Computerized Text Analysis: Classwork 4 Dictionary-Based Coding

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Instructions

- 1. Download the program Yoshikoder. This is a Java standalone program and should run on any platform with Java installed. (You will need to follow the links to the latest version, probably located on Sourceforge.)
- 2. Download the file LaverGarryAJPS.ykd and save it to your working directory. We will use the UK manifestos from Exercise 3 for applying the dictionary analysis.
- 3. Start the Yoshikoder program and load the UK manifestos into a new project.
- 4. Open up the Yoshikoder and load the UK manifestos
- 5. Import the Laver and Garry dictionary LaverGarryAJPS.ykd.
- 6. Try out the concordance and highlighting functions. You can use the help function to find out more about the functions and properties of Yoshikoder.
- 7. Check you understand what the reports are telling you (use the help function).
- 8. Run (unified) dictionary reports
- 9. Construct the EconLR and SocLR measures using 1992 as a baseline. Check the Laver and Garry 2000 Article to find out how they constructed their scales. Do you get the same results as presented in the paper?
- 10. Extend your analysis to the next two elections (2001, 2005). Present and discuss the results.
- 11. Examine the small categories (e.g. rural, women, ethnic) in the dictionary using KWIC and present three examples.