

## The design of a corpus of Contemporary Arabic

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Corpora are an important resource for both teaching and research. Arabic lacks sufficient resources in this field, has been designed to compile a corpus, which represents the state of the Arabic language at the present time and This report presents the result of a survey of the needs of teachers of Arabic as a foreign language (TAFL) and lar survey shows that a wide range of text types should be included in the corpus. Overall, our survey confirms our v are too narrowly limited in source-type and genre, and that there is a need for a freely-accessible corpus of cont covering a broad range of text-types. We have collected and published an initial version of the Corpus of Contem meet these design issues. The CCA is freely downloadable via WWW from <http://www.comp.leeds.ac.uk/arabic>.

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