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What is this all about?



The idea behind Xitsonga.org is quite simple, it's to educate and provide platforms for people to learn Xitsonga. One of our core values is to make this information available at no cost to the user. The web platform has been a great success, with over 30 000 page views in the previous month alone, the android platform is doing quite fine, with an average of 10 downloads every day. Xitsonga.org is going to continue improving and building new platforms to achieve our vision.

New developments

In the next 18 months we will focus on improving the quality of content in all our platforms, we'll also focus on creating new platforms.

How to improve content quality?

The thousands of **user** who source information from our platforms deserve quality content therefore we should invest in providing quality content.

- Restructuring content listing – the new structure will cater for homonyms words, tense for words, examples of use and voice pronunciations of all words and phrases in Xitsonga.
- Transforming the grammar page – the web site needs a proper break down of grammar, Amukelani will take leadership in this.
- A weekly routine of editing content – we should commit to review and edit the words, phrase and proverbs in our web platform.
- A weekly routine of adding new exercises – we should commit to add a new exercise every week.
- Implementing a language preference feature – users should be presented with a choice of which language they prefer to view the web site in.

What new feature will the platforms have?

- Video tutorials – we should commit to record educational videos monthly. The videos should aim at education people about the Xitsonga language.
- Voice pronunciations – our platforms should include a feature to read out words and phrases in Xitsonga.
- Xitsonga publications – a new page should be created which lists all Xitsonga publications.

What about the future and new platforms?

- Multiple languages – we should start considering expanding the Xitsonga.org platform to cover other African languages.

- Xitsonga eBook reader – still a rough idea, and is much depended on the success of the voice pronunciation feature which is yet to be implemented.
- Toys and games for kids – using a games and toys we should be able to teach kids Xitsonga, this is still a rough idea and is also much depended on the success of the voice pronunciation feature.

I will appreciate any suggestion on how we can achieve the above stated goals. If you do have something please send it through to sneidon@yahoo.com