MEMOS IN TAMS ANALYZER

TAMSZINE #3

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A NOTE ON MY EXPLANATIONS/ INSTRUCTIONS.

I WILL INDICATE MENU ITEMS BY SAYING TOP→NEXT→NEXT LEVEL OF THE MENU.

FOR INSTANCE, IN THE EXAMPLE BELOW, IF I WANTED YOU TO PICK PLAY/STOP; I'D SAY PICK "CODING→AUDIO/VISUAL→PLAY/STOP"

| ...ht | Coding | Results | Project | Metatags | Reports | Window | Help |

New code...   ^⌘N
Apply code...   ^⌘A
Insert code name

Audio/Visual   ▶   Play/Stop
                                     Backspace
Check for pairs   Forwardspace
Check for nested   Insert
                                     Jump
Enable all codes   Find nearest time code
Disable unused codes
                                     Show time as hh:mm:ss
t Code List
st: setcode_   Recolor tags   ^⌘R   Slow down
                     Color tags   ▶   Speed up
n_paste
                     Escape braces
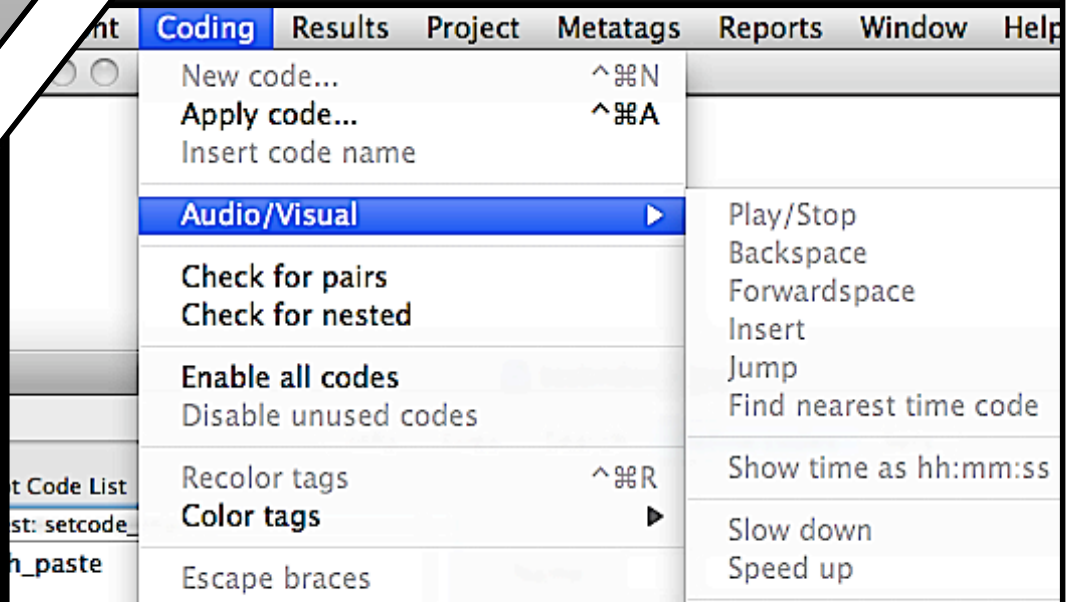
Memos have only come to TAMS in a complete way with the release of TA 3.5. In this issue of the zine I want to take some time and outline how to work with memos!

Previous versions of tams allowed comments to be added to passages, but there was no way to write extensive notes about texts and then reference specific places in the database.

In TA 3.5, that capability is added, along with others that really make TA more useful for memoing.

New   Open   Remove

Holder

Memos are just documents in your database. Create them with the new button. You can code memos, and, if the memo is in your search list, the coded passages will be in your results. You could also leave them out of the search list, or make a separate search list with them.

Memos.rtf

coreInterviewA.rtf

coreInterviewB.rtf

Edit   Search

{!name "Memos.rtf"}
{!last date}
{date}2008-10-13 20:23:14 -0700{
{!setcode boundary, buddy}
Thoughts on the distinctions that
this analysis: betw
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There is also   eden
the small nat   unit
boundaries b   nd
Protesters an   edics; buddies an
complex co ology emerges.

{date}2008-10-28 10:07:01 -0700{
{!setcode military, macho, alterna

I have multiple memos in a single file; each starts with the date, coded as "date."

Edit   Search

{!name "Memos.rtf"}
{!last date}
{date}2008-10-13 20:23:14 -
{!setcode bou   dy}
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I structure the document around the date, by declaring it the "!last" context code in each memo block

I use the insert date from the Coding menu; but if you don't like the format, just hand type it in!

{!last date}
{date}2008-10-13 20:23:14 -0700
{!setcode boundary, buddy}
Thoughts on some distinctions

After the date, I use !setcode to tag this memo. Basically, this acts as the subject line of the memo.

These are not context codes. They are data codes. In a search, the entire memo will be returned one time for each setcode word I have here. These codes do not need to be declared. You can make up tags as you go.

...this analysis first there is one ...ation of other ...dic units ...eer credentialing because ...community. There are als... ...boundaries between med...

Codes

_time
actions
awareness
buddy   buddy>crowd
buddy>crowd
chemicalWarfare
chemicalWarfare>treatments

While you can make up tags as you go along, you may want to use the codes you've created, for consistency's sake. To do so, just drag the code you want to add from your code list to your !setcode statement. You will have to add commas between the codes you drop in.

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the meds

!setcode assumes that you are not using the coder initials and that you want the codes you list to end at the same time your !last statement ends (before the next item coded with date, in our example).

Alternatively you could use !setcodeinfo which lets you set the codes, the coder and the point at which the codes terminate. The syntax looks something like {!setcodeinfo codes="boundary, buddy" coder="MGW" horizon="end"} If this is confusing to you (especially the horizon bit) you'll need to look at the User guide to understand what a horizon is for a TAMS variable, and what end vs. endsection do. Both the coder and the horizon are optional.

If you choose to use tags not in your code list, you can add them later.

Imp...

Add >

Add all >>

< Remove

Make sure the files using !setcode and !setcode info are in your search list.

basic

Search List
blackblock.rtf
PhoenixArticle.rtfd
newsFromTheRNC.rtf
Emails.rtf
AnarchistBookFair.rtfd
ABookFair-Tacoma-Summer0
GroupInterviewOfMe.rtf
voice...ail.rtf
memo.rtf
Memos.rtf
coreInterviewA.rtf
coreInterviewB.
largeGroup10
coreGroup
coreGro
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Summ
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8.r
10.rtf
10b.r
10c1.
10c2.
g.rtf   22

Pick the "Project->Import codes from !setcode" menu option.

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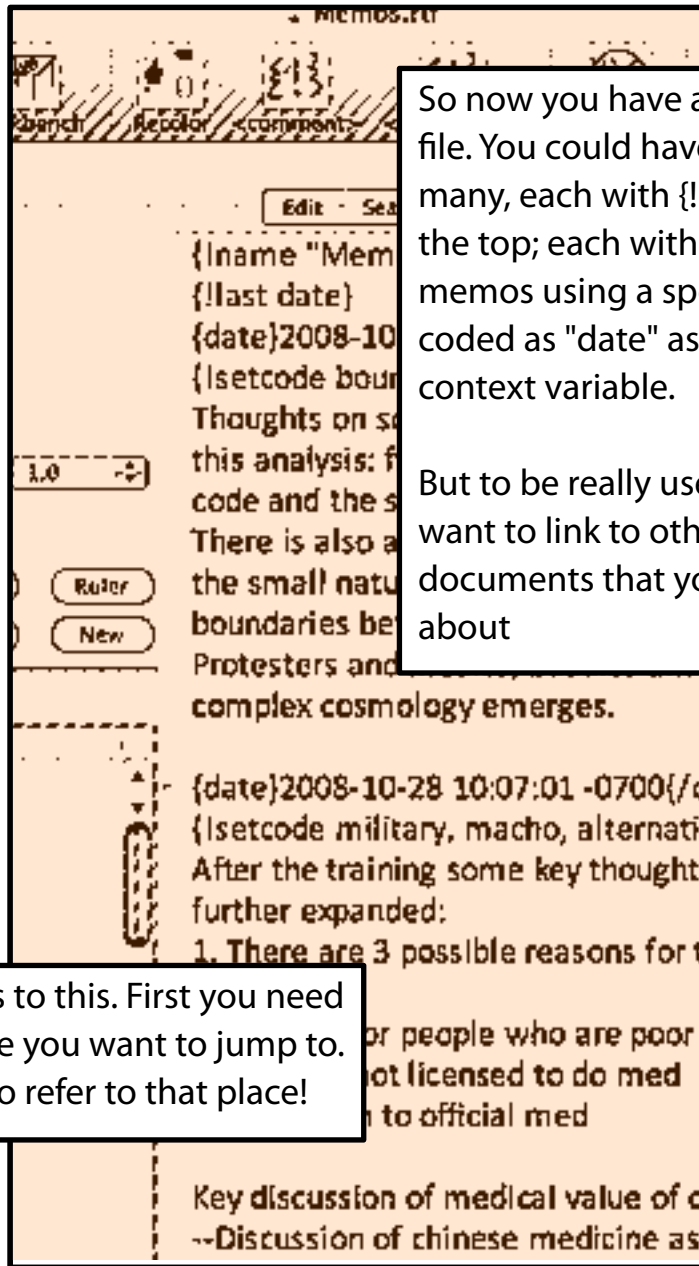Info   Files   Search   Define c

Hot Code List
Codest: setcode_Import
clothing
food
gas

Name:
Color: ☑ Us
Definition:

TAMS will check to see if any of the codes are new. If they are, TAMS will put together a hot code list of the new codes and open the "Define codes" tab so you can add definitions for just these newcomers. (new in TA 3.52)

So now you have a basic memo file. You could have one or many, each with {!last date} at the top; each with multiple memos using a specific date coded as "date" as the last context variable.

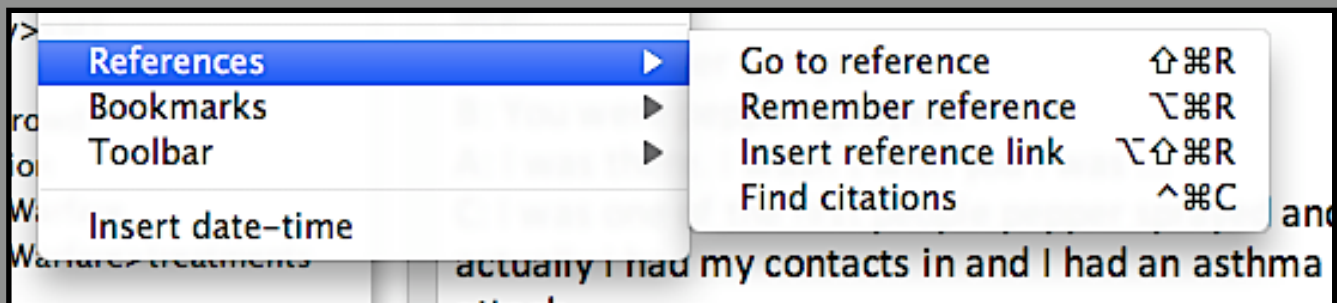But to be really useful you'll want to link to other documents that you are talking about

There are 2 steps to this. First you need to mark the place you want to jump to. Then you need to refer to that place!
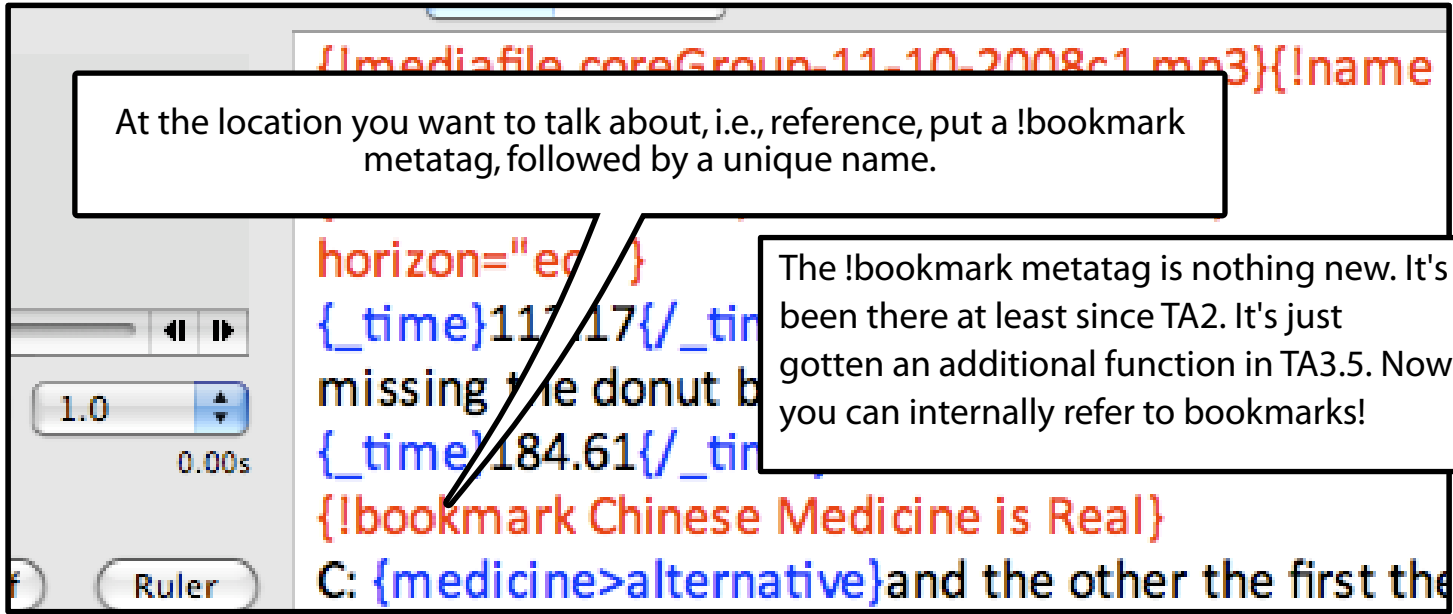
At the location you want to talk about, i.e., reference, put a !bookmark metatag, followed by a unique name.

The !bookmark metatag is nothing new. It's been there at least since TA2. It's just gotten an additional function in TA3.5. Now you can internally refer to bookmarks!

{!mediafile coreGroup-11-10-2008c1.mp3}{!name

horizon="ed...}
{_time}11...17{/_tim...
missing t...e donut b...
{_time}184.61{/_tim...
{!bookmark Chinese Medicine is Real}
C: {medicine>alternative}and the other the first the

Once you have your bookmark in place, click anywhere inside of it. Then pick from the Coding menu, "References->Remember reference"

References	▶	Go to reference	⇧⌘R
Bookmarks	▶	Remember reference	⌥⌘R
Toolbar	▶	Insert reference link	⌥⇧⌘R
		Find citations	^⌘C
Insert date-time			

actually I had my contacts in and I had an asthma

That will copy it to the clipboard in the form of a reference.

Now, open your memo. Click where you would like the reference to appear.

...f medical value of chinese r
--Discussion of chinese medicine as making
real; also of first aid as lower status.
->{!goto file="coreGroup2008-11-10c1.rtf"
    bookmark="Chinese Medicine is Real"}
->{!goto file="coreInterviewB.rtf" bookmark:
    medicine reference

Then pick "Insert reference link" from Coding->References submenu (see last panel). Voila! A "!goto" tag will be inserted.

To use this link, click in it and pick from the menu bar "Coding->References->Go To Reference." The file with the bookmark will open and the bookmark metatag will be selected.

of chinese medicine
e as making things
status.

->{!goto file="coreGroup2008-11-10c1.rtf" bookmark="Chinese Medicine is Real"}
->{!goto file="coreInterviewB.rtf" bookmark="Alt medicine reference from train1"}

Del. pair   Ins. ref. link   Remember ref.   Go to ref.   Prev tag
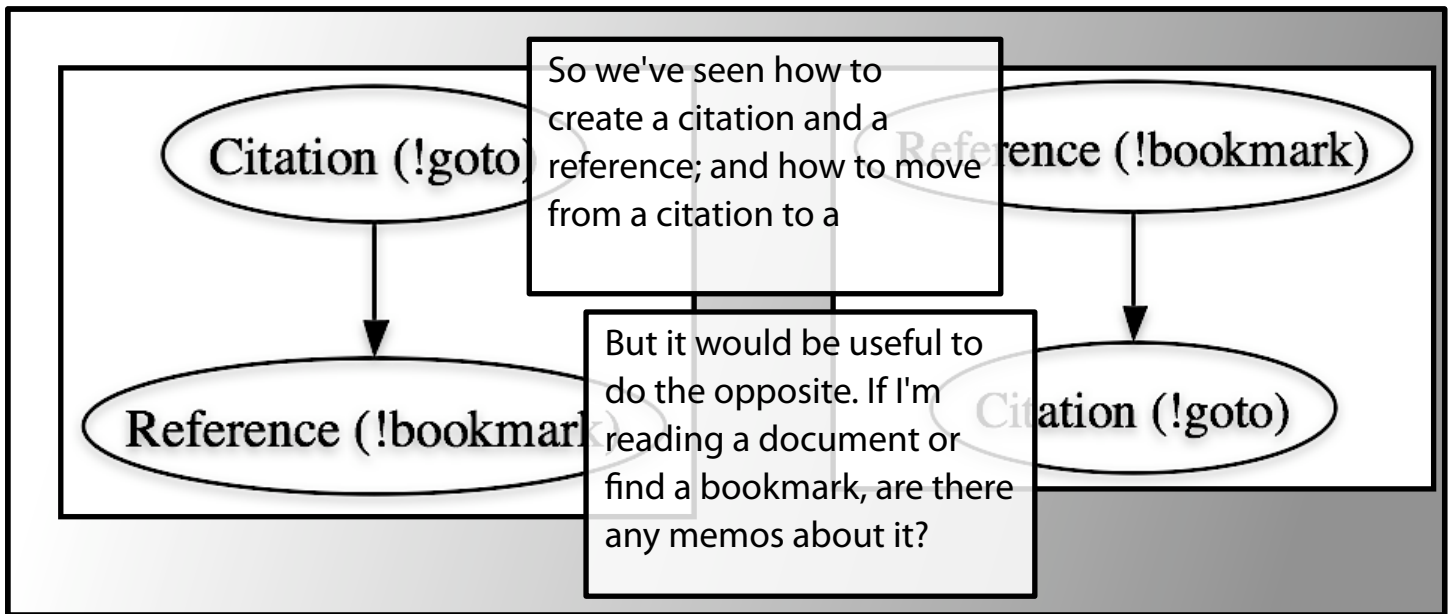
Search

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08-11-10c1
ate", value

TA provides 3 very ugly icons to save you from having to dig through those menus. You can add these temporarily by using the customize toolbar option on the Windows menu BUT the buttons will not be permanent. They will be gone next time you open your window.

Instead, to make them permanent, use the !button command in your init file. The button commands for the three functions on the Coding->Reference menu are cmd::rememberReference, cmd::insertReferenceLink and cmd::goToReference

You will find all 3 on the Coding->Toolbar->Commands

el. pair   Remember ref.   Ins. ref. link   Go to ref.   Prev tag

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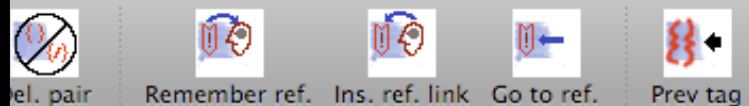
{!button cmd::recolorTags, "<comment>","</comment>",l, cmd::delTagPair,l,cmd::rememberReferen ce,cmd::insertReferenceLink,cmd::goToR eference,l,cmd::findPrevTag}

So we've seen how to create a citation and a reference; and how to move from a citation to a

But it would be useful to do the opposite. If I'm reading a document or find a bookmark, are there any memos about it?

Open and click in the document that you want to find citations for. Then pick Coding->References->Find citations.

A window will open with a list of all files that cite this document. Double click on an item and the citing window will open and scroll to the citation (aka !goto statement.)

If you open a document and click in a bookmark, Coding->References->Find citations will show you citations of just that bookmark.

If you have your project window in front, Coding->References->Find citations will show you all citations in the entire project.