

CLARIN

Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure



ARBIL, the CMDI metadata editor

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What is Arbil



- ARBIL is an application for organising research data and associated metadata into a format appropriate for archiving.
- There are many features in Arbil that enable users to view and edit their data.
- The data can be viewed side by side in tables and bulk edited in the same table.
- ARBIL is designed so that it can be used offline in remote locations.
- The data can be entered at any stage in part or as a whole.

History of Arbil

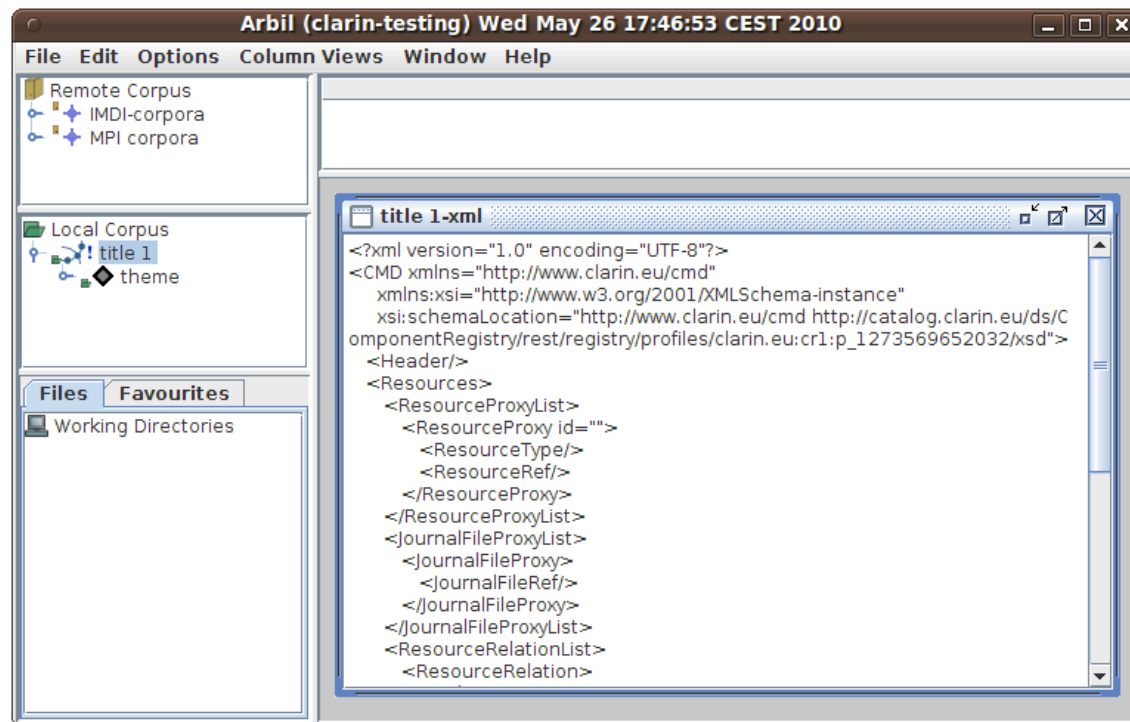


- The development of Arbil has stemmed from discussions with many researchers at the MPI and members of the DOBES community and the experience gained from previous metadata editors developed at the MPI over the last ten years.
- Arbil has been developed over the last two years and contains many features in order to fulfill the wide ranging needs expressed by its users, while maintaining the functionality of the previous editors. Arbil continues to be actively developed to extend these features further.

An XML editor



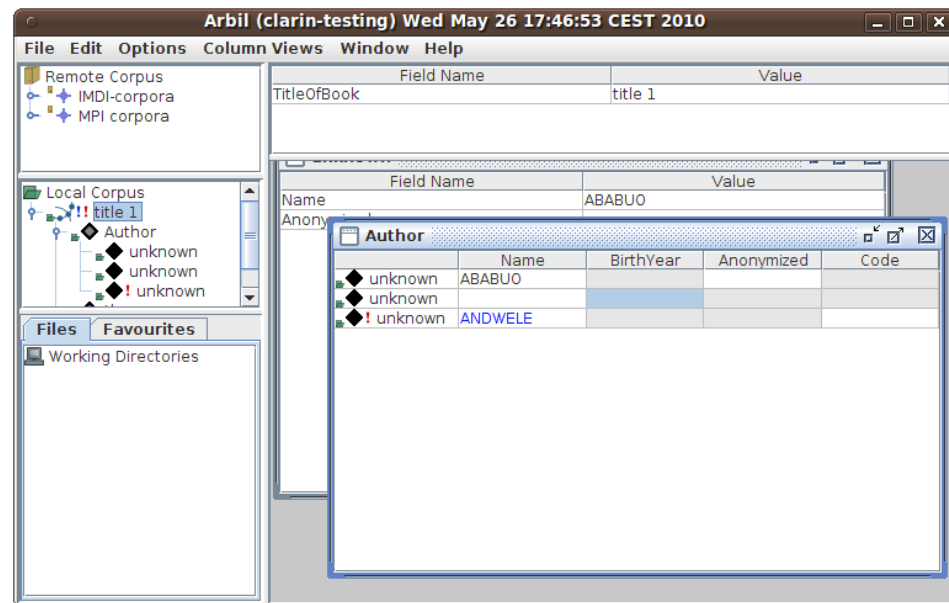
- Arbil is essentially an XML editor
- Reads and writes to XML
- Validates via the schema
- Generates XML from the schema



Specialised Functions



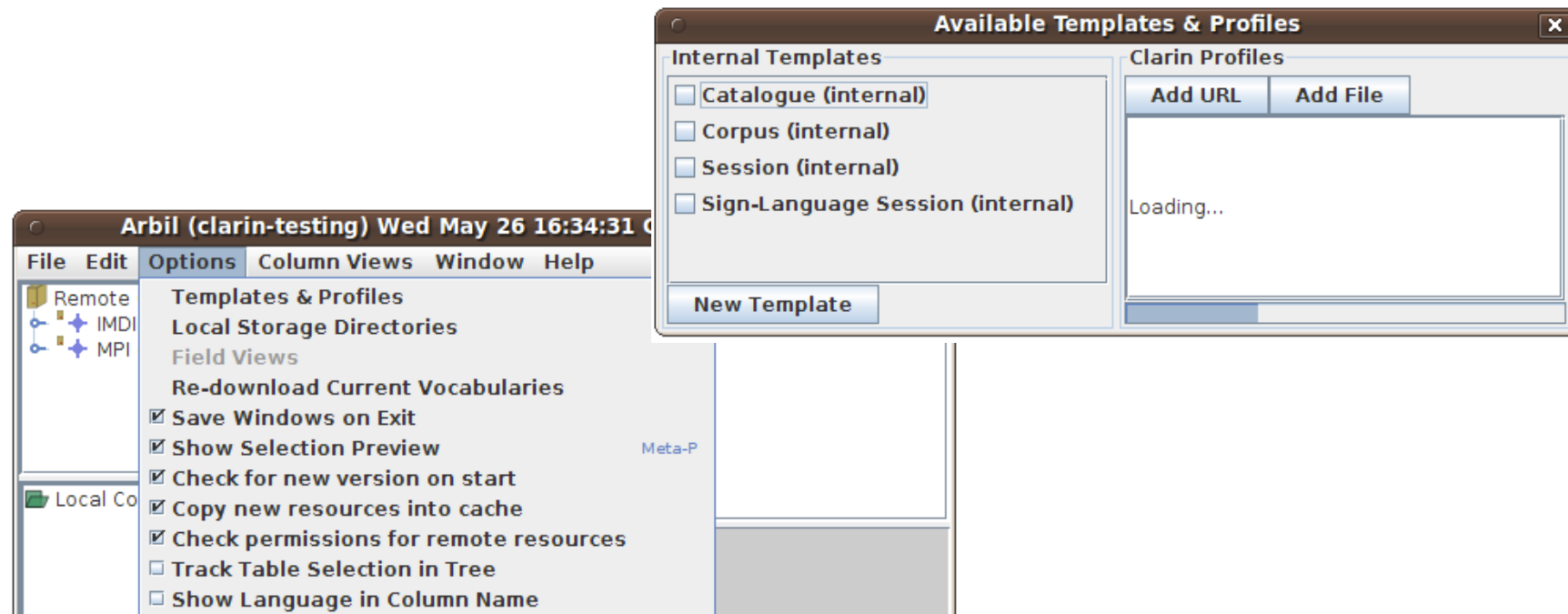
- Arbil differs from a standard XML editor in that it has functionality specialised for editing metadata.
- Whereas if a user hand edits the XML files there are likely to be difficult to detect errors.
- The attaching resource files is handled consistently.
- Both IMDI and CMDI formats are supported.
- Workflow focused
- Table view
- Drag and drop
- Bulk copy and paste
- Multiple undo and redo
- Resource file preview
- Customisable columns



Selecting Profiles in Arbil



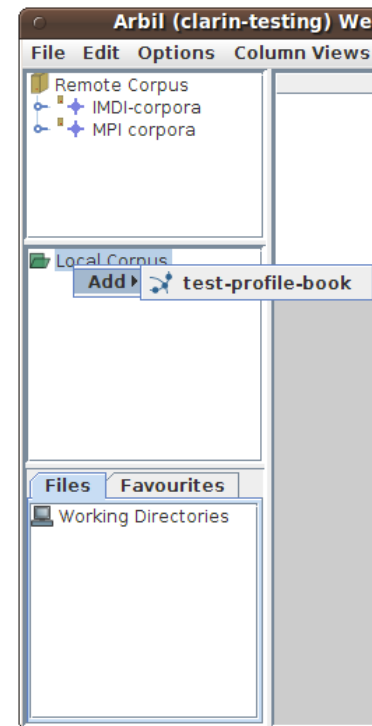
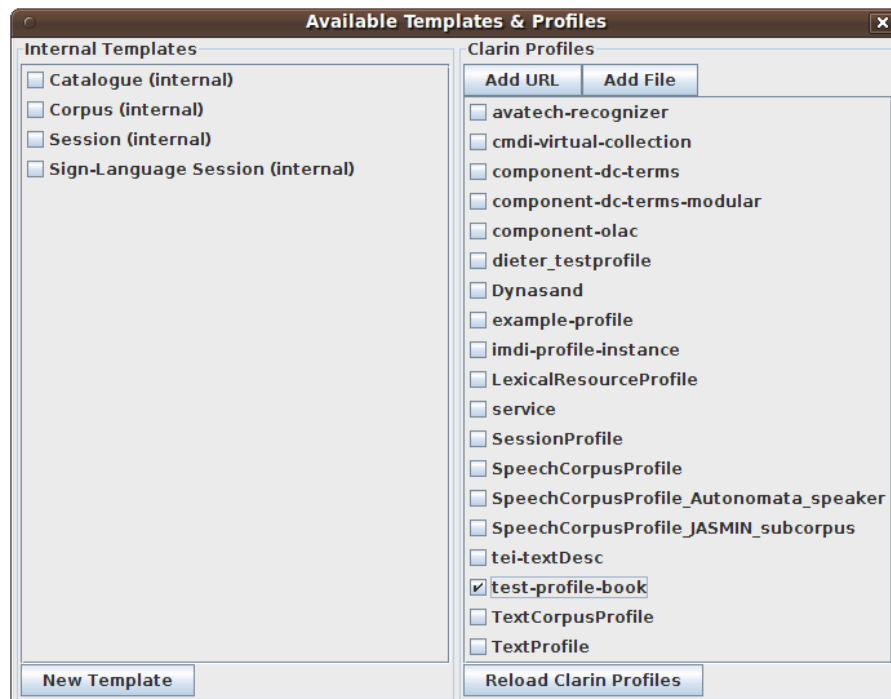
- The Clarin Profile Registry is accessible in Arbil via the “Options” menu, under “Templates & Profiles”.
- The first time dialogue is opened it will download the current profiles from the Clarin server.



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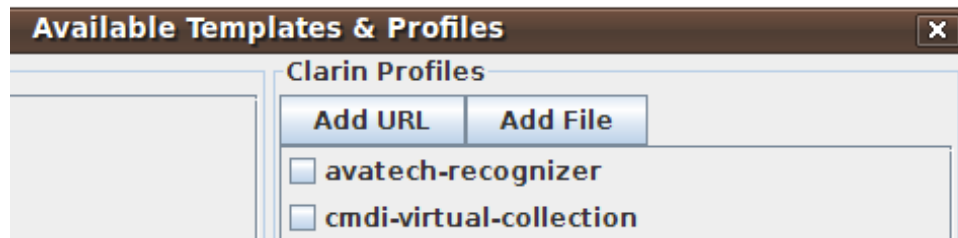
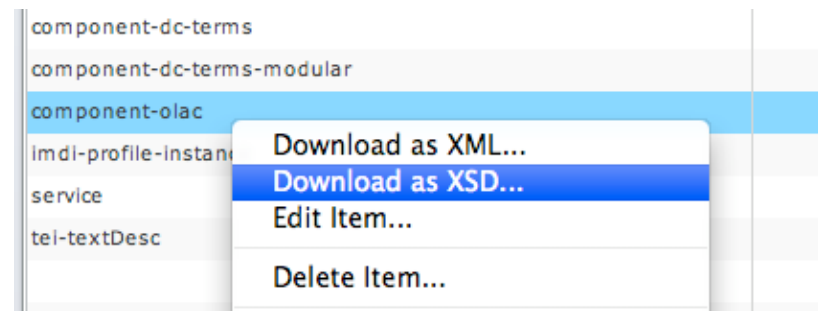
- In this dialogue you can enable/disable IMDI and CMDI nodes.
- By selecting the profiles that you wish to use, they will become available in the add menu of the “Local Corpus”.



Custom Profiles in Arbil



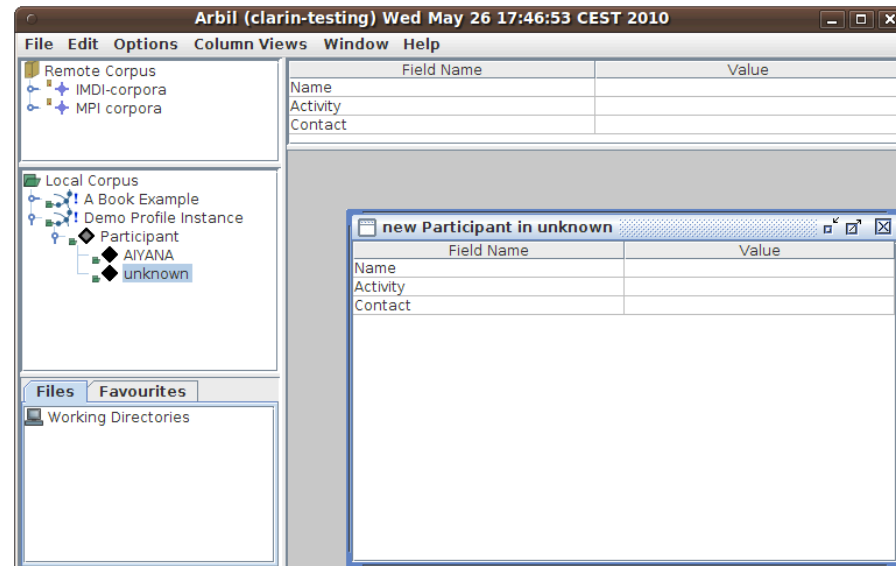
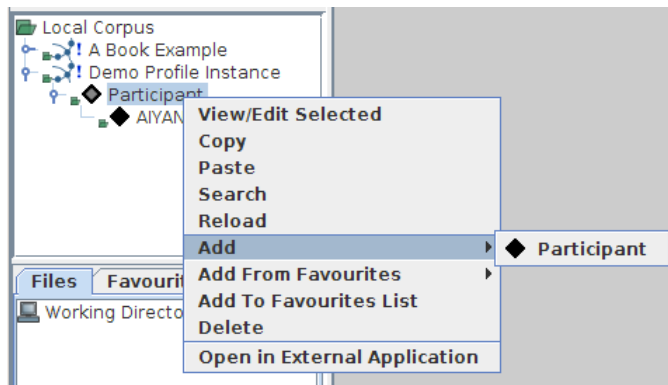
- Custom Profiles, such as those in your workspace can be added to Arbil
- This enables you to test your profile before publishing it.
- First download the XSD from the Component Registry
- Then “Add File” in Arbil’s “Templates & Profiles” dialogue



Constructing Metadata Files



- Metadata files are created in the “Local Corpus” via the “Add” menu.
- At each level of the tree the appropriate sub components are offered in the “Add” menu.



Entering Data



- The data can be edited in any table.
- Tables can contain one or many separate nodes.
- Data can be edited in bulk across the table.
- Controlled vocabularies are offered as a dropdown.
- Data can be compared across multiple rows at a time.
- The table data can be copied for use in external applications.

	TitleOfBook	Name	Activity	Contact
A Book Exa...	A Book Example			
AIYANA		AIYANA		
CHINELO		CHINELO		

Field Name	Value
TitleOfBook	A Book Example
	A Book Example
	title 1
	title 2

Organising Data



- Columns can be hidden to simplify the information displayed in a table.
- Sets of these column views can be saved and easily selected for display.
- A default column view can be selected so that new tables show your preferred columns.

The screenshot shows a data table with a context menu open over the 'Activity' column. The menu options are:

- Copy
- Paste
- Open in Long Field Editor
- Hide Selected Columns
- Copy Cell to Whole Column
- Highlight Matching Cells
- Clear Cell Highlight
- View Selected Rows
- Select Matching Rows
- Remove Selected Rows
- Jump to in Tree

Below the table, a smaller window shows the table with 9 columns hidden. The visible columns are: TitleOfBook, Name, Activity, and Contact. The text at the bottom of this window reads: "9 columns hidden (edit 'Column View' in the table header to show)".

	TitleOfBook	Name	Title	Descrip... theme...	Techni... Whatev...	Activity	Contact
! A Book Example	A Book Example						
AIYANA		AIYANA					
! Another Demo In...		Another Demo Instance					
CHICHA		CHICHA				Running	
CHIKEZIE		CHIKEZIE				Cycling	
CHIMELU		CHIMELU				Swimming	
CHINELO		CHINELO					
! Demo Profile Inst...		Demo Profile Instance					
unknown							
unknown							

Searching



- The local metadata can be searched.
- Multiple parameters can be used to for the search.
- The search results are displayed in a table that has all the functionality or the other tables in Arbil.
- Multiple different branches can be searched at one time.

The screenshot shows a search window titled 'Search'. It includes a search bar with a dropdown menu set to 'All', a search input field containing 'Ch', and a search button. Below the search bar, it displays 'searched: 14 found: 14'. The results are shown in a table with columns for Name, Activity, and Contact. Each row is preceded by a small green square and a black diamond icon.

	Name	Activity	Contact
◆	CHICHA	Running	
◆	CHIKEZIE	Cycling	
◆	CHIMELU	Swimming	
◆	CHINELO		

Visualising the data



- Matching text can be highlighted.
- Sub-nodes can be shown in the parents table as a cell to give a visual indication of their presence and to give easy access to them.
- The full metadata of the sub-nodes can be displayed in a separate table just like any other metadata.
- All columns can be used to sort the rows even the sub-node columns

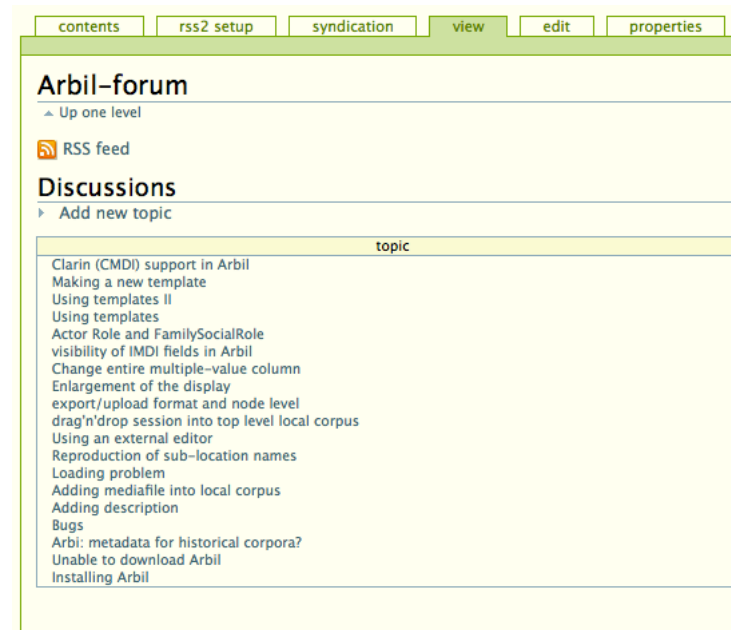
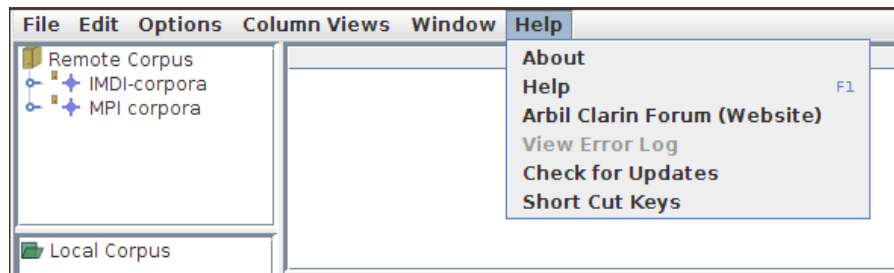
A Book Example							
	TitleOfBook	Name	Activity	Contact			
! A Book Example	A Book Example						
◆ AIYANA		AIYANA		Test Contact			
! Another Demo Instance		Another Demo Instance					
◆ CHICHA		CHICHA	Running	Test Contact			
◆ CHIKEZIE		CHIKEZIE	Cycling	Test Contact			
◆ CHIMELU		CHIMELU	Swimming	Test Contact			
◆ CHINELO		CHINELO		Test Contact			

Selection								
	TitleOfBook	Name	Title	Descri...	Tech...	Participant	Author	theme
! A Book Example	A Book Example						◆ [unk...	◆ [unk...
! Another Demo In...		Another Demo Instance				◆ [CHICHA], [CHIK...		
! Demo Profile Ins...		Demo Profile Instance				◆ [AIYANA], [CHINELO]		

The Arbil Forum



- There is a forum for Arbil users and this can be accessed directly from the help menu.



Installing Arbil



- There is a link to Arbil on the Clarin website
<http://www.clarin.eu/cmdi>
- The webstart version is currently recommended
- Alternately there are installers for Windows, Mac and Ubuntu (Debian).
- For editing Clarin Metadata make sure you are running Arbil version 2.0.x

The screenshot shows the CLARIN website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Clarin', 'Publications', 'Clarin Groups', 'Events', 'Resources', and 'Help Desk'. Below this is the CLARIN logo and the tagline 'Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'Join CLARIN' section with links for 'Become a member', 'Join a Working Group', and 'Login / Register'. Below this is a 'CLARIN News' section with several news items, including 'Experienced Researcher position in Multimedia and Multimodality Resources and Technology (reannounced)', 'Job Opportunity in Dublin', 'Invitation for CLARA Summer School 2010 on "Advanced Resource Creation, Archiving and Usage" in Nijmegen (Netherlands) on 5-16 July 2010', 'Job Opportunity in Oxford', and 'Coalition of Humanities and Arts Infrastructures and Networks - CHAIN'. The right column features a 'Home >' breadcrumb, a 'Component Metadata' section, and a 'Start page for information about the Component MetaData Infrastructure (CMDI)'. This section includes a list of links: 'CMDI XML toolkit', 'Component Registry' (with sub-links for 'Component Registry (use your email/password from the CLARIN site to login)', 'Documentation for users', and 'Documentation for developers (REST webservice)'), and 'Arbil metadata editor with CMDI support:' (with sub-links for 'start link' and 'support forum'). At the bottom of the right column, there is a 'Login or register to post comments' button.