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"Lexical-functional Grammar of the Croatian language: Theoretical and practical models"

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Formal description aims to find the most suitable way for a certain segment of the language, or some language phenomena at morphological, lexical, syntactic or semantic level.

There is a variety of formal models based on different approaches in order describe as much as possible the natural language at the morphological, lexical, syntactic and semantic level. One type of such formal model is described in the dissertation entitled "Lexical-Functional Grammar of the Croatian Language: Theoretical and Practical Models".

The aim of this work was:

a) To find the theoretical formal model and define formal rules in order to describe certain language phenomena on the morphological, lexical, syntactic and semantic level for the subset of Croatian language sentences.

b) To verify computationally theoretical models using LFGW program in Amzi Prolog

The method used for the formal description of the Croatian is Lexical-Functional Grammar which is generative non-transformational grammar, belonging to the group of Unification Grammar.

The hypothesis to verify is definition of the LFG model as context-sensitive grammar or the grammar on the basis of constraints according to which it should be suitable for introduction of new contextual features and for the description of language with relatively free word order.