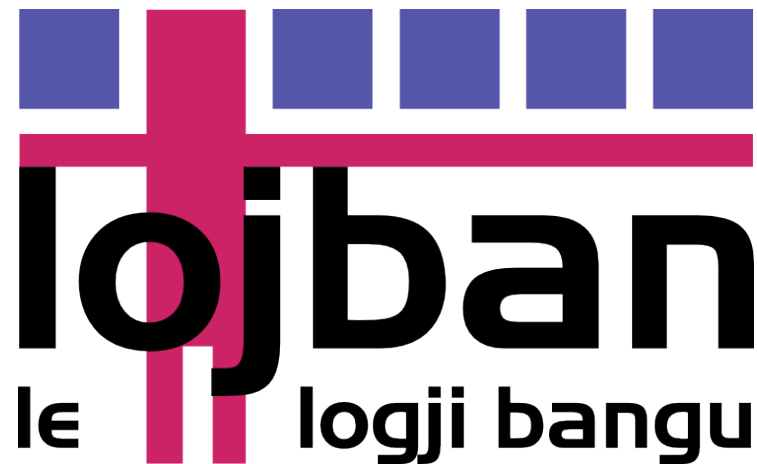


Lojban Workshop



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Congress „lonu ma se lacri do cu cumki“

IF YOU LEARNED TO SPEAK LOJBAN,
YOUR COMMUNICATION WOULD BE
COMPLETELY UNAMBIGUOUS AND LOGICAL.

YEAH, BUT IT WOULD ALL BE
WITH THE KIND OF PEOPLE
WHO LEARN LOJBAN.



Introduction: Why learn Lojban?

- A syntactically unambiguous language based on the principles of predicate logic
- Designed to be culturally neutral
- Semantic detail level choosable
- Nice linguistic toy, intelligent language design
- It's fun and relatively easy to learn
- Community driven and „free“, EBNF/YACC file in the public domain, democratic decisions

Introducing yourself

coi la peter.

mi'e la .aleks.

co'o

Hello Peter!

I'm Alex.

Bye!

Pronunciation:

Different for Germans: c /sh/, j /zh/, s /s/, x /x/, z /z/, y /ə/, v /v/. There is no w, q, h

Additionally different for English speakers: speak pure vowels (as in father, machine, note, shoe, lens)

Predicate relationships (Sentences)

Every sentence-word can be used as a predicate with a defined argument list:

klama: x_1 goes/comes to x_2 from x_3 by route x_4 by means x_5 ; *dunda*: x_1 gives x_2 to x_3 .

mi [cu] dunda lo birje do -> give(I, beer, you)

mi [cu] klama do [zo'e] [zo'e] [zo'e]

mi (I/we), *do* (you), *ti* (this), *ta* (that), *tu* (yonder)

Questions

- Fill-in-the-blank questions:

***ma** klama mi -- la suzyn.*

*la maks. dunda **ma** mi -- lo cukta*

*lonu **ma** se lacri do cu cumki*

- True/false questions:

***xu** do cikna -- go'i*

***xu** do prami la linuks. -- go'i*

***xu** do lacri la maikrosoft. -- na go'i*

First dialogue

P: coi .i mi'e la peter.

T: coi peter .i mi'e la tim.

P: zo pit. cu pe'ocme mi

T: zo blub. go'i mi .i mi cilre fi la lojban.

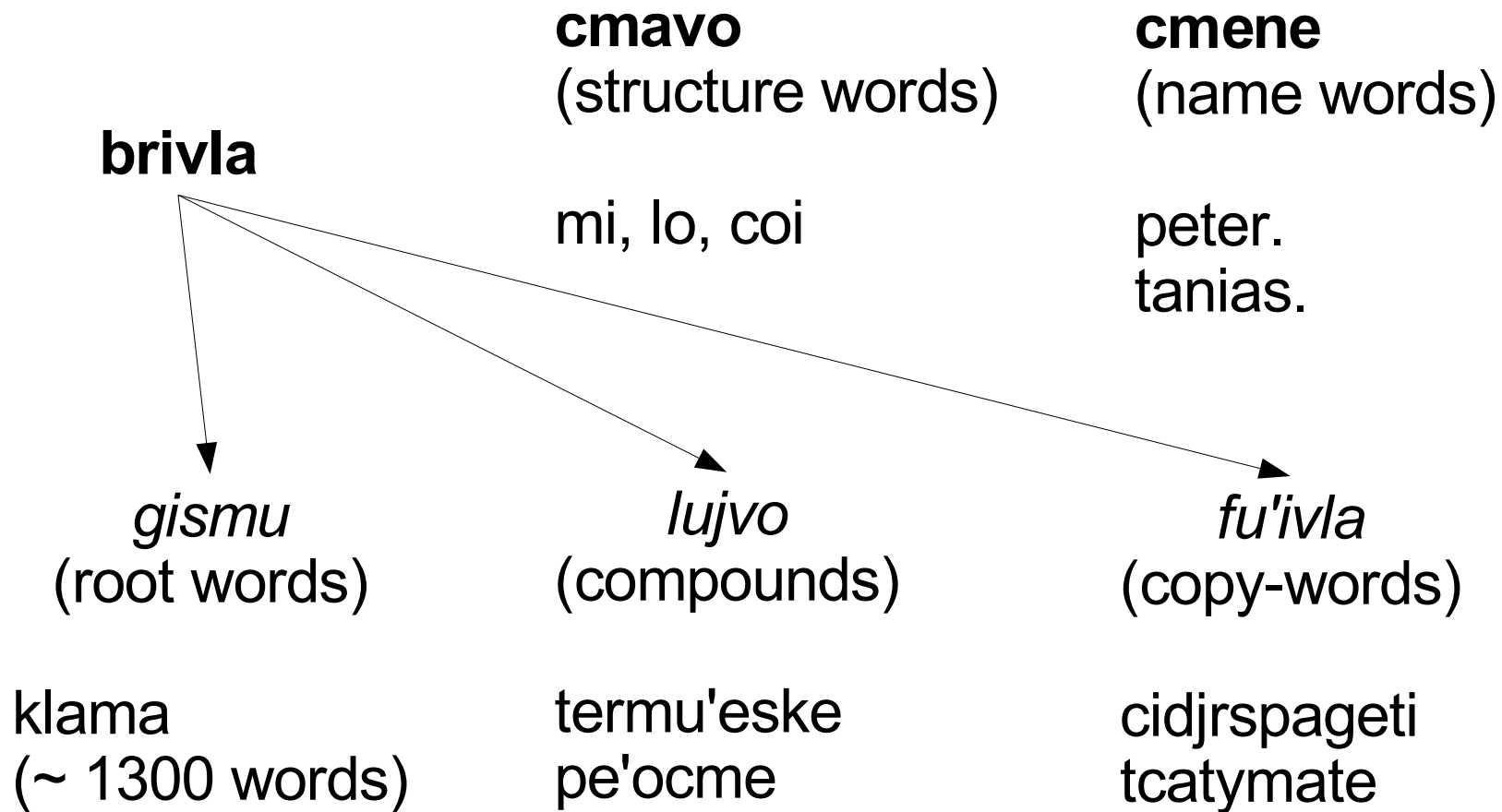
P: xamgu .i la lojban. cu banli

zo: one-word-quote, *pe'ocme*: nickname, *xamgu*: good,

banli: x1 is great in property x2 by standard x3,

cilre: x1 learns x2 about x3 from source x4 by method x5

Word types



Descriptors (Articles)

„*lo selbri*“ -> the object specified by x1

skami: x1 is a computer for purpose x2

lo skami -> the computer/computers

vecnu: x1 sells goods x2 to x3 for price x4

lo vecnu -> the salesperson

lo te vecnu -> the buyer

At ProGast

A: coi .i xu do vecnu la jolt.kolas.

B: na go'i

A: mi terve'u lo tcatymate

B: .e'o lo rupnu be repimu cu velve'u

A: ki'e .i co'o

B: co'o

vecnu: x1 sells goods x2 to x3 for price x4, *terve'u*: buy,

velve'u: price, *tcatymate*: Mate, *rupnu*: x1 is euro/dollar of

quantity x2, *ki'e*: thanks, *pa/re/ci/vo/mu/xa/ze/bi/so/no*: 1-9,0

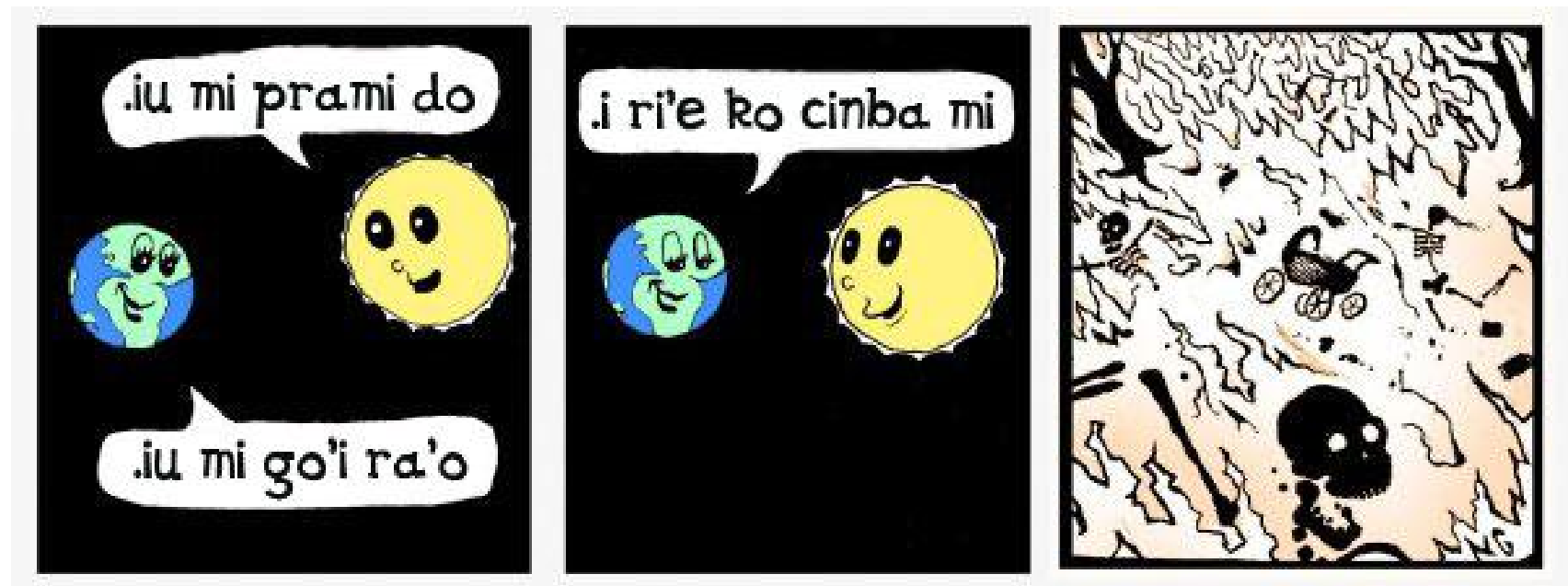
Attitudinals

Attitudinal markers for sentences/words:

.u'i: amusing/fun -> *.u'i do pilno la maikrosoft.*

.ua: discovery/realization -> *.u'a ta patfu do*

.a'e nai: exhaustion -> *.a'e nai mi klama lo ckana*



Network problems

A: da cfila lo ciste befi lo skami

B: ko cpedu lo cikre la nok. goi ko'a

A: mi na djica lonu dicra ko'a .i ku'i ko'a marna
danmo bo gasnu

B: lonu mi cikre lo ciste cu cumki

A: je'e

ko: you, imperative; *nu:* the event of <bridi>, *ko'a:* he/she/it
ciste: system, *skami:* computer, *cpedu:* request, *cikre:* repair,
marna: Marihuana, *danmo:* smoke, *je'e:* ok

klama ma

- More information at www.lojban.org
- There is a lojban IRC channel (irc.lojban.org, #lojban) and a mailing list
- A lojban wikipedia (jbo.wikipedia.org) and a bunch of translations of English texts
- There is a lojban meeting tomorrow (14:00 Uhr) in the workshop room