



Publishing an accessible grammar

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- › PhD 2009 *A grammar of Upcountry Sri Lanka Malay*
- › 3 edited volumes, about 30 research articles
- › 2009-2012 Glottolog.org at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology
- › advocate for Open Source, Open Access, Open Data, Open Everything
- › since 2014 coordinator for Language Science Press
- › involved in the publication of 200+ books since 2014

Tenets

- › We want to share our knowledge
- › We want to arrive at new findings regarding human language(s) and share these findings with everyone interested
 - › other researchers
 - › speakers
 - › general public
- › How can we achieve these goals?

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- › no complicated access protocols



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| | Nouns | Verbs | Adjectives |
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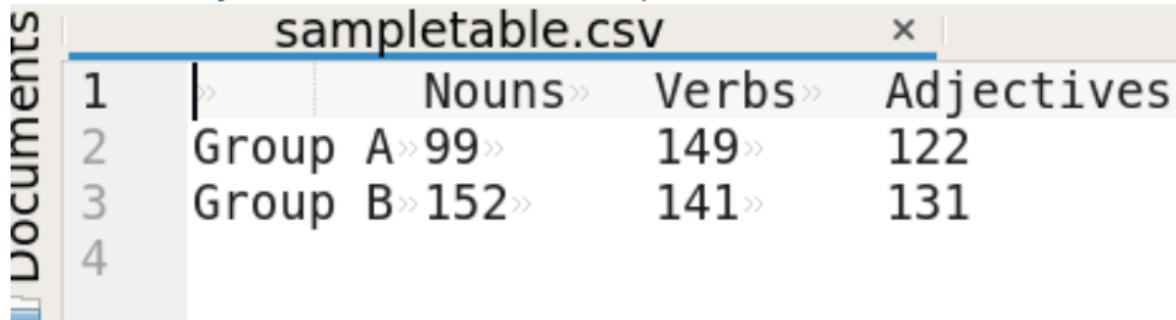
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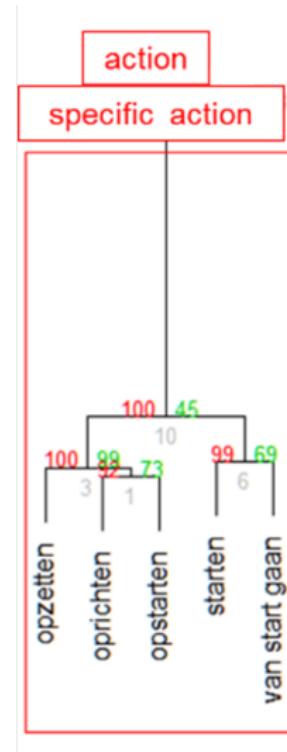
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› GitLab



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Numerical data

- › TROLLing
- › GitHub/GitLab
- › Zenodo (also as a general fallback)

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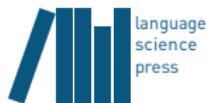
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- › you can count yourself happy if anybody IS actually interested in your data!
- › most research actually struggles a lot more with a lack of interest to outsiders rather than scooping
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- › raw data + code + write-up = publication
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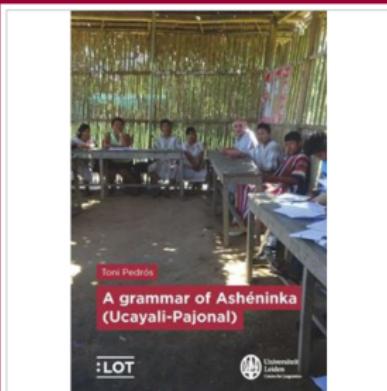
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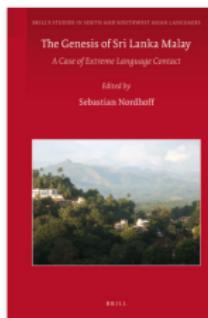
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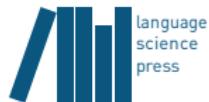
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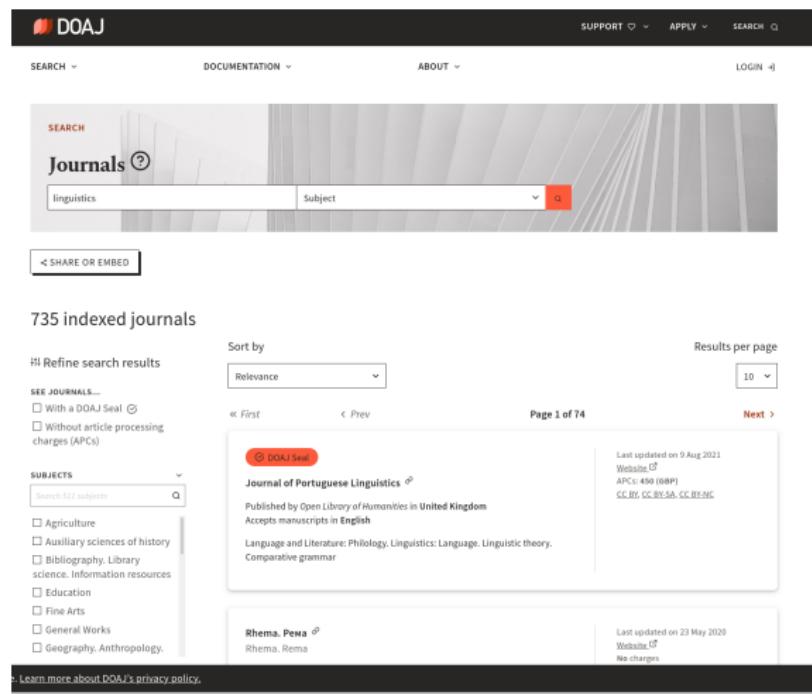
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› https://directory.doabooks.org/browse?type=classification_text&value=linguistics

Wrap-up

- › separate your data, scripts, and text
- › put each of them in dedicated repositories
- › **do not sign away your copyright**
- › choose a CC-BY license
- › try to go for Diamond OA (also called Platinum)
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von der Gabelentz Award for Christian Döhler

Juha Janhunen reports on the *Georg von der Gabelentz Award*

There were 15 submissions to the *Georg von der Gabelentz Award*. The award-winning grammar on Komnzo, a seriously endangered language spoken in Papua New Guinea, by Christian DÖHLER was found to be particularly well-organized, reader-friendly, typologically informative, and reasonably compact. Before the publication of this grammar, the Komnzo language had been virtually unknown and unstudied, and in view of its state of serious endangerment the task of its description was of extreme urgency. It was also considered an asset of this grammar that it is published as open access, with the accompanying base data also being accessible on the internet.

- › all component files are available for all books so that future authors can see who a particular example/graph/image was created
- › content available on many different platforms
- › extraction of references for Glottolog.org
- › extraction of examples to IMTVault.org

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- › all books have to appear in a series (e.g. *Comprehensive Grammar Library* or *Languages of the Caucasus*)
- › initial submission can be in any format
- › revised version must be in `LATEX`
- › templates and support are available
- › conversion
 - › templates + respect for guidelines + citation manager → easy
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A grammar of Sri Lanka Malay

Sebastian Nordhoff

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