

TENTATIVE MORPHO-PHONOLOGICAL DESIGN FOR A NEW LANGUAGE BASED ON ITHKUIL (as of October 30, 2017)

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This document presents the tentative structural redesign for simple formatives (those not containing an incorporated stem) and complex formatives (those containing an incorporated stem). Proposed structures for various adjuncts are also provided. The primary goals are to make the morpho-phonology mostly agglutinative rather than synthetic, to move the Format (i.e., case) of an incorporated stem to the front of the formative rather than being placed at the end, to drastically simplify and regularize the C_a complex, and to simplify the use of phonological tone (and even rendering the use of tone optional). Additionally, it will now be possible to make formatives from the raw root concept (irrespective of any Pattern, Stem, or Designation), as well as from generalized INFORMAL or FORMAL roots (irrespective of Pattern or Stem). New adjuncts will allow case-stacking; stacking of the C_a complex; and will provide C_a, version, function, aspect, and format info for an incorporated stem. Personal reference adjuncts have also been wholly redesigned and simplified.

TENTATIVE STRUCTURE OF A SIMPLE FORMATIVE (i.e., no incorporated stem)

I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X					XI	XII	XIII	XIV
((V _a (')))	(C _i)	V _N	(C _p V _L)	V _L)	C _r	V _c (')	(C _m V _M)	V _M)	C _a					(V _x C) (+V _x C ...)	(V _r)	(' C _b)	stress
Aspect	6 Illocution	4 functions x 9 validations	Phase+Sanction	Valence	Root	Case	Mood	Modality	C _a 1 = 4 contexts	C _a 2 = 9 config	C _a 3 = 6 extensions x 4 affiliations	C _a 4 = 4 perspectives	C _a 5 = 2 Essence	V _x C suffixes	2 Versions x 3 Patterns x 3 Stems	Bias	2 Designations x 2 Relations
[See footnote 3 below]	[zero] / h ¹ hw hr hl hm hn [Also see footnote 3 below]		[See footnote 3 below]			Shown by vocalic infixes +/- glottal stop	[zero] / ğ h hw hr hl hm hn hh	default value (i.e., no modality) = a unless Slot VIII is zero, in which case default = zero	[zero] l r ř	[zero] F ₁ - s-/z- š-/ž- N ₁ - N ₂ - K ₁ - K ₂ - F ₂ -	s ² z š ž k g k' k ^h t d t' t ^h p b p' p ^h q x q' q ^h f d f v	[zero] -l -r -w	gem. of C _a form				penult. ultimate antepen. pre-antepen.

¹ -h- used only if Slot I is non-zero or if Slot I is zero but Slots IV and V are non-zero [see note 3 below].

² In Slot X, if C_a1 and C_a2 are zero, C_a3 is -s-, and C_a4 is -l- or -r-, then the -s- in C_a3 is elided. Therefore formatives such as **kasla** and **etusrui** become **kal(a)** and **eturui**; geminated forms such as **kassla** or **etusrui** become **kall(a)** and **eturrui**.

³ If Phase+Sanction+Valence information in Slots IV and V is non-zero (i.e., non-default), then: (1) if Slots I and II are both default zero, Slot II must show its alternate zero-value of **h-**; (2) if Slot I and/or Slot II is/are non-zero (i.e., non-default), the vowel in Slot I must be followed by a glottal stop (a zero in Slot I becomes **a'**). These measures are necessary to ensure that Slots IV and V are not misinterpreted as being the root+case of Slots VI and VII.

TENTATIVE STRUCTURE OF A COMPLEX FORMATIVE (i.e., contains an incorporated stem) (NOTE: Slot III and Slots VI through XV are the same as above)

0	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X					XI	XII	XIII	XIV
(C _I)	V _F ([˘])	C _d	V _N	C _X	V _S	C _R	V _c ([˘])	(C _m	V _m)	C _a					(V _x C) (+V _x C...)	(V _p)	([˘] C _b)	stress
6 Illocution	Format of inc. stem	Designation of inc. stem	Function Validation	Incorporated Root	Stem + Pattern+ Version of inc. root	Root	Case	Mood	Modality	Context	Config	Extension Affiliation	Pers- pective	Essence	V _x C suffixes	Version Pattern Stem	Bias	Designation Relation
[zero] h hr hl hm hn	same as Case voc. affixes used in Slot VII	INF = w / ç* FML = y / ç*			same as V _r affixes used in Slot XII													

* form after –î or –û or –i/-u diphthong

- A complex formative is always distinguishable from a simple formative in that a complex formative will have **w**, **y**, or **ç** in Slot II, while no simple formative has these consonants in Slot II.
- A complex formative contains an extra “pre-slot” called Slot 0, showing Illocution. It is equivalent to Slot II of a simple formative, except that the default value is always zero (never **h-**), and the Slot II value –**hw-** becomes **h-** when in Slot 0.
- A complex formative cannot show Aspect nor Phase+Sanction+Valence (because Slots I, IV and V are instead used for the incorporated root, its format, and its stem/pattern/version). These categories are shown by adjunct (or suffix) instead.

SLOT I (Simple Formative): V_a — Aspect*

(none)		(a)
RTR	RETROSPECTIVE	u
PRS	PROSPECTIVE	e
HAB	HABITUAL	o
PRG	PROGRESSIVE	I
IMM	IMMINENT	ö
PCS	PRECESSIVE	î
REG	REGULATIVE	â
EXP	EXPERIENTIAL	û / oe

RSM	RESUMPTIVE	ëi
CSS	CESSATIVE	ae
RCS	RECESSATIVE	ai
PAU	PAUSAL	ei
RGR	REGRESSIVE	ui
PCL	PRECLUSIVE	oi
CNT	CONTINUATIVE	iu
ICS	INCESSATIVE	au

PMP	PREEMPTIVE	eu
CLM	CLIMACTIC	ou
PTC	PROTRACTIVE	ëu
TMP	TEMPORARY	ia
MTV	MOTIVE	ie
CSQ	CONSEQUENTIAL	io
SQN	SEQUENTIAL	iù
EPD	EXPEDITIVE	iö

DCL	DISCLUSIVE	ea
CCL	CONCLUSIVE	oa
CUL	CULMINATIVE	eo
IMD	INTERMEDIATIVE	eö
TRD	TARDATIVE	ua / öi
TNS	TRANSITIONAL	ue / öu
ITC	INTERCOMMUTATIVE	uo / öa
CSM	CONSUMPTIVE	uö / öe

* The values shown must be followed by a glottal stop if Phase+Sanction+Valence information in Slots IV & V are non-zero (i.e., non-default), unless both Slots I and II are zero (in which case zero-value in Slot II must be shown by **h-**). This is necessary to ensure that Slots IV and V are not misinterpreted as being the root+case of Slots VI & VII.

SLOT II (Simple Formative): C_I — Illocution

ASR	IRG	ADM	DIR	HOR	DEC
ASSERTIVE	INTERROGATIVE	ADMONITIVE	DIRECTIVE	HORTATIVE	DECLARATIVE
- / h *	hw	hr	hl	hm	hn

* **h-** used only if Slot I is non-zero or if Slot I is zero but Slots IV and V are non-zero

SLOT III: V_N — 4 Functions × 7 Validations

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		CNF	AFM	RPT	HSY	CJT	INF	ITU
1	STA	(a)	î / uë	û / ië	ai	au	ia / ua	ae
2	DYN	e	i	ea	ei	eu	ie / ue	oe
3	MNF	o	â	oa	oi	ou	io / uo	eo
4	DSC	u	ö	öa	ui	iu	iö / uö	eö

SLOT IV (Simple Formative): V_N — 9 Phases × 9 Sanctions

PHASE	SANCTION								
	PPS	EPI	ALG	IPU	RFU	REB	THR	EXV	AXM
CTX	(x)*	s	š	l	r	ň	ř	c	č
PCT	ť	sť	šť	ťl	ťr	n	ď	ž	j
ICR	f	sf	šf	fl	fr	m	v	sv	šv
REP	k	sk	šk	kl	kr	ňk	k'	sk'	šk'
TIM	t	st	št	tl	tr	nt	t'	st'	št'
RCT	p	sp	šp	pl	pr	mp	p'	sp'	šp'
FRE	g	zg	žg	gl	gr	ňg	k ^h	sk ^h	šk ^h
FRG	d	zd	žd	dl	dr	nd	t ^h	st ^h	št ^h
FLC	b	zb	žb	bl	br	mb	p ^h	sp ^h	šp ^h

* **-x-** appears only if valence in Slot V is non-default (non-zero)

NOTE: if Phase+Sanction+Valence information in Slots IV and V is non-zero (i.e., non-default), then:

- (1) if Slots I and II are both zero, Slot II must show its alternate zero-value of **h-**
- (2) if Slot I and/or Slot II is/are non-zero, the vowel in Slot I must be followed by a glottal stop (a zero in Slot I becomes **a'**).

These steps are necessary to ensure Slots IV and V are not misinterpreted as being the root+case of Slots VI and VII.

SLOT V (Simple Formative): V_L — Valence

MNO	PRL	CRO	RCP	CPL	NNR	DUP	DEM	RES	IMT	CNG	PTI	IDC	MUT
(a)*	e	o	i	u	â	ae	î	û / ia	ai	ei	oi	ui	ö

* **-a-** appears only if Phase & Sanction in Slot IV is non-default (non-zero)

SLOT VI: C_r — The Root

As in Ithkuil, a single consonantal form, comprising between one and five consonants. The consonant forms **ç, h, hh, hl, hm, hn, hr, hw, w** and **y** cannot be roots. (NOTE: Other combinations containing **ç, h, w,** and **y** are permissible, e.g., **çt, pç, ççw, lh, rh, skw, by,** etc.)

SLOT VII: V_c — Case

TRANSRELATIVE CASES			
1	OBL	OBLIQUE	a
2	IND	INDUCIVE	u
3	ABS	ABSOLUTE	e
4	ERG	ERGATIVE	o
5	EFF	EFFECTUATIVE	ö
6	AFF	AFFECTIVE	i
7	DAT	DATIVE	î / eë
8	INS	INSTRUMENTAL	û / oë
9	DER	DERIVATIVE	ü / ae

ASSOCIATIVE CASES			
19	APL	APPLICATIVE	a'
20	PUR	PURPOSIVE	u'
21	BEN	BENEFACTIVE	e'
22	TSP	TRANSPOSITIVE	o'
23	CMM	COMMUTATIVE	ö'
24	ESS	ESSIVE	i'
25	ASI	ASSIMILATIVE	î' / eë'
26	CSD	CONSIDERATIVE	û' / oë'
27	CLA	CLASSIFICATIVE	ü' / ae'

TEMPORAL CASES			
37	ASS	ASSESSIVE	ia / ai
38	ACS	ACCESSIVE	iù / ui
39	CNR	CONCURSIVE	ie / ei
40	PER	PERIODIC	io / oi
41	PRO	PROLAPSIVE	iö / öi
42	PCV	PRECURSIVE	ië / ëi
43	PCR	POSTCURSIVE	ea
44	ELP	ELAPSIVE	oa
45	[NEW 1]	[name TBD]	â

ADVERBIAL CASES			
55	CON	CONCESSIVE	ia' / ai'
56	EXC	EXCEPTIVE	iù' / ui'
57	AVR	AVERSIVE	ie' / ei'
58	CVS	CONVERSIVE	io' / oi'
59	SIT	SITUATIVE	iö' / öi'
60	[NEW 4]	[name TBD]	ië' / ëi'
61	TFM	TRANSFORMATIVE	ea'
62	FUN	FUNCTIONIVE	oa'
63	VOC	VOCATIVE	â'

APPOSITIVE CASES			
10	POS	POSSESSIVE	ai
11	PRP	PROPRIETIVE	ui
12	GEN	GENITIVE	ei
13	ATT	ATTRIBUTIVE	oi
14	PDC	PRODUCTIVE	öi
15	ITP	INTERPRETIVE	ëi
16	OGN	ORIGINATIVE	iu
17	CPS	COMPOSITIVE	eu
18	PAR	PARTITIVE	au

RELATIONAL CASES			
28	REF	REFERENTIAL	ai'
29	COR	CORRELATIVE	ui'
30	DEP	DEPENDENT	ei'
31	PVS	PROVISIONAL	oi'
32	CMP	COMPARATIVE	öi'
33	PRD	PREDICATIVE	ëi'
34	COM	COMITATIVE	iu'
35	CNJ	CONJUNCTIVE	eu'
36	UTL	UTILITATIVE	au'

SPATIAL CASES			
46	LOC	LOCATIVE	ua / au
47	ORI	ORIENTATIVE	uë / ëu
48	PSV	PROCURSIVE	ue / eu
49	ALL	ALLATIVE	uo / ou
50	ABL	ABLATIVE	uö / eö
51	NAV	NAVIGATIVE	ëu
52	EPS	EPISODIC	eo
53	[NEW 2]	[name TBD]	oe
54	[NEW 3]	[name TBD]	ou

COMPARISON CASES			
64		[TBD]	ua' / au'
65			uë' / ëu'
66			ue' / eu'
67			uo' / ou'
68			uö' / eö'
69			ëu'
70			eo'
71			oe'
72			ou'

New 1: yet-to-be-named case: “since X”/“until X”

New 2: yet-to-be-named case: “spatially relative to” [taken from 2nd function of existing Ithkuil CORRELATIVE case]

New 3: yet-to-be-named case: identifies spatial or temporal GOAL

New 4: yet-to-be-named case: “whether X or not”, “whether or not X”

The differences in the above cases from the existing Ithkuil cases are as follows:

- The arrangement and ordering of the 72 cases has been changed to seven groups of nine cases each, for a total of 63 primary cases; 13 cases have been consolidated or eliminated and four new cases added. I also plan on consolidating the Comparison cases but have not yet done so.
- ACTIVATIVE case eliminated; use the AFFECTIVE instead
- SITUATIVE case moved from Transrelative cases to Adverbial cases; its meaning has been expanded to include “inasmuch as / insofar as / to the extent that / taking X into account / in view of the fact that / given that / considering”
- COMPOSITIVE and PARTITIVE cases moved to the Appositive cases
- CONCESSIVE, EXCEPTIVE, AVERSIVE, CONVERSIVE, TRANSFORMATIVE, FUNCTIONIVE and VOCATIVE cases moved to new Adverbial group of cases
- MEDIATIVE case combined with instrumental

- INTERDEPENDENT case eliminated; can be conveyed by the CORRELATIVE or one of the Appositive cases depending on the meaning
- CONTRASTIVE case merged into COMPARATIVE case
- CONDUCTIVE case merged into the first usage of the CORRELATIVE
- ABESSIVE case eliminated; can be conveyed by the COMITATIVE in conjunction with a negatory suffix
- POSTULATIVE merged with the PROVISIONAL
- Eliminate CONDUCTIVE case; combine with first usage of CORRELATIVE
- 2nd usage of CORRELATIVE case (“spatially relative to”) excerpted to create new Spatial case (No. 53)
- “characterized by X” function excerpted from CORRELATIVE and moved to FUNCTIVE case; scope of FUNCTIVE case expanded to allow for adjectival characterization, not just manner characterization
- SIMULTANEITIVE case eliminated – use CNR or ACS instead, as appropriate to context.
- DIFFUSIVE case combined with CNR case
- ALLAPSIVE case merged into ELAPSIVE case
- INTERPOLATIVE case eliminated; use PRO instead
- PROMLIMITIVE case eliminated; use PCV instead plus new planned suffix indicating degree of spatial-temporal distance/proximity
- LIMITATIVE case eliminated; use PCV instead plus new suffix indicating degree of spatial-temporal distance/proximity
- EPISODIC case expanded to include spatial phenomena, e.g., *every third book, every green one (out of the many colors there are)*

SLOT VIII: C_m — Mood

FAC	SUB	ASM	SPC	COU	HYP	IPL	ASC
FACTUAL	SUBJUNCTIVE	ASSUMPTIVE	SPECULATIVE	COUNTERFACTIVE	HYPOTHETICAL	IMPLICATIVE	ASCRPTIVE
[zero] / -ç- *	-h-	-hw-	-hr-	-hl-	-hm-	-hn-	-hh-

* Default FAC form is zero; -ç- is used if Modality in Slot IX is non-zero.

SLOT IX: V_M — Modality

none			a
1	DES	Desiderative	u
2	ASP	Aspirative	e
3	EPC	Expectative	o
4	CRD	Credential	i
5	REQ	Requisitive	ö
6	OPR	Opportunitive	â
7	CPC	Capacitative	î / uë

8	PRM	Permissive	û / ië
9	PTN	Potential	ü / ë
10	CLS	Compulsory	ae
11	OBG	Obligative	ai
12	IMS	Impositive	ei
13	PFT	Preferential	oi
14	ADV	Advocative	ui
15	ITV	Intentive	au

16	ANT	Anticipative	eu
17	DSP	Dispositive	ou
18	PRE	Preparative	iu
19	NEC	Necessitative	ea
20	DCV	Decisive	eo
21	PTV	Proclivitive	eö
22	VOL	Voluntative	oa
23	ACC	Accordative	oe

24	ICL	Inclinative	öa
25	CML	Compulsive	öe
26	DVR	Divertive	ia / ua
27	DVT	Devotive	ie / ue
28	IPS	Impressional	io / uo
29	PMS	Promissory	iö / uö

SLOT X: The C_a complex: 4 Contexts × 9 Configurations × 4 Affiliations × 6 Extensions × 4 Perspectives × 2 Essences

C _{a1}		+	C _{a2}		+	C _{a3}				+	C _{a4}		+	C _{a5}	
4 contexts		9 configurations		4 affiliations × 6 extensions					4 perspectives		2 essences				
EXS	[zero]	UNI	[zero]		CSL	ASO	VAR	COA	M	[zero]	NRM	[zero]			
		DPX	F ₁ -	DEL	s	z	š	ž							
FNC	l-	DCT	s-/z-	PRX	k	g	k'	k ^h	P*	l-	RPV	[gemination of C _a form]			
		AGG	š-/ž-	ICP	t	d	t'	t ^h							
RPS	r-	SEG	N ₁ -	TRM	p	b	p'	p ^h	N	r-	RPV	[gemination of C _a form]			
		CPN	N ₂ -	GRA	q	x	q'	q ^h							
AMG	ř-	COH	K ₁ -	DPL	ɸ	ɸ	f	v	A	w-	RPV	[gemination of C _a form]			
		CST	K ₂ -												
		MLT	F ₂ -												

The C_{a2} forms s- and š- are used before C_{a3} forms with initial voiceless consonant; the forms z- or ž- are used before voiced consonants; for the C_{a3} forms ɸ and v, either the voiceless or voiced C_{a2} forms may be used.

F₁- and F₂- Prefixes: The F₁- prefix is f-; v- is used before z and ž; x- is used before f and v. The F₂ prefix is ɸ-; x- is used before ɸ and ɸ.

N₁- and N₂- Prefixes: N₁- represents a nasal obstruent with a homologous point of articulation to the (initial) consonant of the C_{a3} value. For dental/alveolar/palatal C_{a3} initial consonants, the prefix is n-. For velar or uvular consonants, it is ŋ-, and for labial or labio-dental consonants, it is m-. N₂- represents a nasal obstruent with a heterologous point of articulation to the (initial) consonant of the C_{a3} value. For dental/alveolar/palatal C_{a3} consonants, as well as velar/uvular consonants, the prefix is m-. For labial or labio-dental consonants, it is ŋ-.

If C_{a1} = l- and C_{a2} = n, this ln- onset becomes ns-/nz-, e.g., nst, not lnt. If C_{a1} = l- and C_{a2} = m, this lm- onset becomes ms-/mz-, e.g., msk, not lmk. If C_{a1} = l- and C_{a2} = ŋ, this lñ- onset becomes ŋs-/ñz-, e.g., ŋzb, not lñb. If these special C_{a1}+C_{a2} forms are followed by the four C_{a3} forms s, š, z, and ž, these four C_{a3} forms change respectively to c', č', c^h, and č^h, and the C_{a1}+C_{a2} form drops the final -s or -z. Thus, for example, the C_{a1}+C_{a2}+C_{a3} expected forms lns, and lmz are realized instead as nc' and mc^h.

K₁- and K₂- Prefixes: The K₁- prefix is normally p-; either p- or b- may be used before d, ɸ, g, z, and ž. Before bilabial consonants p, p^h, p', and labio-dental v, t- is used; before b either t- or d- may be used.

The K₂- prefix is normally k-; either k- or g- may be used before b, d, ɸ, z, and ž. Before velar/uvular consonants k, x, k', k^h, and q, q', q^h, t- is used; before g either t- or d- may be used.

When the C_{a2} forms s-/z- and š-/ž- are followed by the C_{a3} forms s, š, z, and ž, the entire C_{a2}+C_{a3} form transforms as follows:

- | | |
|--|---|
| —C _{a2} form s- plus C _{a3} form s becomes c | —C _{a2} form š- plus C _{a3} form s becomes c' |
| —C _{a2} form s- plus C _{a3} form š becomes č | —C _{a2} form š- plus C _{a3} form š becomes č' |
| —C _{a2} form z- plus C _{a3} form z becomes ž | —C _{a2} form ž- plus C _{a3} form z becomes c ^h |
| —C _{a2} form z- plus C _{a3} form ž becomes j | —C _{a2} form ž- plus C _{a3} form ž becomes č ^h |

If C_{a1} and C_{a2} are zero, C_{a3} is -s-, and C_{a4} is -l- or -r-, then the -s- in C_{a3} is elided. Therefore formatives such as kasla and etusrui become kal(a) and eturui; geminated forms such as kassla or etussrui become kall(a) and eturruui.

Gemination of C_a form: If there is neither a C_{a1} prefix nor a C_{a2} prefix, the C_{a3} form is simply doubled if it is a single consonant, whether or not there is a C_{a4} suffix.

If there is a C_{a1} prefix, no C_{a2} prefix, and the C_{a3} form contains a continuant (is not a stop consonant), either the a C_{a1} prefix or the C_{a3} form is doubled.

If there is a C_{a2} prefix that is a continuant, it is doubled unless there is a C_{a1} prefix or the C_{a3} form contains a continuant (i.e., it is not a stop consonant), in which case either the a C_{a1} prefix, the C_{a2} form, or the C_{a3} form may be doubled.

Forms composed of two stop consonants (e.g., **pt**, **tk**) change the K₁ consonant to **ç** and the K₂ consonant to **ɺ** (e.g., **çt**, and **ɺt**).

The C_{a4} form is never doubled except when C_{a1} and C_{a2} are zero, C_{a3} is geminated **-ss-**, and C_{a4} is **-l-** or **-r-**, in which case the **-ss-** in C_{a3} is elided, and the C_{a4} form is geminated, e.g., **kall(a)**, not **kassla**.

* The UNBOUNDED perspective of Ithkuil will be renamed the POLYADIC and will only refer to “more than one” of a configurative entity (i.e., it will function similarly to standard pluralization, except this pluralization applies to an entity first subject to the formative’s Configuration/Affiliation categories). This will also apply to verbal formatives; i.e., verbal formatives in the POLYADIC will signify simply more than one instance/occurrence of the act/state/event. As for showing temporal aspect/tense-like information on a verb, this will now be accomplished solely via Aspect.

Hierarchical Ordering/Application of Ca categories: first Context, then Essence, then Extension, then Configuration & Affiliation, and finally Perspective.

SLOT XI: -V_xC Suffixes

degree	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Type 4	Type 5	
1	î	ia	ai	aî	ea	
2	i	ie	ei	eî	eo	
3	e	io	oi	oî	eö	Type 1 (circumstantial) & 2 (derivational): applied to stem+C _a
4	ü / ë	iö	öi	öî	eë	
5	a	â	ui	uî	uë / ao	Type 3 (circumstantial) & 4 (derivational): applied to stem only; C _a applied afterward
6	ö	uö / öë	öu	öù	oë	
7	o	uo / öe	ou	où	oe	Type 5: affix applied only to preceding affix (or following affix if there are only two V _x C suffixes)
8	u	ue / ië	eu	eù	öa	
9	û / ae	ua / iu	au	aù	oa	

NOTE: For finer detail in indicating whether a specific C_a component is exempted from application of a suffix, utilize the new C_a adjuncts described later below.

SLOT XII: -V_r — 3 Patterns × 3 Stems × 2 Versions

	Pattern 1			Pattern 2			Pattern 3			No Pattern	
	Stem 1	Stem 2	Stem 3	Stem 1	Stem 2	Stem 3	Stem 1	Stem 2	Stem 3	Raw root	INF/FML root*
PRC	(a)	o	u / i	e	ö	ü / ae	ia / ua	io / uo	iu	ea	oa
CPT	ai	oi	ui	eî	öi	ëi	au	ou	ëu	eo	eu

*use in conjunction w/ syllabic stress to determine whether INF or FML

NOTE: The six versions of Ithkuil are being reduced to two versions in this new language: PROCESSUAL (= atelic aspect, i.e., non-goal-oriented) and COMPLETIVE (= telic aspect, i.e., goal-oriented). The axis of success/failure conveyed by the six Ithkuil versions is being eliminated; it can be conveyed by use of the SCS suffix.

SLOT XIII: -C_b — Bias (must be preceded by a glottal stop)

ASU	ASSURATIVE	n → nn
HPB	HYPERBOLIC	m → mm
COI	COINCIDENTAL	ñ → ññ
ACP	ACCEPTIVE	t → tt
RAC	REACTIVE	ç → çç
STU	STUPEFACTIVE	s → ss

CTV	CONTEMPLATIVE	z → zz
DPV	DESPERATIVE	š → šš
RVL	REVELATIVE	l → ll
GRT	GRATIFICATIVE	r → rr
SOL	SOLICITIVE	ř → řř
SEL	SELECTIVE	ḷ → lḷ

IRO	IRONIC	kç → kçç
EXA	EXASPERATIVE	p̣ → p̣p̣
LTL	LITERAL	pç → pçç
CRR	CORRECTIVE	x → xx
EUP	EUPHEMISTIC	ẋ → ẋẋ
SKP	SKEPTICAL	ks → kss

CYN	CYNICAL	f → ff
CTP	CONTEMPTIVE	kš → kšš
DSM	DISMISSIVE	kf → kff
IDG	INDIGNATIVE	pš → pšš
SGS	SUGGESTIVE	ps → pss
PPV	PROPOSITIVE	pf → pff

SLOT XIV: Syllabic Stress — Designation & Relation

	RELATION	
	UNFRAMED	FRAMED
INFORMAL	penultimate	antepenultimate
FORMAL	ultimate	pre-antepenultimate

NOTE: FRAMED relation may alternately be shown by high prosodic tone, maintained throughout the course of the case-frame. If this is not possible (e.g., due to the presence of a register clause and/or due to nesting of frames or register clauses), then stress-marking of the case-frame is mandatory.

COMPLEX FORMATIVE – SLOT 0: C_i — Illocution

ASR	IRG	ADM	DIR	HOR	DEC
ASSERTIVE	INTERROGATIVE	ADMONITIVE	DIRECTIVE	HORTATIVE	DECLARATIVE
[zero]	h	hr	hl	hm	hn

This is the same as Slot II of a simple formative, except that the default ASR value is always zero, and the IRG value is **h**- rather than **hw**-.

COMPLEX FORMATIVE – SLOT I: V_F — Format of Incorporated Stem

These are the same as the vocalic Case affixes in Formative Slot VII.

COMPLEX FORMATIVE – SLOT II: V_F — Designation of Incorporated Stem

INFORMAL	FORMAL	
-w / -ç *	-y / -ç *	* -ç is used for INF following a Slot I V _F form ending in -u, -û or a diphthong ending in -u; -ç is used for FML following a Slot I V _F form ending in -i, -î or a diphthong ending in -i.

COMPLEX FORMATIVE – SLOT IV: C_x — Incorporated Root

A single consonantal form comprising one to five consonants. Cannot be **ç**, **h**, **hh**, **hl**, **hm**, **hn**, **hr**, **hw**, **w** or **y**. (Other combinations containing **ç**, **h**, **w**, and **y** are permissible, e.g., **çt**, **pç**, **ççw**, **lh**, **rh**, **skw**, **by**, etc.).

COMPLEX FORMATIVE – SLOT IV: V_S — Stem, Pattern, and Version of inc. root (these are the same values as for V_r in Slot XII)

PROCESSUAL			
	Stem 1	Stem 2	Stem 3
Pattern 1	a	o	u / i
Pattern 2	e	ö	ü / ae
Pattern 3	ia / ua	io / uo	iu
No Pattern – raw root	ea*		
No Pattern – INF/FML	oa		

COMPLETIVE			
	Stem 1	Stem 2	Stem 3
Pattern 1	ai	oi	ui
Pattern 2	ei	öi	ëi
Pattern 3	au	ou	ëu
No Pattern – raw root	eo*		
No Pattern – INF/FML	eu		

*use INF affix as C_d default in Slot II

ADJUNCTS

Adjuncts have been completely redesigned in comparison to Ithkuil, especially personal reference adjuncts. The most notable aspects of this redesign are:

- A new C_a-stacking adjunct – info in adjunct applied on top of in-stem C_a info to form 2nd level C_a construction, e.g., *stack of books, pairs of wing-pairs, etc.*
- Since Complex formatives have no slots for indicating Aspect, Phase, Sanction, or Valence of the primary stem, there are specialized adjuncts for these categories
- Since the V_a Aspect affix in Slot I adds an entire syllable to a formative, as well as the C_m+V_M Mood+Modality affixes in Slots VIII & IX, several of the new adjuncts optionally show Aspect, Mood and/or Modality in addition to their primary function. Each of these categories also has a dedicated adjunct.
- A new adjunct specifying the following info for incorporated stems: the C_a complex, Format, Function, Version, Aspect, and optional V_xC suffixes.
- New register adjuncts
- A new “carrier” adjunct which functions as a short-cut or attenuated version of the carrier root for use with non-Ithkuil words and proper nouns
- Personal Reference adjuncts have been simplified.

The structure and function of each type of adjunct is described below. Because the number and type of adjuncts are being expanded compared to Ithkuil, a note following each chart describes how to quickly recognize each adjunct, i.e., what phonological marker readily distinguishes that particular adjunct from formatives and from other adjuncts.

Case-Stacking Adjuncts — shows any 2nd level case of formative plus optional 3rd level case or format of an incorporated stem

w / y	V (/ h *)	(ç)	V (h*)	stress
	2 nd -level case; values from Slot VII		Format of inc. stem; values from Slot VII	penultimate stress = 2 nd case shown is 3 rd -level case of formative ultimate stress = format of incorporated stem

* if glottal stop is word-final, it is replaced by **-h**

The tell-tale indicator for this adjunct is the initial **w-/y-** and the absence of any root consonants. Examples: *wo, yau, wih, yû'çéih*

C_a-stacking + Case-Stacking Adjuncts (w/ optional mood and aspect):

C _h *	V (')	C (C) (C) (C)	(V)	stress	* C _h signifies those specialized consonant forms used in Formative Slots II and VIII that are not used for roots or in the C _a complex, i.e., h, ɕ, hw, hm, hl, hr, hn, and hh.
Mood	Case	C _a 1 thru C _a 5	Aspect	optional ult. stress = glottal stop on case	
same as Slot VIII of formative except default zero form (FAC mood) has no alternate form ɕ-		standard C _a complex from Formative Slot X			

The tell-tale marker for this adjunct is its (C_h)VC(V) structure, with its single full consonant form (as opposed to the mandatory CVC structure of a formative where two separate consonant forms are needed, one for the root, one for the C_a complex. Examples: *uz, otei, hikko, hhörntrea*

Modality/Aspect Adjunct (w/ optional mood and aspect):

(C _h)	V	ř / řř	(V)
Mood	Modality or Aspect	non-geminated = Modality in 2 nd slot; geminated = Aspect in 2 nd slot	Aspect

What distinguishes this adjunct from a C_a/Case-stacking adjunct is the presence of the sole consonant forms -ř or -řř, neither of which can occur as the sole consonant form in a C_a/Case-stacking adjunct. Examples: *öř, hiař, eiřo, hnuiřřia*

Valence/Case-Stacking Adjunct (w/ optional mood and aspect):

(C _h)	V (')	! / !!	(V)	stress
Mood	Valence or 2 nd case	non-geminated = Valence in 2 nd slot; geminated = Case No. 2 in 2 nd slot	Aspect	optional ult. stress = glottal stop on case

Distinguished from a C_a/Case-stacking adjunct by the presence of the sole consonant forms -! or -!!, neither of which can occur as the sole consonant form in a C_a/Case-stacking adjunct. Examples: *ö!, ei!o, hnui!!ia*

Affixual Adjuncts (w/ optional mood, modality/case-stacking and aspect):

((C _h))	V (')	CV	ř / řř	(VC (+VC+...))	(V))	stress
Mood	Modality or 2 nd case	VxC suffix 1 [reversed]	non-geminated = Modality in 2 nd slot; geminated = Case No. 2 in 2 nd slot	VxC suffix 2 (3, 4, ...)	Aspect	optional ult. stress = glottal stop on case

The tell-tale marker of this adjunct is the presence of intervocalic -ř- or -řř- in what otherwise looks like a formative's C_a slot. Examples: *joř, edařiöx, ɕupseiřác'ou, hmeaskuiřřoakseit'io*

Phase+Sanction+Valence Adjunct (w/ optional modality/case-stacking, mood, multiple VxC and aspect)

((C _h))	V (')	C	V	! / !!	(VC (+VC+...))	(V)	stress
Mood	Modality or 2 nd case	Phase + Sanction	Valence	non-geminated = Modality in 2 nd slot; geminated = Case No. 2 in 2 nd slot	VxC suffix 1 (2, 3, ...)	Aspect	optional ult. stress = glottal stop on case

The tell-tale marker of this adjunct is the presence of intervocalic -!- or -!!- in what otherwise looks like a formative's C_a slot.

Examples: *vu!*, *oplie!*, *çûzbi!ui*, *istoi!le*, *çuibau!ekoastia*

Format + C_a + Function + Version adjunct for Inc. Stem (w/ optional multiple VxC, mood, modality/valence and aspect)

((C _h))	V)	C (C) (C) (C)	V	C	m / n	(VC)	(V)	stress
Mood of main verb	Modality or Valence of main verb	C _a 1 thru C _a 5 of inc. stem	Format (Case) of inc. stem	Function of inc. stem	Version of inc. stem	(V _X C (+V _X C+...))	Aspect on inc. stem	
	Valence in 2 nd slot shown by geminated Nasal Consonant showing Version (in 6 th slot)	standard C _a complex from Formative Slot X	[instead of following glottal stop, use ult. stress	[zero] l r ř	m = PRC n = CPT	optional V _X C suffix(es) on inc. stem		ult. stress = glottal stop on case

The tell-tale marker of this adjunct is the presence of a consonant form -(C)m(m) or -(C)n(n) in what otherwise looks like a formative's C_a slot. (No C_a form can end in -m or -n). Examples: *sum*, *irom*, *eintwérn*, *hiullainnegu*.

“Carrier” adjunct (a shortcut form of a full “carrier” stem)

V (')	C	(V)	stress
case	standard C _a complex using -ġ- as C _a 3 component	pattern/stem/version [use V _r]	optional ult. stress = glottal stop on case

The tell-tale marker of this case is its V-C-V structure; the intervocalic consonant form will always contain -ġ-, which is what distinguishes it from a C_a/Case-stacking adjunct.

PERSONAL REFERENCE ADJUNCTS

Ithkuil's 44 dedicated personal reference categories are being reduced to 17. Those Ithkuil categories which consist of combinations of discrete persons (e.g., 1m + 2m + 3ma) are being eliminated and will instead be transparently composed of their specific combinatory persons. For example, the monadic speaker (1m) is now **-s-**, the monadic addressee (2m) is now **-k-**, and a monadic animate 3rd-party (3ma) is now **-r-**; therefore, the personal referent made up of 1m + 2m + 3ma will now be **-skr-** (or **-rks-** or **-rsk-**).

s	1m	monadic speaker	“I”
k	2m	monadic addressee	“you (sg.)”
t	2p *	polyadic addressee	“you (pl.)”
r	ma	monadic animate 3 rd party	“he” / “she” / “they (sg.)”
l	pa *	polyadic animate 3 rd party	“they (pl.)”
m	mi	monadic inanimate 3 rd party	“it”
n	pi *	polyadic inanimate 3 rd party	“they (inanimate)”
ř	Mx	mixed 3 rd party	two or more of the following: “(s)he &/or it &/or they &/or those”
l̥	IPa	impersonal animate	“one” “you” “people” “a person” (French “on”; German “man”)
ḵ	IPi	impersonal inanimate	“something” “a thing” “things”
š	Ea	universal animate	“everyone”
x	Ei	universal inanimate	“everything”
p	IDa	indefinite animate	“anyone”
q	IDi	indefinite inanimate	“anything”
ñ	Obv	obviative	3 rd -party other than most recently referenced (used with SWR affix)
f	Col	collective	NOMIC 3 rd -party
ṭ	Abt	abstract	ABSTRACT 3 rd -party

* NOTE: Ithkuil's UNBOUNDED Perspective category is being renamed the POLYADIC and will be referenced by the abbreviation **[p]** rather than **[u]**.

As for the 27 categories from Ithkuil that are being eliminated as autonomous personal reference categories, the following chart shows their redesigned equivalents:

1+2m	sk	2m+ma	kr	2p+pi	tn	1+2m+Mx	skř
1+2p	st	2m+pa	kl	2m+Mx	kř	1+2p+Mx	sř
1+Mx	sř	2p+ma	tr	2p+Mx	tř	1+2m+mi (= 2m+1+mi)	skm (= ksm)
1+ma	sr	2p+pa	tl	1+2m+ma	skr	1+2m+pi (= 2m+1+pi)	skn (= ksn)
1+pa	sl	2m+mi	km	1+2m+pa	skl	1+2p+mi (= 2p+1+mi)	stm (= cm)
1+mi	sm	2m+pi	kn	1+2p+ma	str	1+2p+pi (= 2p+1+pi)	stn (= cn)
1+pi	sn	2p+mi	tm	1+2p+pa	stl		

Note that the individual consonant markers for each combination are interchangeable, as per phonotactic/euphonic requirements, e.g., *str = rst = cr = rc*, *stn = nst = cn*, etc.

Basic Single Pers. Reference Adjunct (no C_a information)

C	V (h)	stress
pers. referent 1	case of referent 1 alt. case shown by following -h	penultimate stress (or monosyllabic)

The tell-tale marker of this adjunct is its CV(h) structure, e.g., *so, kuih, tea*

Single Pers. Reference Adjunct with Config./Affiliation and optional VxC affixes

(CV (+ CV...))	C	V (')	w / y	-a / V				
reversed CxV suffix(es) for Referent 1	pers. referent 1	case of referent 1			CSL	ASO	VAR	COA
				UNI	i/u	ö	[same as CSL/ASO values but with ultimate stress]	
				DPX	iù/uì	ui/iu		
				DCT	â	ae		
				AGG	ia/ua	ai/au		
				SEG	e	ea		
				CPN	ie/ue	ei/eu		
				COH	o	oa		
				CST	io/uo	oi/ou		
MLT	eo	öa						

The tell-tale marker for this adjunct is the last syllable being of the form **-wV** or **-yV**, preceded by either a vowel, or a vowel + glottal stop, e.g., *sowi*, *vûtea'wói*, *pliskokiuyau*

Dual Pers. Reference Adjunct (no C_a information)

C	V (')	w/y	V	C	stress
pers. referent 1	case of referent 1		case of referent 2	pers. referent 2	ult. stress = glottal stop on case of 2 nd referent

This adjunct has a specific CV(')w/yV(')C form; the middle consonant **-w-** or **-y-** is the tell-tale indicator that the word is not a formative, e.g., *tawes*, *strauyár*, *klie'wost*

Complex Single Pers. Reference Adjunct with C_a information and optional case-stacking and configuration/affiliation-stacking

V (')	C	V (')	C	- y	-a / V				
					2 nd -level C _a info				
case of referent 1	C _a complex	2 nd -level case of referent 1 (if no 2 nd -level case, default vowel is -ë-)	pers. referent 1			CSL	ASO	VAR	COA
					UNI	u	ö	[same as CSL/ASO values but with ultimate stress]	
					DPX	uì	ui/iu		
					DCT	â	ae		
					AGG	ua	au		
					SEG	e	ea		
					CPN	ue	ei/eu		
					COH	o	oa		
					CST	uo	oi/ou		
MLT	eo	öa							

The tell-tale marker for this adjunct is the **-Cy-** combination which will always be the last consonantal form in the word, e.g., *oltëpya*, *urvlea'skyua*

Register Adjunct

All clauses marked by non-NARRATIVE register may be pronounced with low tone throughout (even if the register clause is otherwise a case-frame); this low-tone is similar to the low-tone used in English when pronouncing unrestricted relative clauses. The end of the register clause is marked by a return to non-low tone. If the speaker chooses not to utilize the low-tone pronunciation, the register clause must end with the same register adjunct in reversed form hV.

V	h
a = DISCURSIVE (direct speech) o = PARENTHETICAL (parenthetical aside) e = COGITANT (silent thoughts) u = IMPRESSIONISTIC (subjective impressions of party referred to in the phrase/clause)	Indicates non-NARRATIVE register

Aspectual adjuncts

(C)	V
2 nd aspect	1 st aspect

(none)			(a)
RTR	RETROSPECTIVE	d	u
PRS	PROSPECTIVE	b	e
HAB	HABITUAL	g	o
PRG	PROGRESSIVE	ɖ	i
IMM	IMMINENT	z	ö
PCS	PRECESSIVE	ʒ	î
REG	REGULATIVE	bz	â
EXP	EXPERIENTIAL	gz	û / oe

RSM	RESUMPTIVE	dv	ëi
CSS	CESSATIVE	bv	ae
RCS	RECESSATIVE	gv	ai
PAU	PAUSAL	v	ei
RGR	REGRESSIVE	ʒ	ui
PCL	PRECLUSIVE	j	oi
CNT	CONTINUATIVE	bž	iu
ICS	INCESSATIVE	gž	au

PMP	PREEMPTIVE	dw	eu
CLM	CLIMACTIC	bw	ou
PTC	PROTRACTIVE	gw	ëu
TMP	TEMPORARY	ɖw	ia
MTV	MOTIVE	zw	ië
CSQ	CONSEQUENTIAL	žw	io
SQN	SEQUENTIAL	žw	iù
EPD	EXPEDITIVE	jw	iö

DCL	DISCLUSIVE	t'	ea
CCL	CONCLUSIVE	p'	oa
CUL	CULMINATIVE	k'	eo
IMD	INTERMEDIATIVE	q'	eö
TRD	TARDATIVE	t ^h	ua / öi
TNS	TRANSITIONAL	p ^h	ue / öu
ITC	INTERCOMMUTATIVE	k ^h	uo / öa
CSM	CONSUMPTIVE	q ^h	uö / öe

The vocalic forms for each aspect are the same as for Slot I of a simple formative. The tell-tale marker for this adjunct is that it will either be a single vocalic form **V**, or a single consonantal form followed by a single vocalic form, **CV**, where the initial consonant is not a consonant associated with personal reference adjuncts, e.g., *do*, *bzea*, *juo*.

Bias Adjuncts

[No changes from existing Ithkuil Bias adjuncts]

STILL TO BE DONE:

- Except for the consolidation of the 72 primary cases down to 63 cases and the change in UNBOUNDED perspective to POLYADIC, this document deals only with changes to morpho-phonology. I have yet to re-examine other areas of Ithkuil morphology to determine whether any further expansion, consolidation, modifications are necessary or desirable.
- Specify how to use C_a adjuncts and to-be-developed C_a suffixes to indicate exceptions to the standard hierarchical application order of C_a parameters.
- A thorough re-examination of the relationship between arguments and verbs and nested predicates, addressing the issue of having to use the root -C- as a “dummy” subject for certain constructions, etc.
- Resolve ambiguities such as how to distinguish “She talks to me like a princess (= as if I’m a princess) from “She talks to me like a princess (= the way a princess would talk to me)”.
- Rethink $-V_xC$ suffixes top-to-bottom and will be looking at several ideas suggested on the Ithkuil sub-reddit, e.g., having each suffix matched by a root (or a stem at least), the idea of a “suffix-modifier suffix”, degree “unspecification”, color suffixes, a suffix untangling the nuances of Reciprocal valence, a suffix associated with Level to eliminate the need for most of the Comparison cases, the systematization of applying suffixes to both spatial and temporal contexts, etc.
- Rethink the lexicon from scratch, including the relationship between INF and FRM stems, greater systematization of the SSD suffix, etc. This will be the most time-consuming (and tedious) task involved in this redesign. I will also obviously be attempting to address Ithkuil’s myriad lexical gaps.
- The new morpho-phonology described in this document currently has no place (or seeming need) for Ithkuil’s distinctive dissyllabic nasal/resonant consonant conjuncts (e.g., **m-m**, **n-n**, **l-l**, **r-r**, etc.). Personally, I like these dissyllabic conjuncts and I know others like them too. I had assumed they’d arise while re-formulating the various types of adjuncts, but it turned out that the availability of **m**, **n**, **l**, **ř**, and **ḵ** for use in adjuncts was sufficient. I’d still like to find a use for these dissyllabic conjuncts if possible.