

Tools for Translation State of the Practice, Established Tools and Capability Gaps

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Fundamental Questions

1. How can you get better accuracy in MT/HT?
Communicative value (Tapling 2008)
Fluency, fidelity, etc.
2. How can you make a C-level translator into a B-level translator?
3. How can you make human translators more productive?

Types of Translation

- Translation
- High Quality Translation
 - Literature, marketing material, important briefings
 - Nuance, style
- Gists/summaries
- Getting information to answer specific questions
- Sorting—figuring out the language, subject, and difficulty in order to route the material
- Multimedia
 - Television, etc.
- Embedded MT
- Multi-language source material
- Different dialects and registers
- MT embedded in chat and search tools
- Term translation
- Speech-to-speech translation

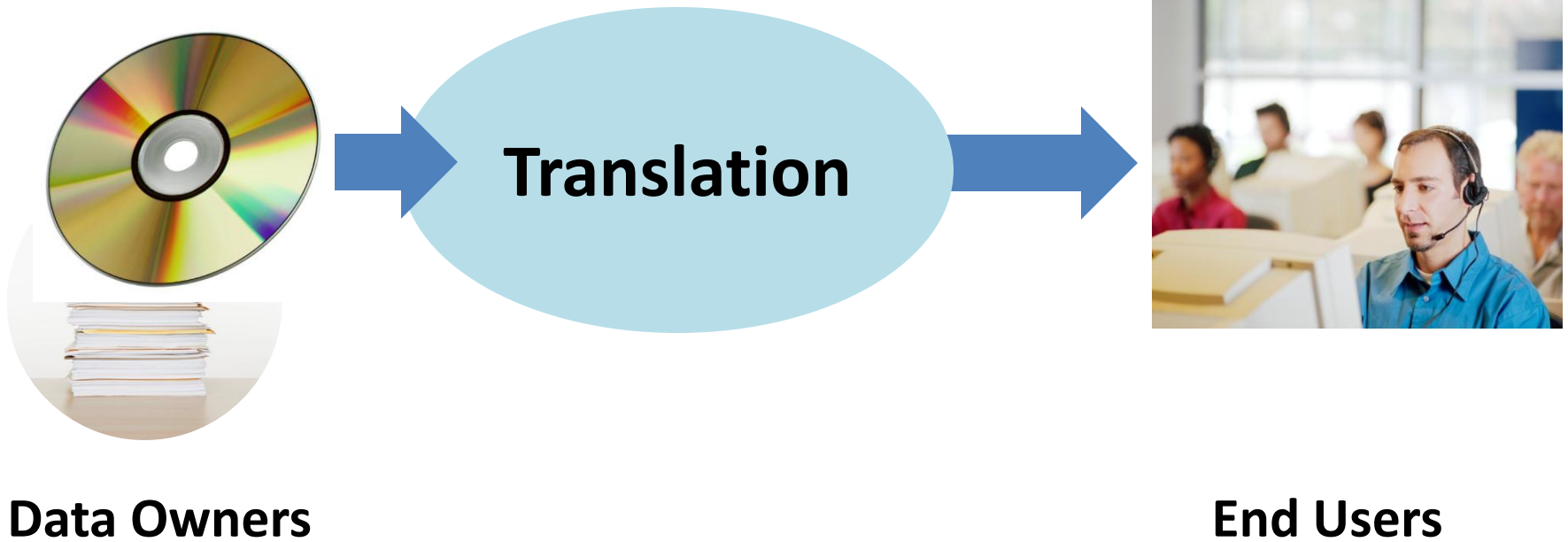
Some Major Distinctions

- Publisher centric vs. User centric
- Human Translation (HT) vs. Machine Translation (MT)
 - Increasingly mixed
- Cautious vs. whatever

Combinations

- Publisher-Centric
 - HT
 - MT
 - Combination
- User-Centric
 - HT
 - MT
 - Combination
 - With user tools?

Publisher-Centric HT



Publisher-Centric MT



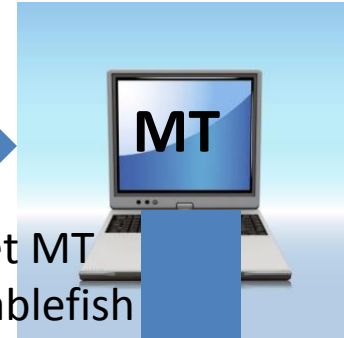
User-Centric HT



User-Centric MT



End Users



Free Internet MT

Bablefish

Altavista

Systransoft

Systranet

Google Translate

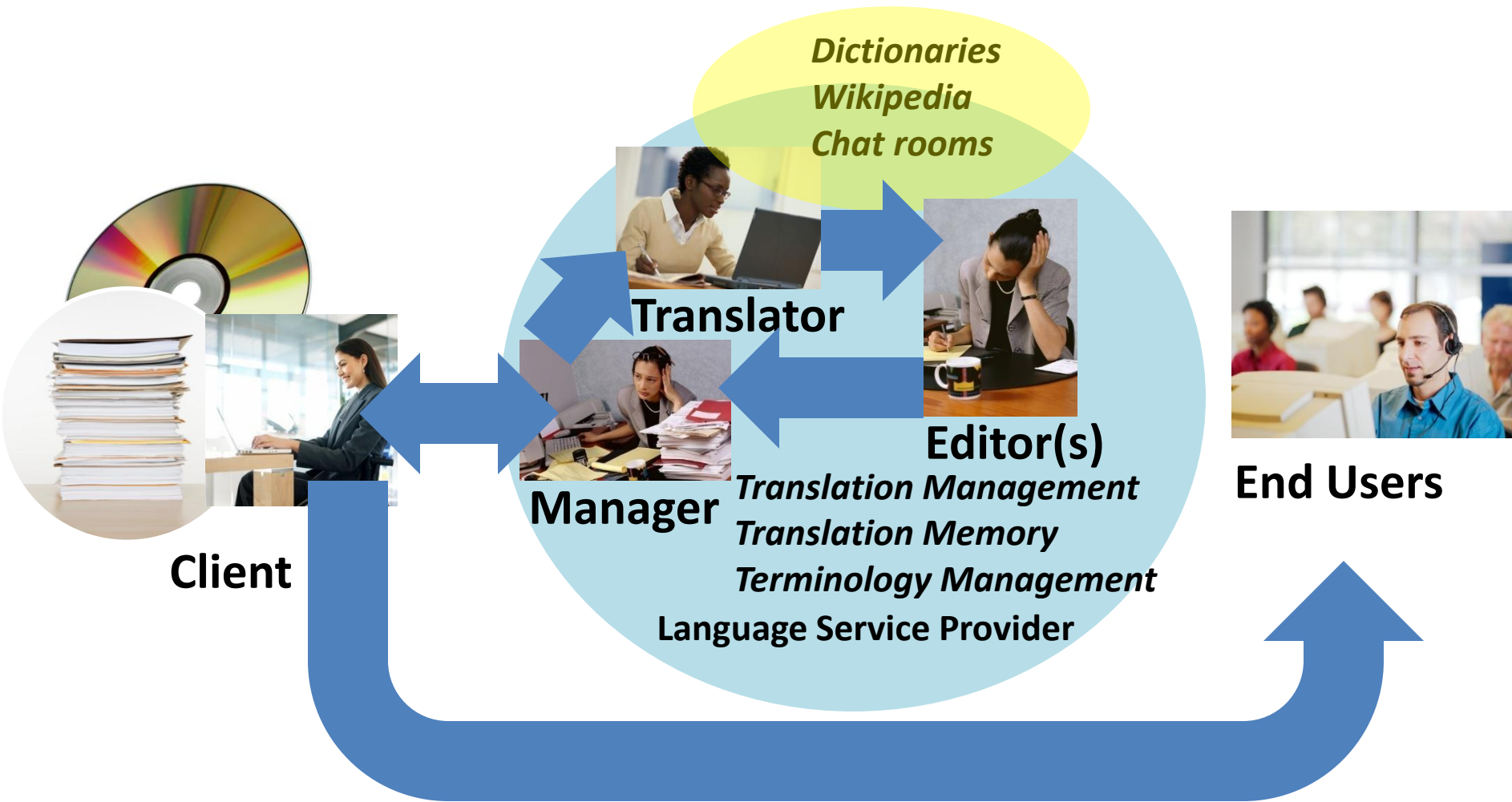
Free Translation (SDL)

Microsoft Windows Live Translator

Licensed Internet MT

Licensed In-House MT

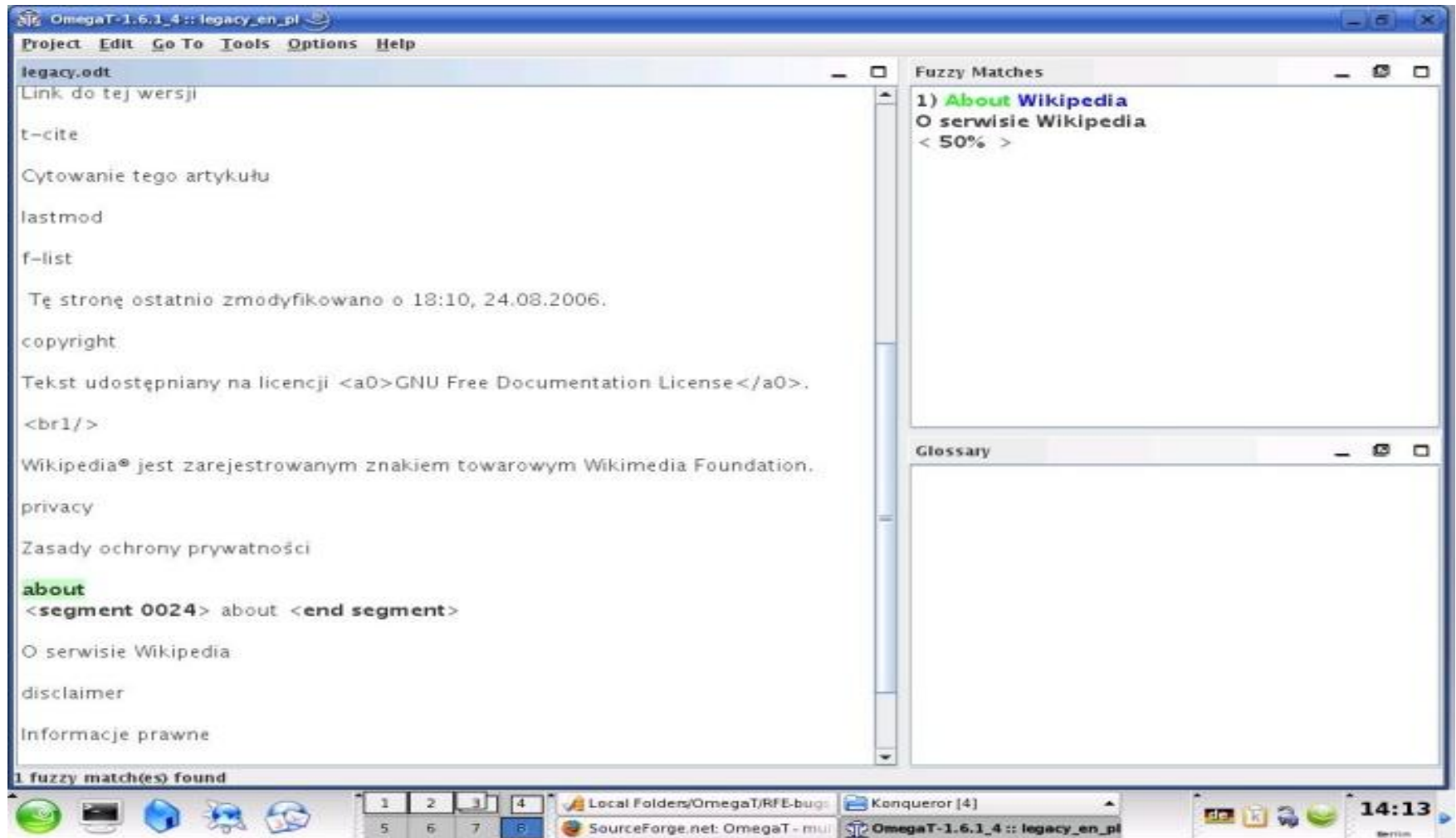
Human Translation



Translation Memory

- Examples
 - Products: Across, Bee-Text, Multicorpora, SDL TRADOS, WordFast, LingoTek
 - Open Source: GlobalSight, Omega-T
- Based on MT research
- Align source and translated texts
- Presents past translations to translator
- Carried to extremes, it provides only text that has not been translated

GlobalSight Open Source TM



Terminology Management

- Examples:
 - MultiTerm, Terminotix, Etc.
- Dictionaries of approved terms
 - Content-oriented
 - Sometimes multiple languages
- Often developed by expert translators/
terminologists
- Usually results in clear single right term
 - Potential for MT?

SDL MultiTerm

The screenshot displays the SDL MultiTerm application window. The title bar reads "SDL MultiTerm [Project Untitled.xdp]". The menu bar includes "Termbase", "Project", "Entry", "Search", "View", and "Help". The interface is set to "English" source and "German" target, with a "Flags layout" selected. The left pane shows a list of terms: "call", "curly bracket", "data", "format", "format", "invoke", "machine-readable", "meter", "protocol stack", "schema", "stack", and "stack of interconnected protocols". The right pane displays detailed information for the selected term "machine-readable".

300 __ |a 75 p. : |b ill. ; |c 19 cm.
500 __ |a Catalogue of an exhibition of various editions of Le petit prince.
500 __ |a At head of title: Comune di Correggio, Assessorato alla cultura, Istituti culturali.
600 20 |a Saint Exupéry, Antoine de, |d 1900-1944. |t Petit prince.
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948 __ |a AS/JAD

G-Source: http://web.utk.edu/~eperez3/IS520/insfiles/is520-5a_files/is520-5a_11266.GIF
Note: The graphic represents a machine-readable MARC record.
Responsibility: Wright

EN **English**
Definition: pertaining to information encoded in a form which can be, read (i.e., scanned/sensed) by a machine/computer and interpreted by the machine's hardware and/or software
D-Source: based on: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Machine-readable>
Responsibility: Wright

machine-readable
Part of Speech: adjective
Context: Effective Oct. 26, 2004, visa waiver travelers from all 27 Visa Waiver Program countries must present either a machine-readable passport or a valid U.S. visa. Travelers with a valid U.S. visa will not be required to have machine-readable passports.
C-Source: <http://www.state.gov/fr/pa/ei/frls/36114.htm>

German
Definition: Eigenschaft von Schriften, Ausweisen, Kfz-Kennzeichen o.ä., die speziell darauf ausgelegt wurden, auch für Maschinen lesbar zu sein, anstatt nur für Menschen
D-Source: <http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maschinenlesbarkeit>
Responsibility: Wright

maschinen-lesbar
Part of Speech: adjective
Type: variant
Context: [Die] Aufgabe solcher Meta-Daten ist es, die Bedeutung (Semantik) einer Daten-Quelle maschinen-lesbar zu beschreiben und dadurch den Austausch zwischen Datenquellen zu erleichtern.
C-Source: <http://www.dvs.tu-darmstadt.de/teaching/dke/2007/vorlesung/semantic-web.pdf>

maschinenlesbar
Part of Speech: adjective
Context: Alle von Software und/oder Hardware interpretierbaren Daten sind maschinenlesbar.
C-Source: <http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maschinenlesbar>

MCLS

format | data | machine-readable /

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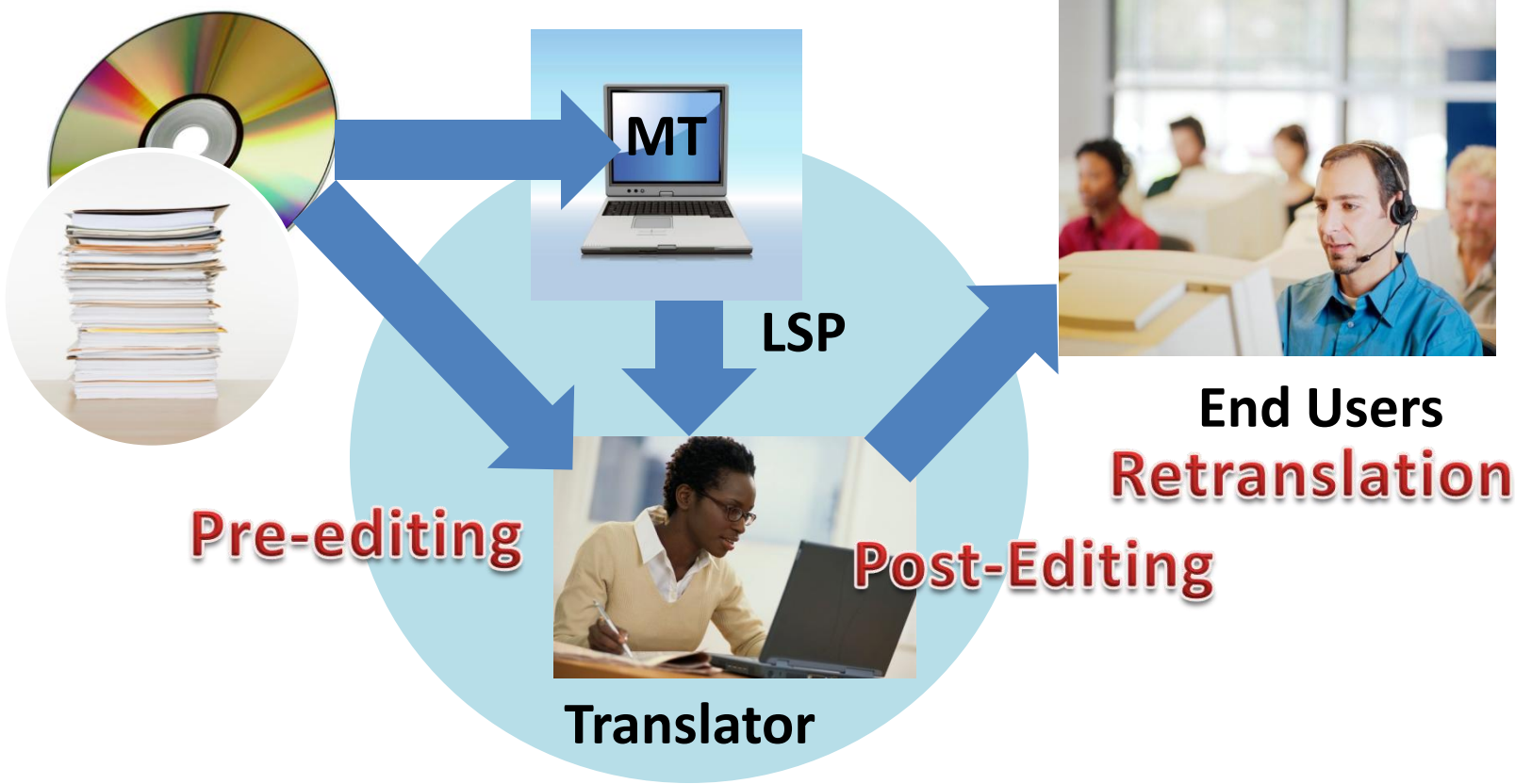
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Research of Terms and Contexts

- Search
 - Google, Yahoo, etc.
 - TransSearch
 - Wikipedia
 - Multiple dictionaries
 - Chat rooms
 - Translator site bulletin boards
 - Blogs
- Communicate with
 - Language and language domain experts
 - Authors of text being translated
 - Developers
 - Subject Matter Experts
 - Users (focus groups)
 - Foreign marketing offices
 - Surveys
- Consult
 - Transliteration standards
 - Abbreviation and acronym conventions
- Disambiguate terms
- Document!

Machine Translation with Human Pre-Editing and/or PostEditing



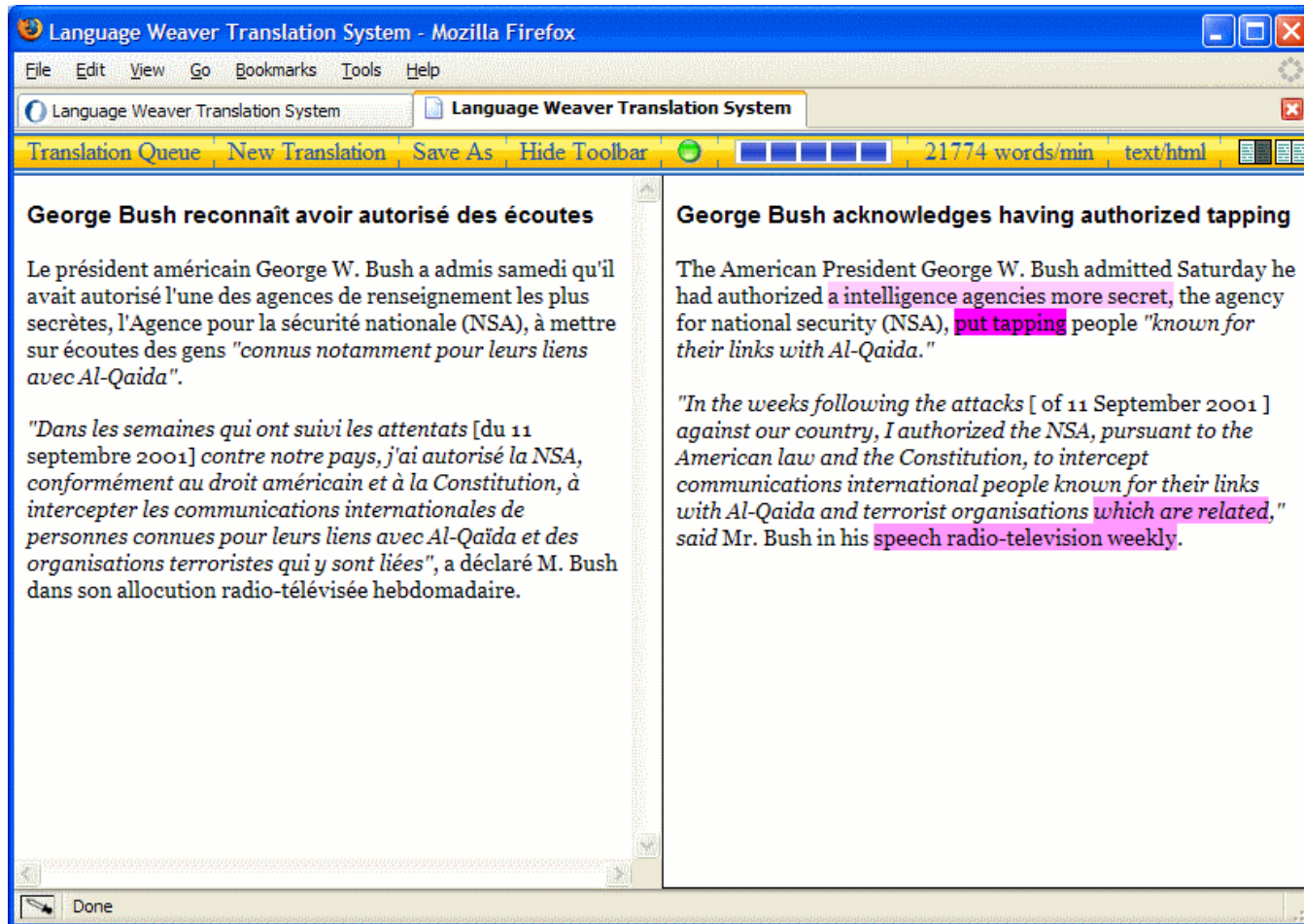
Pre-Editing

- Examples
 - Authoring systems
 - Xerox, Smart's MaxIT, Acrolynx, and AuthorIT
 - Translatability ratings
 - Bernth and Gdaniec (2001)
- Feedback to authors of text on how to make their writing more machine-translatable
 - Short sentences
 - Full sentences
 - Punctuation
 - Approved vocabulary
- Range from writing tips to controlled language

Post-Editing

- Examples
- Markup for translators
 - Areas needing work
 - Areas not needing work
- With no markup, translators must read source and target text. Source text is sometimes not read.
- Interesting editing and QA tools
 - TransType (RALI)

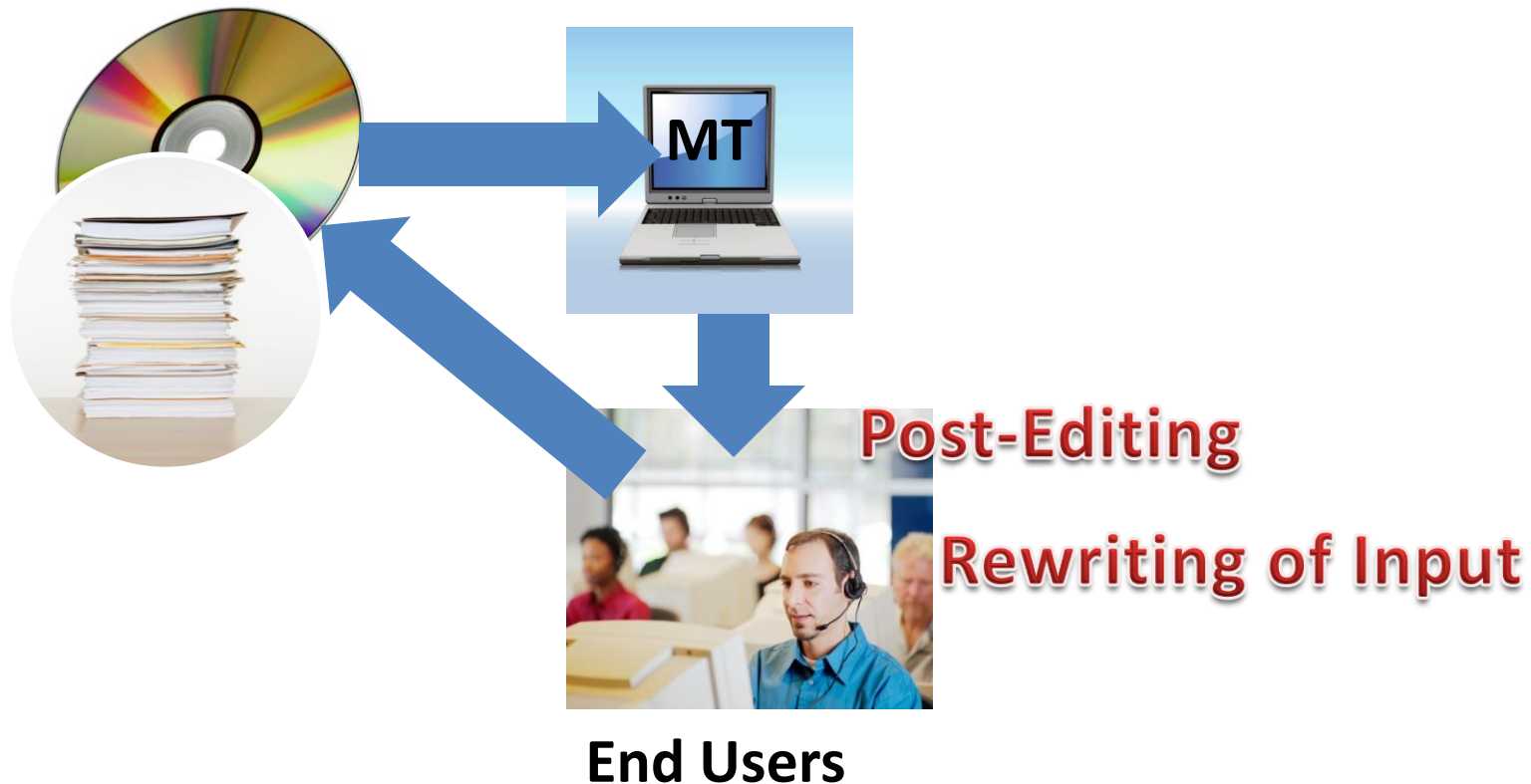
LanguageWeaver Confidence Rating



Tools for GIL

- Globalization, Internationalization, and Localization (GIL)
 - Globalization, Internationalization, and Localization Technology (GILT)
 - i18n, l10n, g11n
 - Locale
- Tools
 - Strip out text and provide it to translators
 - Help ensure consistency of usage
 - Provide information/means of dealing with differences between countries and regions
 - Language/dialect, voltage info, plug info, font preferences, color and design preferences (Common Locale Data Repository), spelling differences
 - Term differences (terminologies)
 - Useful for MT?

User-Centric MT with Tools?



Gaps

1. Use MT approaches to help HT
2. Use HT approaches to help MT

How do we better determine and provide term translations?

- What can we do besides provide dictionaries in electronic format?
 - WordNets
 - Translation Memory with context
 - TransSearch (RALI)
 - Morphological Analyzers (right approach?)
- How do we make the right word with the right conjugation appear in the user's translation with the least number of keystrokes?
- How can we share dictionaries and standardize terminology across tools?
 - ISO Lexical Markup Framework, OLIF, etc.

How do we build better dictionaries and terminologies?

- How do we find new terminology?
 - OOV / NFW searches?
 - Other?
- How do we develop definitions?
 - Can we automate more of the process?
 - Examples, larger term, distinguishing term, etc.
- How do we standardize terms?
 - Frequency is not always the best solution
- How do we provide easy conversion between terms in a translation?
 - Transliterated terms
 - Different terms
- How do we alert users that there may be synonyms?
- How do we disambiguate terms?
 - Frequency is not always the best solution
 - Cycle through by frequency?

How can we use MT to help translators?

- MITRE Research
- Each source sentence is visually aligned with usually two distinct machine translations of that sentence
 - Sentence boundaries are identified automatically
 - MT output can be copy + pasted into translation/gist authoring pane
- Provides context and overview
- Provides triangulation

The screenshot displays a software window titled "Callisto - nota11.use-import.sgmLaif.xml*". The main text area shows a Spanish news article snippet with several words highlighted in yellow and pink. The text reads: "Bogotá - Colombia 11 de marzo de 2003 Martes Critican a Gobierno australiano por vincular a Irak con atentados de Bali Melbourne, Australia El Gobierno australiano ha recibido las críticas de familiares de las víctimas del atentado de Bali del pasado 12 de octubre por vincular la posible acción armada en Irak con este suceso. Las críticas se producen después de que el primer ministro australiano, John Howard, declarara que los australianos deben recordar el atentado de Bali si Canberra decide la intervención de sus tropas en Irak. Miembros de la oposición laborista y los partidos minoritarios tacharon los comentarios del dirigente australiano de "insensibles" y "desesperados", mientras que los familiares de las víctimas los calificaron de "cínicos" y "manipuladores". Por su parte, el ministro de Comercio, Mark Vaile, indicó desde Yakarta, donde se celebra una reunión de ministros de Australia e Indonesia, que no se puede descartar que los hechos de Bali puedan estar vinculados al régimen iraquí. Sin embargo, el ministro de Exteriores, Alexander Downer, reconoció ante la".

Below the source text, two machine translation panes are visible. The first pane, titled "MT: LEC", shows an English translation: "The critics take place after the Australian prime minister, John Howard, declared that the Australians should remember the attack of Bali if Canberra decides the intervention of their troops in Iraq. Members of the labor opposition and the minority parties crossed out the Australian leader's comments of 'insensitive' and 'desperate', while the relatives of the victims qualified them of 'cynic' and 'manipulators.' On the other hand, the minister of Trade, Mark Vaile, indicated from Jakarta, where a meeting of ministers from Australia and Indonesia that you cannot discard that the facts of Bali can be linked to the Iraqi régime takes place. However, the minister of External, Alexander Downer, recognized before the press that has not still been possible to clarify if such a bond exists. Howard will have a new opportunity to explain the Australians his vision of the matter of Iraq next Thursday, with reason of a speech that he will offer in the Club of Press in Canberra. The Government has committed to reveal if those more than 2.000 soldiers deployed in Persian Gulf will participate in the armed action in Iraq, after the Security Council of the United Nations decides on the new...".

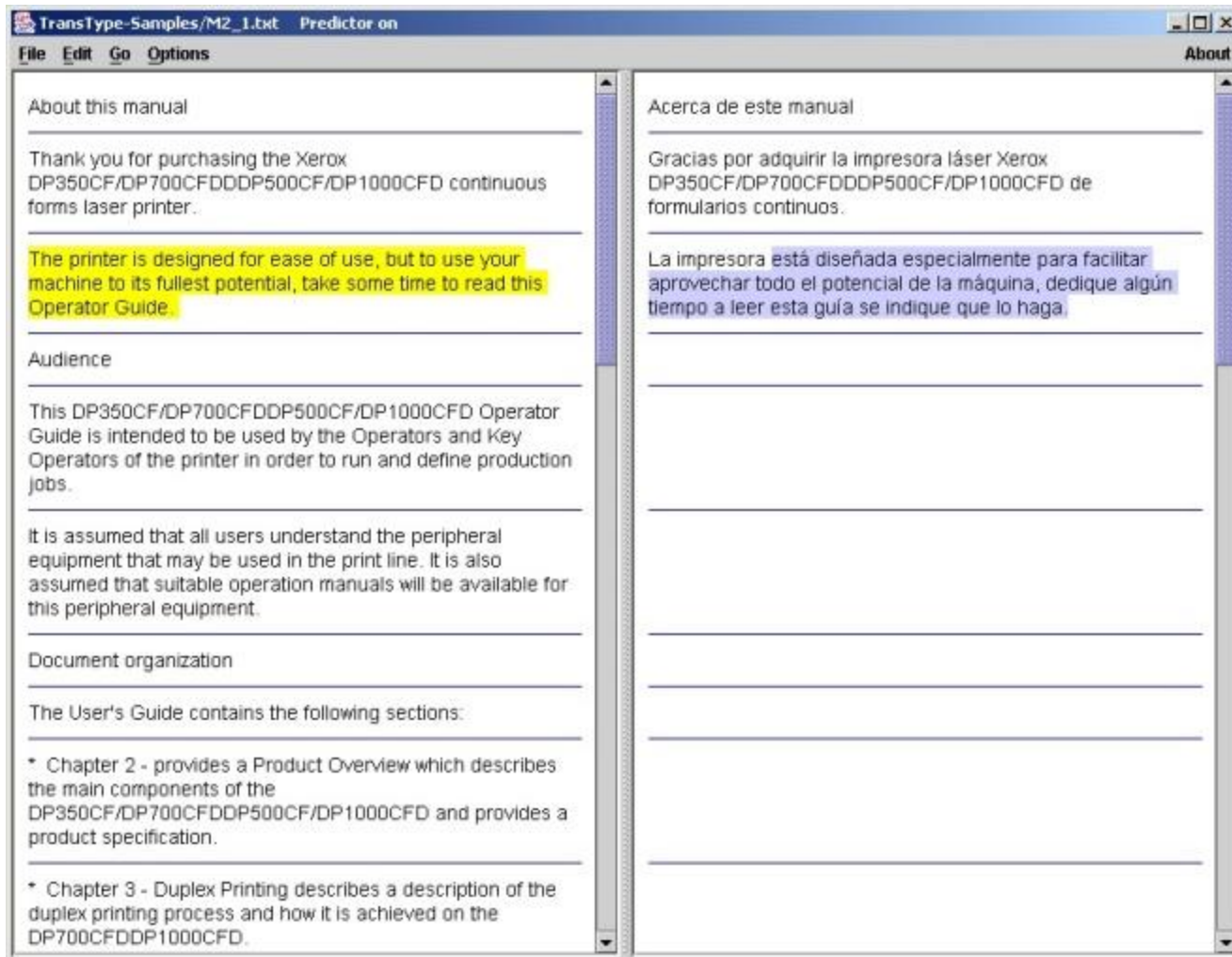
The second pane, titled "MT: LanguageWeaver", shows another English translation: "The criticism occur after the Australian Prime Minister John Howard, declared that Australians should recall Bali if Canberra decides the intervention of its troops in Iraq. Members of the Labour opposition and minority parties as the comments of Australian leader 'insensitive' and 'desperate', while the families of the victims rated as 'cynical' and 'handlers'. For its part, the Minister of Trade, Mark Vaile, indicated from Jakarta, where it holds a meeting of Ministers of Australia and Indonesia, which cannot be ruled out that the facts of Bali may be linked to the Iraqi regime. However, the Foreign Minister, Alexander Downer, admitted to the press that have not been clarify whether such link. Howard will have a new opportunity to explain Australians its vision of the matter of Iraq on Thursday on the occasion of a speech offered in the Press Club in Canberra. The Government is committed to reveal whether the more than 2,000 troops deployed in the Persian Gulf will participate in the armed action in Iraq, after the Security Council of the United Nations decides on the...".

The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Format, Tools, Views, Help) and a sidebar on the right with various tool icons and a list of source files.

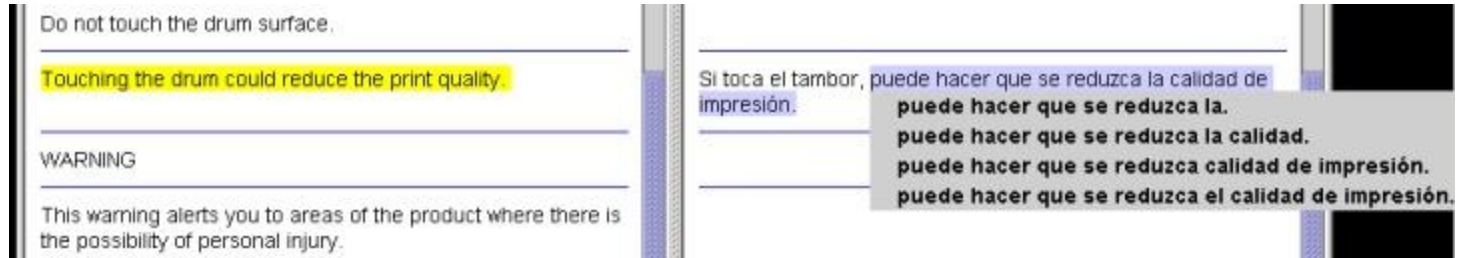
How else can we use MT technologies?

- **TransType**
- EC's Information Society Technologies (IST) Program
- Lapalme, Langlais, Macklovitch, Gandrabur, Nguyen, Nie
- Partners
 - Atos Origin
 - Lehrstuhl für Informatik VI, Computer Science Department, RWTH Aachen - University of Technology
 - Instituto Tecnológico de Informática, Universidad Politécnica de Valencia
 - RALI Laboratory - University of Montreal
 - Celer Soluciones
 - Société Gamma
 - Xerox Research Centre Europe
- Text prediction
 - Saves keystrokes
 - May increase speed and accuracy of translators

TransType



TransType: Options



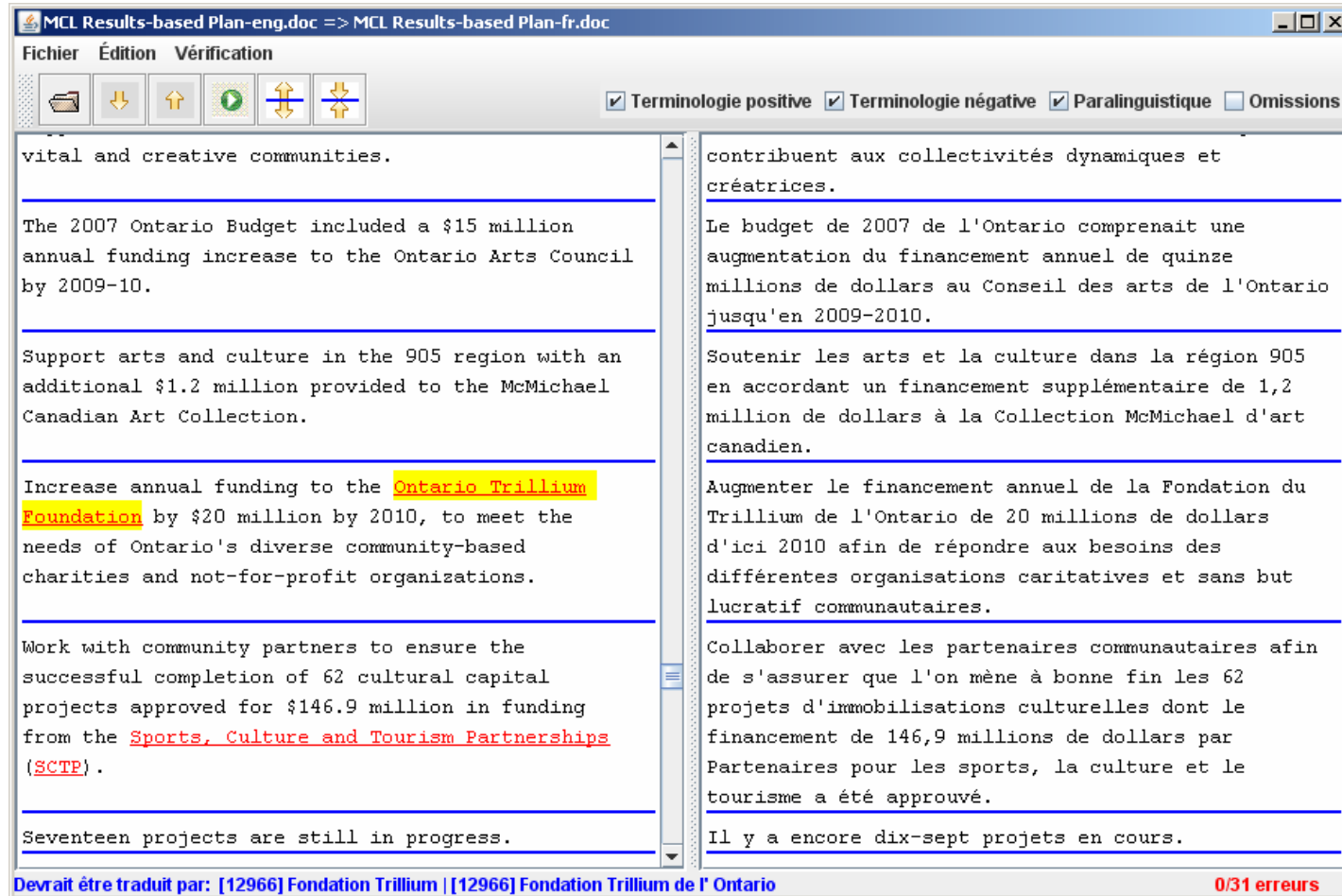
Use of MT and TM to Spot-Check Quality

- *Compare source and translated texts to identify problems with*
 - *Omissions*
 - *Numerical expressions*
 - *Source language interference (Macklovitch)*
 - E.g., False cognates
 - Library and librairie
- *Check consistent use of terms*
- *Test translators*

Use of Tools to Get Bilingual Concordances of Terms

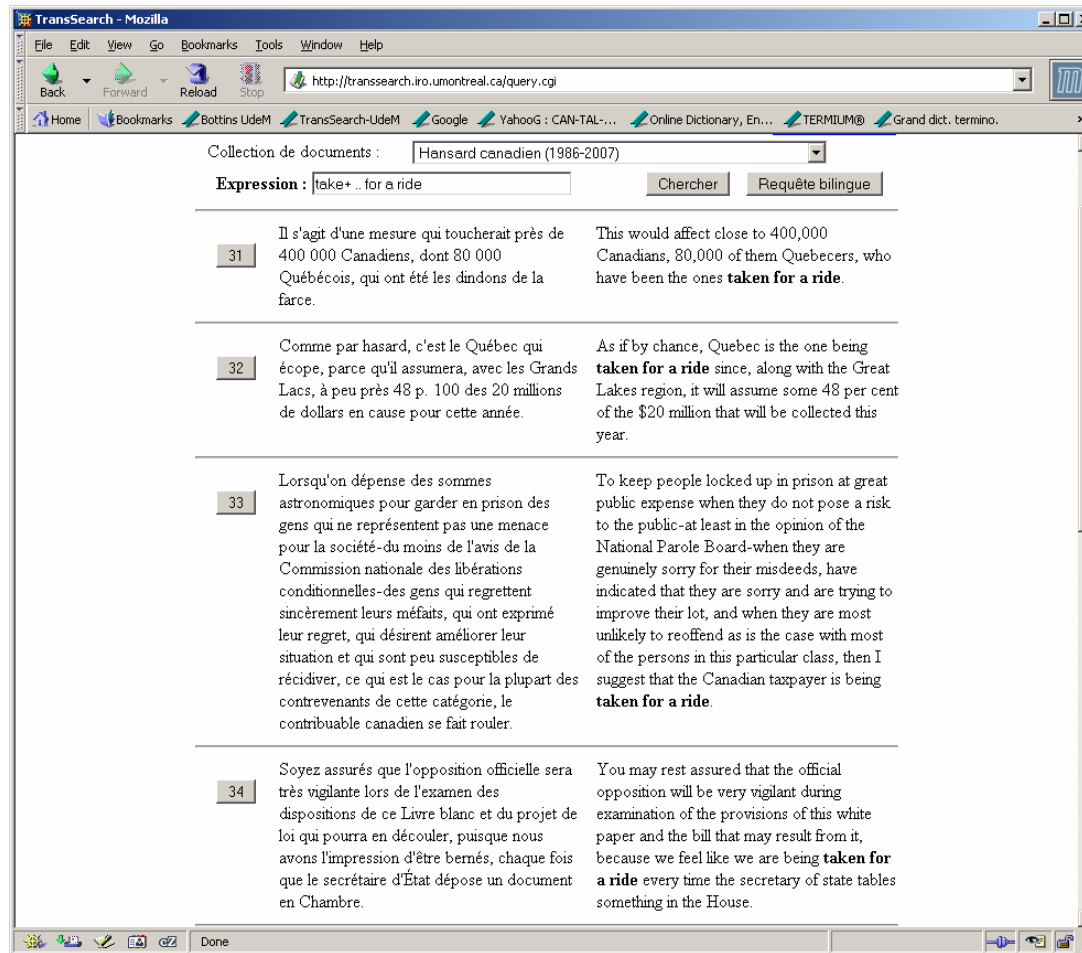
- To
 - Check context
 - Research alternatives
 - Develop terminologies and/or new dictionaries
- Translation Memory
- Search
 - TransSearch (RALI)
 - In house or restricted high-quality search
 - Internet search
- Many opportunities for analysis and development

TransSearch



Unit handled a 53% increase in the number of terms rendered into French

TransSearch



TransSearch

20 Most Frequent 2-Word Queries

What could be done with this kind of data?

Query	Freq.	Query	Freq.
as such	1195	as of	533
over time	1046	most importantly	530
consistent with	743	more importantly	511
in turn	708	where appropriate	499
hard work	680	as per	493
along with	669	due diligence	486
subject to	655	build on	483
based on	649	in particular	478
as required	609	focus on	472
as appropriate	587	where possible	461

Use of Intelligent Templates

- Martin Kay, Xerox PARC
- Restricted options for translators

How can we get better HT Training?

- MT incorporated into subject-focused training
 - Egan 2009
- Provide automatically-generated lessons on highly relevant subject matter

How can we improve post-editing?

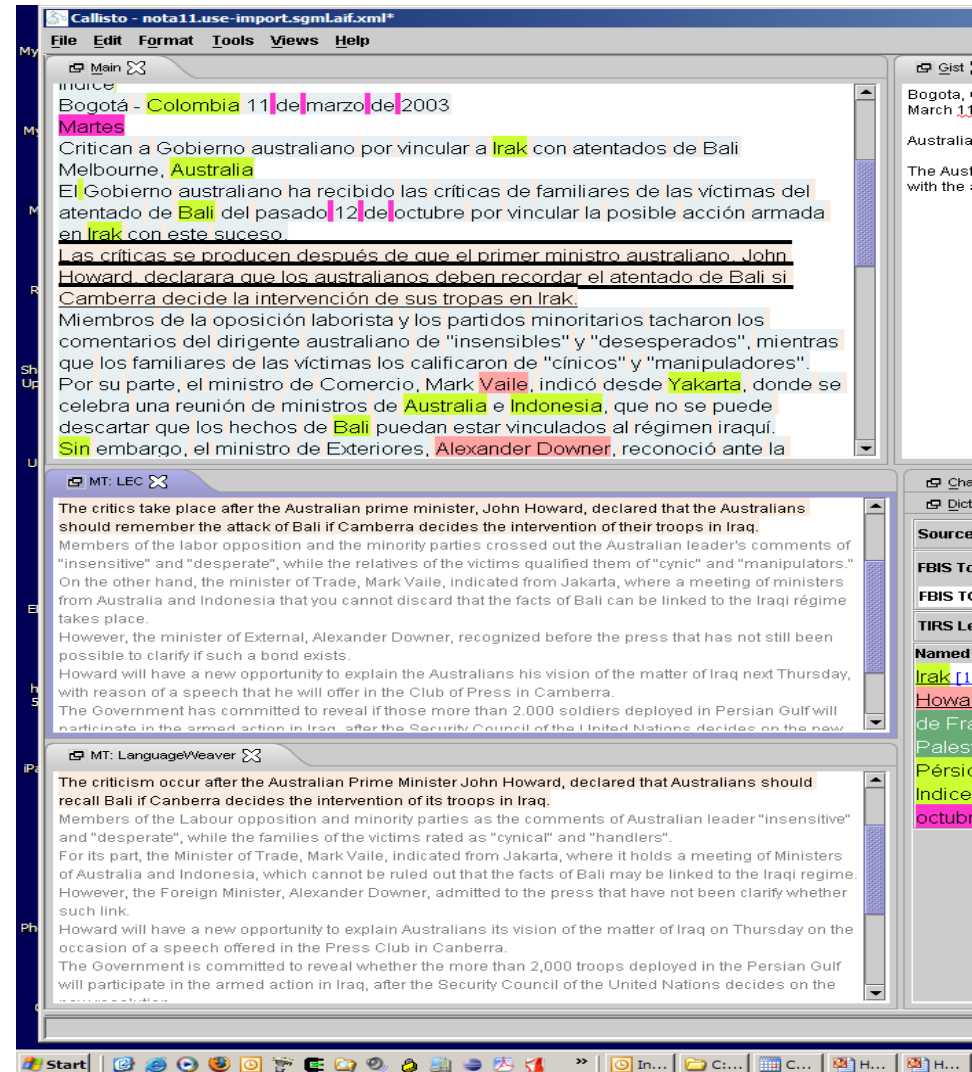
- Mark the problems for the post-editors
- Provide information on the specific problems
 - Kind of problem
 - Suggested change
 - Linked resources for making change/getting info
- Provide other info
 - Tips on getting better output
- Automate some post-editing (Doyen et al. 2008)

How can we improve pre-editing?

- Automate some parts
- Make “checkers” less intrusive
- Use source text analysis in additional ways
 - Translatability Ratings (Bernth & Gdaniec 2001)
 - Problem tagging (DeCamp 2009)

Use of MT, Entity Tagging, and Other Tools

- Examples
 - MITRE research
 - Day et al.
 - CACI Language Workbench
- Help routing
- Provide overview
- Call up resources?



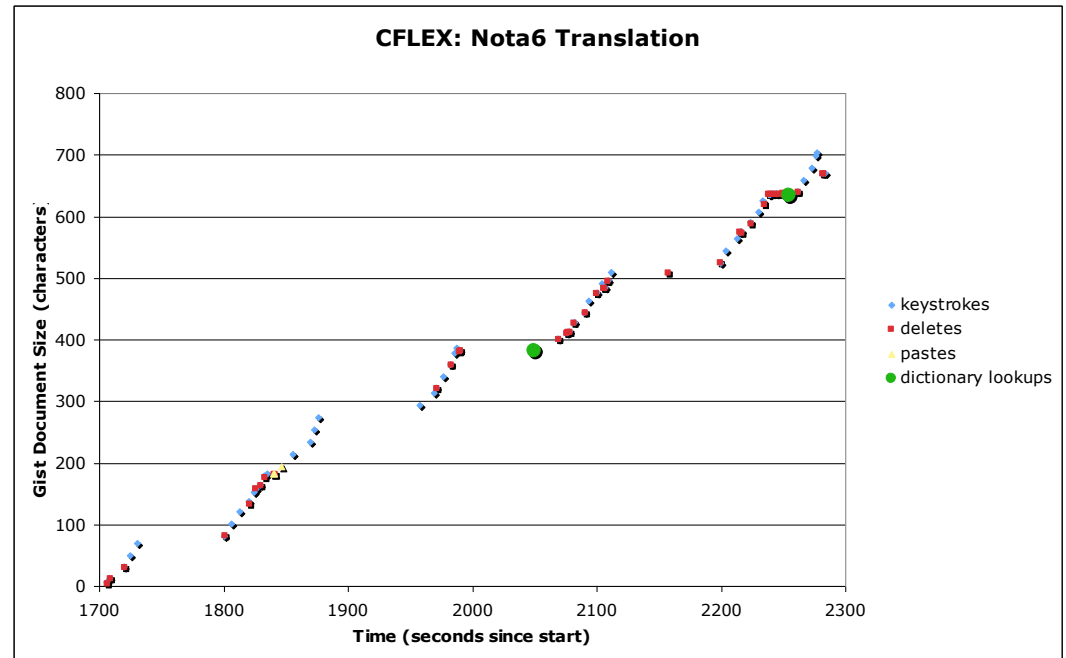
How Can We Improve Retranslation?

- If a user requests a retranslation of a passage or document, how can we better understand what he/she needs?
- How can we quickly provide it?
 - What additional information can we send without going back to a translator?

How can we better understand translators?

How can we help translators use tools?

- Automated logging
- Recommender systems
- Examples
 - TransType
 - MITRE
- Testing difficult



How Can We Improve MT with HT Practices?

- Footnoting and annotation
- Multiple meanings with examples

Translator and User Acceptance

- Translators and Post-Editors
- Tolerance depends—and can change
 - Group (demographics, etc.)
 - Tasks and objectives
 - Training and exposure
 - Perception of helpfulness of tools
 - May be influenced by simple issues such as access
- Perception of their customers' requirements
- Difficult to assess productivity gains due to so many factors in human translation

Conclusions

1. The term “translation” covers many tasks and requirements.
2. There are many means of meeting these requirements with HT, MT, and a combination, depending on needs for accuracy, fluency, etc.
3. There is much room for research and development
 - MT to HT
 - HT to MT

At the Technology Showcase

- **Friday, August 28**
- Dictionaries
 - Army Research Labs
 - WordScape
- Translation Memory and/or Tools for Translators
 - Basis Technology (particularly input methods)
 - Canadian Translation Bureau
 - MultiCorpora
 - PAHO
 - ProMT
 - SDL and LanguageWeaver
- Document Triage and Handling
 - CACI
 - Center for Applied MT