

Browsing through the Archive

This A4 guide describes how you can find your way in the IMDI archive and the files it contains. Two access methods are mentioned: the web interface and the IMDI BC browser.





Requirements:

- A recent Java runtime environment (at least JDK 1.4)
- A working internet connection
- Web interface: a recent browser

1. Web access

Basic navigation









- Go to the following address: http://corpus1.mpi.nl/ds/imdi_browser/.
- On the left of the screen, the tree structure represents the various corpora. On the right the content (e.g., metadata) of the current selected node (single left mouse click) is shown.
- Double clicking will show existing subnodes (if any). Media files are placed in session nodes, located on the lowest points in the hierarchy of the tree.
- Right click on a node or resource to access various options (e.g., viewing, searching). Media files and Annotations can be password protected. Owners of the specific sub corpora can change the permissions via the Access Management System (see the specific A4 guide for details).

Icon	Legend
	symbol for expanding/shrinking the tree/metadata view
	corpus node, used for the grouping of session files
	session node, containing various resources
	resources: text, video, audio, annotation/transcription

2. The IMDI Browser

Advanced navigation

- Go to the following address: <http://www.mpi.nl/IMDI/tools/>.
- Clicking on *Imdi BCBrowser* (latest supported version) will run the application. Next time it can be started by using Java Web Start.
- In the *Bookmark* window choose a corpus, e.g. *IMDI corpora (HTTP)*, from the list of available corpora by double clicking on the name. The corpus will open in the *Metadata Description Tree* window.
- Single left click on a node name shows its metadata in the *Info/Content* window. Expand the view of the metadata tree by double clicking the name.
- Right clicking on a selected node or resource shows a context dependent menu (e.g., metadata search, *Imdi-BCEditor* to open the node in the IMDI Metadata Editor, *view node* to look/listen to the resource).

Icon	Legend
	node symbol, click to expand/shrink the tree view
	corpus node, used for the grouping of session files (open en closed symbols)
	session node, containing various resources
	metadata symbol
	resources: information document, media file, annotation/transcription file, picture
	password protected resource, authenticate to access
	this file is not publicly accessible
	the referenced file cannot be found

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Web Access

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address `http://corpus14s/imdi_browser/`. The left sidebar displays a tree view of the IMDI corpora structure, including categories like ANDES, CGN, and various language teams. A yellow box labeled "corpus structure" points to this sidebar. The main content area shows the metadata for a specific corpus entry: "JW_turtle_eggs". The metadata includes fields for Name, Title, Date, Description, Contact, and Actors. A yellow box labeled "metadata" points to this information. The browser's address bar and navigation buttons are visible at the top.

IMDI Browser

The screenshot shows the IMDI-BCBrowser application window. The top menu bar includes "File", "Options", "Search", "Tools", and "Help". The "Bookmarks" section lists various corpora like "IMDI corpora" and "MPI corpora". A yellow box labeled "available corpora" points to this list. The "Metadata Descriptions Tree" on the left shows a hierarchical view of the corpora structure, with a yellow box labeled "corpus structure" pointing to it. The main pane displays the "Info/Content" for a selected file, showing details such as "Media file information", "RecordingConditions", and "Format". A yellow box labeled "metadata" points to this information. The application has a "Root URL" field and "Basket functions" (List, Save, Add, Remove, Clear) at the bottom.