This brochure gives you an overview of the Language Tools projects of COERLL, UT-Austin’s new Title VI language resource and research center. One of only 15 national foreign language resource centers, COERLL seeks to promote the culture of sharing at the heart of the Open Education movement. In more concrete terms, COERLL will produce and disseminate Open Educational Resources (OERs) for the Internet public (e.g., online language courses, reference grammars, assessment tools, corpora, etc.). The term OER refers to any educational material offered freely for anyone to use, typically involving some permission to re-mix, improve, and redistribute. And finally, in addition to embracing the tenets of Open Education, COERLL seeks to reframe foreign language education in terms of multilingualism. As such, all COERLL materials will strive to represent more accurately multilingual development and performance along multiple continua (dialectal, proficiency, etc.).
Language Tools

Annotation tool

eComma
An Open Source Tool for Collaborative L2 Reading
A web application that enables groups of students, scholars, or general readers to build collaborative commentaries on a text and to search, display, and share those commentaries online in a more pliable form than has previously been available.

*Project is in development*

Cultural archive

LESCANT
An archive of photos contributed by students abroad and arranged according to the LESCANT model of cultural issues: language, environment, social organization, context, authority, non-verbal, and time. The goal of the site is to give students experience in identifying differences between cultures.

*URL: http://laits.utexas.edu/lescant/

Proficiency assessment

Proficiency Training Website and Spanish Learner Corpus
A website of videos of learners to help future public school teachers of Spanish in their assessment of learners’ levels of proficiency. Materials direct the viewer to notice features about the learners’ language and proficiency levels.

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