

Pit River Languages Project

Summary of work during September 2025

1. Achumawi DB

I persist with the work despite interruptions of various kinds, some related to redirecting the proposal process, the most recent being a phishing attack on my wife's computer which has required me to change many passwords on my accounts as well as hers, and to factory-reset my phone. I am also preparing for travel to The Netherlands 5-13 October for a conference. leaving in two days.

I have made significant progress on Chapter 1 of the grammar, but the draft is not yet ready to share. Chapter 1 is about the 'external' syntax of complex sentences. Complex sentences can be made in several ways. The sections of Chapter 1 are:

- 1.1 Conjunction
- 1.2 Anaphoric reference in the second clause, a kind of deixis pointing to something said or implicit in the first clause or in nearby context
- 1.3 Conditional relations translated by English 'if .. then' and the like
- 1.4 Subordinate clause

I will be proceeding to 1.3 and 1.4 soon.

There have been some changes in the database since the last update, but not enough to warrant uploading a current backup file.

Altogether, this is a most disruptive time. To understand what is happening, I find [*The Fourth Turning is Here*](#) useful.

2. Atsuke DB

September was a month for adjustments to role changes for some of our core-team members. Subsequently, work slowed to accommodate these re-alignments. Database entry was a continuation of the present working file of Leonard Talmy's 002.001. In addition to the ongoing database updates, the team focused on streamlining communication channels to ensure a smoother transition for those taking on new responsibilities. These efforts were aimed at minimizing disruptions and maintaining the quality of our outputs during the period of change.

Maintaining continuity, the ongoing community language gatherings over Zoom proceeded regularly, fostering engagement and dialogue among participants. Additionally, planning for the November language symposium continued throughout the month, with the team coordinating logistics and program details to ensure a successful event.