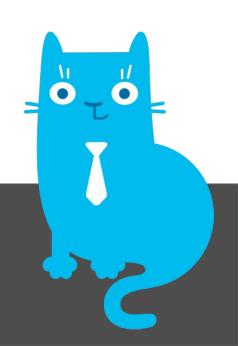
### Introduction to MateCat

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### A little bit of history

1940s and '50s: Machine Translation is all the rage **1960s**: Automatic Language Processing Advisory Commitee (ALPAC) report resulted in a halt to public financing for MT **1970s**: Focus on helping the human translators **1980s**: TSS (Translation Support System) by Alpnet, TextTools by INK, Trados is born (1984) **1990s** and **2000s**: Multiplication of translation memory tools: Trados, Wordfast, DéjàVu, etc. **2000s**: Return of MT: Statistical Machine Translation, Moses, Google Translate, etc. **2014 - 16**: Neural MT: Google, DeepL, Microsoft, etc.



### **\$40 billion in translation services**

Large industry and growing (6.2% CAGR '14). 98.7% of professional services and 1.3% of translation software.

## 40,000 translation companies (LSPs)

Fragmented: only 100 companies above \$100M.

## Median LSP \$500K/y

3-5 employees, 20 freelancers for only few languages.



#### **Using In-House Translators**

The oldest and/or industry-specialized ones that mostly use in-house translators. They **outsource peaks and non-supported languages to other LSPs** (10%) and freelancers (10%).

#### **Using Freelance Translators**

The large majority of LSPs today. They outsource a big chunk of their business to freelancers (80%) and **a smaller amount (20%) to other LSPs**.

#### **Outsourcing to other LSPs**

Most of the large LSP, historically called MLV, are sales-driven companies. They are often the result of merging many LSPs under one brand. They **primarily outsource to other LSPs**.



#### Can't afford to say no to customers

The competition is fierce – **you say no once, you risk losing your customer**. Today when an LSP has a request that it cannot manage, it picks up the phone and calls freelancers and LSPs until one is available.

#### **Outsourcing = No margins**

Requests come fast and delivery terms are often less than 48 hours. When in rush, LSPs forget about their margins to find an outsourcer quickly.

#### Peaks vs. Quality

Median LSPs have few translators per language. Finding a freelancer or LSP experienced in a specific field and/or with a specific customer is difficult. **Controlling quality is an issue**.



# **Computer Assisted Translation tools:**

- Spell checkers
- Grammar checkers
- Terminology managers
- Electronic dictionaries

- Concordancers
- Alignment tools
  - Project management tools
- Translation memory



## CAT tool lingo

- Segments
- Alignment
- Concordancer (TM Search)
- 100% match Exact matcth
- XX% match Fuzzy match
- Bilingual file (.xliff)
- TM (public and private)
- Post editing
- Revision
- Repetitions
- Internal repetitions
- Tag
- TMX (Translation Memory eXchange format)



### **Translation Memory**

#### Overview

- "Database" of translated **segments** in a given language pair
- If any segment was translated in the past, it will be returned as an exact or fuzzy match (re-use of content)
- A CAT automatically suggests the best **match** for a given segment
- Online TM (MyMemory) and offline TM (TMX)



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### Glossary

#### TM

- Segment pairs
- Format: .tmx
- Similar or identical content is automatically inserted
- On average, segments are long (phrases)

#### Glossari

- List of entries (similar to a dictionary)
- Can contain context information (comments)
- Format: .xlsx
- A CAT tool flags if there are available entries
- Usually, they need to be inserted manually



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Tags represent formatting information and metadata that are compressed and easily movable across the segment



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### The CAT tool market today



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#### A Free Translation Tool for LSPs and freelancers

A completely free and web-based translation software (CAT tool) that handles more than 100 languages and over 60 file formats used in the industry. Disrupting the current status quo: **Offering for free what used to be charged thousands of dollars.** 

#### **Reuse made easy**

Making state-of-the-art web crawling and neural machine translation available to every translator. No one in the world should translate something that has already been translated by somebody else. **Faster turnarounds and higher margins.** 

#### **Outsourcing in 1-click**

1-click outsource to the best translator within the tool. We leverage Translated's T-Rank and 285,000 translators recruited so far to short-cut the industry, making **a direct link between the LSP need and the translators' skills**.



#### Limited use of CAT tools

→ Only 60% of projects translated with a CAT tool

#### **Security concerns**

→ Security issues when sending files to vendors

#### **Limited collaboration**

→ Inefficient collaboration on rush and large projects

#### **Scarce content reuse**

→ Limited content reuse due to small, local translation memories and poor MT integration





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