

# 1. THE CORPUS

The corpus consists of 617 chats that were sent in by the Swiss population in 2014 through a fixed procedure that was communicated in the press in order to get people interested. The individual chats were checked for their [permission](#) to use them and chats that did not have it were [removed](#). Furthermore, available [demographic data](#) were linked to the chats.

Next processing steps comprised [anonymization](#), the annotation of a [main language](#) per chat and thus the creation of [subcorpora](#), application of further annotations ( for [languages](#), i.e. each message was annotated for its most likely language as opposed to the chat annotation performed in the first step), [part of speech annotations](#), [normalization](#) for part of the dialectal Swiss German data.

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