

The next generation translator's workbench: post-editing in CASMACAT v.1.0

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Aims of the study

- To identify, analyze and consolidate the needs of translation professionals with regard to post-editing.
- To uncover areas of improvement to expand the possibilities of the existing CASMACAT prototype.
- □ To reveal post-editing processes in need of:
 - greater automation;
 - better machine-based support.





The CASMACAT Project

- EU 7th framework project.
- Participants: Celer Soluciones SL, Universitat Politècnica de València, University of Edinburgh, and Copenhagen Business School.
- Overall goal is to "build the next generation translator's workbench to improve productivity, quality, and work practices in the translation industry".





The CASMACAT Workbench

- Web-based technology.
- Visual and functional resemblance to commercial CAT tools.
- Direct integration of state-of-the-art translation technology such as
 - exploitation of machine translation;
 - interactive translation prediction.
- Integration of new input devices (e-pen).
- Extensive logging and playback of translator behaviour (key-logging and eye-tracking).





First field trial description

- June-July 2012.
- 5 professional translators from Celer Soluciones SL.
- English to Spanish.
- Post-editing guidelines.
- 18 texts were both translated from scratch and postedited (12,000 words in total).
- 1 translator monitored with eye-tracking technology.
- More than 30 hours of user activity data (process).



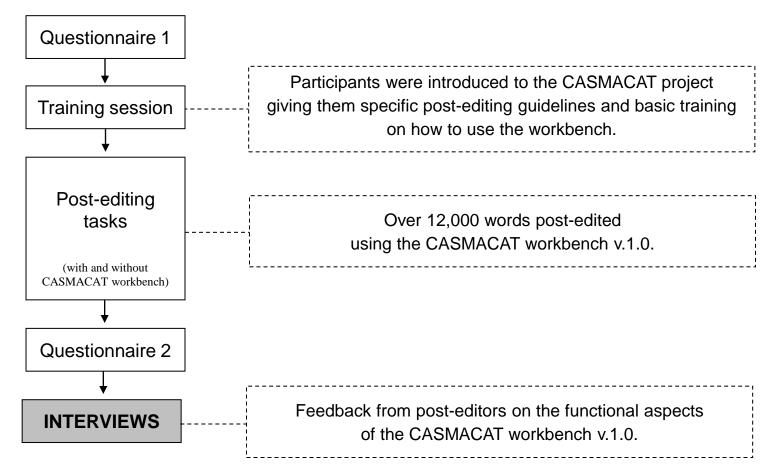








First field trial description







The CASMACAT Workbench (Prototype 1)

URL: <u>http://cbs.casmacat.eu/</u>

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Methodology: semi-structured interviewing

- Individual retrospective interviews
- Venue: Celer Soluciones SL (Madrid)
- Interviewees: 5 professional post-editors
- Duration: 30 min approx.
- Grounded Theory approach



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Methodology: semi-structured interviewing

STRUCTURED PART OF THE INTERVIEW

- Welcome and introduction.
- Signature of informed consent.
- General comments on the first field trial.
- CASMACAT workbench prototype 1:
 - Functional aspects:
 - The editor
 - The process of post-editing in the workbench.
 - Comments on the implemented functionalities:
 - » two-column layout;
 - » keyboard shortcuts;
 - » text formatting.
- Comments on the futures functionalities to be implemented.



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Methodology: semi-structured interviewing

□ UN-STRUCTURED PART OF THE INTERVIEW

 Room for open comments and feedback from the participants in regard to any post-editing issues that may arouse.





Findings: Wish list of functional aspects

POST-EDITING ENVIRONMENT (THE EDITOR)

- Visual track of changes
- Comments in rows
- Real-time word counters and progress bars
- Indicators of work performed



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PRODUCTIVITY ENHANCEMENT FEATURES

- Systematic search and replace
- Copy from source to target segments
- Sort segments

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- Record of editing patterns / Macro support
- Autowrite/Autocomplete functions
- Automatic segment propagation
- Translation memory module (MT > TM cycle)
- Full glossary and black list integration



Findings: Wish list of functional aspects

QUALITY CONTROL

QA checks

- end-of-segment punctuation
- correct numbers
- double spaces (op.)
- length of segments (op.)





Conclusions

- First field trial successful in uncovering post-editor's needs.
- Wish list to be implemented in future versions of the CASMACAT workbench (June 2013).
- Further research in post-editing processes is needed to inform the development of advanced translation assistance tools.
- Real needs should be the basis for a more successful interaction between the human post-editor and the technology in use.





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