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