PEMT for the Public Sector Evolution of a Solution

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ManpowerGroup Public Sector

- 25+ years supporting commercial and government clients around the world
 - Translation and I10n, transcription, interpretation, tech support, linguist placements, intel analysis and reporting
- Uniquely positioned to observe language technology pain points for both clients and vendors
- Developed a universal TMS implementation procedure
 - Advise and support client TMS implementations
 - > Deploy and manage **SaaS TMS** for our clients
 - Provide client and vendor TMS training

Presentation Objective

- Data protection concerns and knowledge of how to implement a practical HLT solution that delivers meaningful value have historically prevented public sector clients from using MT, CAT, and TMS
- We will show how our team successfully addressed data protection and client objectives to develop a practical, domain-specific PEMT solution to a public sector client who is now transforming how they use HLT

Key Takeaways:

- How to develop a customized PEMT solution for public sector
- How to build and optimize TM corpora for statistical MT training
- How to gauge technological and procedural efficiencies for overall program success and scalability

Historical HLT Challenges with MGPS PS Client Base

- Limited HLT use due to various contract constraints
 - No co-mingling data, no data in cloud
 - TM/TB corpora destruction
 - CONUS resources with citizenship, various clearance levels
 - HLT use still not widespread among PS linguist base (freelance)

No process automation

- Longer production timelines
- Project-based translation





Early Steps

- Secure isolated IT infrastructure
- Dedicated enterprise-level CAT setup
- Centralized TM/TB
- Resource requirements, e.g. CATtrained linguists/project managers
- TM/TB corpora included as a deliverable





Case Study

- Objective: Translate multiple domainspecific content streams with more automation and increased speed
- Large-volume legacy material alignment
- Geographically dispersed workforce of up to 120 participants in 3 continents/time zones

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- Client stakeholders
- Client linguists



Program Requirements

- Centralized Globally Accessible HLT Resources
 - ➢ Projects
 - Integrated Domain-Specific Machine Translation
 - Translation Memories/TermBases
 - ➤Tech Support
- Integrated Project Management
- Data and Personnel Security
 - Dedicated HLT resource instance
 - Controlled human access (US Citizen only)
- Continuous MT improvement cycle
- Process automation
- Seamless integration of cloud and local-install HLT solutions





ANSWER?

Post-Edited Machine Translation

MT CAT TMS ...Talent





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Define Stakeholders and Budget

- Dedicate a representative team of production experts – include the client!
 - Get early buy-in from the future production team
 - Start building the TMS operations culture
 - Let the production-side stakeholders define a business case and the best solution
- Align Budget and HLT options
 - Define Scope and Level of Effort manage budget and expectations
 - HLT costs (CAT/TMS/MT)
 - IT setup (local install vs. SaaS)





Challenge

There are a growing number of strong HLT solutions. How do you select the right one, and how do you implement effectively?





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Choosing/Validating the Right Solution

- Perform preliminary research
 - What do I need?
 - What are my options (commercial/custom/open source)?
 - What are my community peers saying?
- Choose solution candidates
- Set up orientation calls with solution developers
 - Identify dedicated contacts for technical and contractual questions
 - Explore data security options for data and support





Choosing/Validating the Right Solution (cont.)

- Create evaluation matrix
 - > Evaluate all products with the same criteria
 - > Standard criteria include:
 - Key features
 - Benefits
 - Shortcomings
 - Technical and contract support
 - Deployment options
 - Costs





PUT THE DATA ASIDE – TIME FOR WHITEBOARDING!





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Whiteboard Your Workflows

- Define and document/update existing production processes
- Do *not* adjust workflows based on the solutions' limitations
 - If it doesn't fit, it's not right for you
- Generate a master workflow that addresses the variations
 - Define production steps as "required" or "optional"
- Whiteboard other business requirements/expectations
 - Manage expectations



See What "Fits" – Select and Acquire

- Combine the research with the master workflow and business requirements
- Identify the solution that provides the most value
- Generate TMS/MT Selection Report:
 - Fund the acquisition and deployment
 - Maintain technology knowledgebase
 - Validate your decision
- Finalize the deployment plan
- Minimize the time between the acquisition and production deployment





Initial Configuration

- Master production workflow
- Sample business rules
- Sample linguistic resources (TMs, TBs, baseline MT)
- Optional/custom components and workflow steps (forms, fields, etc.)
- Production pilot
 - > Test the workflow, not just the filters





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Document TMS/PEMT Production Procedures – Role-Specific Instructions

- Project Managers
 - > Production
 - > Offline procedures
- Linguist users
 - > Production
- Client users
 - Portal access/request
 - > Production
- Other production roles (as applicable)





Develop and Implement Training

Client stakeholder participation and buy-in is key to project success.

- Develop reusable curriculum
- Provide general system overview
- Provide role-specific training





Production Deployment

- Configure and deploy client portal and other auxiliary components
- Align legacy content
- Optimize TM corpora for MT training
 - Segmentation
 - > Markup
- Perform initial training of Domain-Specific MT engines/language pairs
- Perform first automated and human evaluation of MT – start the measuring





Start PEMT!!!

- Start production for the selected programs/projects
- Adjust configuration, procedures, and documentation, as applicable
 - Deliver the updates to the appropriate parties





Continuous MT Improvement Cycle



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Additional Automated Workflow Options



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Kick Off

Review SOW

Clarify parameters and assumptions at kickoff meeting with stakeholders

Inform Stakeholders – before, during, after kickoff!

- > How to "engineer for success" with source selection, MT training corpus
- Manage expectations for productivity, timeline

Set Goals and KPIs

- Linguist productivity
- Tool effectiveness





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Surge

Build a Team

- Linguists, Engineers, PM
- Success factors: full-time dedicated resources; native speakers, US citizens, tech-savvy; ability to handle breadth of subject matter domain

Baseline

Translate sample set of material (larger = better) outside of PEMT environment to gauge productivity sans HLT

Track Everything!

- Client queries, client feedback, adjustments made to workflow
- Technology data: MT training corpus size and details, BLEU
- Project data: word count, TM leveraging, subject matter, time spent



Maintain

Prioritize Knowledge Share

- Training materials, lessons learned
- Meet regularly

Monitor, Report, Adjust

- Provide reports and recommendations monthly
- Metrics

Review client level of engagement

- Client involved too much or too little?
- Client requests within contract scope?

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Improve & Scale

Monitor technology developments and provide recommendations as necessary

Raise questions/issues to software developers as needed

Evaluate MT output monthly; experiment and make adjustments as needed

Capture qualitative and quantitative data

Communicate success stories and lessons learned

Continually demonstrate ROI

•Scale with additional domains and locales

Ensure HLT solution can accommodate growth



Recap

Historical challenges with MGPS PS client base

Early steps toward HLT culture

Case Study Success Factors

- -Client buy-in
- -Customized HLT solution -- one size does not fit all
- –Documentation for reusability and scalability
- -Talent development through training
- -Clear KPIs to evaluate success
- -Continuous improvement

Future Enhancements

- Neural MT
- Adaptive MT/Augmented Translation
- Substring tokenization
- Integrated speech-to-text supported by TMS/CAT/MT
- Multilingual Redaction Database (MRD)



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Appendix

Acronym	Expansion
BLEU	Bilingual evaluation understudy
CAT	Computer-assisted translation
CONUS	Contiguous United States
HLT	Human language technology
KPI	Key performance indicator
l10n	Localization
MGPS	ManpowerGroup Public Sector
MT	Machine translation
PEMT	Post-edited machine translation
PM	Project manager
PS	Public sector
ROI	Return on investment
SaaS	Software as a service
SOW	Statement of work
ТВ	TermBase
TMS	Translation management system

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