

Biography

John V. Thomson currently works as a system architect and lead programmer in the Language Software Development department of SIL International (Dallas, TX). While working there he developed an early Macintosh Interlinear Text program (*IT* for Macintosh, http://www.sil.org/computing/catalog/show_software.asp?id=19) and a concordance program (*Conc*, http://www.sil.org/computing/catalog/show_software.asp?id=9) which could work with the resulting interlinear data. Later he was involved in the development of *LinguaLinks* (http://www.sil.org/computing/catalog/show_software.asp?id=24), another linguistic tool with a powerful interlinear text component. He is currently working to develop the *FieldWorks Language Explorer* (<http://www.sil.org/computing/fieldworks/flex/>), which includes yet another interlinear and concordance tool, which it is hoped will prove considerably easier to use than earlier ones. Exporting interlinear data from this tool to word processors is scheduled for the next stage of development of this program. In 1985 he received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, with a focus on operating systems.