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## Reversing the Palladius Mapping of Chinese Names in Russian Text

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# Overview



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# The Problem



When using Systran to support Russian to English translation:

- Systran translates known words, and sounds out unknown words
- Chinese names follow a separate Palladius sound mapping

Meaning	“British expert <b>Phillip Clark</b> ”
Cyrillic	Британский эксперт <b>Филлип Кларк</b>
Systran	The British expert <b>Of fillip Clark</b>

Meaning	" <b>Zhai Zhigang</b> was the youngest of six children"
Cyrillic	<b>Чжай Чжиган</b> был младшим из шести детей
Systran	<b>Chzhay Of chzhigan</b> was young of six children



# Palladius Sound Mappings



Pinyin	Cyrillic	typical sound	
r	ж	[ž]	Palladius maps initial zh to чж
ch	ч	[č]	
zh	чж	[č ž]	
n__	н__	[n]	Palladius maps word-final ng to н
__n	__нь	[n']	
__ng	__н	[n]	
xi	си	[çi]	Palladius maps x to c
sa	ca	[sa]	



# Reverse Palladius (RevP) Algorithm



## 1. User selects candidate words

Чжай Чжиган был младшим из  
шести детей

RevP

## 2. Syllabification

#Чжай# #чжи#ган# был младшим из  
шести детей

(C)(G)V(N)

C=consonant

G=glide {i, u}

N=coda{n,ng,i,u,r}

## 3. Reverse Palladius mapping

Zhai zhigang был младшим из шести  
детей

RevP Rules

чж → zh

н# → ng

## 4. Systran

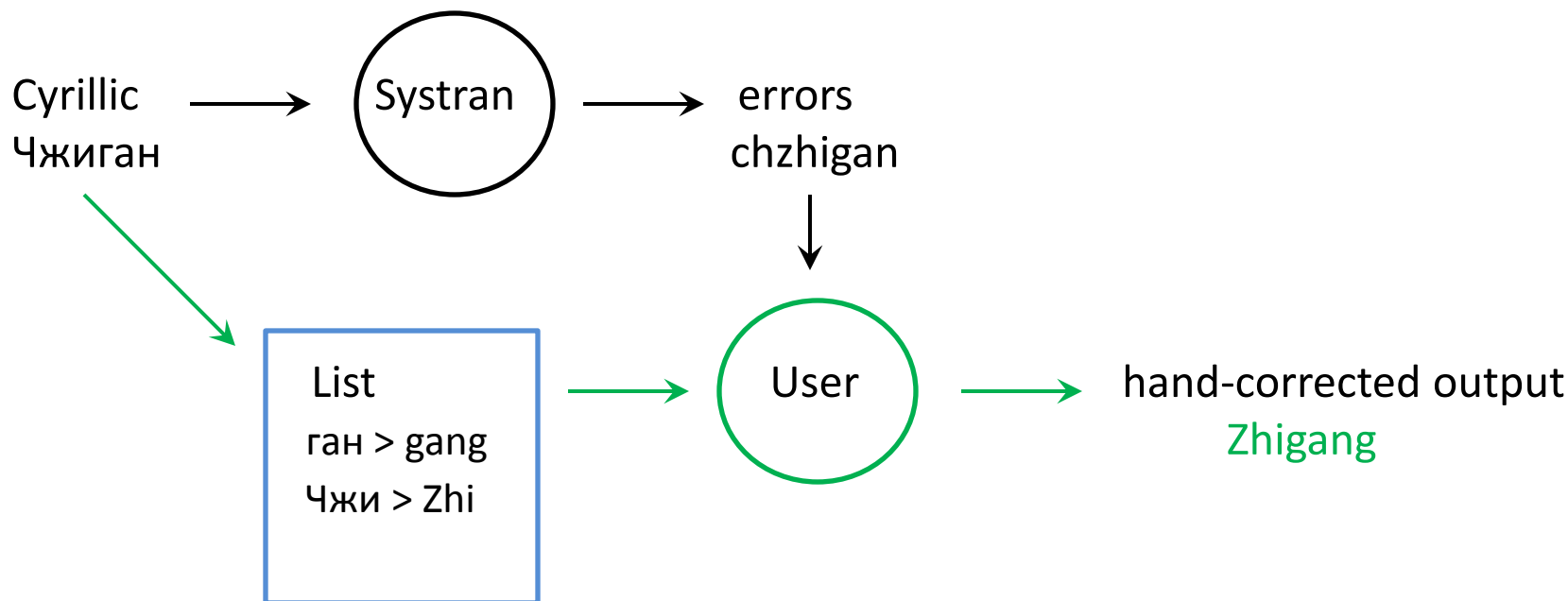
Zhai zhigang was young of six children



# Workflow -- Original



The user compiles a list of Chinese/Russian syllable correspondences and uses this list to hand-edit the Systran errors.



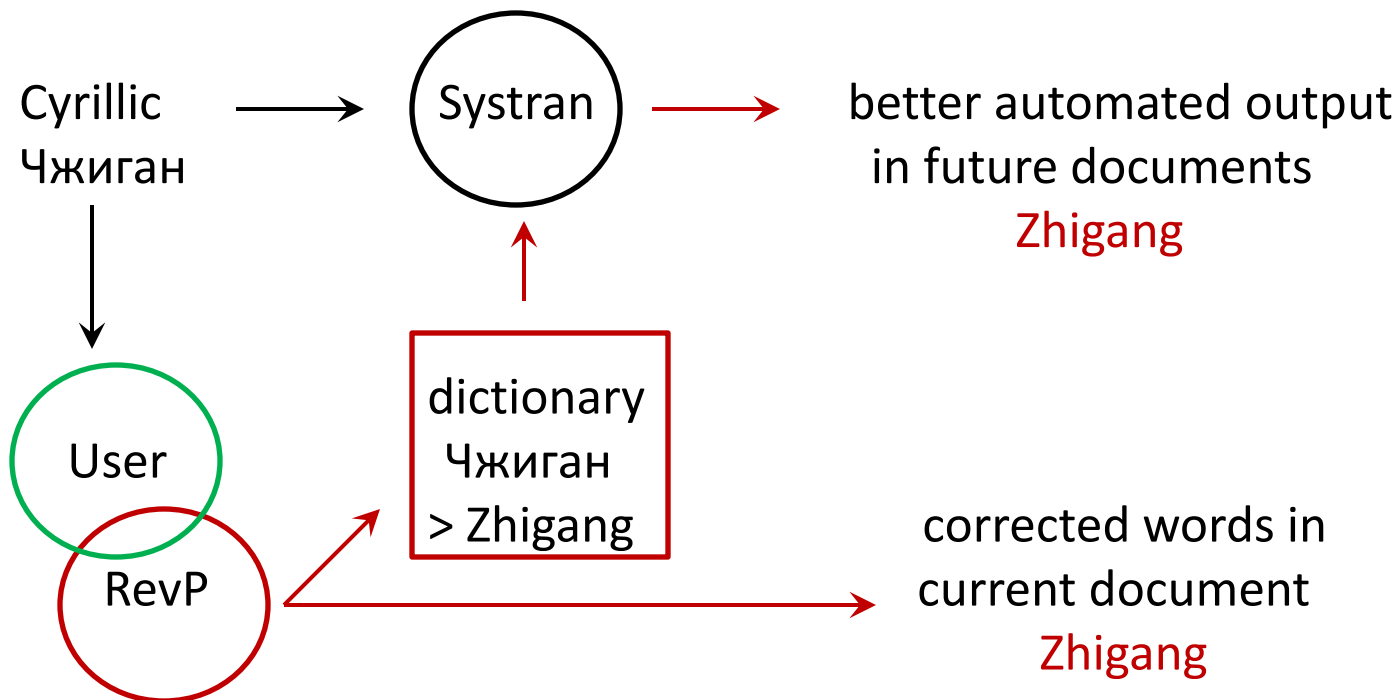
- The user has to look back at the original spelling of the name.
- Each instance in the text has to be separately corrected.
- These corrections must be repeated in each new document.



# Workflow -- with RevP Program



- The user selects a word and the program provides the Reverse Palladius form
- The new mappings are saved in a dictionary for future use, either with Systran or as a stand-alone process.







# Interface Design



- We use a human-in-the-loop to identify the candidate words
  - We provide alternative mappings
  - We store the user's choices in a dictionary
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- The dictionary can be applied to new documents within Systran
  - The dictionary can be applied independently



# Human-in-the-loop: Identifying the Chinese Words



We don't want to apply the Reverse Palladius mapping to Russian words,  
or to words borrowed from other languages

Cyrillic

Лисов

Traditional Sound Mapping

Lisov << correct form

Reverse Palladius Mapping

Lisuow

Cyrillic

Малинди

Traditional Sound Mapping

Malindi << correct form

Reverse Palladius Mapping

Malingdi



# Human-in-the-loop: Identifying Russian Inflection



If the name occurs as the object of a verb or preposition,  
it may appear with Russian case endings.

Cyrillic	ReversePalladius	pinyin
БОМИН	Voming	Voming
БОМИНА	Vomingа	Voming (genitive)
БОМИНОМ	Vomingом	Voming (instrumental)

We optionally apply a stemming program to remove inflections  
before the sound mapping:

meaning:	" ... together with <u>Liu Voming</u> "
Cyrillic:	... вместе с <u>Лю БОМИНОМ</u>
Reverse Palladius:	<u>Liu Vomingом</u>
Stemming + Reverse Palladius:	<u>Liu Voming</u>



# Human-in-the-loop: Identifying Russian Inflection



We cannot apply the stemmer in all instances.

For example, the Chinese name Baohua ends in /a/, which is a potential Russian inflectional ending.

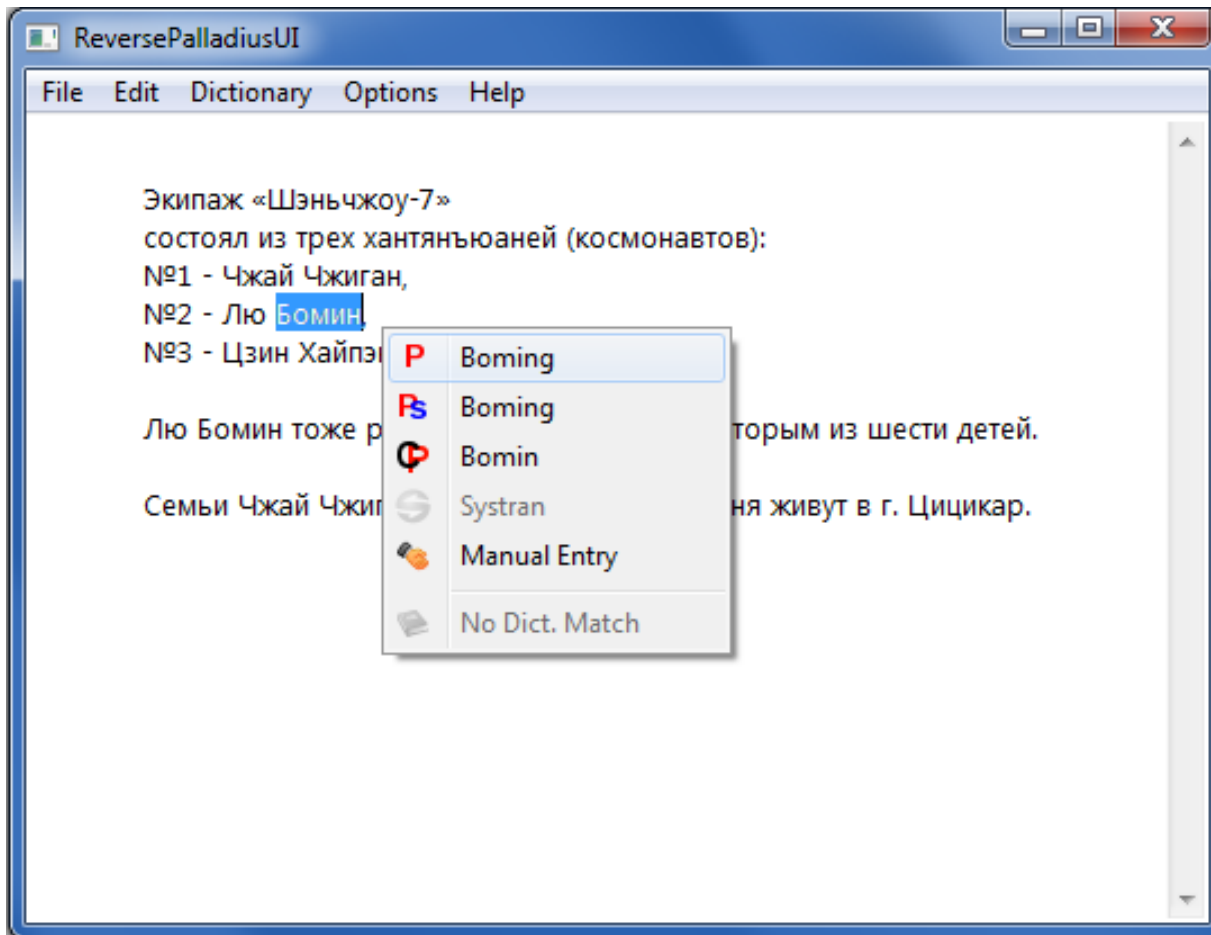
Stemming of Baoxya creates an error:

Cyrillic	Stemmed	RevP	Correct pinyin
Баоxya	Баoxy	Baohu	Baohua

The RevP program generates the various possible forms, and we rely on the user to select the correct alternative.



# Interface: User Selection

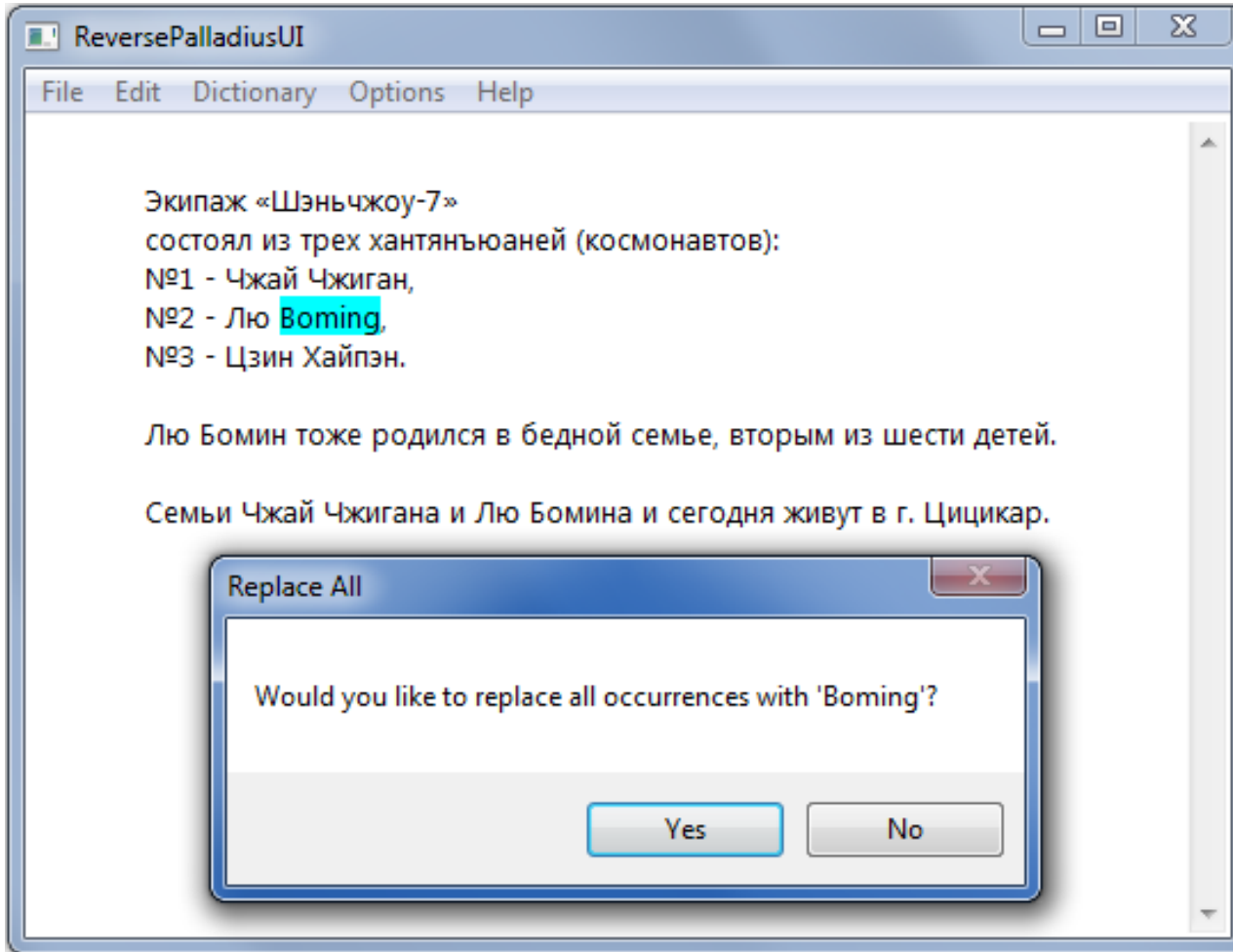


The user has selected the name, БОМИН.

The program presents the user with the various options for the selected word. The first option is the Reverse Palladius Mapping.



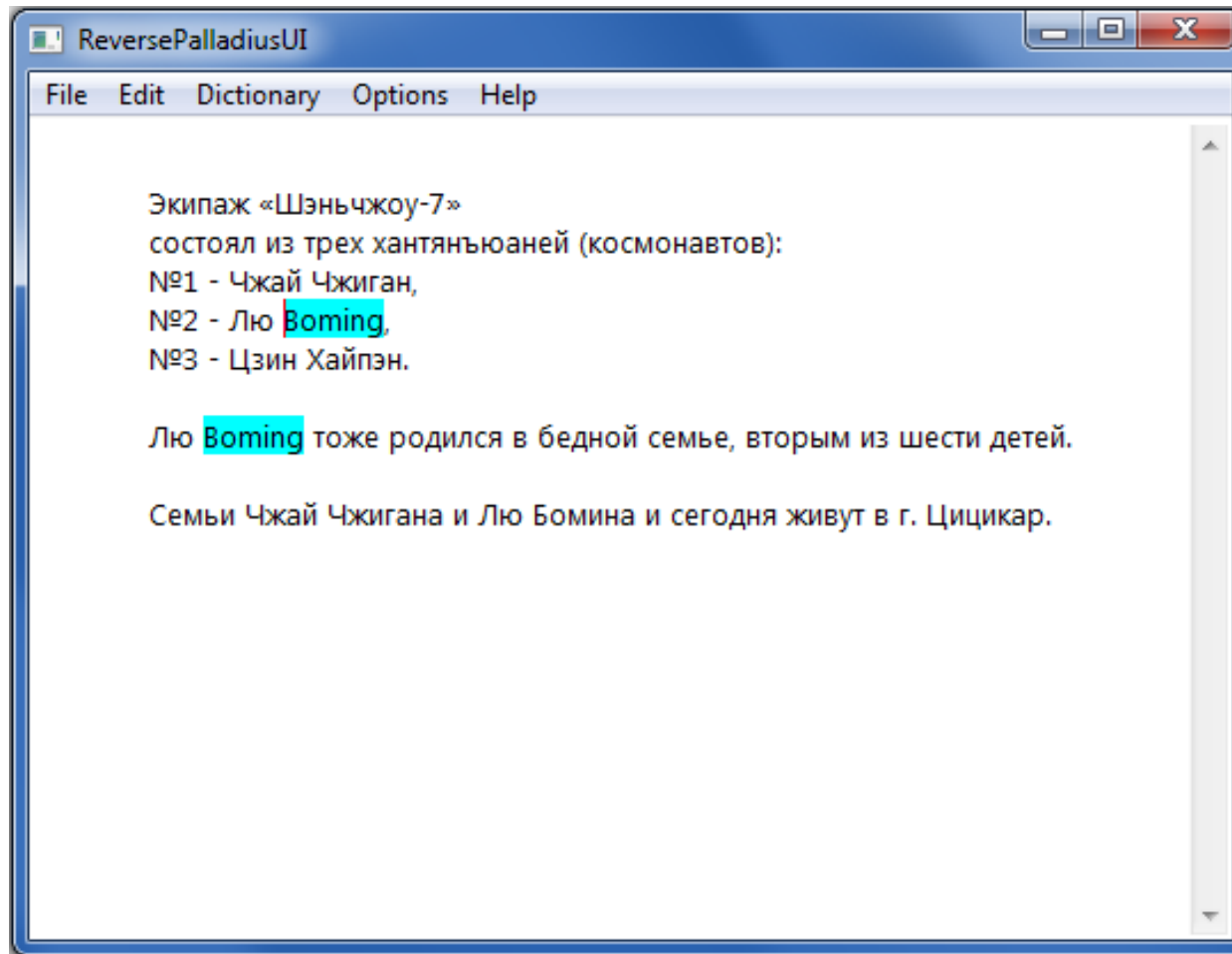
# Interface: Replacing the Word



The selected form replaces the original, and the program offers to replace all instances of this word.

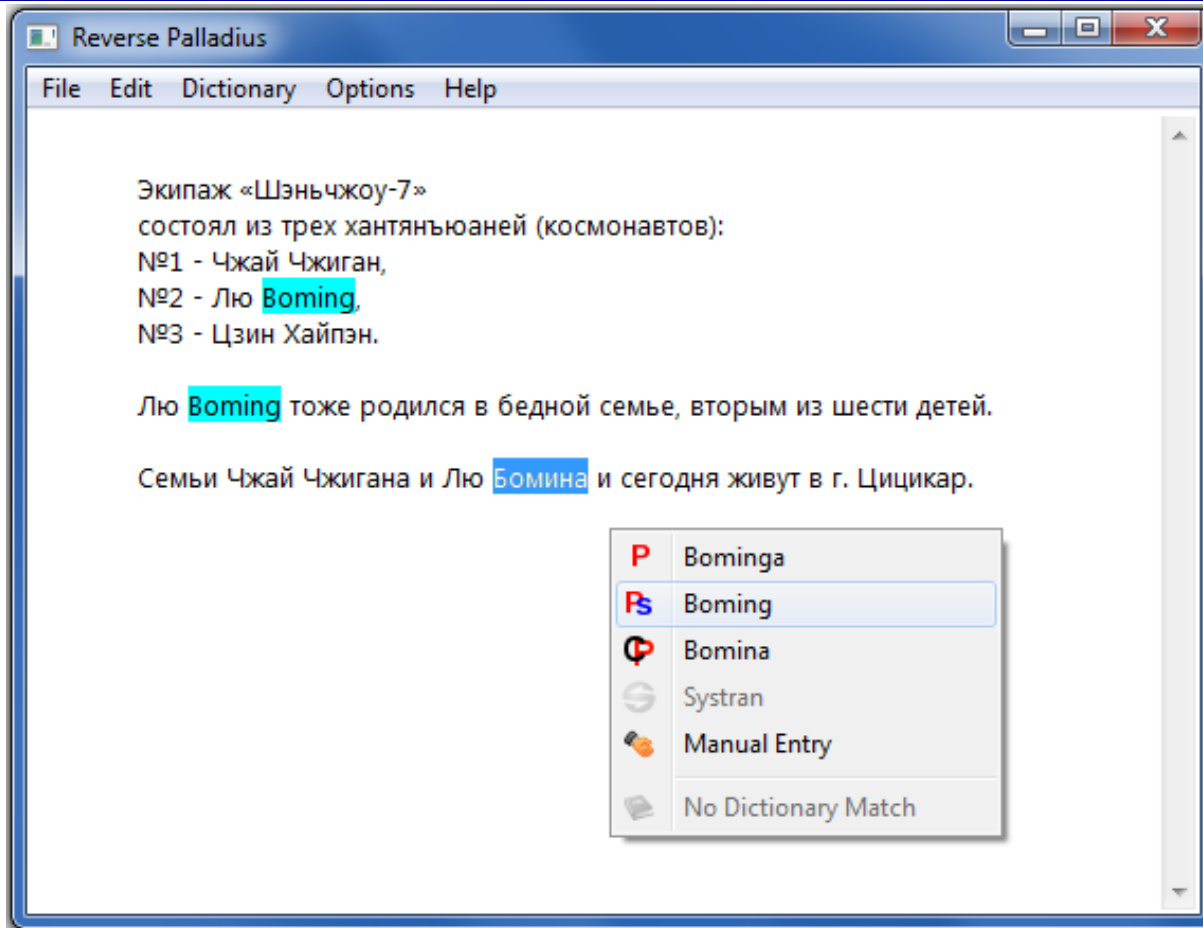


# Interface: Replacing the Word





# Interface: Stemmed Form



Here, the user has selected the word Бомина.  
Now we need the stemmed form, which is the second option.

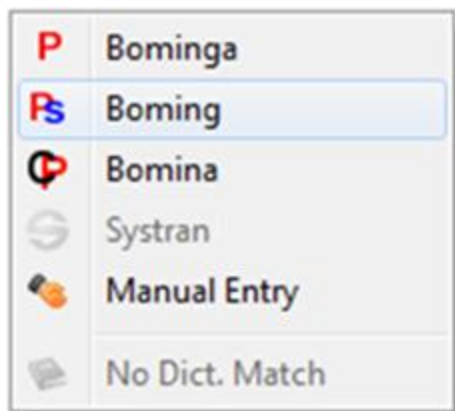




# Interface: Other Options



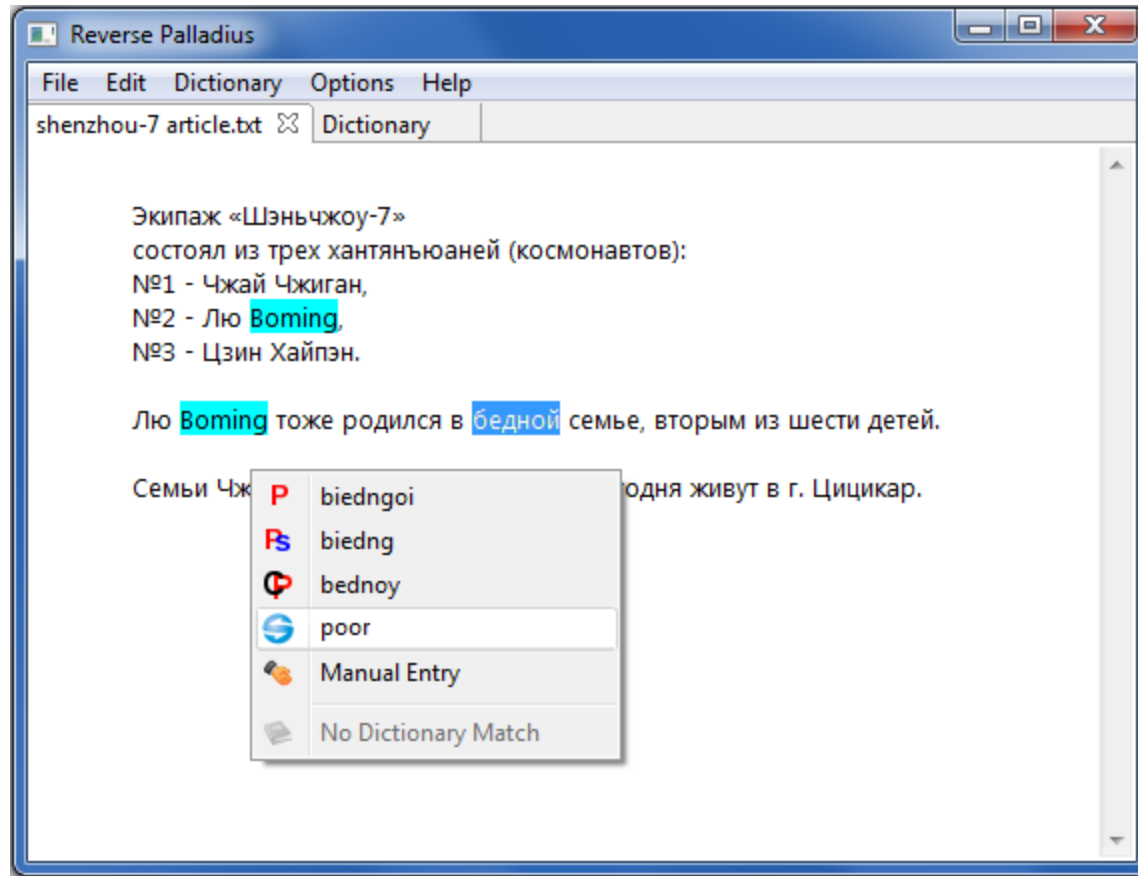
## The RevP options:



Symbol	Source	Details
P	Palladius	apply reverse Palladius mapping
Ps	stemmed Palladius	remove Russian inflectional endings, then apply reverse Palladius mapping
Cp	Cyrillic phonetics	apply Cyrillic phonetic mapping
S	Systran translation	use the Systran translation for this word (if you have Systran enabled)
hand	Manual Entry	type in the correct spelling
book	Dictionary Match	use the previous dictionary choice for this word (if any)



# Interface: Systran Preview



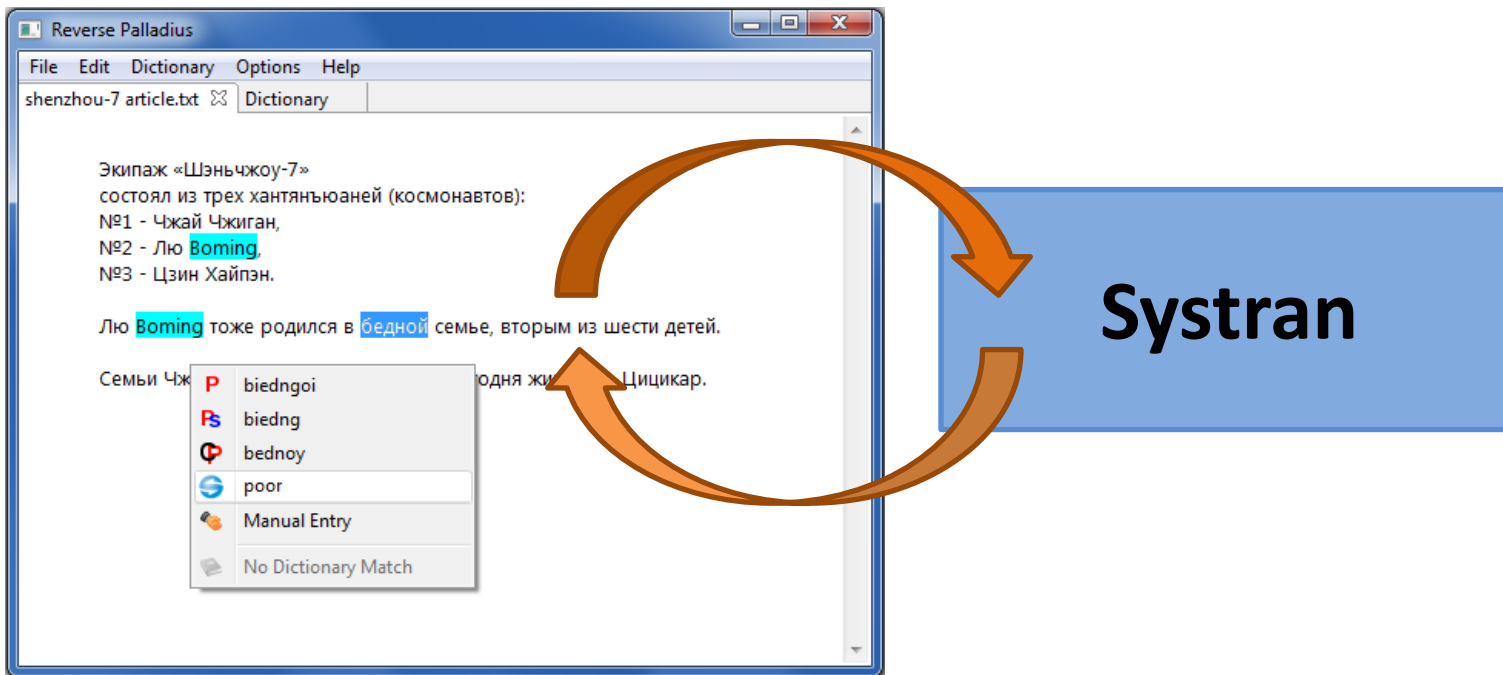
Systran translation: a preview of how Systran would translate this word or phrase



# Interface: Connection to Systran

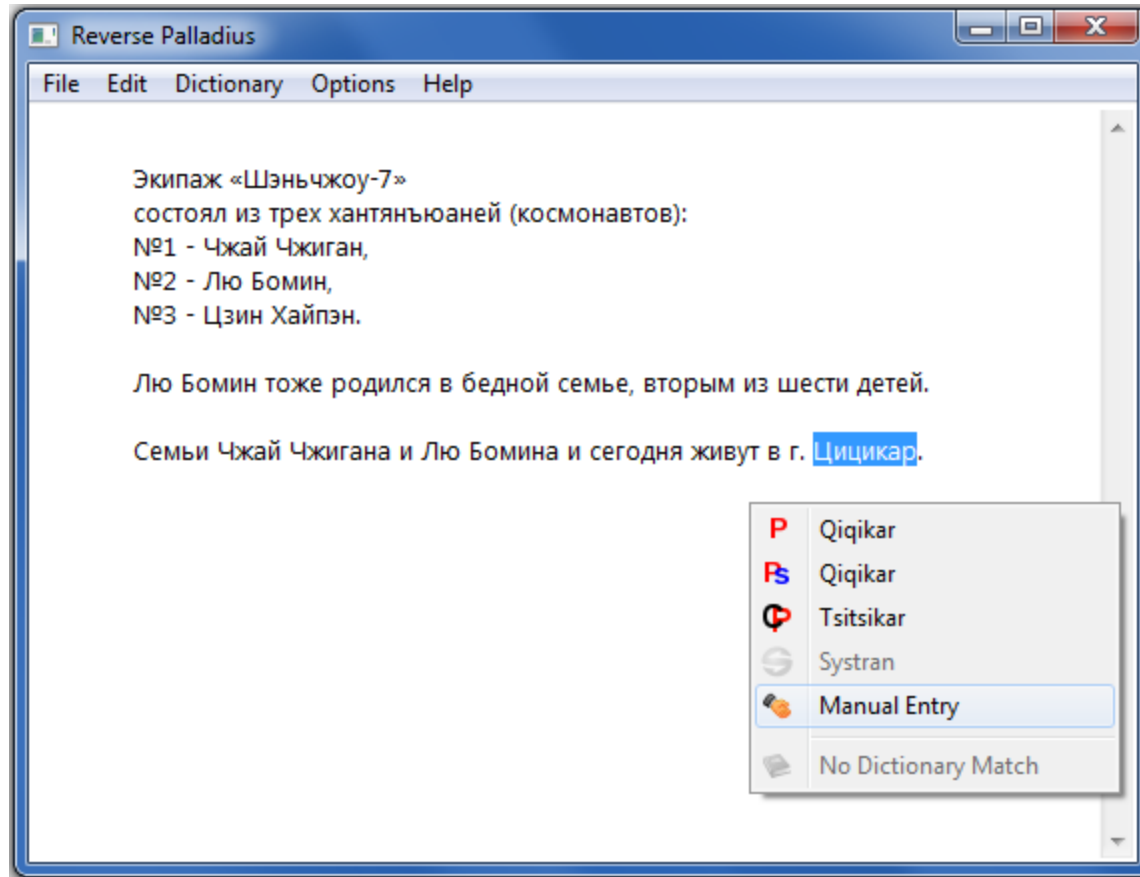


- Systran 7 SOAP API – use code generated from WSDL to allow RevP to send highlighted text to a Systran server for immediate translation





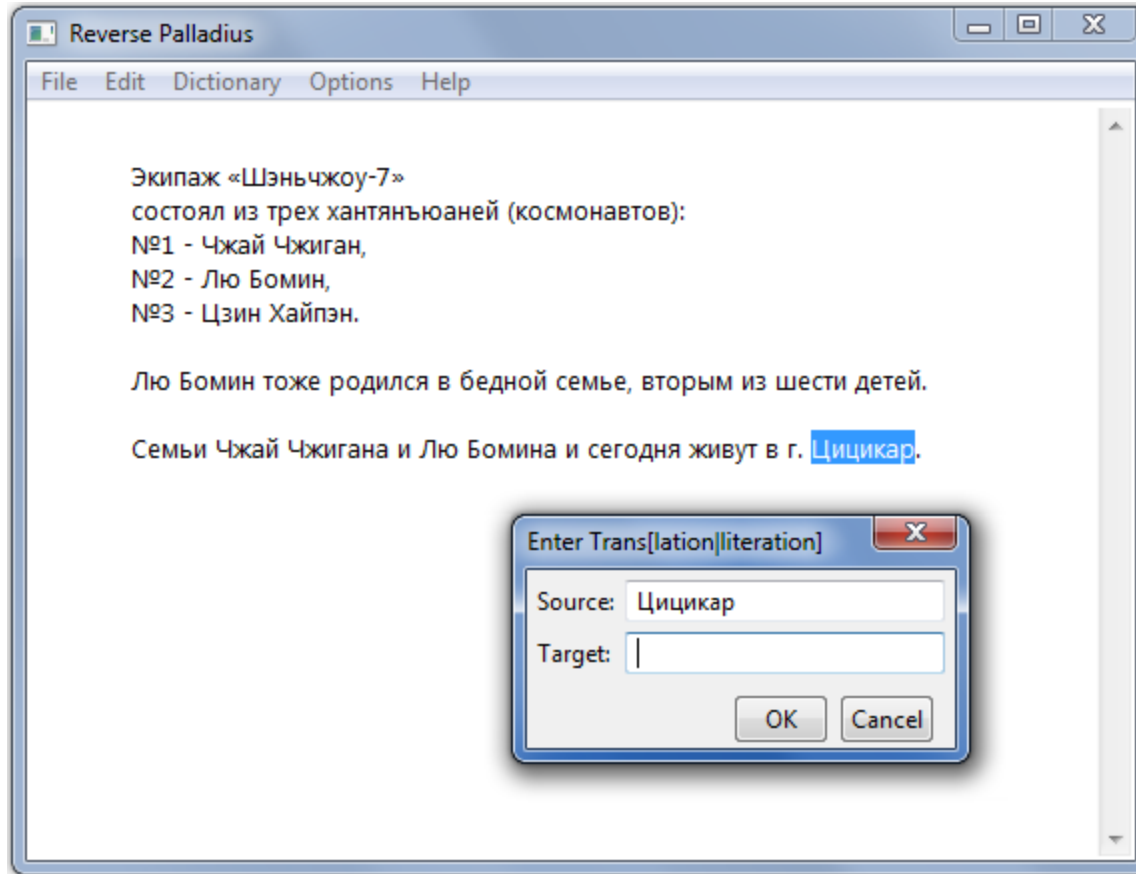
# Interface: Manual Entry



Manual Entry: If none of the provided forms are correct, there is an option to type in the correct form.

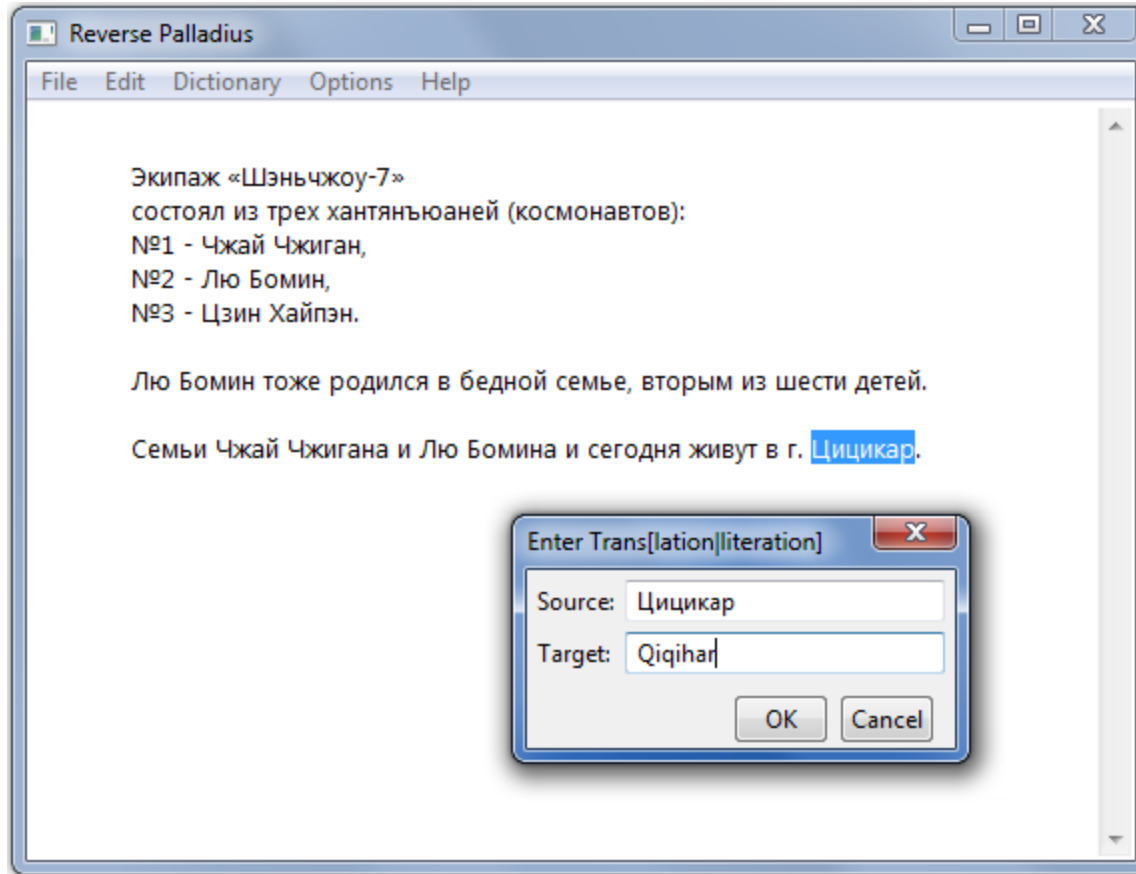


# Interface: Manual Entry



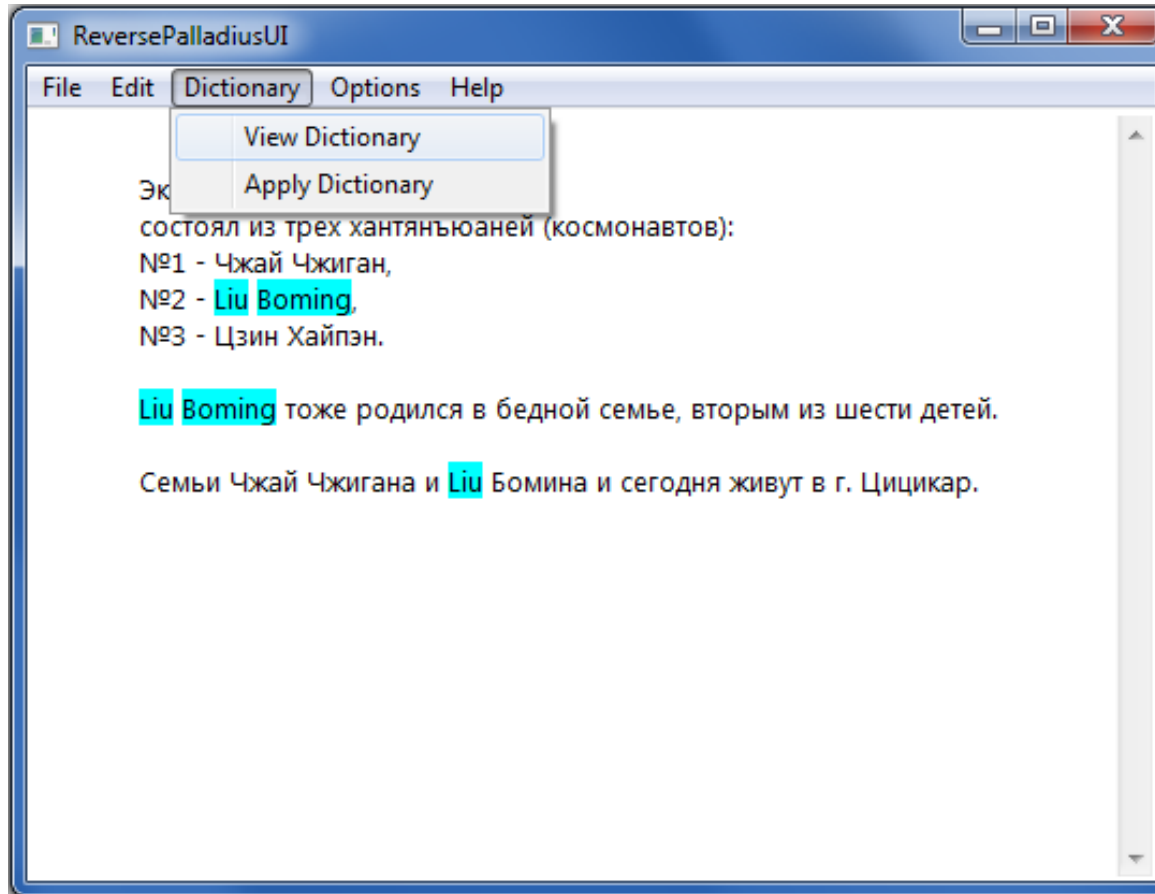


# Interface: Manual Entry





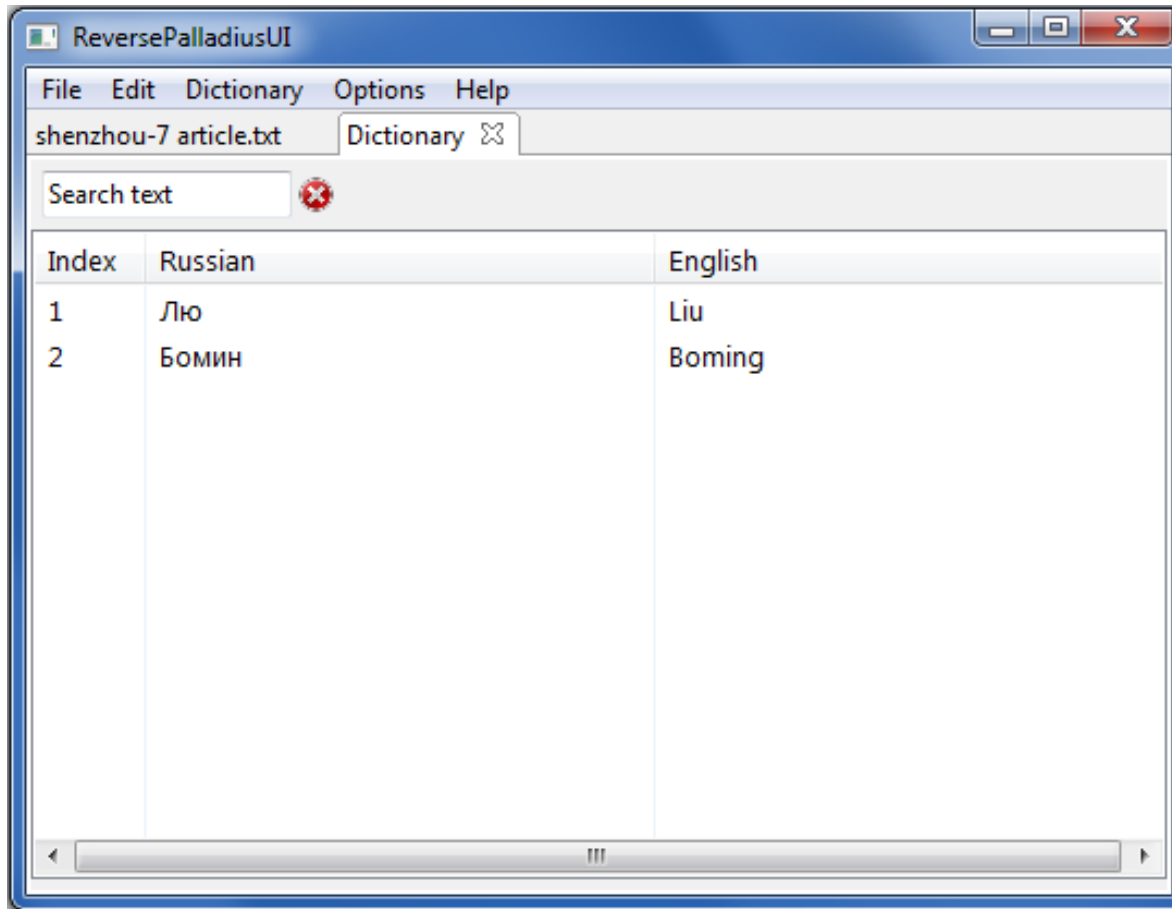
# Saving the Dictionary



In this example, the user has processed the names Liu and Boming. We select the “View Dictionary” option...



# Saving the Dictionary



... and see the two entries that RevP has created.





# Saving the Dictionary



The screenshot shows the 'Reverse Palladius' application window with the 'File' menu open. The 'Save Custom Dictionary' option is highlighted. An orange arrow points from this menu option to a Notepad window titled 'dictionary-1.rpd - Notepad'. The Notepad window displays the following text:

```
File Edit Format View Help
#ENCODING=UTF-8
#SUMMARY=REVP-Systran/dictionary-1.rpd
#MULTI
#RU      EN
Лю      Liu
Бомин   Boming
```

These entries can be stored to a file by using the menu option, File/Save Custom Dictionary.

The dictionary is saved in a Systran-readable format.



# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using RevP



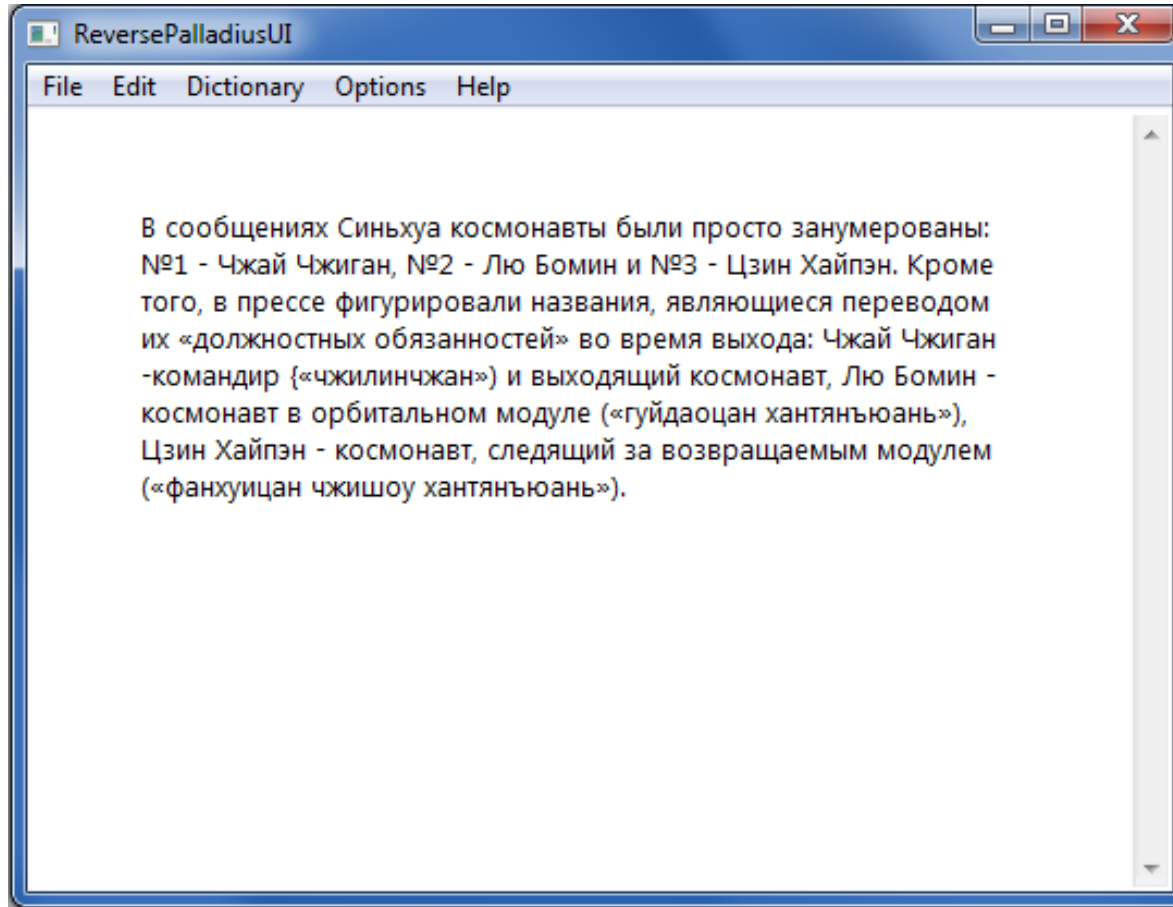
We can use the RevP program to apply a saved dictionary to a new document.

In this example, we have created a dictionary with the names of three cosmonauts.

```
cosmonauts.rpd - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
#ENCODING=UTF-8
#SUMMARY=REVP-Systran/cosmonauts.rpd
#MULTI
#RU EN
Хайпэн Haipeng
Лю Liu
Чжай Zhai
Цзин Jing
Бомин Boming
Чжиган Zhigang
```



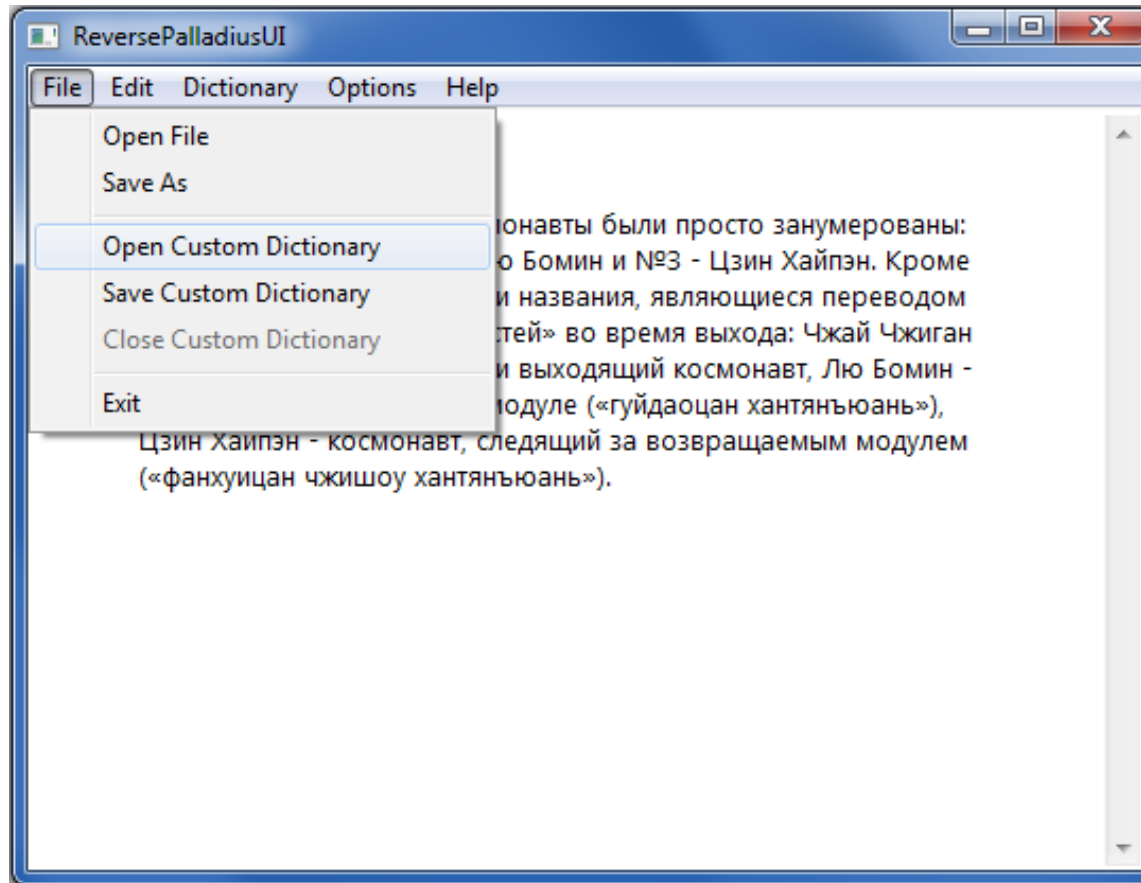
# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using RevP



We start the RevP program and open a new document.



# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using RevP



We select the menu option, File/Open Custom Dictionary, and load our cosmonaut dictionary.



# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using RevP



The diagram illustrates the application of a dictionary to a document. On the left, a Notepad window titled "cosmonauts.rpd" contains a dictionary file with the following content:

```
File Edit Format View Help
#ENCODING=UTF-8
#SUMMARY=REVP-Systran/cosmonauts.rpd
#MULTI
#RU EN
Хайпэн Haipeng
Лю Liu
Чжай Zhai
Цзин Jing
Бомин Boming
Чжиган Zhigang
```

An orange arrow points from this window to the ReversePalladiusUI window on the right. The ReversePalladiusUI window displays a document with the following text:

В сообщениях Синьхуа космонавты были просто занумерованы: №1 - **Zhai Zhigang**, №2 - **Liu Boming** и №3 - **Jing Haipeng**. Кроме того, в прессе фигурировали названия, являющиеся переводом их «должностных обязанностей» во время выхода: **Zhai Zhigang** -командир {«чжилинчжан») и выходящий космонавт, **Liu Boming** - космонавт в орбитальном модуле («гуйдаоцан хантяньюань»), **Jing Haipeng** - космонавт, следящий за возвращаемым модулем («фанхуицан чжишоу хантяньюань»).

The program pre-translates all the matching names  
in the document.



# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using Systran



We can also compile our cosmonaut dictionary as a Systran user dictionary.

```
cosmonauts.rpd - Notepad
File Edit Format View Help
#ENCODING=UTF-8
#SUMMARY=REVP-Systran/cosmonauts.rpd
#MULTI
#RU EN
Хайпэн Haipeng
Лю Liu
Чжай Zhai
Цзин Jing
Бомин Boming
Чжиган Zhigang
```



# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using Systran



The screenshot displays the SYSTRAN WebServer 5.0 interface, which is used for managing dictionaries. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Navigation:** A top menu bar includes "Translation", "Dictionaries", "Downloads", and "Administration".
- Dictionary Management:** A sidebar on the left lists "Dictionary Preference", "Dictionary Administration", and "Dictionary Compilation".
- Dictionary Compilation Page:** The main content area shows the "Dictionary Compilation" page, which includes:
  - An introductory paragraph explaining that this page is for administrators to post User Dictionaries (UDs) to the server. Accepted formats include Microsoft Excel (\*.xls), plain text (\*.txt), Translation Memory eXchange format (\*.tmx), XML (\*.xml), and SYSTRAN dictionary files (\*.dct).
  - An "Upload a new source file" section with a text input field, a "Browse..." button, and a "Submit" button.
  - A confirmation message: "Your dictionary was successfully compiled."
  - A "User Dictionaries" section with two radio buttons: "New (User Dictionaries)" (selected) and "REVP-Systran/cosmonauts.rpd".
  - Another "Upload a new source file" section with a text input field, a "Browse..." button, and a "Submit" button.
  - Metadata for the selected dictionary: "REVP-Systran/cosmonauts.rpd", Owner: administrator, Source Language: RU, Target Languages: EN, and Entries: 6.
- Footer:** Copyright 2005 - All rights reserved. Links for "Legal notices", "Help", and "Contact Administrator" are provided.

Select the dictionary tab, select dictionary compilation, and compile the dictionary file.



# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using Systran



The screenshot shows the SYSTRAN WebServer 5.0 interface. The browser title is "SYSTRAN - WebServer 5.0 - Tra...". The page header includes the SYSTRAN logo and "Language Translation Technologies". A navigation bar contains "Translation", "Dictionaries", "Downloads", and "Administration", with "Translation" selected. The main content area is titled "Translation" and contains the following text: "You can use the form below to translate a web page, a file on your computer, or text copied and pasted into the text area below. You may also select custom dictionaries and options for the translation." Below this, it lists supported file types: ".txt, .htm, .rtf, .doc, .pdf, .xml". The "Translate from" section shows "Russian" selected for the source and "English" for the target. Under "Choose the source of the data to be translated:", the "Type or paste in text below" option is selected. A text area contains Russian text about cosmonauts: "В сообщениях Синьхуа космонавты были просто заименованы: №1 - Чжай Чжиган, №2 - Лю Бомин и №3 - Цзин Хайпэн. Кроме того, в прессе фигурировали названия, являющиеся переводом их «должностных обязанностей» во время выхода: Чжай Чжиган - командир («чжилинчжан») и выходящий космонавт, Лю Бомин - космонавт в орбитальном модуле («гуйдаоцан хантяньюань»), Цзин Хайпэн - космонавт, следящий за возвращаемым модулем («фанхуицан чжишоу хантяньюань»)." To the right of the text area are buttons for "Printable form..." and "Copy". At the bottom, there are links for "Select your dictionaries" and "Select your translation options", and a "Translate" button. The footer of the interface says "Powered by SYSTRAN".

Select the translation tab and enter the Russian text (or upload a file).





# Applying the Dictionary to New Documents Using Systran



SYSTRAN WebServer 5.0

Translation | Dictionaries | Downloads | Administration

Translation

You can use the form below to translate a web page, a file on your computer, or text copied and pasted into the text area below. You may also select custom dictionaries and options for the translation.

You may translate the following types of data: .txt, .htm, .rtf, .doc, .pdf, .xml

• Translate from  
Russian - English

• Choose the source of the data to be translated:

A web page

A file

Type or paste in text below

Find translated text below

Printable form... Copy

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In the communications from **Sin**hua the cosmonauts were simply numbered: №1- <nbw>Of [chzhay] Of [chzhigan]</nbw>, №2- <nbw>To [lyu] Of [bomin]</nbw> and №3- <nbw>Of [tszin] Of [khaypen]</nbw>. Furthermore, in the press figured the names, which are been their transfer "the function responsibilities" during the output: <nbw>[chzhay] Of [chzhigan]</nbw> - commander ("<nbw>of [chzhilinchhan] </nbw>") and the outgoing cosmonaut, <nbw>To [lyu] Of [bomin]</nbw> - cosmonaut in the orbital module ("<nbw>[guydaotsan] of [khanyanyuan]</nbw>"), <nbw>[tszin] Of [khaypen]</nbw> - cosmonaut, who tracks after the module ("<nbw>[fankhuitsan] of [chzhishou] of [khanyanyuan]</nbw>") returned.

More characters... Clear

Select your dictionaries

Select your translation options

Translate

Powered by SYSTRAN

Done

Before applying our user dictionary, we get transliterated versions of the Chinese names: chzhay chzhigan, tszin khaypen, lyu bomin



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The image shows a screenshot of the SYSTRAN WebServer 5.0 interface. On the left, a 'Dictionary Preference' dialog box is open, displaying a list of dictionaries. Under 'SYSTRAN Dictionaries', there are checkboxes for 'Colloquial', 'Business', 'Industries', 'Life Sciences', and 'Sciences'. Under 'User Dictionaries', the 'REVP-Systran/cosmonauts.rpd' dictionary is checked. A 'Close' button is visible at the bottom of the dialog. The main interface on the right shows the SYSTRAN logo and a 'Login' button. Below the logo, there is a text area for input and a 'Find translated text below' section with 'Printable form...' and 'Copy' buttons. At the bottom of the main interface, there are links for 'Select your dictionaries', 'Select your translation options', and a 'Translate' button. The SYSTRAN logo is also present at the bottom right of the main interface.

We click “Select your dictionaries” and check the RevP dictionary.



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The screenshot shows the SYSTRAN WebServer 5.0 interface. The main content area is titled "Translation" and contains instructions for using the translation tool. The "Translate from" dropdown is set to "Russian" and the "Translate to" dropdown is set to "English". The "Choose the source of the data to be translated:" section has three radio buttons: "A web page", "A file", and "Type or paste in text below". The "Type or paste in text below" option is selected. The input text is a Russian snippet about cosmonauts. The output text is the English translation, with the names of the cosmonauts (Zhai Zhigang, Liu Boming, and Jing Haipeng) highlighted in red. The interface also includes a "Printable form..." button and a "Copy" button. At the bottom, there is a "Translate" button and a "Powered by SYSTRAN" logo.

Now we get the correct forms: Zhai Zhigang, Jing Haipeng, and Liu Boming.



# Future Possibilities



- Integrate a named entity tagger to help select the Chinese names
- Include an option for Tongyong pinyin (used in Taiwan)
- Tag the corrected names as do-not-translate items going into Systran
- Adapt the program to other languages, to assist in information retrieval



# Questions?



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