The Open Language Archives Community (OLAC) provides a standard for language resource description that permits users to simultaneously query the 40+ participating language archives in order to find resources among the 100,000+ items they hold. This poster demonstrates three mechanisms OLAC has developed for helping web users to discover language resources of potential interest within the collections of the participating archives.

1. **Google search**

   - **Participating archives**
     - The 43 participating institutions are listed on the left. Membership is open. If you know an institution whose materials should also be included, encourage them to join. For information on what this means, see the FAQs on the OLAC home page (www.language-archives.org).

2. **Browse by country and language**

   - **For this query, OLAC's index page for this language is the second hit.** For uncommon languages, the OLAC index page is typically high.

3. **Explore via faceted search at search.language-archives.org**

   - Click to list the 3,077 items for the Eskimo-Aleut family.
   - Click to list the 418 items that are Sound.
   - Click to list the single item that is online.
   - Click to list all language families (from ISO 639-5).

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Flexible search using facets

The complete list of 26 facets is listed on the right. The first 14 facets are opened to show the four most frequent values. They stem from controlled vocabularies that OLAC uses to permit consistent search across all the participating archives. The final 12 facets have freeform content.

The search interface always shows the current facet list in the right pane. Following each facet value is the number of items in current selection which have that value. At the outset, all 100,000+ items are selected. Clicking on a facet value narrows the selection to just the items with that value and causes the list of values with counts to be immediately recalculated to reflect the items in the new, more narrow selection.