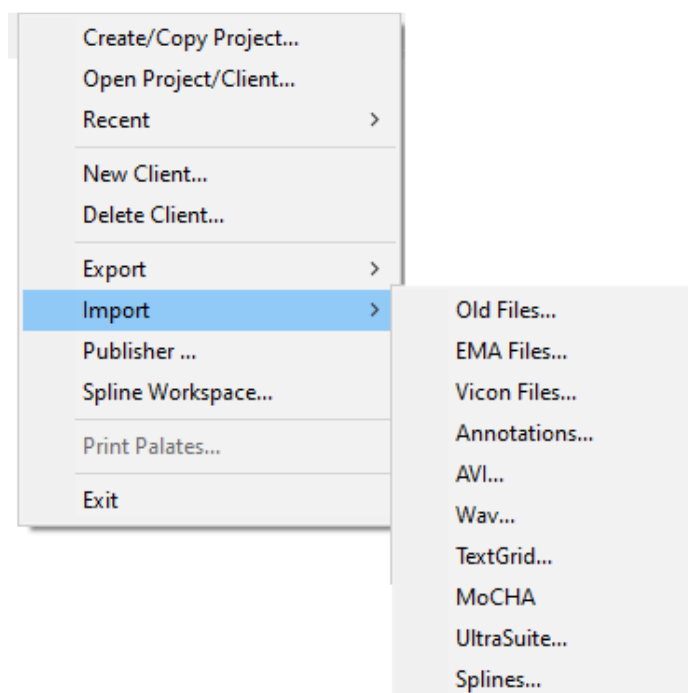# Import and export Annotations as PRAAT textgrid files.

Importing

Annotations may be imported in Textgrid file format after being labelled in PRAAT.

To import correctly, AAA needs to know which recording a textgrid is to be added to. It needs 3 pieces of information: the prompt, the date/time of the recording, and the client name. The Textgrid import expects to find a <filename>.txt matching <filename>.textgrid containing this data. E.g.
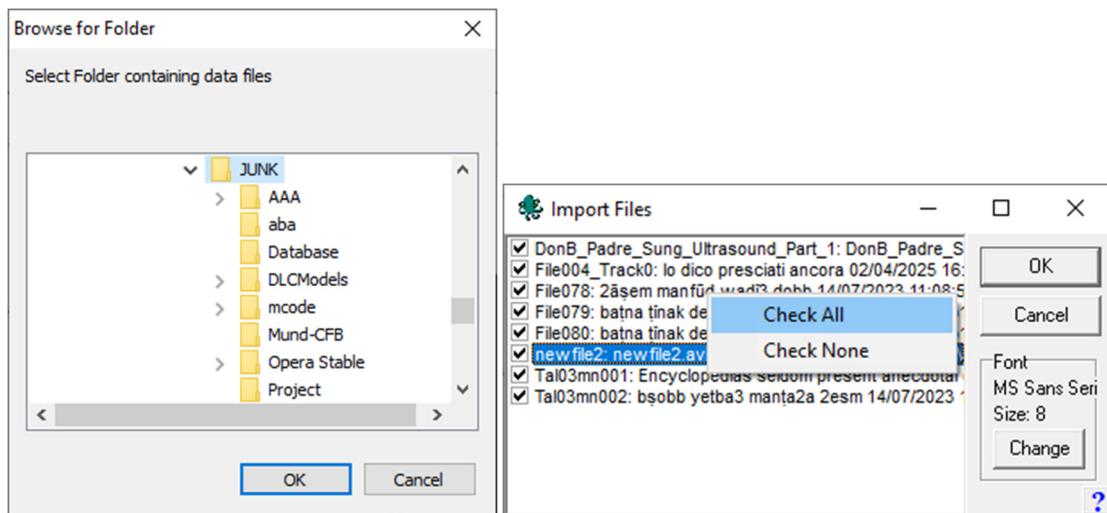
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The table is made so sloppily that it tilts.
27/07/2023 16:24:13
JS,
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This txt file is created when exporting the wave files from AAA that will be used by PRAAT for labelling.

To import:

1. The *.txt and *.textgrid files must be located in the same folder.
2. Open the project that the textgrids are to be imported into.
3. From the file menu select Import|Textgrid…
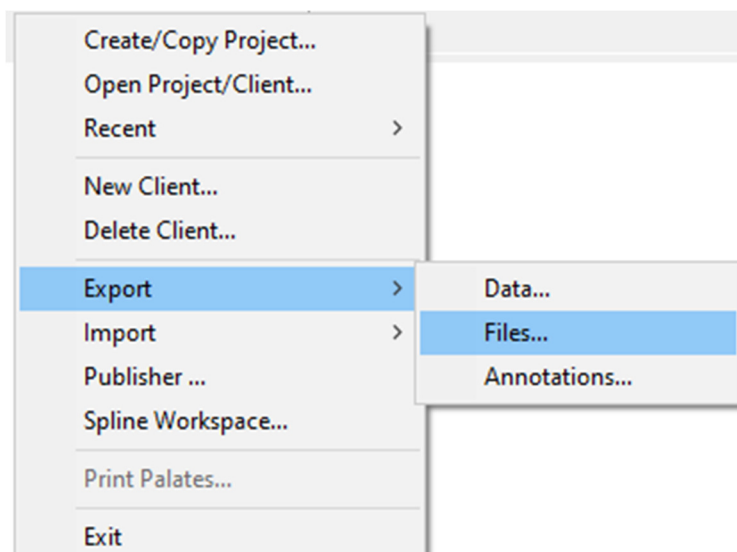4. Browse for the folder with the textgrid and txt

5. All the textgrid files with associated txt files will be displayed. Check the ones that you wish to import and click OK to import. Right-click to select all or none.
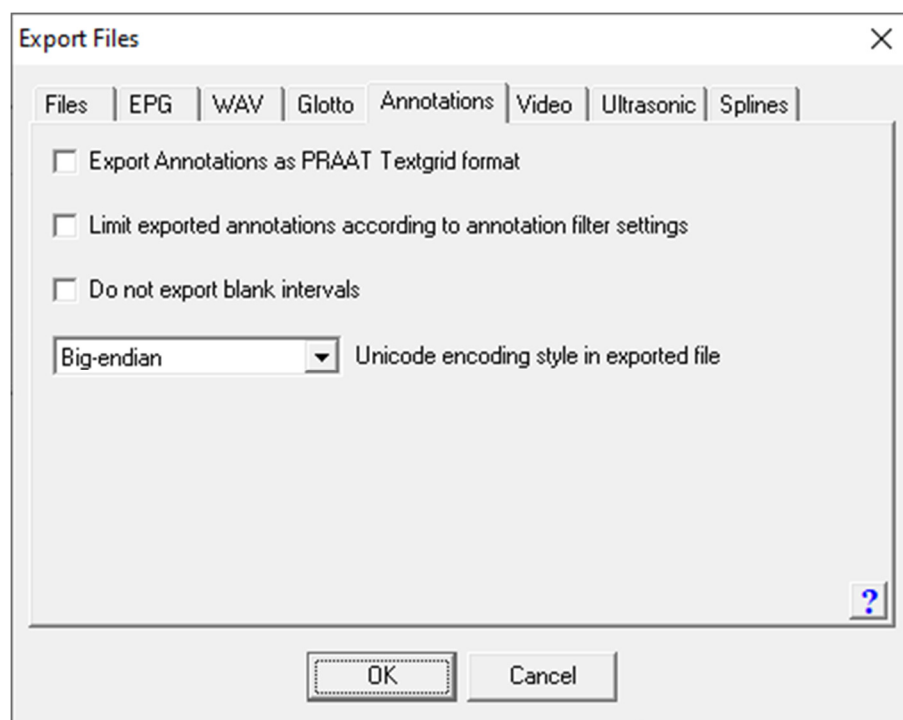
The imported textgrids will be annotations consisting of a label and keyword describing the Textgrid Tier type (segment,point) and name. This allows the annotation filter to be applied in order to isolte only the annotations from the desired tier.

Exporting

Annotations can be exported in textgrid format Note: you are likely to want to export the associated wav file at the same time. From the file menu select Export | Files…

DON'T select Annotations… This will export in a proprietary file format and is obsolete.

The '**Export Annotations as PRAAT textgrid format**' should be checked.

'**Limit exported annotations according to annotation filter settings**' can be left unchecked if ALL annotations are desired to be exported.

'**Do not export blank intervals**'. Any region with no label will be given a 'Sil' label as PRAAT expects this. By checking this option those blank annotations are not added.