

LINGUIST Reader

User's Guide

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1. Introduction

This application is a platform for viewing and saving issues of the LINGUIST List, the premier online source for information on the field of linguistics. The reader is fairly minimal, with only two visible pages, but it allows the user to quickly browse and add their own comments to a wealth of information.

1.1 Areas

The LINGUIST List sends issues categorized by area. These areas are also grouped within the browsing window into similar categories.

All: messages to all subscribers, including fund drive messages, obituaries, and updates about the LINGUIST List organization.

Media: messages about linguistic topics in the media.

Jobs: announcements for open positions around the world.

Internships: announcements about internship opportunities.

Support: announcements for student funding opportunities.

Conferences: information about conferences and conference calls.

Queries: messages from researchers seeking survey participants.

Summaries: summaries of the results from a Query.

Discussion: messages about a wide variety of discussion topics.

Books: announcements for recently published books in linguistics.

Reviews: original reader-submitted reviews for books announced on the LINGUIST List.

TOCs: Table of Contents listings for linguistic journals.

Calls for Papers: calls for paper submissions to linguistic journals.

Software: announcements regarding newly released software related to linguistics.

Dissertations: announcements for newly completed dissertations in linguistics.

2. Using the Application

2.1 Launching the Application

To use the application, simply launch the Reader executable. The main window features the LINGUIST List logo and three buttons. The "Browse" button will open the browsing window; the "About" button will display information about this application; and the "Quit" button will quit the application.

2.2 Using the Browsing Window

The browsing window features three panels and a variety of buttons pertaining to them.

Area Menu: The area menu lists all of the areas of LINGUIST List issues. Each area is next to a checkbox that can be checked or un-checked; checked areas will be shown in the preview panel (see below). All areas can be selected with the "Select All" button; if areas are already selected, they can all be cleared with the "Clear All" button. Bookmarked issues can be displayed with the "View Bookmarks" button. Note: this button is disabled if bookmarks are already being viewed.

Preview Panel: The preview panel displays previews for each issue matching the selected criteria, whether it be matching areas or bookmarked issues. The panel will be refreshed when boxes are checked and unchecked, or if the "View Bookmarks" button is pressed. When an issue is selected by clicking its preview in the preview panel, the issue itself will be displayed in the browser. When an issue is displayed, the user will be able to save notes, bookmark or un-bookmark the issue.

Saving Notes: The user can make a note pertaining to an issue by displaying the issue in the browser and typing their note into the note box below. To save the note, the user must press the "Save Note" button. A confirmation will display in the box when the note is saved.

Bookmarking Issues: The user can bookmark an issue by displaying the issue in the browser and pressing the "Bookmark Issue" button. If the issue is already bookmarked, the user can press the "Remove Bookmark" button to remove the bookmark. All bookmarked issues can be displayed in the preview panel with the "View Bookmarks" button. If an issue's bookmark is removed while the user is viewing all bookmarks, the issue will be removed from the preview panel, since it is no longer a bookmarked issue.

2.3 Saving Notes and Bookmarks

All notes and bookmarks will be saved by the application upon quitting the application. When the application is started again, the user will find that all of the notes and bookmarks from the last session will be visible as if the application was never closed.

3. Conclusion

Thank you for reading this guide! Enjoy the application. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Clare Harshey at clare@linguistlist.org.