

TRANSCRIPTION STANDARD

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1. Introduction

This document¹ describes the standard for machine-readable transcriptions of spoken language used within the research program Semantics and Spoken Language at the Department of Linguistics, Göteborg University.² The document is organized as follows. In section 2, we describe the basic format requirements of transcription files. Section 3 is devoted to the transcription of utterances, or contributions, while sections 4–7 deal with the coding of various types of background information through the use of so-called information lines. In section 8, finally, we give instructions for the composition of the transcription header.

2. Basic Format Requirements

2.1 Global Structure

Every transcription is divided into two consecutive parts:

- Header
- Body

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