











thesauri. Due to the software's modular architecture, it would be easy to write import capabilities for other vocabularies. Finally, a whole range of software libraries was written and released as open source to help in integrating vocabularies powered by Attramhasis in other Python projects.

## 7. CONCLUSIONS

During the last 15 years Flanders Heritage has known a lot of changes in the way we handle information. These changes – initialized by the need to digitalize and disseminate our data – led to different ways of working with data and different needs, but also created interesting possibilities. Thesauri are one of the things that really revolutionized our data management. Everyday simple questions that could not be answered previously now can be answered thanks to the use of thesauri.

Though we cannot underestimate the time and effort it takes to build a thesaurus and the need for guidelines and rules when working with thesauri, the advantages are numerous: data input gets easier, advanced querying of the database suddenly becomes possible, use of vocabularies and terminology is more uniform and exchanging information with other organizations using similar vocabularies is now conceivable.

Flanders Heritage continues to seek new ways in bringing our data to the public. Using open source software and open data in the case of thesauri adds to this evolution.

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