Tools & Resources for Transcription & Translation

Translation

Text: Automated/AI

- 1. Google Translate and help documents.
- 2. Google Docs: in-doc translation. See also how to translate using google sheets
- 3. MS Word: in-doc translation
- 4. DeepL

Audio: Automated/Al

- Happy Scribe. 40+ languages. 30 min. free then paid; student pricing available. Can integrate with Zapier to up/download files from Google Drive and Dropbox Multiple languages
- 2. Google Audio Translation in Beta ### Text or Audio: API or Command Line
- 3. googleLanguageR. Uses the Google Cloud machine learning APIs for text and speech tasks. The Cloud Translation API does detection and translation of text.
- 4. aws.translate uses the Amazon Web Services to do transcription via API. Has program for NGO/non-profits.
- 5. translateR package: tools to access Google Cloud Translation via API. Overview and reference manual
- 6. Watson (IBM) 500 minutes free
- 7. DeepL
- 8. Translate Shell via API
- 9. Translate Shell

Text: Manual with Computer Assisted Technology (CAT) Software

- 1. Video overview of different CAT Tools from 'Freelanceverse'.
- 2. OmegaT CAT Software. (Free)
- 3. WordFast Anywhere (free online; desktop version are paid)
- 4. Across.net (basic version free)

Transcription

1. Comparison Video

2. NY Times' Wirecutter review of transcription services

Automated via upload

Top-Tier

- 1. Otter.ai. English only; free (600 min/mo) and paid plans. Can transcribe zoom meetings (e.g., if you do interviews via zoom) and can integrate with Dropbox. Phone app is available for iOS. There is an online tutorial. *English-only*
- 2. Happy Scribe see descriptionabove.
- 3. Temi. *English Only*, less accurate than Otter.ai and Happy Scribe.
- 4. Online (free demo) version of Watson; note the "detect multiple speakers" option.
- 5. Zoom via UF; see also this Link.

Second-Tier

- 1. Spext. Speech-audio-text editing; free and paid plans.
- 2. Amazon Transcribe

Automated via API

- 1. transcribeR package uses HP IDOL OnDemand's Speech Recognition API. * Vignette
 - · Reference manaual
 - tutorial
- googleLanguageR. Uses the Google Cloud machine learning APIs for text and speech tasks. The Cloud Speech API transcribes sound files to text and the Cloud Text-to-Speech AP
- 3. AWS transcribe uses the Amazon Web Services to do transcription via API. Has program for NGO/non-profits.

Automated via dictation

- 1. Google Docs. See also Google Docs Voice Recognition and helpful how-to blog post on transcription using google docs and voice recognition
- 2. SpeechNotes
- 3. Apple Dictation and Dictation Commands
- 4. How to use Windoes Voice Dictation and Windows Speech Recognition Commands

Manual with Software

- 1. oTranscribe Incredibly easy, web based, with time stamps, variable speed.
- 2. Express Scribe and a tutorial. There is a free version.
- 3. Transcribe
- 4. Nvivo
- 5. Listen N Write
- 6. InScribe
- 7. Pearnote for Mac: make text annotations that connect to locations in audio and video recordings (30 day free trial)
- 8. Dragon Speech Recognition Software
- 9. Sonix
- 10. Adobe Premiere: Speech-to-Text Tutorial and Workaround if you are using a version later than 7.2.2. UF Students can use Adobe products on UFApps

Resources & Tools

Transcription Style & Coding Guides

- 1. Samuel Proctor Project Style Guide
- 2. Library of Congress Guide: How to Transcribe
- 3. Smithsonian Archives of American Art Style Guide
- 4. Smithsonian Volunteer Transcription Program's Guide and Expert Tips
- 5. Guide to Transcription Coding
- 6. Hepburn, A., & Bolden, G. B. (2017). Transcribing for social research. Sage. linkto book descrption on Sage website
- 7. Manchester University's very useful Transcription Toolkit and Guide
- 8. Manchester University's Quick calculator for estimating transcribing time (.xls file)
- 9. Programming Historian Guide to Text Automation

Examples - Transcription Notes

- 1. Sample 1
- 2. Sample 2

Useful Websites

- Linguee Good for slang and expressions; searches different ways in which one word has been translated. Can also enter several words or even a sentence to find different translations.
- 2. Thesaurus.com; equivalent in foreign language.
- 3. Side-by-Side Text Comparison Website
- 4. Jennifer Marie's YouTube channel on Transcription Tools & Tips

Pedals

- 1. Infinity
- 2. Kinesis

Text Shortcuts

- 1. Google Docs
- 2. MS Word

Misc. Software & Apps

- 1. SayMore: tools for common Language Documentation tasks
- 2. Lameta tool for metadata associated with files made in the course of documenting language, music, and other cultural expressions.
- 3. voice recorder app for iPad
- 4. App for recording phone interviews (note: be aware of relevant local and national laws regarding recording phone calls).

Post-Transcription Text Analytics

- 1. Planning for text analytics (extraction and organization) in R
- 2. Silge and Robinson's **outstanding** book 'Text Analysis in R'

Anonymization

- 1. UK Data Service Webinar: How to anonymise qualitative and quantitative data
- 2. Anonymizing in R: part 1 and part 2

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