A Lexical Database of Multi-Word Expressions in Portuguese

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A Portuguese lexicon of MWE:

• includes idiomatic expressions, collocations, institutionalized phrases, favoured co-occurring forms, etc.
• contains approximately 14.000 entries
• extracted from a 50M balanced Portuguese written corpus
• selected from a sorted list of n-grams based on the MI measure and validated manually
• organized under canonical forms that include several types of variation, such as inflection, gender, lexical insertion, etc. (47.224 forms)
• Lexicon implemented on a MySQL relational database
• Includes 221,847 concordances manually verified

• Proposal for MWE annotation in running text:
  - Linking of idiomatic occurrences to the MWE-entry in the lexicon
  - Information on the canonical form and variations
  - Specific annotation guidelines for each syntactic pattern