

How to invent five conlangs
in 45 mins
and still leave ample time for discussion

Njenfalgär

The art of sketchlanging

- the con-analogue of *borsht con sushi* or Milwaukee...
- Quidquid Elphense dictum sit, altum sonotur.

My credentials: more that a hundred languages, most of them quite worthless.

Conlang nr. 0: Engwish



Conlang nr. 0 bis: Lallâtínidor

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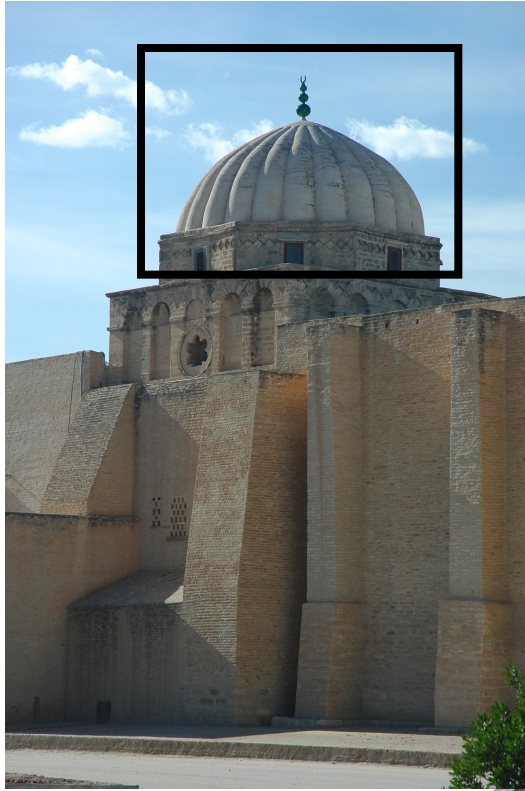
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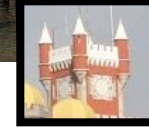
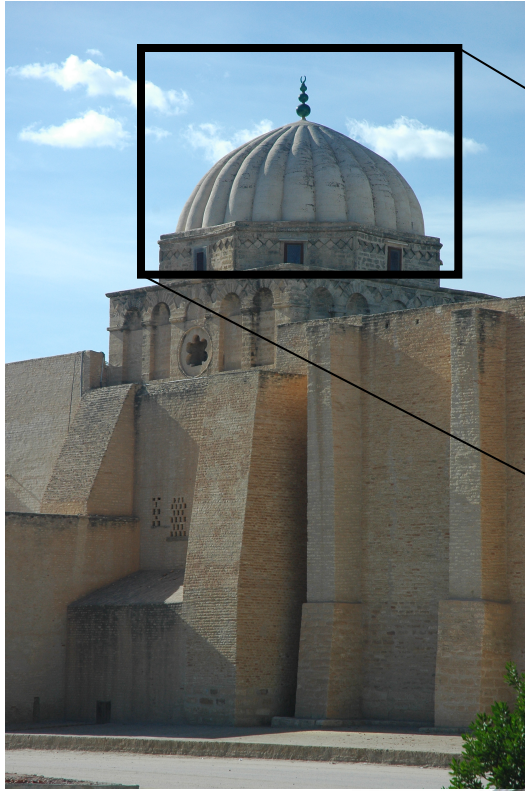
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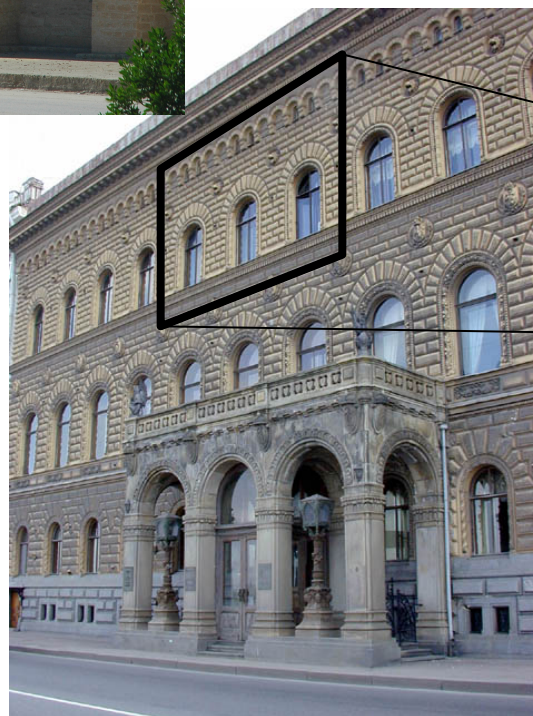
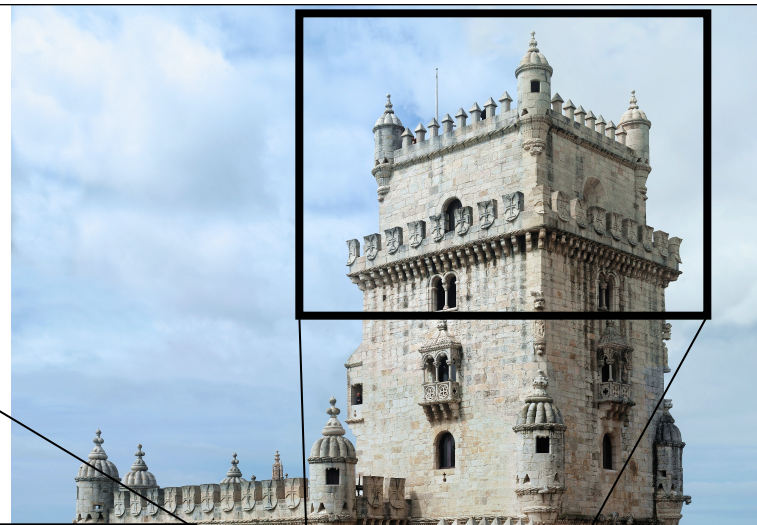
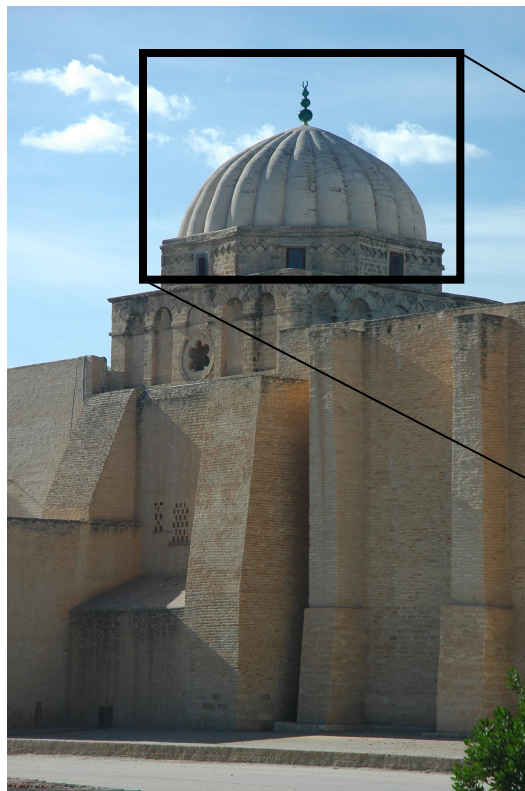
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bring-JUSS-them-all
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Conlang nr. 2: hlaP'insui

Requirements:

- name of language, people...
- boy's name
- girl's name
- king's name
- translate wise saying by that king
- random words: “lion”, “but”, “zebra”, “hyena”, “penguin”, “simple”

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	ejective	pʼ	tʼ <tʼ>			kʼ <kʼ>	kʷʼ <kʷʼ>	qʼ <qʼ>	qʷʼ <qʷʼ>	
Affricate	aspirated		tsʰ <c>							
	ejective		tsʼ <č> tʼʰ <čʰ>							
Fricative			s	ʃ <ɬ>		xɪ <x>	xʷ	χ	χʷ	(h)
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en	en	ben	pen	men	fen	den		nen		gen	ken
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eng	eng	beng	peng	meng	feng	deng	teng	neng	leng	geng	keng
er	er										
i	yi	bi	pi	mi		di	ti	ni	li		
ia	ya					dia			lia		

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KISWAHILI ? HAKUNA MATATA !

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Respectful verbs

some irregular respectful forms^[citation needed]

meaning	plain	respectful (sonkeigo)	humble (kenjōgo)	polite (teineigo)
see / look / watch	見る, <i>miru</i>	ご覧になる <i>go-ran ni naru</i>	拝見する <i>haiken suru</i>	見ます <i>mimasu</i>
meet	会う <i>au</i>	regular (ex. お会いになる <i>o-ai ni naru</i>)	お目にかかる <i>o-me ni kakaru</i>	会います <i>aimasu</i>
<i>be</i> ¹	ある <i>aru</i>			ござる <i>gozaru</i>
	いる <i>iru</i>		おる <i>oru</i>	おる <i>oru</i>
come / go ¹	来る <i>kuru</i> (come)	いらっしゃる <i>irassharu</i>	伺う <i>ukagau</i>	参る <i>mairu</i>
	行く <i>iku</i> (go)	おいでになる <i>o-ide ni naru</i>	参る <i>mairu</i>	
know	知る <i>shiru</i>	ご存じだ <i>go-zonji da</i>	存じあげる <i>zonji ageru</i>	存じている <i>zonji te iru</i>
eat / drink	食べる <i>taberu</i> (eat) 飲む <i>nomu</i> (drink)	召しあがる <i>meshi-agaru</i>	頂く <i>itadaku</i>	頂く <i>itadaku</i>
receive	もらう <i>morau</i>		頂く <i>itadaku</i> ² 頂戴する <i>chōdai-suru</i> ²	もらいます <i>moraimasu</i>
give (who receives is respected)	やる <i>yaru</i> (considered rude today, except in Kansai dialect) あげる <i>ageru</i> (once the humble form)		差しあげる <i>sashiageru</i>	あげます <i>agemasu</i>
give (who gives is respected)	くれる <i>kureru</i>	くださる <i>kudasaru</i>		くれます <i>kuremasu</i>
do	する <i>suru</i>	なさる <i>nasaru</i>	致します <i>itasu</i>	します <i>shimasu</i>
say	言う <i>iu</i>	おっしゃる <i>ossharu</i>	申し上げる <i>mōshi-ageru</i> 申す <i>mōsu</i>	言います <i>iimasu</i>
put on	着る <i>kiru</i>	お召しになる <i>omeshi ni naru</i>		着ます <i>kimasu</i>
sleep	寝る <i>neru</i>	お休みになる <i>o-yasumi ni naru</i>		休みます <i>yasumimasu</i>
die	死ぬ <i>shinu</i>	お亡くなりになる <i>o-nakunari ni naru</i>		亡くなる <i>nakunaru</i>

¹ The distinction between these three verbs is lost in some respectful forms.

² Both are the humble form of *receive* (もらう *morau*); it can also be used for related verbs like *eat* (食べる *taberu*) and *drink* (飲む *nomu*).

Word beautification

See also: [#Honorific prefixes](#)

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- root of some placename: p'in·suj
- class 1/2: wu-, q'a-
- class 7/8: ʔa-, χ^wa-
- class 14: ʔa-

hlaP'insui is spoken in aP'insui by the
q'aP'insui

Conlang nr. 2: hlaP'insui

- class 5/6: sa-, p^{hiw}-, often null, p^{hiw}-
- bright: x^wa·t^hun
- velvet: ʔan·maw
- lion: mian·k^ju
- boy's name: Khwatun (cfr. Minh)
- girl's name: Anmau (cfr. Nhung)
- king's name: Miank'u (cfr. Simba)

Conlang nr. 2: hlaP'insui

- class 9/10: k^wa-, k^wa-
- language: k^wa-lia·χan
- polite conj: -k^hwan-
- 1pp: ji-
- with: ni
- but: lan·tʰi
- zebra: k^wa-k^hju·p^hian
- and: q^hwiw
- friend: wu-tʰin
- hyena: k^wa-wi·χu·tʰin
- new: q^hwi·tʰaj
- penguin:
k^wa-jian·q'uj·sun
- beautifying part: -tʰi
- simple: t'i·jan

Conlang nr. 2: hlaP'insui

Qwui yikwanni k'waliaqhantsi k'waqwitsai,
q'atsin!

q^hwiw ji-k^hwan-ni k'wa-liaxan-t^hi k'wa-q^hwits^haj,

and 1pp-POL-with CL9-language-BEAU CL9-new,

q'a-t^hin!

CL2-friend!

And we have a new language, friends!

(Sayings of the Lion, King Miank'u)

Conlang nr. 3: Tý!one'ö miú

to represent this phoneme. However, that does not prevent anyone from using Hawaiian.^[6]

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West !Xoon dialect (DoBeS 2006):

affricated clicks			‘sharp’ clicks		accompaniment and DoBeS analysis
labial clicks	dental clicks	lateral clicks	alveolar clicks	palatal clicks	
Clicks analyzed as segments					
0			!	‡	Tenuis
g0	g	g	g!	g‡	Voiced
0h	h	h	!h	‡h	Aspirated. <‡ha> is explosively aspirated [ʰa].
g0h	g h	g h	g!h	g‡h	Breathily voiced. <g‡h> is phonetically [ʰa]
0'	'	'	!'	‡'	Ejective. <‡'a> is phonetically [kʰ'a]; the strong burst of the [k] vowel comparable to that of <‡'a> [ʰ'a].
	g '	g '	g!'	g‡'	<g‡'a> is phonetically [kʰ'a], with a creaky onset to the vowel.
	nh	nh	nh!	nh‡	Voiceless nasal. <n‡a> is phonetically [ŋʰa], nasal with voiceless
n0	n	n	n!	n‡	Voiced nasal. <n‡a> is phonetically [ŋa], nasal with murmured
'n0	'n	'n	'n!	'n‡	Preglottalized nasal. <'n‡a> is phonetically [ʔŋa], nasal with a g
Clicks analyzed as clusters					
q0	q	q	q!	q‡	<q‡> ← /ʔ/ + /q/. Two releases, /ʔ/ and /q/.
g0q	g q	g q	g!q	g‡q	<g‡q> ← /ʔ/ + /q/
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0q'	q'	q'	!q'	‡q'	<‡q'> ← /ʔ/ + /q'/. <‡q'a> is phonetically /ʔq'a/.
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0x	x	x	!x	‡x	<‡x> ← /ʔ/ + /x/ (analogous to <tx, tsx>)
g0x	g x	g x	g!x	g‡x	<g‡x> ← /ʔ/ + /x/ (analogous to <dx, dzx>)
0qx'	qx'	qx'	!qx'	‡qx'	<‡qx'> ← /ʔ/ + /qx'/ (analogous to <pqx', tqx', tsqx'>)
g0qx'	g qx'	g qx'	g!qx'	g‡qx'	<g‡qx'> ← /ʔ/ + /qx'/ (analogous to <dqx', dzqx'>)
0"	"	"	!"	‡"	<‡"> ← /ʔ/ + /ʔ/. Initial <‡"> is phonetically [ʰʔa]; after a vowel, contrast with the ejective click <‡'a>.
n0"	n "	n "	n!"	n‡"	<n‡"> ← /ʔ/ + /ʔ/. <n‡"> is phonetically [ŋʰʔa]. The nasal venting
0hh	hh	hh	!hh	‡hh	<‡hh> ← /ʔ/ + /h/. <‡hha> is phonetically [ŋʰha]; the [h] is weak click <‡ha>.
					<n‡hh> ← /ʔ/ + /h/. <n‡hha> is phonetically [nʰʰa]. The nasal

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(in central Ju); and two lateral clicks, which in the only dialects known to distinguish them */lateral/* ʄ with a rear release. There may be an additional [palatal lateral click](#) (a palatal click being investigated. Given the poor state of documentation of Khoisan languages, it is quite than five places of articulation.

Click release inventory	Languages	
dental ǀ only	Dahalo	
alveolar ǃ only	Sesotho	
3 releases, ǀ, ǃ, ǁ	Sandawe, Hadza, Xhosa, Zulu	(in Hadza and
4 releases, ǀ, ǃ, ǁ, ǂ	Korana, Nama, Yeyi, Zhuǀ'hǁasi (southeastern Ju)	
4 releases, ǀ, ǃ, ǁ, ǂ	ǀKung (Grootfontein)	
5 releases, ǀ, ǃ, ǁ, ǂ, ǂ̥	ǂHǃá, Nǀu, ǂXam, ǂXóó	
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+ French vowels, Pirahã tones (according to Everett)

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some Japanese:

- possessor + object
- postpositions
- standard + comp. & domain + superl.
- verb-final
- rel. clause + ant.

some Welsh:

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- number + noun
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- cool place: ký!one
- noise: miú
- some genitive: -ʔø
- orchid: ʔɛɔhi
- two: ín|œ
- this language: Tý!one'ö miú
(cfr. *tiếng Việt*)
- girl's name: 'ɛɔhi (cfr. Lan)
- boy's name: Ín|œ (cfr. Nhị)

Conlang nr. 3: Tý!one'ö miú

- example: wika (cfr. *mẫu*)
- simple: kiana (< tĩ·jan, cfr. *cơ bản*)
- rather: káihé
- it is: !y (very irregular verb, of course)
- fun: |ole, |ole-|ókø (cfr. *hài, hài hước*)
- isn't it: po + verb
- still: liýwu
- but: áó (cfr. *mà*), lanaki (< lan·t'ĩ, cfr. *nhưng*), lanakiáó (cfr. *nhưng mà*)

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Liývu vika káihé tiana !y, lanatiáó |ole|
ókö po !y?

liýwu	wika	káihé	kiana	!y,
still	example	rather	simple	is,
lanaki-áó	ole- ókø	po	!y?	
but-but	fun-REDUP Q	is?		

It's still a rather simple example, but it's
fun, isn't it?

(Very Wise Proverb™)

Conlang nr. 4: Mbghartihmlunjgwe

Consonants

Hmong makes a number of **phonemic** contrasts unfamiliar to **English** speakers. All non-glottal **stops** and **affricates** distinguish independently of this. The **consonant** inventory of Hmong is shown in the chart below. (Consonants particular to **Hmong** are highlighted in yellow.)

		Bilabial		Labio-dental	Dental		Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Glottal								
		Plain	Lateral [˥]		Plain	Lateral [˥]													
Nasal	Voiceless	ɱ		(ɱʰ)				ɳ											
	Voiced	m		(mʰ)		n				ɲ									
Plosive	Voiceless	p	pʰ	(pʰ)	(pʰʰ)	t	tʰ	(tʰ)	(tʰʰ)	ʈ	ʈʰ	c	cʰ	k	kʰ	q	qʰ	ʔ	
	Voiced					d	dʰ												
	Prenasalized ^{˥˥}	ɱb	ɱbʰ	(ɱbʰ)	(ɱbʰʰ)	ɳd	ɳdʰ	(ɳdʰ)	(ɳdʰʰ)	ɳʈ	ɳʈʰ	ɳʈʂ	ɳʈʂʰ	ɳg	ɳgʰ	ɳg	ɳgʰ	ɳq	ɳqʰ
Affricate	Voiceless					ts	tsʰ			tʂ	tʂʰ								
	Prenasalized ^{˥˥}					ɳdz	ɳdzʰ			ɳʈʂ	ɳʈʂʰ								
Fricative	Voiceless			f		s	ʈ	ʂ		ç							h		
	Voiced			v						ʐ	ɟ								
Approximant								l											

[^] The status of the consonants described here as single phonemes with **lateral release** is controversial. A number of scholars argue that the second element. The difference in analysis (e.g. between /p/ and /pʰ/) is noted based on any disagreement in the sound differing theoretical grounds. Those in favor of a unit-phoneme analysis generally argue for this based on distributional evidence in language, although see below) and dialect evidence (the laterally released dentals in Green Mong, e.g. /tʰl/, correspond to the voiced cluster analysis tend to argue on the basis of general phonetic principles (other examples of labial phonemes with lateral release

common speech, though the orthography reflects *singizwa iteka*. would be pronounced as "Re
In the colloquial language, there are some variations
following:

Orthog.	Pron.
<i>rw</i>	/rgw/
<i>pw</i>	/pk/
<i>bw</i>	/bg/
<i>mw</i>	/mɲ/
<i>my</i>	/mɲ/
<i>tw</i>	/tkw/
<i>dw</i>	/dgw/
<i>cw</i>	/tʃkw/
<i>by</i>	/bɲ/

Note that these are all sequences; /bg/, for example, is not a phoneme.

Grammar

Conlang nr. 4: Mbghartihmlunjgwe

- prefix like по- in по-Русский: ^mb^hu-
- a region on some planet: aṭim_olu
- adjectives end in -e, to make them one adds an infix -ⁿɟu-

name of language: ^mb^hu-aṭim_olu-ⁿɟu-e

- loans:
 - girl's name: Ehi (< 'Εχι)
 - fun: !ole!eke (< |ole-|ø̊kø)

Conlang nr. 5: Wæst-Ostæ:ʃh

	infinitive	past tense	some gerund	form for aux.
cover	kwæ̃:ʃhə			
be	tu:			
choose	hro:t			
show	zæ:			
go	twæ:			
put	ʃhym			
shit	stif			

Conlang nr. 5: Wæst-Ostæ:ʃh

	infinitive	past tense	some gerund	form for aux.
cover	kwæ̃:ʃhə	kwæ̃:ʃhəm	kwæ̃:ʃhətʃə	kwæ̃:ʃhəm
be	tu:			
choose	hro:t			
show	zæ:			
go	twæ:			
put	ʃhym			
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be	tu:	ha:s/hʌrə	tu:tʃə	tu:k
choose	hro:t	hrɔt	hro:tʃə	hrɔtək
show	zæ:	zæ:m	zæ:tʃə	zæ:k
go	twæ:	ne:hm	twæ:tʃə	twæk
put	ʃhym	ʃhym	ʃhymtʃə	ʃhym
shit	stif	stæf	stiftʃə	stæf

Written assignment

- vowels from Sakao
- contrasting different phonations on consonants (you may choose a language)
- Hixkaryana syntax
- conjugation for linkedness (copy from Kirundi)
- add some English messiness
- Vietnamese-inspired etymologies

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