SSWL. May 7th update.

Dear all,

Here is a brief update from SSWL. Excellent news, we (more than met) the May1st deadline challenge (in red below) that I put out on April 7. This is terrific, and many thanks to all of you who have made this possible!

Lgs over 90% Set property values
April 12: 20(21) 7382
challenge:MAY 1st >50 and/or >8000
May 1st 53 >8200
May 5th 55 8482

I will be back soon with more news: there are several property definitions in advanced stage of development, and the next set on polar questions and answers should be ready for posting soon.

To give you an idea of the growth of sswl since October, I have included some statistics which are very encouraging.
Now will be a good time to go online, http://sswl.railsplayground.net/, and check where your language or favorite languages are at (are you at 0% 10%, 50%, or at 100%); whether you have outstanding properties or forum posts (go to my data), set outstanding properties (we should soon reach the 1000 set property values mark; only 1500 to go), add some examples or comments, comment on problems you may see, explore search functions, compare your language to another language in the database, do some cross searches, or help in any other way (recruit speaker/linguists of languages not yet represented, organize a local group of linguists working on related languages, get involved in developing property definitions etc).

All this presupposes of course that you know your password: please do not hesitate to contact us if you have forgotten your password! We don't have automatic password reset quite yet, but will soon, when SSWL will migrate to Terraling.com http://www.terraling.com/. The site, with Dennis Shasha as system architect and Ross Kaffenberger, Alex Lobascio and Marco Liberati as principle developers, is not quite ready yet for migration, but you can go check it out, and try some features. For example, under group, go to SSWL (a back-up of the database from My 7th), and run the similarity tree. Very very cool!

All my best, and as always, please let me know if you have any comments suggestions.

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