

- I. Using Factotum/Usefulness of Factotum
  - a. Possible linguistic data model
  - b. Collection of attributes all in one place
    - i. Linguistic knowledge currently quite spread out
    - ii. No centralized data base/ source of information
    - iii.
  - c. Perhaps patterns that have not yet been recognized will become apparent
- II. Design Decisions
  - a. What I chose to focus on
    - i. Linguistics → languages
    - ii. Natural languages
    - iii. Written language
  - b. Which attributes
    - i. Language family (Genetic)
      - 1. Can make connections well
      - 2. Represented as type (< >)
    - ii. Alphabet
      - 1. Phrasal, with option of a –variant
    - iii. grammar
      - 1. cases?
      - 2. Gender?
    - iv. Typology
      - 1. Word order
    - v. Phonetics/phonology?
      - 1. Unusal features??
      - 2. Eg clicks
      - 3.
  - c. Issues with attributes
    - i. Competing theories,
      - 1. If there is a generally accepted theory, then that is the one that is noted
      - 2. if there are competing theories
        - a. no clear front runner
        - b. so I've made the decision to mention both of the contending/leading theories
    - ii. Ambiguity
      - 1. Lang doesn't follow pattern all the time
      - 2. Lang won't