



# PHILOBIBLON PROJECT

Biobibliographic database of medieval and  
Renaissance romance texts

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**PHILOBIBLON IS A CLASSIC DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT. IT EMERGED IN 1975 AND HAS MANAGED TO REACH THE PRESENT DAY BY AVOIDING DIGITAL OBSOLESCENCE.**

**THE PROJECT IS MADE UP OF THREE GROUPED BIBLIOGRAPHIES: BETA (IN SPANISH), BITAGAP (IN GALICIAN AND PORTUGUESE) AND BITECA (IN CATALAN).**



## PHILOBIBLON TEAM

Currently, PhiloBiblon is made up of more than 20 national and international researchers. The director is **Charles Faulhaber**, professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and renowned Hispanicist.

Migration of data from MS-DOS to **Windows** media was possible.

The database was transported to the Revelation system, a **relational database** that operated under MS-DOS2.

1975

1987

1997

2001

2025

The database initially contained 966 records, made through a **flat file database** management system called FAMULUS (plain text files).

A **web page** was created by dumping the entire database into text files with ASCII code.

The DB will move to **FactGrid**, a LOD-based **wiki** environment.

## **LINKED DATABASES ARE BASED ON THE DECLARATION OF TRIPLETS WITH A STRUCTURE**

**SUBJECT>PREDICATE>OBJECT**

**WHERE THE PREDICATE IS A P AND THE SUBJECT AND  
OBJECT ARE A Q.**

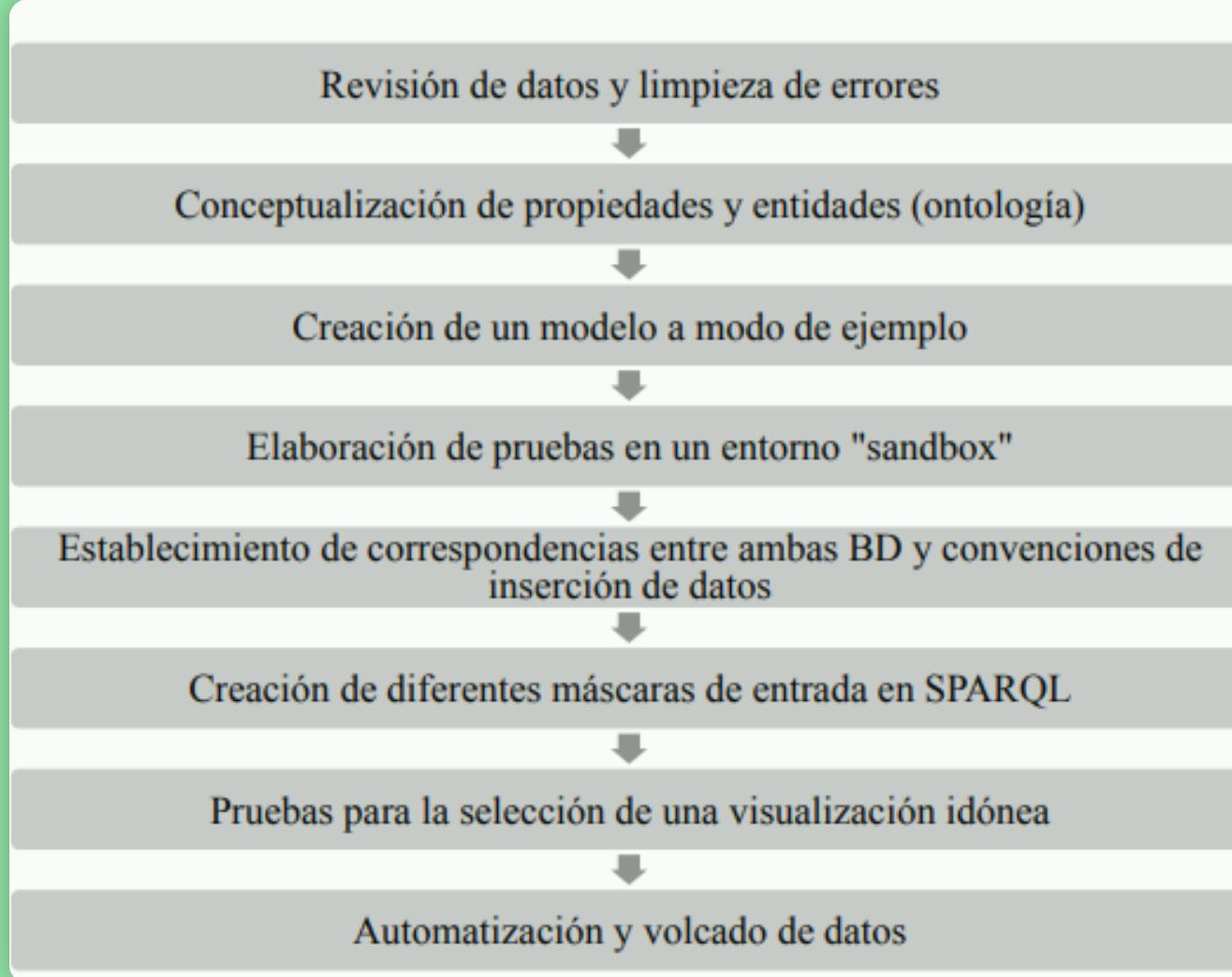
Triple: entidad + propiedad + entidad  
Santillana (Q2877)

*escribe* (P50) la “Comedieta de Ponza” (Q390408)

*nace* (P82) en Carrión de los Condes (Q986557)

*marido* (P26) de Catalina Suárez de Figueroa (Q96075961)

*padre* (P40) del cardenal Pedro González de Mendoza (Q786748)



# WORKFLOW

**ESTABLISHED STEPS  
FOR PHILIBIBLON  
TRANSFORMATION OF A  
RELATIONAL TO A  
LINKED DATABASE.**

**THE NUMBER OF  
RECORDS IN THE THREE  
BIBLIOGRAPHIES  
TOTALLED 192,150 IN 2017.**



PhiloBiblon

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ID no. of MS **BETA manid 2098**  
City and Library Madrid **Biblioteca Nacional de España**  
Collection: Call number MSS/T867 /olim T867 /olim T-292  
Title of volume Tratado de Hernando Pulgar (lomo (tinta))  
Copied Tratado de [...] del Pulgar Coronista de los señores [...]tolicos (plano superior)  
1601 - 1700 (IGM)

Writing surface papel (IGM)  
Format 4º (García 2014)  
Leaf Analysis ff.: 108: 1-62 + 66-111 + 1 (guarda) (García 2014)  
ff.: 111 (IGM)  
Collation 1<sup>12</sup> 2<sup>12</sup>·1 h. 3<sup>14</sup> 4-5<sup>12</sup> 6<sup>14</sup> 7-8<sup>12</sup> 9<sup>8</sup> (García 2014)  
Page Layout 20 ll. (24v) (García 2014)  
21 ll. (25r) (García 2014)  
33 ll. (44v) (García 2014)  
28 ll. (35v) (García 2014)  
26 ll. (77v) (García 2014)  
27 ll. (García 2014)  
Size hoja: 210 x 160 mm (Simón)  
hoja: 209 x 150 mm (IGM)  
hoja: 210 x 150 mm (25r) (García 2014)  
caja: 180 x 130 mm (19r) (García 2014)  
encuad.: 213 x 160 mm (García 2014)  
Hand itálica cursiva (ff. 1-43, 45-63) (García 2014)  
itálica (ff. 44, 64-107) (García 2014)  
Watermark cruz latina inscrita dentro de un círculo (2, 3, 13, 14, 16, 21, 25, 30, 36, 40, 47, 65, 70, 71, 73, 80, 84, 85, 90, 91, 92, 93, 106, 107 contramarcas (10, 12, 27, 33, 66, 68, 69, 75, 82, 83, 87, 102, 103, 104, 105) (García 2014)  
moncúculo encima de unos círculos pequeños (cuad. 5: 54, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62) (García 2014)  
Other features Reclamos: en todas las págs. (García 2014)  
Condition ff. 1 y 62v en blanco (Faulhaber 2014)  
Binding perg. de la época (García 2014)  
History of volume Comprado 1753-11-12 (Andrés 1990)  
Previous owners (oldest first) [Juan Alfonso de Guerra y Sandoval, regidor de Toledo](#) (Andrés 1990)

External

PhiloBiblon

italica

cursiva

ff. 1-43, 45-63

italica

ff. 44, 64-107

Filigrama

	Nota	f. ff.
cruz	latina inscrita dentro de un círculo	2, 3, 13, 14, 16, 21, 25, 30, 36, 40, 47, 65, 70, 71, 73, 80, 84, 85, 90, 91, 9
moncúculo	encima de unos círculos pequeños	cuad. 5: 54, 56, 58, 59, 61, 62

Rasgo físico

	Nota
Reclamos:	en todas las págs.

Procedencia

[Juan Alfonso de Guerra y Sandoval, regidor de Toledo](#)

Historia

	Fecha de inicio
Comprado	1753-11-12 Gregorian

Referencias secundarias

<a href="#">Andrés (1990). "La biblioteca nobiliaria del cronista Juan Alfonso Guerra, rey de armas de Felipe V, en la Biblioteca Nacional", Boletín de la Real Academia de la Historia</a>
<a href="#">Biblioteca Nacional de España (1953-2002). Inventario general de manuscritos (IGM)</a>

Current data display in  
PhiloBiblon

Data visualization in  
FactGrid in spring  
2025



## FINDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE DATA

WE APPLY

For example, all PhiloBiblon references are connected to the data of the Spanish National Library (texid=work, manid=testimony):



INTEROPERABLE  
DATA  
**FAIR**



REUSABLE  
DATA

PRINCIPLES

Referencia  
bibliográfica

Claros varones de Castilla de Hernando del Pulg  
Madrid, Universidad Complutense, 1992

Pulgar,Fernando del, Claros varones de Castilla;  
1985

PhiloBiblon, BETA manid 2098

**DATOS·BNE·ES**

# **CHALLENGES**

- SOLVE ALL ERRORS THAT AUTOMATION PRESENTS US**
- MANAGE USER CHANGES CARRIED OUT WHEN THE DATABASE IS PUBLIC AND THE DATA IS OPEN**
- CONVINCE ALL RESEARCHERS THAT THE DATA CAN BE IMPROVED, TO BE PUBLIC IT SHOULD NOT BE PERFECT**
- CONTINUE TO ENSURE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE PROJECT IN THE FUTURE**



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FactGrid

a database for historians

# WEB



- The project has been sponsored by the **Bancroft Library** thanks to **Charles Faulhaber**
- The website is maintained thanks to the **Pompeu Fabra University**
- The transition to a wiki environment will be on **FactGrid**, a project of the Gotha Research Centre operated by the computer lab of the Thuringian State and University Library (ThULB) in Jena.
- The transition is funded by the **National Endowment for the Humanities**
- You can follow our discoveries on the **Philoblog** that we update regularly and on the project's social networks:



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