In-Class Activity 1

- 1. Examine the four facsimiles of register pages from the Comédie-Française in Paris.
- 2. Identify the different categories of information
- 3. Develop a method for the extraction of this information in a digital format
- 4. Brainstorm about possible storage and access options
- 5. Envision the tools that can tap into this data (search, visualizations, etc.)
- 6. What is the intended audience for your approach?
- 7. What are the kinds of questions your audience could solve with your approach?

Assignment 1 – Due Session 2

- Read the chapters "Digital Humanities Fundamentals" and "The Project as Basic Unit" in the Short Guide to Digital_Humanities (SG 2 SG 5).
 Come prepared to class on Wednesday to discuss the core ideas in the chapter you selected.
- 2. Read the following chapters of *Emerging Methods and Genres* in *Digital Humanities*:
 - a. Enhanced critical curation, pp. 32-34
 - b. Augmented editions and fluid textuality, pp. 35-36
 - c. Scale: the law of large numbers, pp. 37-39
 - d. Distant/close, macro/micro, surface/depth, pp. 39-40

Comment on one of the sections on our website. What is changing when established humanities practices, methodologies, or assumptions move into the digital space?

- 3. Finalize your group's CFRP project prototype. Describe on the equivalent of one page:
 - a. Your approach to go from facsimile to data
 - b. The process by which you will store and present the data
 - c. What tools you will be building
 - d. Who is the exact audience for your project?
 - e. What kind of research questions does your project address?
 - f. Include any sketches, designs you might have developed (on separate "pages"
 - g. Post the description of your prototype on our website

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