Lite SNAC

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What is Lite SNAC?

- Web forms for creating basic SNAC records
- Alternative to SNACSchool and Editor’s dashboard
Purpose of Project

● Make SNAC more inclusive and accessible
● Diversify repositories and constellation records in SNAC
● Target small repositories
  ○ Under-resourced
  ○ May not have trained archivist on staff
● Lower barrier for participation
Lite SNAC

- Repository form
- Resource form
- CPF form
Keep it simple!

- Clear language -- avoid jargon
  - Surname/Forename → Last name/First name
  - 3-letter language codes → Spell out language names

- Minimize number of fields
  - Repository form - RepoData
  - Resource form - NUCMC/DACS required fields
  - CPF form - SNAC editorial policy on minimal required fields
Decision tree design

- Guided experience (like an installation wizard)
- Question and answer format
- Answers determine form/field displayed
Decision tree design

- Keeps user focused
- Displays only relevant fields
- Allows more fields without visual clutter
- Accommodates more complex processes
  - Searching for existing record in SNAC → creating new record when necessary
Making the forms more user-friendly

- Clear labels
- Provide examples
- General instructions for filling out forms
- List of information needed for forms
In progress and future work

- Improve form design and user experience
- Add support for additional CPF fields
- Improve form validations
- Create list of information needed for forms
- Testing phase
- Outreach
We need small repositories to test!

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