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Judgments of acceptability or grammaticality provided by trained linguists constitute a major and invaluable source of data for linguistic theories. However, the informal methods used for collecting and reporting such judgments have received considerable criticism. A recent study suggests that informal judgment may be particularly problematic for languages other than English. In this talk, I briefly review the issues with informal judgments and then introduce a novel solution: an online platform that enables linguists to record examples and informal judgments online, share them with other linguists, search for examples, and cite them in papers. I discuss the main features of the platform, and how it can address the current issues with informal judgment data.