



# LINK METADATA – TIME REFERENCE

It is often useful to code a time reference. We often conflate time with hypothetical status, e.g.

- hypothetical past/present
- factual-past/present
- future-planned
- future-hypothetical

For example, if we are to code a whole corpus of reports which also include planning documentation, there might be a lot of causal claims about what is supposed to happen in the future, perhaps interspersed with claims about what actually happened in the past. It will often be important to distinguish these two.