

Translation Technology - a Survey of latest product developments

Abstract

The talk will consist of

- a definition of the term translation technology and a description of the following three main categories and their components;

- machine translation systems,
- translation workbenches
- terminology tools.

- a classification of the types of tools and systems according to their use for either publication, informal translation or occasional use in the office

- characteristics of recent developments, increasingly reflect user requirements in the following areas;

- the systems and tools support more languages and language pairs
- more terminology is available in more subject domains
- developers achieve better integration with other products

- developers either downsize their previous mainframe or workstation versions to PC versions or offer PC client versions in addition to their workstation based systems

- developers considerably reduce the prices for downsized versions

We will discuss some examples of innovative approaches of all system types as well as future trends in the development and use of translation technology.

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