

Appendix: DMLex Examples (Draft)

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This document gives examples which show how to use DMLex to model lexicographic resources. The examples are shown in three formalisms: NVH, XML and JSON.

Each example is shown in NVH first. NVH (Name-Value Hierarchy)¹ is a concise serialization language designed for lexicographic data. NVH encodes data as a hierarchical list of names, values and children, which corresponds exactly to DMLex's own data model. We use NVH here in order to demonstrate the object model at an abstract level.

After that, each example is shown in XML and JSON, two popular serialization languages. The XML and JSON encoding shown here follows DMLex's own implementation guidance for XML and JSON.

Example 0: A basic entry

This is a basic, beginner-level example of how to use DMLex to represent a simple monolingual lexicographic resource consisting of one entry with two senses. It demonstrates some of the basic features of DMLex Core: how to subdivide an entry into senses, how to attach various data such as definition, part-of-speech labels to entries and senses, and how to add labels to various objects such as senses and examples.

NVH

```
lexicographicResource: my-dictionary
  entry: abandon-verb
    headword: abandon
    partOfSpeech: verb
    sense: abandon-verb-1
      definition: to suddenly leave a place or a person
      example: I'm sorry I abandoned you like that.
      example: Abandon ship!
      label: idiom
    sense: abandon-verb-2
```

¹<https://www.namevaluehierarchy.org/>

label: mostly-passive
definition: to stop supporting an idea
example: That theory has been abandoned.

XML

```
<lexicographicResource id="my-dictionary">
  <entry id="abandon-verb">
    <headword>abandon</headword>
    <partOfSpeech value="verb"/>
    <sense id="abandon-verb-1">
      <definition>to suddenly leave a place or a person</definition>
      <example>
        <text>I'm sorry I abandoned you like that.</text>
      </example>
      <example>
        <text>Abandon ship!</text>
        <label value="idiom"/>
      </example>
    <sense id="abandon-verb-2">
      <label value="mostly-passive"/>
      <definition>to stop supporting an idea</definition>
      <example>
        <text>That theory has been abandoned.</text>
      </example>
    </sense>
  </entry>
</lexicographicResource>
```

JSON

```
{
  "id": "my-dictionary",
  "entry": {
    "id": "abandon-verb",
    "headword": "abandon",
    "partsOfSpeech": ["verb"],
    "senses": [{
      "id": "abandon-verb-1",
      "definitions": [{
        "text": "to suddenly leave a place or a person"
      }],
      "examples": [{
        "text": "I'm sorry I abandoned you like that."
      }],
    }, {
```

```

        "text": "Abandon ship!",
        "labels": ["idiom"]
    }
  ], {
    "id": "abandon-verb-2",
    "labels": ["mostly-passive"],
    "definitions": ["to stop supporting an idea"],
    "examples": [{
      "text": "That theory has been abandoned."
    }]
  }]
}
}

```

Example 1: How to use `inflectedForm`

This is an entry from a hypothetical Irish dictionary for the headword “folúsghlantóir” (“vacuum cleaner”) which gives its two inflected forms, the singular genitive and the plural.

NVH

```

entry: folúsghlantóir-n
  headword: folúsghlantóir
  partOfSpeech: n-masc
  inflectedForm: folúsghlantóra
    inflectedTag: sg-gen
  inflectedForm: folúsghlantóirí
    inflectedTag: pl
  sense: ...

```

XML

```

<entry id="folúsghlantóir-n">
  <headword>folúsghlantóir</headword>
  <partOfSpeech value="n-masc"/>
  <inflectedForm inflectedTag="sg-gen">folúsghlantóra</inflectedForm>
  <inflectedForm inflectedTag="pl">folúsghlantóirí</inflectedForm>
  <sense>...</sense>
</entry>

```

JSON

```

{
  "id": "folúsghlantóir-n",
  "headword": "folúsghlantóir",
  "partsOfSpeech": ["n-masc"],
  "inflectedForms": [{
    "text": "folúsghlantóra",
    "inflectedTag": "sg-gen",
  }, {
    "text": "folúsghlantóirí",
    "inflectedTag": "pl",
  }],
  "senses": [...]
}

```

Example 2: Pronunciation given as transcription

NVH

```

entry: aardvark-noun
  headword: aardvark
  pronunciation:
    transcription: a:rdva:rk
  sense: ...

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 3: Pronunciation given as a sound file

NVH

```

entry: aardvark-noun
  headword: aardvark
  pronunciation:
    soundFile: aardvark.mp3
  sense: ...

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 4: Pronunciation given both ways

NVH

```
entry: aardvark-noun
  headword: aardvark
  pronunciation:
    transcription: a:rdva:rk
    soundFile: aardvark.mp3
  sense: ...
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 5: How to use tag

This is an entry from a hypothetical Irish dictionary for the headword “folúsghlantóir” (“vacuum cleaner”). The meaning of the various tags used in this entry is explained in the `tag` objects.

NVH

```
entry: folúsghlantóir-n
  headword: folúsghlantóir
  partOfSpeech: n-masc
  inflectedForm: folúsghlantóra
    inflectedTag: sg-gen
  inflectedForm: folúsghlantóirí
    inflectedTag: pl
  sense: ...
```

```
tag: n-masc
  description: noun, masculine
  target: partOfSpeech
```

```
tag: n-fem
  description: noun, feminine
  target: partOfSpeech
```

```
tag: sg-gen
  description: singular genitive
  target: inflectedTag
  partOfSpeechConstraint: n-masc
  partOfSpeechConstraint: n-fem
```

```
tag: pl
  description: plural
  target: inflectedTag
  partOfSpeechConstraint: n-masc
  partOfSpeechConstraint: n-fem
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 6: Mapping tag to external inventories

This shows how to map the value of a tag such as `n-masc` and `n-fem` to items in an external inventory such as LexInfo.

NVH

```
tag: n-masc
  description: noun, masculine
  target: partOfSpeech
  sameAs: http://www.lexinfo.net/ontology/3.0/lexinfo#noun
  sameAs: http://www.lexinfo.net/ontology/3.0/lexinfo#masculine
tag: n-fem
  description: noun, feminine
  target: partOfSpeech
  sameAs: http://www.lexinfo.net/ontology/3.0/lexinfo#noun
  sameAs: http://www.lexinfo.net/ontology/3.0/lexinfo#feminine
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 7: Defining a bilingual lexicographic resource

This defines a lexicographic resource where the source language is German and the translation language is English and the English translations are going to come with pronunciation transcriptions in English IPA.

NVH

```
lexicographicResource: deueng
  description: My German-English Dictionary
  language: de
  translationLanguage: en
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 8: How to use headwordTranslation

This is an entry from a hypothetical English-German dictionary for English-speaking learners of German.

NVH

```
entry: doctor-n
  headword: doctor
  sense: doctor-n-1
    indicator: medical doctor
    headwordTranslation: Arzt
      partOfSpeech: n-masc
    headwordTranslation: Ärztin
      partOfSpeech: n-fem
  sense: doctor-n-2
    indicator: academic title
    headwordTranslation: Doktor
      partOfSpeech: n-masc
    headwordTranslation: Doktorin
      partOfSpeech: n-fem
    label: rare
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 9: How to use headwordExplanation

NVH

```
entry: treppenwitz
  headword: Treppenwitz
  partOfSpeech: n-masc
  sense: treppenwitz-1
    headwordExplanation: belated realisation of what one could have said
    headwordTranslation: staircase wit
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 10: Defining a multilingual lexicographic resource

This defines a lexicographic resource where the source language is Irish and the translation languages are English, German and Czech.

NVH

```
lexicographicResource: irish-multilingual
  description: My Irish-Multilingual Dictionary
  language: ga
  translationLanguage: en
  translationLanguage: de
  translationLanguage: cs
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 11: How to use headwordTranslation in a multilingual lexicographic resource

This is an entry from a hypothetical Irish-multilingual dictionary.

NVH

```
entry: fómhar-n
  headword: fómhar
  partOfSpeech: n-masc
  inflectedForm: fómhair
    inflectedTag: genitive-case
  sense: fómhar-n-1
    headwordTranslation: autumn
      language: en
    headwordTranslation: fall
      language: en
    headwordTranslation: Herbst
      language: de
    headwordTranslation: podzim
      language: cs
```



```
sense: fómhar-n-2
  headwordTranslation: harvest
    language: en
  headwordTranslation: Ernte
    language: de
  headwordTranslation: sklizeň
    language: cs
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 12: Modelling parts and wholes

We have three entries with one sense each: “glasses”, “microscope” and “lens”. We want to represent the fact that “lens” is a meronym of both “glasses” and “microscope”, and simultaneously that “glasses” and “microscope” are both holonyms of “lens”.

NVH

```
lexicographicResource:
  language: en

  entry: glasses
    headword: glasses
    sense: glasses-1
      definition: an optical seeing aid
  entry: microscope
    headword: microscope
    sense: microscope-1
      definition: equipment for looking at very small things
  entry: lens
    headword: lens
    sense: lens-1
      definition: curved glass that makes things seem bigger

  relation: meronymy
    member: glasses-1
      role: whole
    member: lens-1
      role: part
  relation: meronymy
    member: microscope-1
      role: whole
```

```

    member: lens-1
      role: part

relationType: meronymy
  description: used for modelling part-whole relationships
  memberRole: whole
    description: the whole
    memberType: sense
    min: 1
    max: 1
    action: navigate
  memberRole: part
    description: the part
    memberType: sense
    min: 1
    max: 1
    action: navigate

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Suggested rendering of the entry “lens” for human users:

lens

- curved glass that makes things seem bigger
things that contain lens: **glasses, microscope**

Example 13: Modelling antonyms

We have two entries for the verbs “buy” and “sell” with one sense each. We want to express the fact that the senses are antonyms.

NVH

```

lexicographicResource:
  language: en
  entry: buy
    headword: buy
    sense: buy-1
      definition: get something by paying money for it
  entry: sell
    headword: sell
    sense: see-1

```

```

        definition: exchange something for money

relation: ants
  member: buy-1
  member: sell-1

relationType: ants
  description: antonyms
  memberRole:
    memberType: sense
    min: 2
    max: 2
    action: navigate

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Suggested rendering of the entry “buy” for human users:

buy

- get something by paying money for it
opposite meaning: sell

Example 14: Modelling synonyms

We have three German entries with one sense each, two which mean “sea” and one which means “ocean”. We want to set up a relation which brings these three sense together as near-synonyms.

NVH

```

lexicographicResource:
  language: de
  translationLanguage: en

entry: die-see
  headword: See
  partOfSpeech: n-fem
  sense: die-see-1
  headwordTranslation: see

entry: das-meer
  headword: Meer

```

```
partOfSpeech: n-neut
sense: das-meer-1
  headwordTranslation: see
```

```
entry: der-ozean
  headword: Ozean
  partOfSpeech: n-masc
  sense: der-ozean-1
  translation: ocean
```

```
relation: syns
  description: words that mean sea and ocean
  member: die-see-1
  member: das-meer-1
  member: der-ozean-1
```

```
relationType: syns
  description: synonyms and near synonyms
  memberRole:
    memberType: sense
    min: 2
    action: navigate
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Suggested rendering of the entry “See” for human users:

See *feminine noun*

- sea
same or similar meaning: Meer, Ozean

Example 15: Modelling variants

We have two entries in our lexicographic resource, one for the headword “colour” and one for the headword “color”. We want to create a relation to represent the fact that these are spelling variants.

NVH

```
lexicographicResource:
  language: en
  entry: colour
```

```

    headword: colour
    partOfSpeech: n
    label: europeanSpelling
    sense: colour-1
        definition: red, blue, yellow etc.
        example: What is your favourite colour?
entry: color
    headword: color
    partOfSpeech: n
    label: americanSpelling

relation: vars
    member: colour
    member: color

relationType: vars
    description: variants, words which differ only in spelling
    memberRole:
        memberType: entry
        min: 2
        action: navigate

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Suggested rendering of the entry “colour” for human users:

colour *noun, European spelling*

- red, blue, yellow etc.
What is your favourite colour?

see also: color

Example 16: Modelling subsenses

We have an entry for the noun “colour” with four senses. We want to express the fact that senses number two and three are subsenses of sense number one, and should be displayed as such to human users.

NVH

```

lexicographicResource:
  language: en

  entry: colour
    headword: colour
    sense: colour-1
      definition: red, blue, yellow etc.
      example: What is your favourite colour?
    sense: colour-2
      definition: not being black and white
      example: Back then owning a colour TV meant you were rich.
    sense: colour-3
      definition: a sign of a person's race
      example: We welcome people of all creeds and colours.
    sense: colour-4
      definition: interest or excitement
      example: Examples add colour to your writing.

  relation: subsensing
    member: colour-1
      role: supersense
    member: colour-2
      role: subsense
  relation: subsensing
    member: colour-1
      role: supersense
    member: colour-3
      role: subsense

  relationType: subsensing
    description: expresses the fact that a sense is a subsense of another sense
    scope: sameEntry
    memberRole: supersense
      memberType: sense
      min: 1
      max: 1
      action: none
    memberRole: subsense
      memberType: sense
      min: 1
      max: 1
      action: embed

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Suggested rendering of the entry for human users:

colour

1. red, blue, yellow etc.
What is your favourite colour?
 - a. not being black and white
Back then owning a colour TV meant you were rich.
 - b. a sign of a person's race
We welcome people of all creeds and colours.
2. interest or excitement
Examples add colour to your writing.

Example 17: Modelling subentries (at subsense level)

We have an entry for the adjective “safe” with two senses, and an entry for the multi-word expression “better safe than sorry” with one sense. We want to express the fact that the multi-word entry should appear under the first sense of “safe” as a subentry.

NVH

```
lexicographicResource:
```

```
  language: en
```

```
  entry: safe
```

```
    headword: safe
```

```
    sense: safe-1
```

```
      indicator: protected from harm
```

```
      example: It isn't safe to park here.
```

```
    sense: safe-2
```

```
      indicator: not likely to cause harm
```

```
      example: Is the ride safe for a small child?
```

```
  entry: better-safe
```

```
    headword: better safe than sorry
```

```
    sense:
```

```
      definition: you should be careful even if it seems unnecessary
```

```
  relation: subentrying
```

```
    membership: safe-2
```

```
      role: container
```

```
    membership: better-safe
```

```

    role: subentry

relationType: subentrying
  scope: sameResource
  memberRole: container
    memberType: sense
    min: 1
    max: 1
    action: navigate
  memberRole: subentry
  memberType: entry
  min: 1
  max: 1
  action: embed

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Suggested rendering of the entry “safe” for human users:

safe

1. protected from harm: *It isn't safe to park here.*
 - **better safe than sorry** you should be careful even if it seems unnecessary
2. not likely to cause harm: *Is the ride safe for a small child?*

Suggested rendering of the entry “better safe than sorry” for human users:

better safe than sorry

- you should be careful even if it seems unnecessary

see also: safe

Example 18: Modelling subentries (at sense level)

We have an entry for the word “bible” and another entry for the expression “the Bible”. We want to make sure that, when a human user is viewing the entry for “bible”, the entry for “the Bible” is shown as a subentry of it, as if it were its first sense.

NVH


```

lexicographicResource:
  language: en

  entry: the-bible
    headword: the Bible
    Sense: the-bible-1
      definition: the book considered holy by Christians

  entry: bible
    headword: bible
    sense: bible-1
    sense: bible-2
      definition: a book considered important for a subject

  relation: subentrying
    member: bible-1
      role: container
    member: the-bible
      role: subentry

  relationType: subentrying
    scope: sameResource
    memberRole: container
      memberType: sense
      min: 1
      max: 1
      action: navigate
    memberRole: subentry
      memberType: entry
      min: 1
      max: 1
      action: embed

```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Suggested rendering of the entry “bible” for human users:

bible

1. **the Bible** the book considered holy by Christians
2. a book considered important for a subject

Suggested rendering of the entry “the Bible” for human users:

the Bible

- the book considered holy by Christians

see also: bible

Example 19: Using placeholderMarker

NVH

```
lexicographicResource:  
  language: en  
  entry: continue-studies  
    headword: continue your studies  
      placeholderMarker: your  
    sense: ...
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 20: Using placeholderMarker in a bilingual lexicographic resource

NVH

```
lexicographicResource:  
  language: en  
  translationLanguage: de  
  entry: beat-up  
    headword: beat sb. up  
      placeholderMarker: sb.  
    sense: beat-up-1  
      headwordTranslation: jemanden verprügeln  
        placeholderMarker: jemanden
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 21: Using headwordMarker

NVH

```
lexicographicResource:  
  language: en  
  translationLanguage: cs  
  entry: autopsy  
    headword: autopsy  
    sense: autopsy-1  
      headwordTranslation: pitva  
      example: The coroner performed an autopsy.  
        headwordMarker: autopsy  
        exampleTranslation: Koroner provedl pitvu.  
          headwordMarker: pitvu
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD

Example 22: Using collocateMarker

NVH

```
lexicographicResource:  
  language: en  
  translationLanguage: cs  
  entry: autopsy  
    headword: autopsy  
    sense: autopsy-1  
      headwordTranslation: pitva  
      example: The coroner performed an autopsy.  
        headwordMarker: autopsy  
        collocateMarker: performed  
          lemma: perform  
        exampleTranslation: Koroner provedl pitvu.  
          headwordMarker: pitvu  
          collocateMarker: provedl  
            lemma: provést
```

XML: TBD

JSON: TBD