German Grammar:
Do web tools make it easier?
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lacking language skills
web course: a solution?
introduction to the material
conclusions
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The Language Centre

- practical language and communication skills
- self study options
- materials and methods
- office personnel and teaching personnel
Teaching provided by the Language Centre

° beginners’ level:

  Chinese, Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Swedish

° advanced level (B1→): English, Finnish and Swedish as the second national language

° communication: e.g. presentation skills, meetings and negotiations
Required language proficiency ...

- in at least one foreign language
  - development in the professional field
  - international environment

- proficiency in the second national language
"German skills below target level"

German courses at Aalto University (Otaniemi)

- German 1 (A1) – German 6 (B1- B2)
- Field specific and technical language (B1 onwards)
- Cultural courses, proficiency for intercultural communication (B1 onwards)
Web-based grammar as a solution?

° resources

° compiled by five different universities in Finland

° supporting the teaching of German in the language centres

° open access
A clear target group ...

→ 2-5 years of high school or university German studies

→ tailored themes

→ size of the package

→ grade of difficulty (A2-B1)
Material

° summary of German grammar rules
° wide range of exercises
° exercises linked to grammar rules
° progression from simple to challenging exercises
° no special learning environment needed
# Deutsche virtuelle Grammatik

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Interactivity

° check your answers by clicking on the ”Lösung kontrollieren” button

° option of listening to the exercise solutions as spoken recordings

° the program also calculates your percentage of correct answers at first attempt
Applications

° as an autonomous grammar course: “Grammar 1”

° as a partly independent grammar course (face-to-face lessons + autonomous study)

° as part of any German course

° as general reference material
Conclusions

° the question in the beginning
° more options
° resources
° time
° students responsible for their own learning
° participants so far mainly Finns
Any questions?

http://donnerwetter.kielikeskus.helsinki.fi/dvg/
Tänan!