Finder manual

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1   Introduction

Finder is a Praat plug-in for searching annotations in TextGrid files. When a search is completed, you can view and edit the results one-by-one using the Editor window. Alternatively, you can create new files from the matched parts. Use the script template for more specific tasks.

2   How to install

To install the plug-in, (1) download the project folder from the Links section and unzip it. Then, (2) find the *Praat Preference* folder. This comes by default when you use Praat for the first time. Depending on you operating system, these could be the locations:

- In Linux, go to `/home/user name/.praat-dir`

- In Mac, go to `/Users/user name/Library/Preferences/Praat Prefs/`

- In Windows, go to `C:\Users\user name\Praat`

Now, (3) drop the project folder inside the Preferences folder. Finally, (4) open Praat. In the fixed menu, you should have `Praat > Goodies > Finder` as in Figure 2[1].

3   Getting started

The Finder menu is composed of several commands. Use **Create an index** and **Search**

3.1   Create an index

The first thing to do is creating an index. By doing so, the plug-in will read the information contained in your TextGrid files and store it internally. This process will capture the state of your annotations at a given time. So, if later, a TextGrid is modify, it is important to run this command again, in order to include the new changes.

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[1]If Praat was opened at the time you installed the plug-in, you will not see any change. So, close and open it again.
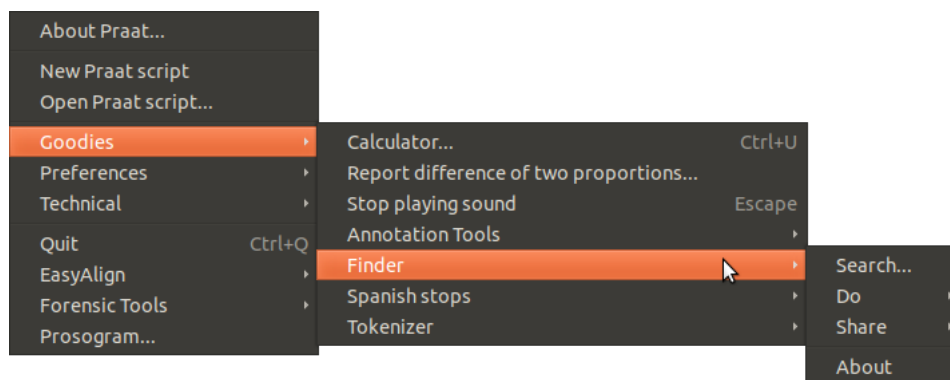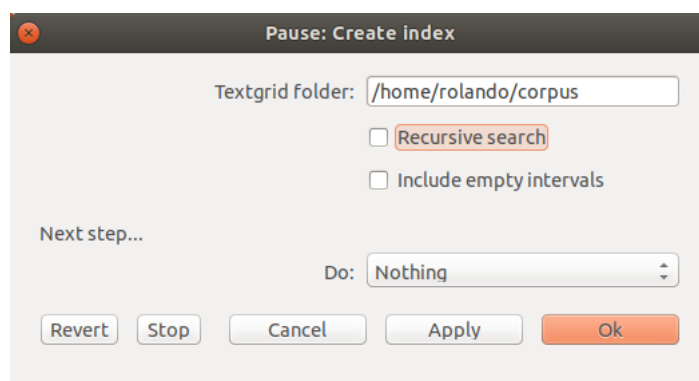
Figure 1: Finder menu

Figure 2: Create index window

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3.2 Search

3.2.1 Filter

3.2.2 Share

3.3 Do something

3.3.1 View & Edit files

3.3.2 Extract files

3.3.3 Open a script template

4 Some tips

4.1 Create a list of words