

A tool for sharing interlinearized and lexical data in diverse formats

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Quick demo

- Creating an account
- Searching for a word in Kratylos
- Searching across files/projects
- Exporting an example

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- Existing electronic lexicons are still very much based on *print models* despite having none of the constraints of traditional print dictionaries.

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- We demonstrate this with the Wakhi language documentation project.

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FLEx (http://fieldworks.sil.org/flex/)

- ► We are not aiming to replace popular existing software like FLEx. We are aiming to make data from such programs more easily sharable.
- A bit more about FLEx:
 - FLEx builds on Shoebox and Toolbox, two older and far simpler pieces of software for creating linguistic databases.
 - It has wide-ranging features for building sophisticated lexicons + a very detailed approach to interlinearized glossed text.

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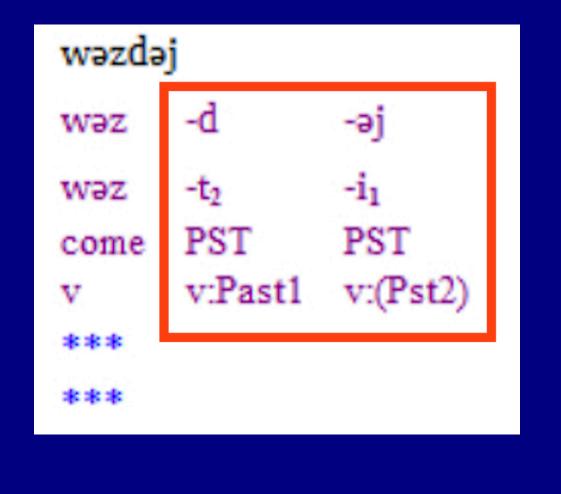
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The big lacuna (recap)

- FLEx projects are largely stuck in FLEx no means of sharing database functions.
- More generally, little means for complex searches over interlinearized text on the web.
- Multiple researchers may have data sets on the same language that are difficult to unify.
- For existing lexicon web apps (e.g. Webonary, Lexique Pro), no possibility for regular expression searches or for searching over multiple languages simultaneously.

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An attempt at a solution: Kratylos

- Supported by NSF DEL Grant #1500753, which includes database work and fieldwork on Wakhi (Iranic; Pakistan, Tajikistan and Afghanistan), Purhepecha (language isolate; Mexico) and Koda (Munda; Bangladesh).
- Programming work: Raphael Finkel and RA Jiho Noh at the University of Kentucky.
- Linguistic work: Daniel Kaufman and RAs Husniya Khujamyorova, Daniel Barry, Shamim Ahmed, Lluvia Camacho-Cervantes.

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Behind the scenes

- The web server, Apache2, invokes Perl scripts using the Common Gateway Interface (CGI). The scripts use several standard modules:
 - CGI (and submodules Carp, Session, and cookie), HTML::Template, Digest(submodules SHA and MD5), JSON, and Unicode::Normalize.
- Kratylos converts uploaded data, if necessary, into a new XML format. For example, the EAF format, although in XML, is not divided into entries, so Kratylos reformats it into entries, each of which contains all the relevant tiers (such as headword, part of speech, and gloss) and a reference to the media file.

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Behind the scenes

- Kratylos then applies a template to convert the XML into a Qddb (Quick and dirty database) representation.
- The template is format-specific and coordinates:
 - 1. the XML fields, described as XPath expressions
 - 2. the Qddb representation of those fields, which is hierarchical
 - 3. the formatting that the linear display should employ for those fields, which involves Cascading Style Sheets (CSS).
- The web pages that Kratylos presents to the user use the Bootstrap and Jquery libraries to format pages. The query results page also contains JavaScript code that converts entries on the fly text.
- Kratylos maintains a MySQL database coordinating projects with their owners and other information.

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- And hoping to help bridge the gap between archiving and publication.
 - Citations are important but absolute permanence and completely standard metadata for each piece of data is beyond our reach.

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 Table of public files which can be searched over. Logging in reveals your private files.

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	Amuzgoan	base	Amy Bauernschmidt (2013)	public	Jiho Noh (University of Kentucky)		
	Aramaic	aramaic2	Daniel Kaufman, 28 December 2015	public	Raphael Finkel (University of Kentuc		
	Aramaic	aramaic1	Daniel Kaufman, 28 December 2015	public	Raphael Finkel (University of Kentuc		
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	Archi	archi1	Marina Chumakina	public	Raphael Finkel (University of Kentuc		
	Bakola	base	http://dobes.mpi.nl/projects/bakola/.	public	Raphael Finkel (University of Kentuc		
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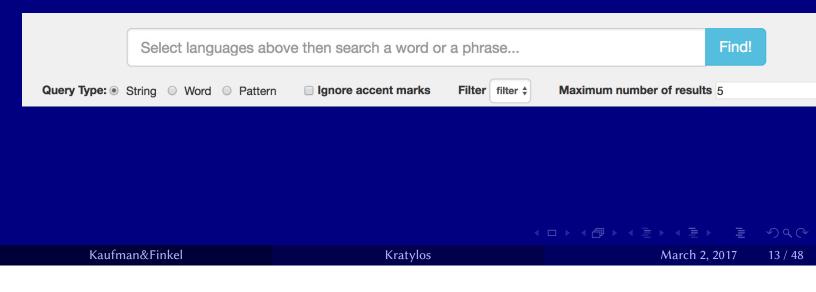
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Kratylos (http://www.kratylos.org)

- A search bar which can be set to query full words, strings or regular expressions ("patterns").
- Any data field can be targeted by a query. The options are populated automatically by the categories in the data.



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 Displaying particular fields can be toggled on and off for different audiences.

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Linear display uses formatting to distinguish fields.

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Outline display uses text to distinguish fields.

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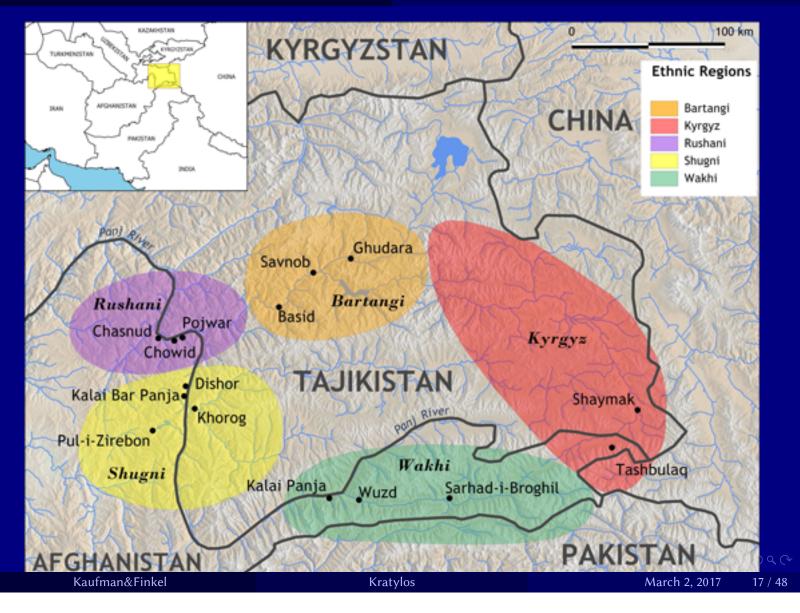
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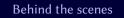
An Iranic language spoken by a small transnational community around the intersection of Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Pakistan and China.

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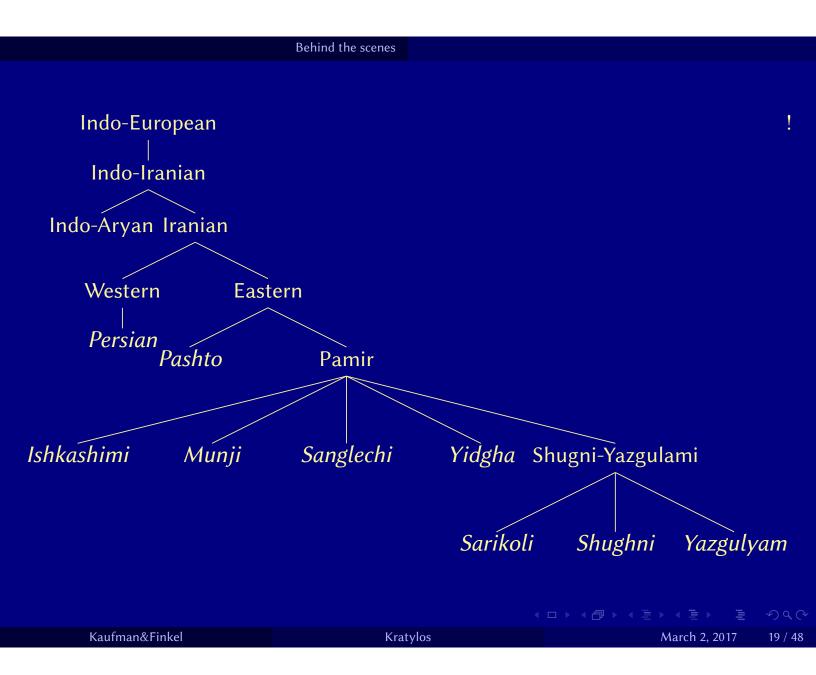




The relation between Wakhi and the other Iranic languages is still unclear but it is often grouped together with the Pamiri languages (Shughni, Roshani, Bartangi, Oroshori, Sarikoli, Munji, Ishkashimi). Recent work suggests the Pamiri languages constitute a sprachbund rather than a phylogenetic group.

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Beginnings of the project: A small immigrant community in NYC



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Beginnings of the project: From NYC to the Wakhan



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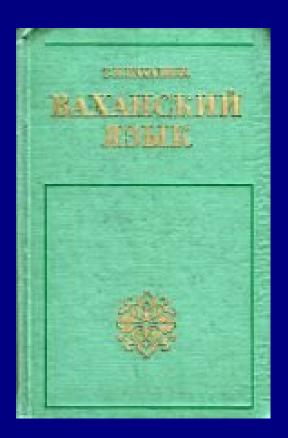
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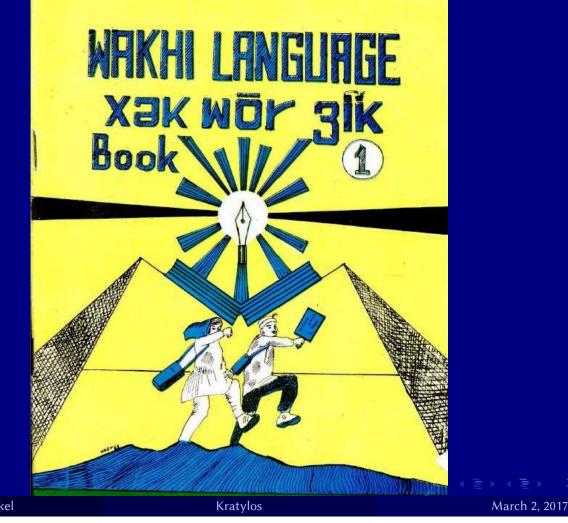
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- For our purposes, Pakhalina (1975) and Grünberg and Steblin-Kamensky (1988) are the most crucial because of the folktales, narratives and songs they recorded. These are inaccessible to the Wakhis of Afghanistan and Pakistan because they are written in Russian.

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Wakhi writing systems

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Salam to Wakhi people around the globe, very niece effort is going on, many congratulation to all of you. I have a a request and quest from each Wakhi people, For how long we will swim alone in the Ocean and waite for others to lend their hand to us for help? Lets come together and and start a sincere effort. If not today tomorrow we will kill ourselves with our own hands. Language is identity of any individual, lets come forward and

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Exploring Wakhi morphosyntax with regular expressions

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 'I broke my horns.' (Fuchs 2015:151)
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 'Then in old times the old people said: Bears, never go near them (not even) with a shotgun.' (SanGregory 2015:7).

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- Fuchs (2015) shows that certain clitics in Wakhi can be doubled and tripled within a single clause:
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 'Then in old times the old people said: Bears, never go near them (not even) with a shotgun.' (SanGregory 2015:7).

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- Fuchs (2015) shows that certain clitics in Wakhi can be doubled and tripled within a single clause:
- She also shows that the positioning of the clitics may depend on focus and other semantic factors (see also, Erschler 2010; Beck 2013; Hughes 2011; Bashir 1986).
- (1) wuz əm çi şew-i m şkəndevdi
 1sg.Nom=1sg self.poss horns-Acc=1sg break.pst
 'I broke my horns.' (Fuchs 2015:151)
- (2) jan də səbiq = əş lup = əş çat-i kı nəyardum ət∫ waxt də then in old.time=IPFV big=IPFV say-PST COMP bear no time with məltiq-ən ja-r qrib mə rəţş-əv shotgun-ABL 3SG-DAT near NEG.IMP go-2PL.SAGR
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Looks for all examples with a PROGRESSIVE clitic...
 utterance-initial: ^=PROG
 after the first word: ^\b\w+\b =PROG
 after the second word: ^\b\w+\b \b\w+\b =PROG
 after the third word: ^\b\w+\b \b\w+\b \b\w+\b =PROG
 in multiple positions: =PROG.*=PROG

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Exploring Gurung phonology with regular expressions

- Looking for clusters: [pbtdkgwj][pbtdkgwj]
- ► Looking for geminates: (.) \1
- Looking for reduplication: (.I*)(.I*)\g1\g2
- Comparing frequencies of ND and NT clusters: [mnŋ][ptk] vs. [mnŋ][bdg]
- Looking for post-stopped nasals with following nasal vowels: [mnŋ][bdg];
- Looking for nasals with following oral vowels: [mnŋ][^~\swjrd]

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An open challenge

"Apart from technical challenges, there is also an important sociological challenge to create maximally interoperable language analysis software. To imagine this can be done simply by adopting common file formats, or by operating an in-house software development lifecycle using project funds, or by invoking the XML family of buzzwords is to misunderstand the nature of the problem. Instead, we need to foster new research collaborations involving computational linguists and field linguists, leading to new understanding about how to collect and analyze corpora of data from endangered languages."

(Bird 2009:473)

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Thank you!



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