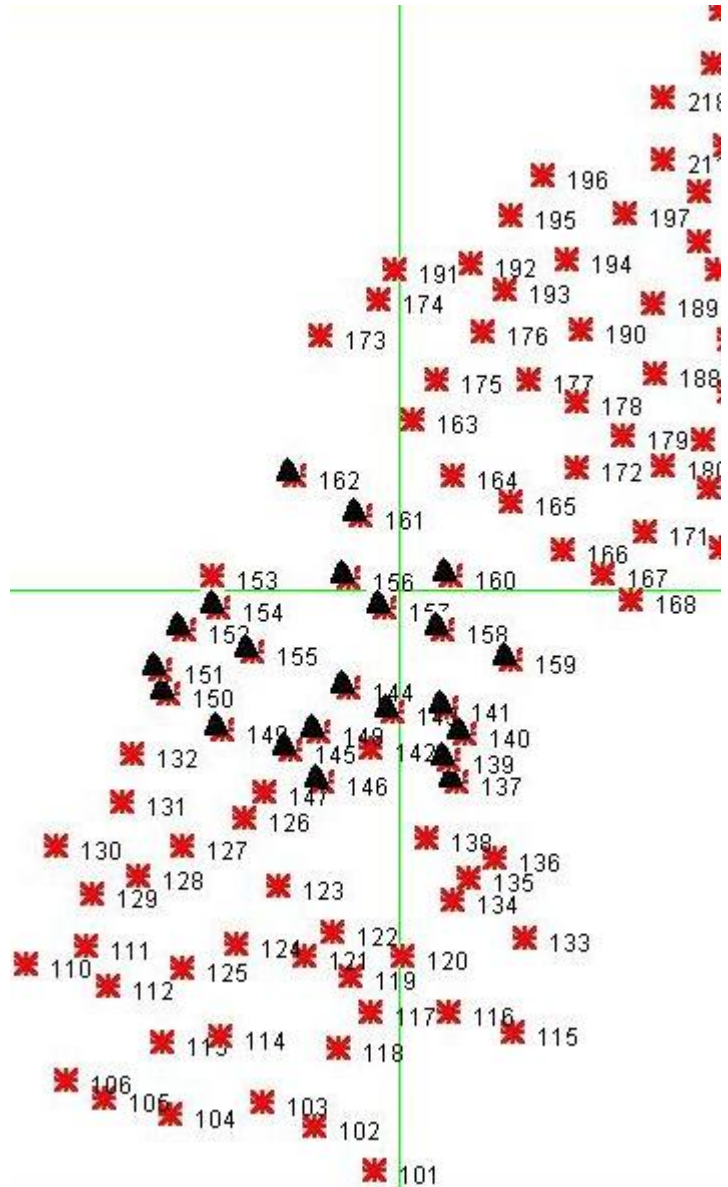


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Here is our current presentation of the Romanian Online Dialect Atlas. It includes data from Volumes I and II of the source atlas, and includes the following functions:

- Selection of data files (One data file for each hardcopy page; 407 files in total);
- Search for data (You specify a string of characters to be found in one or more files);
- Virtual keyboard (It allows you to specify a search string using the notation of the field notes);
- Manual review and editing of search results (You can handle "exceptions" that you find in your search);
- Display of search results on a custom-built map;
- Creation of interpretive maps, either from search results or manually;
- Editing of maps (They can be labelled, given legends, and saved as .jpg files for use in publications);
- Multidimensional scaling (MDS) analysis of selected files (Results are shown as a map);

The system also provides access to a selection of sound clips. These sound clips represent a lot of data (compared to the rest of the system), so we will provide the sound data at a later date. At this time, you get only a few sample sound files.



Note on data: We believe our digital data is fully and accurately captured. However, if you encounter any cases where the data appears to be inappropriately presented, please let us know. In a few cases, we are still working on a way to put variants in a systematic order, and this arrangement will be posted when ready.

We are aware of some other online dialect atlases. To see more [click here](#).

Instructions

To use the system, you need to install the system on your computer:

- Download [roda.zip](#) to any new directory on your system.
- Unzip the package (Try right-clicking on the zip file to access your computer's built-in unzip utility, or use the Extract command). You must extract the files, and not just use them from the unzip directory. The unzip utility will create a file called **roda2151.jar**, (where 2151 is the current release number) and several directories with files needed for our system. (Do not alter the .jar file or the system or data files.)
- The system will also create a directory called **User** where, by default, you can store maps and other outputs of the system.
- When the system has been installed, click or double click on **roda2151.jar** to run the application.
 - The system takes a few moments to load. Please be patient, and watch the progress bar on the opening screen.
 - If **roda2151.jar** does not seem to run, it may be that you need to load the Java run time environment on your system. This is easily done by going to <http://java.com> to get the free download. It takes only a few moments.
 - If the program starts but does not show a map of North-west Romania on the cover screen, it may be that you did not extract the files from the zip file. Run your unzip utility (or right-mouse click on the .zip file) and select the extract option.
 - There is help-text on each page of the system. Click on the [?] button for information on how to use RODA.
 - There is a help text manual called *RODA ToolBench Help Text* available for download [here](#).
- There is one sample sound file in the current **roda.zip** download. Soon, we will be able to make other sound files available (they are large). They should be added directly to the Sound directory that you have already established.