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Increasingly, minority languages like Frisian are supported with digital technologies be they automatic translation, serious games, synthetic voices, online courses, or any number of dedicated mobile apps. These tools can help smaller and under-resourced languages by engaging new learners, facilitating online communities for minority languages, and playing a role in documentation efforts.

This symposium is dedicated to activities through which researchers, companies and native speakers can strengthen Frisian. Speakers from academia, the private sector and government discuss and showcase their work with interactive demonstrations of games and apps.

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Programme

Chaired by Jesse van Amelsvoort, PhD Candidate, Graduate School Campus Fryslân

9.30	Walk in
10.00	Welcome by Prof. Jouke de Vries, Dean Campus Fryslân, University of Groningen
10.05	Opening by Dr. Matt Coler, Assistant Prof. Campus Fryslân, University of Groningen
10.15	A citizen science approach to sampling minority language with smart phone apps Dr. Nanna Hilton, Associate Prof. Faculty of Arts, University of Groningen
11.00	Frisian technologies for Frisian learners at the Fryske Akademy Dr. Jelske Dijkstra, Dr. Wilbert Heeringa and Lysbeth Jongbloed, Researchers at Fryske Akademy and Mercator
11.45	Grendel Games app Anne Draaisma, Art Director at Grendel Games
12.30	Lunch
13.00	The Digital Language Diversity Project Dr. Claudia Soria, Researcher at the A Zampolli Institute for Computational Linguistics, Pisa, Italy
13.50	Panel discussion: The future of minority languages
14.30	Wrap up
14.45	End



Directions and parking

Symposium location (A)

Campus Fryslân Zaailand 106 8911 BN Leeuwarden

Parking (B)

Parking garage Zaailand Zaailand 5 8911 BL Leeuwarden

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