

Sextant Tagger

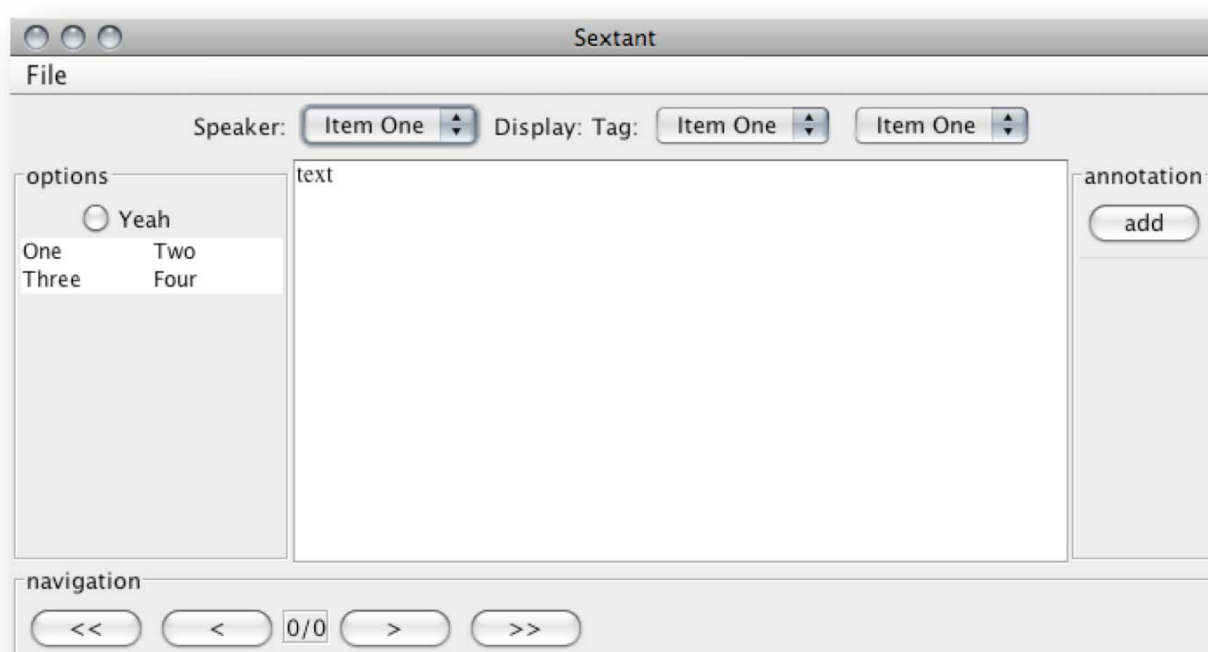
The Sextant-Tagger offers a simple facility to add EXMARaLDA standoff-annotation the segmented transcriptions.

Starting the Program

You need an installed Java-Runtime-Environment, Version 6 or newer to launch the program.

The program can be downloaded as a executable Java-package (jar) on the website <http://www.exmaralda.org/sextant>

Start the program by double-clicking the jar-file. You should see something like the following on your screen:



Using the Program

To annotate a segmented EXMARaLDA-transcription, open the transcription-file through the file-menu.

A screenshot of the 'File' menu from the Sextant Tagger application. The menu is open, showing five options: 'Open Transcription', 'Save Transcription', 'Open Standoff-Annotation', and 'Save Standoff-Annotation'. The menu has a light gray background and a thin border.

- Open Transcription
- Save Transcription
- Open Standoff-Annotation
- Save Standoff-Annotation

Selecting segments

After opening the transcription, the drop-down-menus on the top of the screen will update. The first drop-down-menu lets you select the speaker for which the segments will be displayed.

The second drop-down-menu lets you select the segmentation unit that will be displayed on the screen, the third drop-down-menu lets you select the segmentation unit that you want to annotate.



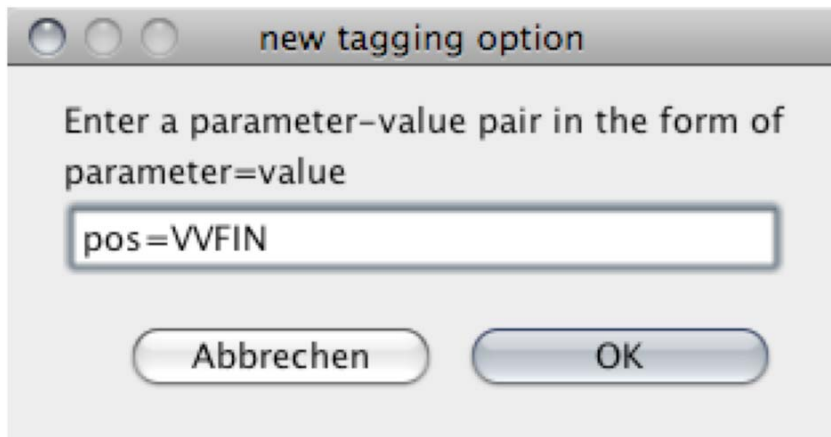
In this example, we chose to display HIAT:u-segments (utterances in the HIAT transcription conventions) and to add annotations to HIAT:w-segments (words in the HIAT transcription conventions).

Navigating

You can now navigate through the tier of the selected speaker through the navigation buttons on the bottom of the screen: the leftmost and the rightmost buttons move backwards and forwards through the display-segments, the buttons between move backwards and forwards through the elements you wish to annotate. The actual segment to annotate is highlighted in red.

Adding annotation options

You can add annotation-options ("tags") by clicking on the "add"-button on the right side of the screen. You will be presented with a dialog asking for a parameter-value-pair that will result in the actual annotation in the standoff-annotation file.



For each tagging option you add, a new button is added to the rightmost column of the program.



Adding Annotation

You add the actual annotation by navigation to the segment that you wish to annotate and clicking on one of the buttons that represent the tagging options.

You can save your annotations by selecting "Save Standoff Annotation" from the file-menu. Remember to save the file alongside the annotated transcription file to keep the links to it intact.