# Technical Manual — Single-Species Language Emergence System

# **Chapter 1. Main Interface Window**

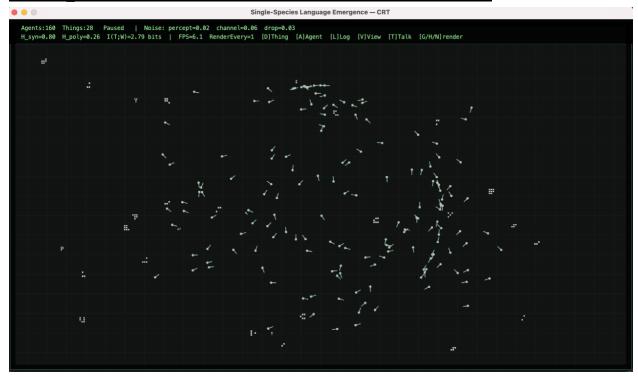


Figure 1. Main Interface Structure

## 1.1 HUD(Top Information Bar)

Displays system status, information-theoretic metrics, frame rate, and render frequency.



Figure 2. HUD(Top Information Bar)

# 1.2 Simulation World (Main Screen)

1.2.1 White dots represent <u>Agents</u> (individual entities).



Figure 3. Agent

1.2.2 White characters or 3×3 pixel blocks represent Things (objects being named).



Figure 4. Thing

1.2.3 Short line segments indicate each Agent's current movement direction.



Figure 5.Short line

### 1.3 Keyboard Shortcuts

**Space** — Pause / Resume simulation

O — Spawn a new Thing (adds a random new object to the world)

F — Show / Hide Agents' vision range and visible connections to Things



Figure 6. Vision Range

T — Show / Hide Agents' communication range (talk radius)

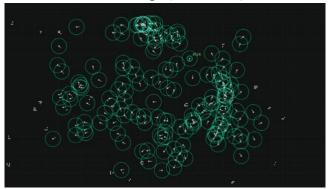


Figure 7. Communication range(Talk radius)

**D** — Open / Close the <u>Dictionary Panel</u> (view the <u>lexicon</u> of the Thing currently selected with the mouse)



Figure 8. Dictionary Panel

L — Open / Close the *Log Panel* (view recent communication and learning events)



Figure 9. Log Panel

- **R** Reset the entire system
- 1 Decrease *perceptual and channel noise* (make *Agents* perceive and transmit more accurately)

# Noise: percept=0.02 channel=0.06

Figure 10. percept and channel noise

- 2 Increase *perceptual noise* (make *Agents* perceive more ambiguously)
- 3 Increase *channel noise* (introduce more transmission errors)
- **G** Reduce render rate to ~1 update per second (simulate slower CRT flicker and save performance)
- **H** Reduce render rate to ~1 update every ~2 seconds (even slower, more retro CRT feeling)
- N Return to normal real-time rendering speed

[G/H/N] render

Figure 11. Render setting

# **Chapter 2. Lexicon / Log Console**

A secondary monitoring window for observing the internal linguistic processes of the system. Use the numeric keys 1–4 to switch between views.

#### 2.1 Keyboard Shortcuts

1 — <u>Dictionary View</u>, Displays all existing *Things* and the words Agents currently use to name them. Shows **H\_syn** (synonymy) and **H\_poly** (polysemy) values to indicate naming consistency and ambiguity. Use the **mouse wheel** to scroll through the list.

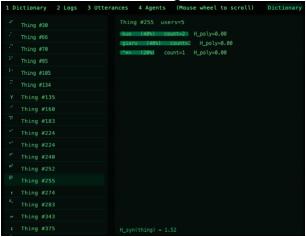


Figure 12. Dictionary

2—<u>Logs View</u>: Shows the real-time communication logs: Each entry records when Agents **learn**, **reinforce**, or **misinterpret** words. Useful for tracing the evolution of shared vocabulary and noise-induced errors.

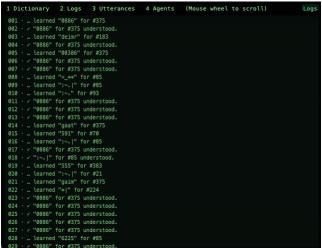


Figure 13. Log

<u>3</u>—<u>Utterances View</u>: Lists all observed (<u>thing ID</u>, <u>word</u>) pairs — the raw data of what has been said and perceived. Reflects both successful and failed transmissions under perceptual or channel noise.

Figure 14. Utterances

4—<u>Agents View</u>: Displays the internal dictionary of each Agent. Shows how many *Things* each Agent knows, how strong each word association is (weight), and reveals divergence or convergence across individuals.

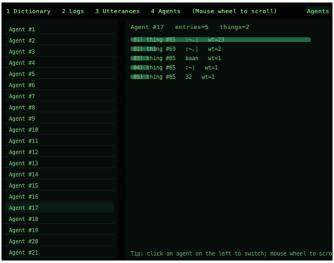


Figure 15. Agents

# **Chapter 3. System Overview**

In simple terms, this system is a language emergence simulation based on autonomous <u>Agents</u>. Each <u>Agent</u> moves randomly across the simulated space. (Due to multiple forces—<u>boundary</u> <u>constraints, soft wall repulsion</u>, and <u>center gravity</u>—they tend to form movement clusters within a semicircular region near the center.)

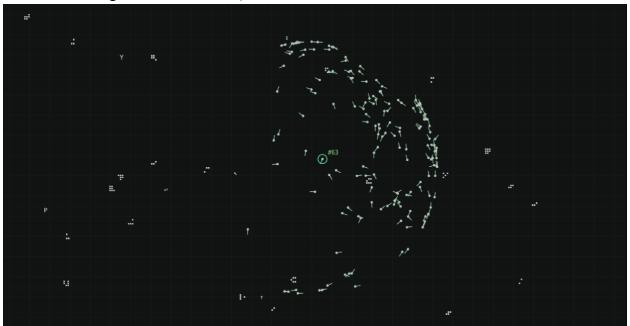


Figure 16. Semicircular region

# 3.1 Naming Behavior

When a <u>Thing</u> enters an <u>Agent</u>'s <u>vision range</u>, the <u>Agent</u> may attempt to assign it a random name. (**Note:** In the current version, <u>Agents</u> only name <u>things</u> during communication events.)

You can view the collective naming results in the <u>Dictionary panel</u> — each <u>Thing</u>'s list of assigned <u>words</u> and how many <u>Agents</u> use each one.

## 3.2 Communication Mechanism

Each frame, the <u>system</u> randomly selects an <u>Agent A</u> to act as the <u>speaker</u>. <u>Agent A</u> then searches for:

<u>Agent B</u>, whose hearing range overlaps with  $\underline{A}$ , and a <u>Thing</u> that is currently within  $\underline{A}$ 's visual range.



Figure 17. Communication could happen

(If either condition fails, no communication occurs.)

If both conditions are met:

- (1) Agent A sends a message to Agent B.
- (2) A retrieves from its internal lexicon the word with the highest <u>weight</u> for that Thing (Note: occasionally it will explore a variation—a "mutation" of expression).
- (3) If A has no existing word, it invents a new one.
- (4) The <u>word</u> is transmitted to B through a <u>noisy communication channel</u>, introducing two possible distortions:

Channel Noise: random character mutations in the transmitted word.

<u>Perceptual Noise:</u> visual misidentification—<u>B</u> might mistake one <u>Thing</u> for another.

Upon receiving the message,  $\underline{B}$  checks its <u>dictionary</u>:

- (1) If <u>B</u> already knows this word for that perceived <u>Thing</u>  $\rightarrow$  it reinforces the word's <u>weight</u>.
- (2) If not  $\rightarrow$  it learns this new <u>word</u>, but with a lower initial <u>weight</u>.

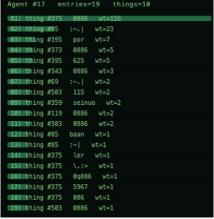


Figure 18. wt meaning Weight inside of this agent

Whether the event is labeled <u>"Understood"</u> (shared <u>word</u> for the same <u>Thing</u>) or <u>"Learned"</u> (new <u>word</u> acquired) is displayed in the <u>Log panel</u>.

```
001 · / ":~.|" for #85 understood.

002 · / "4981" for #398 understood.

003 · ... learned ":~.|" for #69

004 · / "0886" for #375 understood.

005 · / "4981" for #398 understood.

006 · ... learned "pas" for #398

007 · / ":~.|" for #85 understood.

008 · / "0886" for #375 understood.

009 · / "0886" for #375 understood.

010 · ... learned "4981" for #270

011 · / ":~.|" for #85 understood.

012 · / "0886" for #375 understood.

013 · / ":~.|" for #85 understood.
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Figure 19. Understood and Learned

However, due to both noise sources, even these "understandings" or "learnings" can be false positives—misaligned yet internally consistent.

#### 3.3 Lexical and System Metrics

In the Dictionary panel, you can inspect current linguistic patterns: How many different words (synonyms) are used for each Thing. How many Agents use each word. How many different Things a single *word* refers to across the *system*.

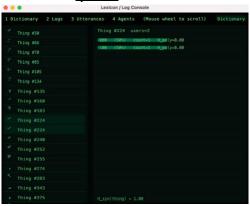


Figure 20. System Metrics

#### **Key indicators:**

<u>H\_poly (Polysemy Entropy)</u>: Measures how many different Things a single word refers to. Lower values mean less ambiguity—fewer polysemous words.

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*| (50%) count=2 H_poly=0.00
```

Figure 21. H poly

<u>H\_syn (Synonymy Entropy)</u>: Measures how many different words refer to the same Thing. Lower values mean higher one-to-one correspondence between word and object.

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H_syn(thing) = 1.50
```

Figure 21. H\_syn(thing)

 $\underline{Global\ H\_syn}$ : A  $\underline{system\text{-}wide}$  average, representing the general level of synonymy across all Things.

This simulation, at its core, currently explores how shared meaning can emerge—or fail to emerge—under uncertainty. Agents develop and adapt their lexicons collectively; yet, the noise, limited perception, and partial overlap of experiences ensure that language remains a fragile, ever-shifting equilibrium.