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“A ‘Super-Corpus’ and a ‘Hyper-Linked’ Dictionary? Thinking about the Future of Old English Lexical Studies with Creativity and Playfulness

This short presentation is based on a dialogue that a few members of the Dictionary of Old English recently had in response to the question “What should the most ideal picture of the DOE products look like in the future?” The DOE project has to date produced two major research tools, both of which have had a profound impact on the fields of English, linguistics, and historical lexicography: namely, the *Dictionary of Old English* and the Dictionary of Old English *Corpus*. Each of these two products has its own history of development, its own research capabilities, and its own potential for future growth. But this ad-hoc “Creative-Thinking Team” has come to the conclusion that the two should begin to develop a two-way dialogue, while each should also develop links to various other sources. The recommendation of this ad hoc team was therefore to imagine a research space for Old English lexical studies as a one stop shop.