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## The *Database of Latin Dictionaries*



... is a project that has been in development for many years by the Centre 'Traditio Litterarum Occidentium' (CTLO) under the direction of Paul Tombeur. Its purpose is to produce for scholars and students an online database comprising a large number of Latin dictionaries. The database will continue to grow gradually and will comprise three kinds of dictionaries: dictionaries to assist translation from Latin into modern languages, dictionaries providing semantic and etymological explanations in Latin of Latin words and historical Latin dictionaries.

The Centre 'Traditio Litterarum Occidentium' does not content itself simply with the inputting of dictionaries, but if possible, tries to bring their quality up to the latest scholarly standards.

These lexicographical enterprises of CTLO are the basis on which a new Latin dictionary can be created. Other lexicographical tools (not only dictionaries) will be added in the future.

## The aim

... of the database is not only to integrate different types of Latin dictionaries, whether modern, medieval or early-modern, but also to build in links between these different tools. Where the dictionaries provide Latin terms and vernacular equivalents or explanations (whether in contemporary or historic forms of English, French, Spanish, Italian or German, say), searches are possible on both the Latin lemmata and the English, French, Spanish, Italian or German lemmata. This database will provide an unsurpassed tool since all Latin word-forms that appear concretely in texts will have a link to the relevant dictionary entries and from there the user can go and read the articles in the selected dictionaries.

The *Database of Latin Dictionaries* is produced by the same Centre 'Traditio Litterarum Occidentium' (CTLO) which is responsible for the *Library of Latin Texts*. CTLO continues the former activities in the field of Latin studies of the Cetedoc.

Cetedoc was founded by the Université Catholique de Louvain at Louvain-la-Neuve and has been developed jointly with the university.



In the *Database of Latin Dictionaries*, searches are possible on both the Latin words and English, French, German, Italian and Spanish words.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Database of Latin Dictionaries. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Settings', 'Help', and 'Logout'. Below that is a search bar with the text 'water' entered. The search results are displayed in a grid format, showing the word 'AQUA' and its various forms and meanings. The main content area is titled 'Article AQUA in Forcellini Lex.' and contains a detailed Latin entry with references to classical authors like Lucretius and Cicero. On the right side, there is a section for 'Surrounding Headwords' with a list of related terms.

# Content



## ONLINE AVAILABLE

### Albert Blaise

#### Dictionnaire latin-français des auteurs chrétiens, 1967

- ▶ This dictionary, which is the only scholarly tool dedicated to the era of the Latin Church Fathers as a whole, covers the period from the earliest Christian writings (the time of Tertullian and the *Passio Perpetuae*) to the dawn of the Carolingian Renaissance. It comprises classical words used by the Fathers when the words are used in new senses, and new lexical creations. The electronic version includes a harmonisation of the references to works cited, an indication of the century of composition of these works, and corrections (*addenda* et *delenda*). This update is based on comparison with published editions. Each entry in the dictionary has been linked to a common lemma (or ‘hyperlemma’) which links the various forms of one word in different dictionaries, and therefore allows cross-checking across the dictionaries envisaged for *DLD*. The hyperlemmata also allow to link the *DLD* with the full-text databases.

### Firmini Verris Dictionarius

#### Dictionnaire latin-français de Firmin Le Ver, ed. by B. Merrilees and W. Edwards , 1994

- ▶ This major dictionary produced by the Carthusian, Firmin Le Ver, drew on several sources, including the thirteenth-century *Catholicon* by Johannes Balbus of Genoa. The *Dictionarius* of Firmin Le Ver was produced in 1440 and its organisational quality and bilingual character makes it one of the greatest lexical undertakings of the Middle Ages. It is more than just a Latin-French dictionary, since it uses both languages in a complementary fashion to define the Latin lemmata. Moreover, the French that Le Ver uses is impressive and shows him to be a lexical innovator himself and someone willing to create new French terms to give very nuanced meanings in the language. The publication of this dictionary as a database also provides scholars with a Medieval French-Latin dictionary.

### C. du Fresne (‘du Cange’)

#### Glossarium mediae et infimae latinitatis

- ▶ The entire inputting of the medieval *Glossarium* of Du Cange – taken from the late-nineteenth-century edition, and including the *addenda* – has been completed by CTLO and is now searchable. Users are able to search the entire lexical data gathered by Du Cange and his successors through an index of Latin words.

### Albert Blaise

#### Lexicon latinitatis medii aevi, 1975

- ▶ Following his dictionary for the Latin of the Church Fathers, continuing his work on lexicography, in 1975 Albert Blaise published the *Lexicon latinitatis medii aevi*. In his wish to be helpful and counter the absence of lexical works for scholastic literature, the author has included attestations from beyond the traditional upper limit of the Middle Ages and did not even recoil from inserting some modern terms, for instance those used in the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965).

### E. Forcellini, G. Furlanetto, Fr. Corradini, J. Perin

#### Lexicon Totius Latinitatis, 1940

- ▶ The *DLD* presents a fully-searchable version of the entirety of Forcellini’s *Lexicon*. The edition used is the latest, which includes the numerous *addenda* of Mgr. Perin and which were published first in 1940. Besides its immense historical importance, this *Lexicon* remains essential for everything which has not yet appeared in the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* (the letters N, P [part], and Q to Z). The importance of Forcellini lies also in his bibliographical notes and his numerous multilingual translations (into French, German, English, Spanish or Italian). This means that the *Lexicon* can be searched via these translations.

### E. Forcellini, J. Perin

**Lexicon Totius Latinitatis. Onomasticon**  
(auctore J. Perin), 1940

- While the Lexicon appeared in four heavy volumes, the *Onomasticon*, published under the name of Forcellini, but redacted by Mgr. Joseph Perrin, who himself equipped it with *addenda*, consists of two bulky volumes. The integration of the *Onomasticon* in the DLD is of marked importance, the more so because the *Thesaurus Linguae Latinae* on proper names has only been published for the letters A to D and there are no current plans of continuing the publication of an *Onomasticon*.

### CH. T. Lewis, Ch. Short

**Latin Dictionary, 1879**

- The Lewis and Short dictionary remains the standard Latin-English dictionary.

### Anonymi Montepessulanensis Dictionarius

ed. by A. Grondeux, 1998

- This is a Latin-to-French glossary taken from manuscript H236 of the Faculty of Medicine of Montpellier, which dates from the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Not only will rare words be found here, such as *acirologia* (also present in Firminus Verris), but this glossary also witnesses forms which are absent from the other dictionaries in the DLD. This is the case with *ambotus*, *-i*, “funnel”, which is not found elsewhere, not even in Du Cange. This anonymous dictionary of Montpellier has been edited by Anne Grondeux in 1998 in the series *Lexica Latina Medii Aevi*.

### Guillaume le Talleur

**Dictionarius familiaris et compendiosus,**  
ed. by W. Edwards and B. Merrilees, 2002

- The *Vocabularius familiaris et compendiosus* is a Latin-French dictionary from the late Middle Ages. It is one of the final links in the chain of medieval lexicographical transmission which includes the works of Papias, Osbern of Gloucester, Hugutio of Pisa, Brito, Johannes Balbus and their successors. It was first printed in Rouen in 1490 by Guillaume Le Talleur and reprinted in 1500 by Martin Morin, Le Talleur’s successor. The *Vocabularius* shares many terms and definitions, while maintaining its own distinct character, with the *Dictionarius* of Firmin Le Ver and the anonymous *Glossarium gallico-latinum*, both from the fifteenth century. The *Vocabularius familiaris et compendiosus* is certainly the most important pre-Renaissance printed Latin-French dictionary.

### A. Souter

**A glossary of Later Latin to 600 A.D., 1957**

- A Latin-English dictionary of late Latin, covering the period from the end of the second century to the beginning of the seventh century, and originally conceived as a supplement to the Oxford Latin Dictionary, which does not include Christian texts or go beyond the earliest centuries. A. Souter’s work remains an indispensable complement to that of A. Blaise.

GLOSSARIUM  
AD SCRIPTORES MEDIE & INFIMAE  
LATINITATIS



The screenshot shows the DLD interface with a search for 'AQUA'. The results section lists several dictionaries, with 'Dictionnaire latin-français des auteurs chrétiens' selected. The article for 'AQUA' is displayed, including its Latin text and a list of surrounding headwords.

Entry “aqua” in the *Dictionnaire latin-français des auteurs chrétiens*



The screenshot shows the LLT interface with a search for 'aqua, -ae'. The results section displays a list of 10 occurrences of the word in Latin literature, including the author, title, and page number for each entry.

Occurrences of the word “aqua, -ae” in Latin literature



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## ‘live links’

One of the most challenging and complex element of the whole enterprise is the building of live links between the full-text databases and the Latin dictionaries, which enhances the search-possibilities and results available to users. These links enable the user who has conducted a search on a word in a dictionary within *DLD* to export this word automatically to its sister-database and thereby identify actual occurrences of the particular word in the *Library of Latin Texts* in its actual context.

Likewise, a user can select a word found in a text of *LLT* (or in one of the other full-text databases, namely the *Monumenta Germaniae Historica*, *Aristoteles Latinus Database* and the *Archive of Celtic-Latin Literature*) and automatically find entries on the word in the constituent dictionaries of the *DLD*.

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