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Supporting Global Voices of

a database of professors known languages



Why this subject

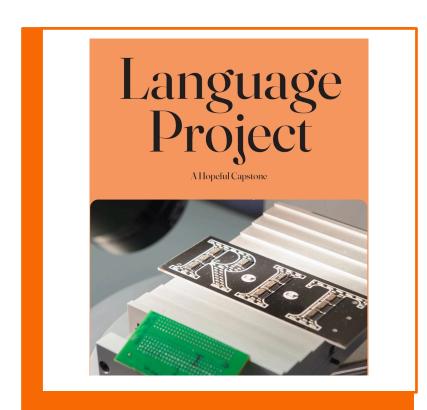
While at RIT I have spent my time working in RIT Dining. My experience in dining and my studies in cultural anthropology have brough me in contact with many people on campus from different cultures. I wanted to help make this campus more friendly to students who don't speak English as a primary language.

The idea behind my project is to ease the gap between RIT students and learning in a foreign language. RIT provides rigorous course work for its students and no student should also face a language barrier on top of learning. I felt inspired by my pursuit to be an ESOL teacher and my talks with my professors in the RIT English Language Center and hearing about the work that they do. I created a website to show the kind of resource RIT could provide to its students.

Finding Subjects

I chose to send a survey to each college within RIT to collect as diverse of a sample as I could. The survey was voluntary questions about languages spoken and contact information. My total responses are not many (20) but they have been helpful in formatting the website design and showing importance.

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Creating the Website

I used WIX website editor to create a website that could be implemented from my work. The data is separated by department and by location of the spoken language. For example, If you speak French, you can find a professor who speaks French by looking for French specifically, or you can search through your department for a French speaker. I also implemented a space for forum content, and a section for scheduled events that people could RSVP for.





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Future Work

This project could be furthered with incorporation into the RIT resources. If not as its own website like I created, I would love to see spoken languages into the staff profiles on college websites. It would allow for ease of access for students to connect with professors and staff that speak their common language(s).

