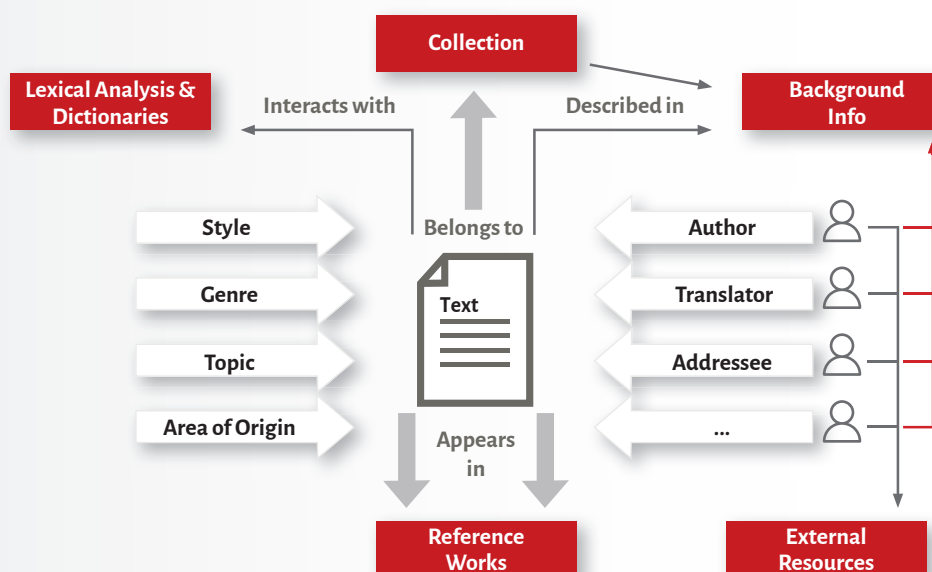
A New Data Model



We have designed and implemented a completely new data model for the LLT, in order to make the database easier and more intuitive to navigate.

In the new data model, each **work**:

- Can be a part of a **collection** (e.g. Genesis, part of the Old Testament);
- Can be related to one or more **persons** (e.g. Plato's *Timaieus* as translated by Cicero);
- Can have an identifier in one or more **reference works** (e.g. CPL 4);
- Can be **classified** for style, genre, topic, and area of origin





A New Way of Searching

Not only does the **search screen** make use of a more standard query syntax, it also offers more options than ever before to **construct your own corpus** while performing your search.

Thanks to the new data model, you can now apply **filters** to the **results list**, not only by related person, title, or century, but using a wide range of **categories** assigned to each work.

Lexicography and the LLT

Clicking on a Latin word now reveals the **Instrumenta pop-up**, with suggestions for **translations** and **morphological analyses**. This tool is based on the BREPOLIS Latin lemmas and is therefore directly linked to the *Database of Latin Dictionaries*.

For each **person** and **work**, the LLT now offers alphabetical and frequential **vocabulary lists**. These lists will prove invaluable for lexicographical studies, stylistic analyses, questions of authenticity, and many more applications.

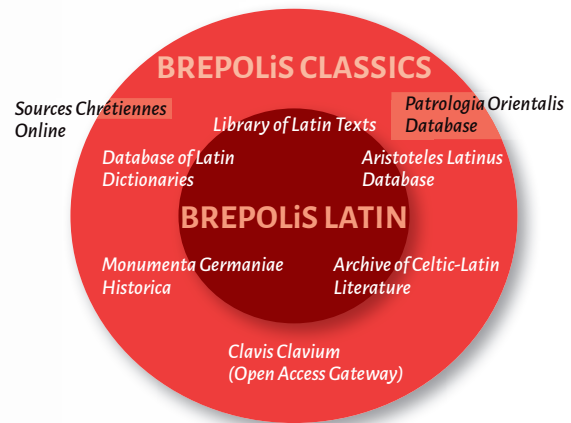


Moving Forward with BREPOLiS Latin

The *Library of Latin Texts* is part of a comprehensive cluster of databases relating to the study of Latin: BREPOLiS Latin. This cluster consists of full-text databases (besides the *Library of Latin Texts*, the *Monumenta Germaniae Historica*, the *Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature*, and the *Aristoteles Latinus Database*), and Latin dictionaries as part of the *Database of Latin Dictionaries*.

The *Library of Latin Texts* also includes live links to *Clavis Clavium*, to the online bibliographies *L'Année Philologique* and *Index Religiosus*, and to the *Dictionnaire des philosophes antiques*, among many others.

All BREPOLiS Latin databases benefit from the same innovations in data structure, interface, and accessibility.



Why these updates matter?

Our goal is simple: make research on Latin literature in all its aspects faster, easier, and more intuitive. By restructuring the databases, we have:

- ▶ Simplified navigation across these large corpora of texts;
- ▶ Enhanced search functionality with new filters and perspectives;
- ▶ Added direct links to authoritative (online) resources for deeper exploration



Read our blog posts that detail all aspects of the new data model here:
<https://about.brepolis.net/category/enriching-the-llt/>

Testimonials

For me as a Latinist and Latin lexicographer, the Library of Latin Texts and Database of Latin Dictionaries are among the few absolutely indispensable reference works I use daily, often many times a day.

The LLT provides easy, searchable access to the vast majority of the ancient Latin texts in the time period of interest to me, from the earliest Latin fragments to the seventh century, and much more. The editions are recent and high-quality, free of errors, and their origins are carefully documented and cross-referenced (including valuable meta-data about author(s), standard abbreviations, dating, and more). Searching the database saves an enormous amount of time that would otherwise be spent consulting printed concordances and indexes, which nevertheless cover only a fraction of the range of the texts present in the LLT. Furthermore, the search interface allows complex, context-sensitive queries so that the search can be limited to particular authors, works, or time-periods or, using boolean operators, the co-occurrence of certain words or phrases can be thoroughly investigated. This latter feature is especially valuable for tracing out changing patterns of meaning and usage across more than a millenium of Latin data. The output can be viewed immediately on screen or saved as a PDF for later consultation or printing out.

Adam Gitner, Thesaurus linguae Latinae
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Due to its unparalleled wealth of Latin literary writings spanning from the 3rd century BC to contemporary times, along with its unique and invaluable philological rigor in text reporting, the Library of Latin Texts (LLT) has established itself as a reference and indispensable tool for scholars, including Latinists, Classicists, linguists, and historians. Its flexibility and practicality further enhance its uniqueness for students and readers of Latin literature. As a comprehensive database of Latin literature, it strives for completeness while offering a wide variety of search options.

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