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## **ONB Labs so far: 2017-2021**

Part of the Austrian National Library's Digital Humanities Strategy/  
Goal to develop and release a prototype of a virtual Library Lab as a datahub and platform for  
Digital Humanities research and creative engagement with Austrian National Library's digital  
resources/

## **ONB Labs from now on: 2022-2026**

Ongoing process of strategic planning in alignment with the Austrian National Library's Vision  
2035/  
Aim: ONB Library Labs as core infrastructure for expanded data driven services

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## Provide access to data

- Metadata
- Fulltext
- Images
- Research data
- LOD

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### Historical Newspapers

This data set includes historic newspapers and magazines between 1568 and 1877. In total, these are 218,000 issues with about 2.1 million pages, which are available as images, text and metadata. This is a subset of the digitised newspapers available in ANNO, the virtual reading room of the Austrian National Library. For ONB Labs we selected those issues, which are under a Public Domain Mark.

Die Presse 1849-04-07 (1849-04-07)

The screenshot shows a digital newspaper page from 'Die Presse' dated April 7, 1849. The page contains two columns of dense text in a historical font. At the top right, there are buttons for 'Random Object', 'Add ...', and 'Download ...'. Below the text, there is a small note: 'Der Magistrat bringt nach einer vom Handelsministerium erfolgten Beschlussung die Rettung des Palais nach an dem letzten Tage, d. i. Montagabend, zu beginnen habe, jedoch verhindert, und 3 Tage später, Donnerstag, 14 Tage belaufend, und kostet das 1. Bestellen bei 1. Band-Werke, nebst einer offiziären Drucker aus Wien-Breitau angelangt, eine Würfel-Vatterl-Kantate abgedruckt, und diese war der bald nach Wien-Arrand mehr als verdient. Die Wiener hatten sich verfügt, verhindern zu wollen, die Stadtmüren zu entläufen, wurden aber mehr und mehr in das Palais gesperrt, bis der St. Giovanni-Poort am 24. März öffnete. Am 26. März kam der 1. April hatte gekämpft, aber unter dem Schutz der Wiener, und der Oberst Graf Major von Hohenlohe-Langenburg, der Hof Admiraal werden sollte, übertrug den Grafen Hohenlohe-Langenburg, und Oberst Graf Koenigswarter, Wiens General, verunreinigt in die Hände der Salzburger, n. auf die Salzburger Wiederholung, und so wurde er in Gefangenschaft unter Weinen an Tischen & Löffeln 9 Mann, an Verwundeten 10 Offiziere und 150 Mann, auf Pferden von Reichen versteckt lagen auf den Straßen und in den Häusern. Im 2. April war es die Wiener-Korps, unter Herrn Feldmarschall-Baumgart Baron Asper, dem Siege des Noves verpflichtet, wieder zurück eingefordert. Der St. Giovanni-Poort, in dieser treulosen Stadt, im der vorwürdlichen Hauptarmee, die über alle Erziehung barbarische Behandlung, so manches gegeben. Es war ein großer Fehler, dass es nicht in einer unverantwortlicher Hand erforderlich ist, dass alle Staaten der Welt darüber eine exemplarische Rücksicht nehmen, da immer'

### Data

Metadata for all newspaper issues available in the ONB Labs

	Description	Link
CSV title metadata	CSV file, one record per title	<a href="#">anno_labs_titles.csv.bz2</a>
CSV issue metadata	CSV file, one record per issue	<a href="#">anno_labs_issues.csv.bz2</a>
CSV page metadata	CSV file, one record per scanned page	<a href="#">anno_labs_ocr_pages.tsv.bz2</a>

### Tutorials

Download Jupyter Notebooks

	Description	Link
Explore metadata	Example code for working with the available metadata	<a href="#">anno-experiments</a>

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## Use open standards and protocols

- IIIF
- OAI-PMH, SRU
- SPARQL
- ALTO-XML

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The screenshot shows a GitLab project page for 'webarchive-api'. The top navigation bar includes 'Details', 'Project ID: 4', 'Star' (0), and 'Clone' options. Below the header, it displays 'MIT License', '47 Commits', '2 Branches', '0 Tags', and '809 KB Files'. A large orange 'GitLab' logo is centered. The main content area shows a commit history with one entry: 'Add README' by gabriele-h, authored 3 months ago. Below the commit history is a table of files with their last commit and update times. The table includes columns for Name, Last commit, and Last update.

Name	Last commit	Last update
.gitignore	update .gitignore	1 year ago
Innenminister2009-2019.ipynb	fragment checksumming samples	4 months ago
LICENSE	Add LICENSE	11 months ago
Nationalrat2015.ipynb	fragment checksumming samples	4 months ago
README.md	Add README	3 months ago
requirements.txt	added jupyter to requirements	1 year ago

The screenshot shows a Jupyter Notebook titled 'Filter Mountains'. The notebook cell In [8] contains the code 'len(df)' with output Out[8]: 28882. The next cell In [4] contains 'len(df[ df['mountain'].isnull() ])' with output Out[4]: 29271. A note explains that this filters rows where the 'mountain' entry is NaN. The following cell In [5] contains 'len(df[ ~ (df['mountain'].isnull()) ])' with output Out[5]: 5575. A note indicates this filters rows where the 'mountain' entry is not NaN. The final cell In [6] contains 'mountains = df[ ~ (df['mountain'].isnull()) ]'. On the right side of the notebook, there is a watermark of the Jupyter logo.

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## Interaction with users

- ONB Labs challenge
- Bring your project
- Web residency
- Symposium, talks etc.
- GitLab
- Project proposals

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## Participation in the community

- Booksprint
- Conferences
- Meetings with GLAM institutions



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## Problems

- Heterogenous data (incl. metadata, data storage, rights etc.)
- Unknown or restrictive rights
- Covid pandemic
- Technical limitations
- Changing staff

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## Labs website

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The ONB Labs open digital collections and metadata to promote and inspire active experimentation, artistic and creative work.

The images, text and metadata you can find here are fully open for you to do whatever you like and the matching tools will support your engagement. The ONB Labs are a flexible service, which we will continuously revise and extend.

These are some sketches to show you how our tools and data sets can be used:



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## **ONB Library Labs: a hub for openness in the "Vision 2035"**

- Commitment to embrace Open Science principles  
(Open access, Open source, Open data, Open methods)
- Commitment to transparency (What? Why? How?)
- Commitment to outreach
- Commitment to agile mindset

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## Labs as core infrastructure

- Foster open data policy in institution
- Make things broadly available
- Improve tools and data

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## Focus on users

- Understand more about target users
- Improve access for non-technical users
- Improve User Experience

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## Design thinking and experimentation

- Interviews
- Design Sprint
- Mini-User-Testing
- Scale up for services inside and outside the Library

