

Different languages; different protocols



- representation and annotation of English in transcripts of conversations in six Heritage
 Languages (Cantonese Faetar Italian) Calabrese
 Korean, Russian, and Ukrainian)
- Only Factoris translated to English.
- Methods differ by research team
- Best option for standardizing?

Russian

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- 3-letter language tag "ENG" (or another language) introduces any non-Russian word/phrase, which is bracketed
- English words with Russian morphemes are transcribed as Russian
 - "Whether we use English spelling or transliterate the utterance depends largely on how the speaker says it, whether they use English-like or Russian-like pronunciation.
 - Context are they deliberately using an English word? struggling to find a Russian equivalent?
 - Abbreviations like "UofT" will be written in English because they
 are abbreviations of English words. It's possible to come up
 with abbreviations of Russian words for the same concepts." [NL]
- transcription is transliteratable with Comrie & Corbett's (2002) system, at http://www.translit.ru/

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Examples from Russian

 Aga, ja prepodavala francuzskij v [ENG: UofT], jeto bylo vsjo [ENG: part-time].

Yes, I taught French at UofT, it was all part-time. [R1F55B_IV_PR.eaf, 2:38]

Tam oni ochen' mnogo tam [ENG: fundraising] i tam raznyx vesjolyx veshhej.

There they do a lot of fundraising and various fun things. [R2F12A_IV_PR.eaf, 0:24]

• Regular expression searchable: **ENG**:

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English words with Russian morphemes

da, vam poslajsať kolbasku ili pisikom, da.

Yes, would you like your kielbasa sliced or in one piece, yes. [R1M56A_IV_PR.eaf, 0:29:23]

poslajsat pisikom
po+slice+at' piece+ik+o
"to slice" "in one piece"

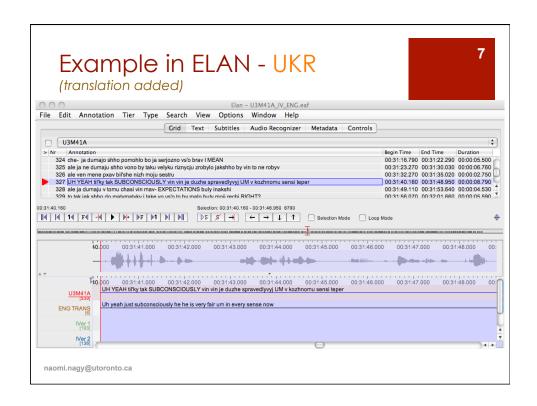
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Ukrainian

- transcribe English words with capital letters
- "If a word exists in both language, then I will listen closely to the phonology and transcribe it accordingly.
- If they pronounce an English word with a Ukrainian accent then I will transcribe it in Ukrainian, but I will make a note in the notes tier."



Examples from Ukrainian

 UH YEAH til'ky tak SUBCONSCIOUSLY vin vin je duzhe spravedlyvyj UM v kozhnomu sensi teper

Uh yeah just subconsciously he he is very fair um in every sense now. [U3M41A_IV.eaf, 31:30]

• vin nazyvajet'sja ATTILIO ja joho nazyvaju ARISTOTLE
He is called Attilio, I call him Aristotle. [U2F60A IV.eaf, 48:38]

 chasamy my jidemo do Fljorydy na MARCH BREAK i todi my USUALLY idemo do des' na lito SO

Sometimes we go to Florida for March Break and then we usually go to somewhere for the summer so [U3F13A_IV.eaf, 9:37]

Regular expression searchable: [ABC] or Notes tier

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Cantonese

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- Current system: use jutping romanization
 - every Cantonese word has a number indicating tone as the final character
 - there are no tone markings on English words
 - Mandarin borrowings aren't distinguished
- Possible future system: transcribing characters
 - Cantonese and English will be even more distinct
 - Mandarin borrowings would be less obvious

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Examples from Cantonese

 seng4 jat6, ngo5 dei6 seng4 jat6 heoi3 pet store go2 zan4 si4 le3 keoi5 hai6

When we go to the pet store she always goes -- [C2F16A_IV.eaf 29:29] Usually like mou2 gam3 je6 la1

usually, like, not very late [C2F16A_IV.eaf 6:55]

 zing3 fu5 le1 zau6 jau5 jat1 di1 giu3 zou6 housing scheme bei5 ni1 di1

The government has something known as housing scheme to provide-- [C1M61A_IV.eaf, 4:20]

 Regular expression searchable: [a-zA-Z]\s (= letter followed by white space)

Korean

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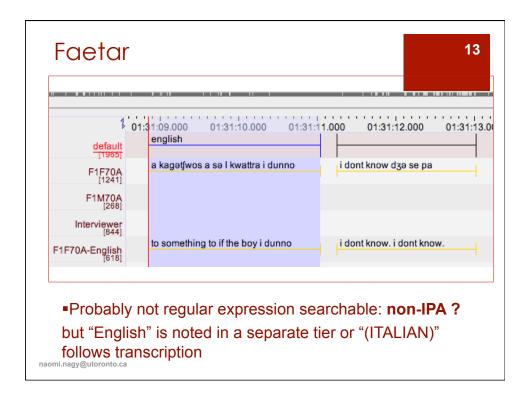
- code-switching is marked in transcriptions by use of English rather than Korean characters
- column in speaker catalog to identify speakers who codeswitch to English:
 - ☐Y (yes)
 - ■S (sometimes)
 - N (no)
 - (C-S was studied in the Korean corpus by a student (Chung 2010)

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Examples from Korean

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- 그래서 꼭 기회가 되면 , 한국에 나의 누이가 사니까 my sister lives still 그러니까 애들을 , 좀 여름 방학 때는 좀 한달이라도 좀 보내고 좀 크면 [...] ♦
- So if there was an opportunity, my sister lives in Korea—my sister lives [there] still so I would like to send my kids there for a month during the summer when they get older... [K1M45A_IV.eaf 16:16]
- 그레도 저도 이제 you know Five-six, five years 결혼 했으니깐 재 맛 도 조금 틀여졌어요 my wife으로 Because she does most of the cooking.
- Even now, I've been married for you know five-six, five years, my taste has changed a bit—my wife—Because she does most of the cooking. [K2M34A_IV.eaf 3:05]
- Regular expression searchable: [a-zA-Z]



Examples from Faetar

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sta lasandə i pjatti nu sempr doing the dishes ma

They are washing the dishes, no, always doing the dishes, but... [F1F71A_IV.eaf, 1:23:17]

- ■ın toskan i kiamuntə lə i lamponi
- ■in Tuscan they call the "the raspberries" (ITALIAN) [F1M75A&family_IV_part1.eaf, 29:26]

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Italian

 mio padre mi aveva comprato, come si dice, una "top" you know, uno di quelli tops che si girano

My father bought me, how do you say, a "top," you know, one of those tops that spins [I2F53A_IV.eaf, 02:34]

• di solito, I ignore them (laughs).

Usually, Lignore them. [I2F53A_IV.eaf, 2:59]

 well George and I abitamo, a abitamo proprio a Avenue Rd e Eglinton

Well, George and I live, live right at Avenue Road and Eglinton. [12F32A_IV_PT2.eaf, 2:20-2:25]

Not usually marked, not searchable

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