ELAN 2.2 Now Available

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ELAN version 2.2, for native Windows Media, JMF and Quicktime, is now available on the MPI tools website (http://www.mpi.nl/tools). In addition to the capability to play video using native software (discussed separately in this issue), it adds the following features:

- The search user interface and functionality are substantially improved.

- The Grid Viewer is extended. It can now optionally show annotations from a number of dependent tiers in a tabular way, where diferent columns contain annotation values from diferent tiers. This can be done for all tiers where the annotations are one-to-one associated with annotations on dependent tiers. Where no child annotations exist they can be created by just flling in an empty cell.

- The Timeline Viewer and Interlinear Viewer now support several new ways to hide or display tiers and to sort tiers.

- Controlled Vocabularies can be defned and associated with Linguistic Types. When annotation values of such a Type are created or modifed a list of alternative values is shown for selection. CVs are stored inside ELAN's EAF fles. They can be reused for other documents as part of a template document, or by importing CVs from existing template documents using ELAN's built-in CV Editor.

- Export of ELAN's current document view to a JPEG image is now supported.

- Export of an annotation document, or a part of it, to a SMIL 'clip' is now possible. This clip can for example be embedded and played within a PowerPoint presentation.

- Import of CHILDES CHAT fles, both pre-UTF-8 and UTF-8, is now supported. Existing time alignment following a couple of notation conventions is maintained. Where time alignment applies to a number of consecutive CHAT utterances the available time interval is equally divided over the utterances. When no time alignment is present by default one second time intervals are assigned to consecutive utterances.

- Import of Shoebox/Toolbox is improved: when Unicode is used it is maintained during import. As alternative to using a .typ fle the user can now manually specify which tier markers are used in the imported Shoebox fle.

- The RTR input method for IPA is revised a bit: more characters are made available under lower case keys.