

LingSync: Software for Collaborative Linguistic Fieldwork

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Abstract

LingSync (www.lingsync.org) is a suite of open source software components designed to facilitate linguistic fieldwork and language documentation with a focus on enabling collaborative data creation and curation and, as a consequence, on promoting data-sharing and data reuse. The presentation will include a) a description of and argument for LingSync, including what considerations and contexts motivated its creation and design decisions; b) a guided tutorial of, and hands-on practice with, the in-production graphical user interface (GUI) for LingSync (dubbed “LingSync Spreadsheet”); and c) a demo of new components currently under development, in particular the new GUI called “Dative.”

LingSync

- software designed to facilitate collaborative linguistic fieldwork, data sharing and data reuse
- main URL: <https://www.lingsync.org/>

How to Use LingSync

- Option 1 (easiest): *register an account on the LingSync web site <http://app.lingsync.org> and begin!*
 - documentation
 - main web page <https://www.lingsync.org/> links to
 - YouTube playlist of video tutorials
 - Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LingSyncApp>) video tutorials
 - my web page (<http://jrdunham.com/#presentations>) has slides and screencasts
- Option 2: *install LingSync on your own server or hosting plan*
 - documentation, install guides, and source code available at our GitHub repository: <https://github.com/OpenSourceFieldlinguistics/FieldDB>
 - contact us (info@lingsync.org, jrdunham@gmail.com) for assistance

How to Contribute to LingSync

- Visit our GitHub pages
 - <https://github.com/OpenSourceFieldlinguistics/FieldDB>
 - <https://github.com/jrdunham/dative>

How to Give Feedback

- user feedback: <https://www.lingsync.org/#/contact>
- developer issues: <https://github.com/OpenSourceFieldlinguistics/FieldDB/issues>