

Opening of the ISLRN Portal

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ELRA, LDC, and AFNLP/Oriental-COCOSDA announce the opening of the ISLRN Portal @ www.islrn.org.

Further to the establishment of the International Standard Language Resource Number (ISLRN) as a unique and universal identification schema for Language Resources on November 18, 2013, ELRA, LDC and AFNLP/Oriental-COCOSDA now announce the opening of the ISLRN Portal (www.islrn.org). As a service free of charge for all Language Resource providers and under the supervision of a steering committee composed of representatives of participating organisations, the ISLRN Portal provides unique identifiers using a standardised nomenclature.

Overview

The 13-digit ISLRN format is: XXX-XXX-XXX-XXX-X. It can be allocated to any Language Resource; its composition is neutral and does not include any semantics in reference to the type or nature of the Language Resource. The ISLRN is a randomly created number with a check digit that validates a Verhoeff algorithm.

Two types of external players may interact with the ISLRN Portal: Visitors and Providers. Visitors may browse the web site and search for the ISLRN of a given Language Resource by its name or by its number if it exists. Providers are registered and own credentials. They can request a new ISLRN for a given Language Resource. A provider has the possibility to become certified, after moderation, in order to be able to import metadata in XML format.

The functionalities that can be accessed by Visitors are:

- ▶ [Identify a language resource according to its ISLRN](#)
- ▶ [Identify an ISLRN by the name of a language resource](#)
- ▶ Get information about [ISLRN](#), [FAQ](#), [Basic Metadata](#), [Legal Information](#)
- ▶ View last 5 accepted resources (“What’s new” block on [home page](#))
- ▶ Sign up to become a provider

The functionalities that can be accessed by Providers, once they have signed up, are:

- ▶ [Log in](#)
- ▶ [Request an ISLRN according to the metadata of a given resource](#)
- ▶ Request to become a certified provider so as to import XML files containing metadata
- ▶ Import one or more metadata descriptions in XML to request ISLRN(s) (only for certified providers)
- ▶ Edit pending requests
- ▶ Access previous requests
- ▶ Contact a Moderator or an Administrator
- ▶ Edit Providers’ own profile

ISLRN request is handled by moderators within 5 working days.

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Background

The International Standard Language Resource Number (ISLRN) is a unique and universal identification schema for Language Resources which provides Language Resources with unique identifier using a standardised nomenclature. It also ensures that Language Resources are correctly identified, and consequently, recognised with proper references for their usage in applications in R&D projects, products evaluation and benchmark as well as in documents and scientific papers. Moreover, it is a major step in the interconnected world that Human Language Technologies (HLT) has become: unique resources must be identified as they are and meta-catalogues need a common identification format to manage data correctly.

The ISLRN does not intend to replace local and specific identifiers, it is not meant to be a legal deposit, not an obligation, but rather an essential and best practice. For instance a resource that is distributed by several data centres will still have the “local” data-centre identifier but will have a unique ISLRN.

About ELRA

The European Language Resources Association (ELRA) is a non-profit making organisation founded by the European Commission in 1995, with the mission of providing a clearing house for language resources and promoting Human Language Technologies (HLT). To find out more about ELRA, please visit www.elra.info.

About LDC

Founded in 1992, the Linguistic Data Consortium (LDC) is an open consortium of universities, companies and government research laboratories. It creates, collects and distributes speech and text databases, lexicons, and other resources for research and development purposes. The University of Pennsylvania is the LDC’s host institution. To find out more about LDC, please visit www ldc.upenn.edu.

About AFNLP

The mission of the Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing (AFNLP) is to promote and enhance R&D relating to the computational analysis and the automatic processing of all languages of importance to the Asian region by assisting and supporting like-minded organizations and institutions through information sharing, conference organization, research and publication co-ordination, and other forms of support. To find out more about AFNLP, please visit www.afnlp.org.

About Oriental-COCOSDA

The International Committee for the Co-ordination and Standardisation of Speech Databases and Assesment Techniques, Oriental-COCOSDA, has been established to encourage and promote international interaction and cooperation in the foundation areas of Spoken Language Processing, especially for Speech Input/Output. To find out more about Oriental-COCOSDA, please visit our web site: www.cocosda.org