

Survey of English Usage

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The main areas of research this past year have been related to parsing and to the Leverhulme Project.

1a. The Survey Parser

Alex Chengyu Fang has been developing the Survey parser, which has progressed through several versions. Progress is expected to be speeded up as a result of a substantial grant from

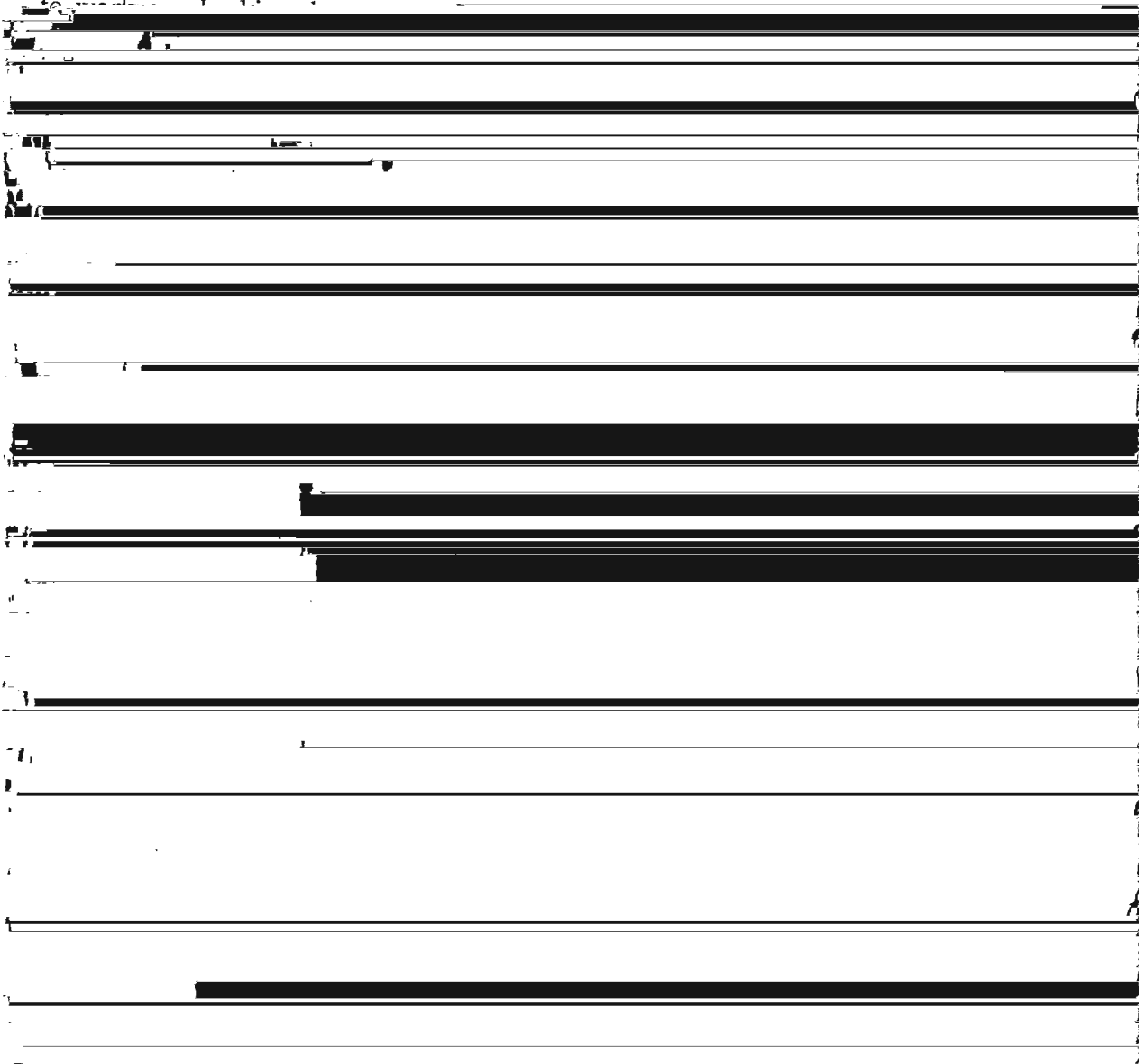
The remaining 38 per cent of ICE has been parsed by the Survey parser that is being developed by Alex Fang. The Survey parser does not require pre-editing. It offers just one parse, which is displayed on ICETree. The parses are checked manually and (if necessary) corrected. So far about 50 texts have been checked. We have recruited additional staff to speed up the checking.

We have been extending the

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Continuing staff from last year are Judith Broadbent, Justin Buckley, Alex Chengyu Fang, Gerry Nelson, Oonagh Sayce, and Ni Yibin. Continuing voluntary participants are Isaac Hallegua and René Quinault. Neil Morgenstern, who was employed in the Department of Computer Science, also volunteered his services when required.

We welcome Sean Wallis, who joined Alex Fang as Research Fellow on the EPSRC project at the beginning of October 1995. Other staff joined us in October or November 1995



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Nick Porter mainly worked on ICETree and ICECUBE (the software package for preparing and installing ICECUP). Isaac Hallegua continued his activities on system and data management. In addition to his usual archive duties, René Quinault has continued working on reducing the ICE recordings to those used in the ICE corpus.

participants. At a reception in his honour at the conference he was presented with a book dedicated to him: The Verb in Contemporary English: Theory and Description (edited by Bas Aarts and Charles F. Meyer, Cambridge University Press 1995). He gave a presentation at a postgraduate seminar in the Phonetics and Linguistics Department at UCL.

Alex Fang was appointed Deputy Director of the Survey in June 1995. He gave a paper and a software presentation of AUTASYS at the Toronto ICAME conference. He also gave a presentation at a postgraduate seminar in the Phonetics and Linguistics Department at UCL. He participated in a BBC World Service series on English internationally.

Gerry Nelson participated in a BBC World Service discussion on the future of English throughout the world.

Nick Porter demonstrated ICECUP and ICETree at the Toronto ICE conference. Jointly with Judith Broadbent and Justin D. ...



Tom Lavelle
University of Stockholm

nominalizations

Professor Magnus Ljung
University of Stockholm

nonfinite adverbial clauses

David Thompson

Other visitors were:

Gordan Adgey

Mercury Telecommunications plc

Julian Amey

Department of Trade and Industry

Janet Baker

Dragon Systems Ltd

Simon Bell

Routledge

Nigel Birch

Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council

Andy Breen

British Telecom

John Bridle

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