An adaptive editor for shorthand transcription systems

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Abstract
An automatic transcription system for machine shorthand takes the output from a shorthand machine, and converts it into a Draft Transcript. This draft transcript needs to be edited to perfection using word processing techniques. A suite of programmes has been written which takes advantage of the particular characteristics of Palantype transcripts to provide a very efficient editing environment. The editor adapts to the user in a way which improves his efficiency without an overhead of the necessity to learn complex control structures. Some of these facilities are also appropriate to a standard word processing environment.

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Shorthand is an abbreviated symbolic writing method that increases speed and brevity of writing as compared to longhand, a more common method of writing a language. The process of writing in shorthand is called stenography, from the Greek stenos (narrow) and graphein (to write). It has also been called brachygraphy, from Greek brachys (short), and tachygraphy, from Greek tachys (swift, speedy), depending on whether compression or speed of writing is the goal. Phonetic transcription is a complex task involving not only objective decisions about the acoustic signal, but (depending on the transcriber) such things as inferences about unseen articulatory patterns and relations between sounds in a particular language's phonology. I am not aware of any software that even tries to automatically produce phonetic transcriptions from an acoustic recording. The reason people (like me) point to Praat is because it allows you to examine the sound in ways that help a phonetically-trained listener most efficiently produce a phonetic transcription. Flawless Transcription provides exceptional transcription services very quickly at a competitive price. Responsive and accommodating, Flawless is a friendly and reliable resource for our transcription needs. Abby Gold. Vice President Director of Video Production / PineRock. Thinkfilm. Flawless Transcription consistently provides outstanding service, fast turnaround, and accurate transcriptions. I'll continue to call David because he's friendly and easy to work with, and he's able to manage my deadlines, always at a price that makes my clients happy. Jonathan Zurer.