



COACH: Consolidating the Localisation Industry through **Technology**

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Outline of Presentation

- Translators and Current CAT Tools
- Gathering Translators' Feedback
- Changes to COACH
- 4 Conclusions





Justified Translator Resistance

- CAT tools forced them to alter the way they work,
- Lack of consultation in tool design.







Introduction of CAT Tools Inevitable . . .

- Change of Paradigm: paper to electronic
- Ability to deal with file formats,
- Support for in-line formatting at appropriate points in target,
- Leveraging from previous translations.







General Acceptance

- Translators require professional tools, which develop and evolve over time.
- Makes sense to involve translators actual users of tools when developing new technology.
- This is the approach we took in the design of COACH.





Main Focal Points for Lingo24

- Bringing high volumes to the translator,
- Allowing clients to be more flexible with their quality expectations,
- Having more content translated at predictable quality,
- Creating a PEMT interface that allows more and differently educated users to approach this task.





Identification of Focus Group

- Age & cultural background:
 - ► COACH designed to be used by wide variety of translators.
- Technical background
 - COACH meant to be easy-to-use by any translator, irrespective of CAT tools experience.





Identification of Focus Group (cont.)

- Previous working relationship with translators:
 - Quality and speed two of the main areas COACH was intended to improve.
 - Use translators who had previously done a lot of work for Lingo24 with consistently good results.
- PEMT Experience:
 - COACH designed to be Lingo24's main environment for Post-Edited MT.
 - PEMT experience crucial to assess features that distinguish PEMT from HT projects.





Round 1: General Feedback on Usability and Utility

Speed:

- What features could increase efficiency during the translation process?
- ▶ What would help speed up the decision-making process?

Quality:

- What features would improve the output quality, even with limited manual checks?
- What types of automated quality checks would help the translation process and improve output quality?

Usability and Utility:

- ► How intuitive is the tool?
- ▶ How can the user's experience be improved?
- ▶ Does the tool cater to the user's requirements?





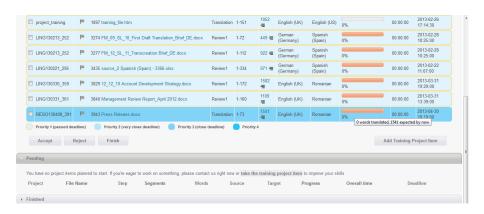
Translators' Feedback Loop: Round 2

- After Phase 1, COACH stable and offering proper support for European languages.
- Phase 2 focused on support for Asian and R-to-L languages.
 - ▶ Second focus group selected on the same criteria as in Phase 1.
 - ▶ Recruited translators to provide feedback on language-specific aspects:
 - ★ Segmentation rules,
 - ★ Reliability of QA checks.





Speed: Task Prioritisation







Speed: Measuring Real vs. Expected Progress

Progress	Task/Batch Deadline	Overall time	Editing distance
	0 0		Reset Filter
100%	2013-04-22 11:00:00	00:30:00	11.4%
100%	2013-04-19 17:00:00 words translated, 230 expe	00:11:38 cted by now	0.27%





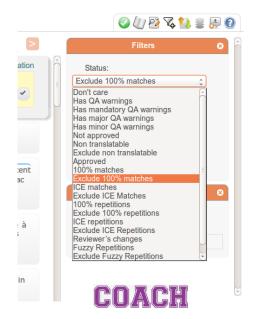
Speed: Propagate Changes & Repetitions







Speed: Filter Translatable Content



Speed: Enhanced Internal Matching

- In-Context Repetitions
- Fuzzy Repetitions







Quality: Customisable Quality Checks

- Live highlighting of spelling mistakes and multiple spaces,
- Live terminology check,
- Inconsistent translations,
- Add words to dictionary,
- Language-specific QA checks: Number formatting & Punctuation.





Whi	ich QA Checks do you want to enable ?
	Major QA Checks
V	Empty Translation
7	Terminology Check
V	Inconsistent TM Match
V	Spell Check
V	Inconsistent repetitions
	Minor QA Checks
V	Consecutive Spaces
V	Consecutive Punctuation Marks
V	Different Brackets
V	End Punctuation
V	Entire Capitalisation
V	Inconsistent Spaces
V	Initial Capitalisation
V	Number Values
V	Non-matching Brackets
V	Non-matching Question Marks

Usability and Utility

- Customisable font types and sizes,
- Detailed tool tips for quality warnings.
- Customisable shortcuts:

Select previous segment shortcut:	ctrl+up	default: ctrl+up
Select next segment shortcut:	ctrl+down	default: ctrl+down
Approve segment shortcut:	ctrl+s	default: ctrl+s
Copy source shortcut:	shift+ctrl+c	default: shift+ctrl+c
Insert previous tag into translation:	alt+p	default: alt+p
Insert next tag into translation:	alt+n	default: alt+n
Insert TM match in target:	shift+ctrl	default: shift+ctrl+(1-5)





Key Differentiators in COACH

- Important functions in a centralised tool, e.g. QA made available in the cloud.
- QA is a weakness in many specialised tools.
- Translator access to QA report. Information may be shared, depending on workflow.
- Connect content and translator: unlock content that would not be translated unless COACH was available.





Key Differentiators in COACH (cont.)

- Dedicated Language Technologies group
- State-of-the-art Machine Translation
- Automatic terminology extraction
- Automatic subject detection





Automatic Terminology Extraction

- Many customers have TMs, but no centralised terminologies.
- From TM, automatically determine most important source terms
 - Most frequent terms in TM
 - Most frequent terms in standard Source Language text
- Using by-product of MT, locate target equivalent of source terms
- Output: draft terminology bank





Automatic Terminology Extraction (cont.)







Automatic Subject Detection

- Given source document: which MT engine to use? Which supplier?
- Extract most relevant terms from document
- Use SVM classifier to find most likely subject
- Choose optimal MT engine according to subject





Summary

- COACH is a better tool thanks to translator cooperation during the build.
- Translators are better disposed towards COACH as a result.
- Makes translators demonstrably more efficient.
- Creative pricing models owing to complete control over both our CAT tool and our own MT technology.





Thanks for your attention!

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