The PAGe is an interdisciplinary and international project which aims at the creation of the first digital thesaurus for the Pennsylvania German language (PG). Since “Pennsylvania Deitsch” still lacks a recognized standard, this tool represents a necessary first step in order to process and analyze texts written in this idiom. A main issue is spelling variation: in the history of PG, many different orthographies have been tried out, some of which are still in use while others have been given up. The digital thesaurus will be the result of innovative computational linguistic techniques implemented with the Python programming language and shall be as complete as possible taking into account the most important spelling variants and regional synonyms. It shall be a useful and reliable tool for research in PG-related studies.

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