MTTT – Machine Translation Training Tool
A Tool to Teach MT, Evaluation and Post-editing

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• **Goal:** integrate complete MT+PE workflow into one tool

• **Scope:** for pedagogical use

• **Advantages:** open-source tool, GUI, desktop and web versions, user guide provided

• **Current state:** on-going development

• **Further development:** access to intermediate results, tmx support, extensive testing
SCATE
Smart Computer-Aided Translation Environment
Year 3 / 4
http://www.ccl.kuleuven.be/scate

Poster Topics

• Semantic-based alignment
• Syntactic concordancing
• Translation with probabilistic synchronous tree substitution grammar
• A neural network architecture for detecting grammatical errors in SMT
• Domain adaptation for ASR Post-Editing
• A deep classifier for bilingual lexicon induction
• Intelligible and in-context recommendations for translation environments
20th Annual Conference of the European Association for Machine Translation (EAMT)

TM & MT – a happy couple
...or how to calculate the potential benefit

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What added value does MT provide?

▲ For customers with...

- an existing translation process
- extensive Translation Memory and terminology

▲ We offer: 3-phase proof of concept

- Initial analysis
- Productive pilot phase
- Productive analysis
Massive, open & cross-disciplinary

FOUND CAT

Course material

LMS plugin

Weblate as CAT tool + our modifications

Crowd sourced translation

Suitable for most languages

Quiz

Peer review

LMS plugin

Machine translation

Scientific text

Blended Learning Flipped Classroom

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Hi Guys,

This computer aided translation tool is a very good idea because it helps many people when they are searching for high-quality translations, which you can't find so much on the Internet.

Thanks to this project you can help other students and improve your English skill at the same time, so I did a couple of translations, I hope it will help somebody :)

50 Students translated 10 scientific articles in 1 week homework
Peer reviewed.
OpenNMT is an industrial-strength, open-source (MIT) neural machine translation system utilizing the Torch/PyTorch toolkit.

Features include:

- Simple general-purpose interface, requires only src/tgt files.
- Speed/memory optimizations for multi-GPU training.
- A dependency-free C++ translator for model deployment.
- Latest research features to improve translation performance.
- Extensions to other sequence generation tasks:
  - Text summarization and Image-to-text generation.
- Active community with academic and industrial contributions.
- Pretrained models available for several language pairs.
➤ State-of-the-art results in WMT 2017
  (English-German news task)

➤ Ongoing research projects
  • Efficient data sampling strategies for NN training.
  • Better initialization for fast optimization convergence.
  • Probabilistic line search approach for SGD.
  • Multi-encoders for neural machine translation
    (https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.00710)
  • Linear mapping (bridge) between encoder-decoder layers.
  • Modeling coverage for NMT. (https://arxiv.org/pdf/1601.04811)
  • Domain control for NMT. (https://arxiv.org/abs/1612.06140)
  • Hyper-specialization techniques for NMT
IN-MIGRA2-CM. Why the Third Social Sector does Matter to MT
Is there a case for the use of MT in the Third Social Sector?
OpenNMT Toolset (OMTS)

- Streamline the process of creating workable NMT models
- Help users choose the best model by evaluating OpenNMT output
- Integrate neural machine translation into enterprise localization process
- Enable users to try the latest machine translation technology with least effort
Minimal Dependency Translation: a Framework for CAT for Under-Resourced Languages

- For under-resourced languages (URLs), lack of written material
- Translation: a partial solution
- But insufficient resources for CAT for URLs
- MDT: phrase-based RBMT for URLs
- Assumed resources
  - SL: tokeniser, POS tagger, morphological analyser
  - TL: morphological generator
- Project goals
  - Open-source tools for implementing MDT
  - Implementations for Spanish–Guarani, English–Amharic
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TraMOOC project

Aims:

- a translation platform offering reliable translation services for 11 languages
- target languages include weakly supported and/or morphologically rich languages
- various types of educational MOOC texts – presentations, assignments, video lecture subtitles, forum blog texts
Recent results:

- translation systems based on PBMT and NMT
- comparative analysis of two approaches:
  - automatic evaluation
  - human rankings of adequacy and fluency
  - error annotation
  - technical and temporal post-editing effort
- NMT: better ranking, better fluency, lower error count however, several aspects are not clear
SkyCode MT – a translation system using deep syntactic and semantic analysis

*Luchezar Jackov, SkyCode Ltd.*

- **Universal dictionary based on Princeton WordNet**
  The morphological analysis and lexical synthesis are based on lexicalizations bound to PWN synsets

- **Language-independent semantic knowledge base**
  The knowledge base is built around dependency relations on PWN synsets

- **Analysis is split from synthesis and analysis and synthesis rules are shared among similar languages**

- **Compact data representation**
  The total space needed for 42 translation directions is approx. 150 MB
SkyCode MT – a translation system using deep syntactic and semantic analysis

Luchezar Jackov, SkyCode Ltd.

• Portable implementation
  The system is implemented in C++ which makes it portable across various platforms

• Currently available for English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Bulgarian and Turkish

• Easy adding of new languages allowing translation from and to all of the languages in the system

• The rule-based nature of the system makes it easy to implement under-resourced languages
ModernMT: A New Open-Source Translation Platform for the Translation Industry

This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No. 645487.

www.modernmt.eu
ModernMT: A New Open-Source Translation Platform for the Translation Industry

- Currently: classical phrase-based approach
- New data can be added at any time
- Phrase table entries are created on the fly ... by phrase extraction from a selection of parallel text most similar to the input
- Interpolation of several language models chosen from a large pool of domain / task-specific LMs

- On Github: http://github.com/modernmt
GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Challenges

- Understandable (“good enough”) translation of Fare Quote Notes (FQN) from English into Russian with focus on frequent terms and abbreviations
- High performance and reliability even in case of the large number of requests
- Integration in the Amadeus system’s interface

Provide custom machine translation of Fare Quote Notes for 5,000+ travel agencies located in Russia, Armenia and Belarus
PROMT Cloud API

Cloud solution with programming interface (API), ready to process large number of translation requests

CUSTOMIZATION

**Pre-Processing**
- Special algorithms that take into account FQN format and structure

**Additional Dictionaries**
- \( \sim 1,200 \) terms specific for FQN
- \( \sim 20,000 \) names of airline companies and airport codes

**Translation Memory**
- Professional human translation of the most frequent sentences

Implementation results

- **Integration in the Amadeus system:**
  - Translation of an entire FQN
  - Translation of current page of an FQN

- PROMT translation takes into account linguistic features of FQN

- **Additional functions:**
  - Translation of special terms on hover
  - End-users feedback

Usage statistics

- **4 million words** per week
- **6k requests** per week
- \( \sim 700 \) words in every request

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Automatic Building of Machine Translation (2013-2016)

Selected final results

- **Goal**: rapid and cost-effective MT for new languages
- **Work**: academia ↔ industry secondments
- **Case study**: Croatian as a new official EU language
- **Results**: publicly available tools and datasets
Appraise on Azure

- **What is this about?**
  - A cloud-based, multi-purpose evaluation framework
  - Used for WMT evaluation campaign – but supports arbitrary annotation tasks!

- **What has changed?**
  - Latest frameworks: Python 3, Django 1.11
  - Now runs on Azure
    - either inside Ubuntu VM, or
    - natively on Windows Server

- **Why should I care?**
  - Appraise on Azure allows focus on evaluation, not install/build an eval system
Azure for Research

Cloud computing awards
Big data, real HPC, machine learning, deep learning (GPUs), IoT, and more....

Deadline: 15 June 2017
(and every two months)

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HimL: Health in my Language

Type: Horizon 2020 Innovation Action
Duration: February 2015 to January 2018
Website: www.himl.eu

Charles University, Prague
HimL: Aims

We will make public health information available to consumers in their own language by:

- Deploying MT which is:
  - Adapted to the domain
  - Semantics- and discourse-aware – preserves meaning
  - Can translate into languages with rich morphology found in central and eastern Europe
- Integrating the MT into the content management workflow of the two users (Cochrane and NHS 24)
- Carefully managing user expectations
- Comprehensively evaluating user satisfaction and impact of the new functionality
A translation-based approach to the learning of the morphology of an under-resourced language

Tewodros Abebe, Addis Ababa University
Michael Gasser, Indiana University

- Most languages have no computational morphological resources and insufficient data for creating them.
- Most under-resourced languages are closely related to better-resourced languages.
- Objective: learn the morphology of an under-resourced (target) language using translation from a related well-resourced (source) language.

- Wolaytta (source) and Gofa (target)
  - Omotic family of southwestern Ethiopia
  - Wolaytta: best studied, Gofa: very few resources
Architecture and Processing

SL–TL word–word translation pairs

Translate

Compare

Learn

Root–Root Dict

Aff–Aff Dict

FST – SL
- Lexicon
- Morphotactics
- Alternation Rules

FST – TL
- Lexicon
- Morphotactics
- Alternation Rules

Source Language (SL)

Target Language (TL)
MT in real-world practice:
Challenges & solutions at
Swiss Federal Railways

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Introducing MT at the Swiss Federal Railways...

▲ Preconditions & motivation

▲ Approaches & requirements

▲ Deployment
  - Workflow system
  - SBB Translate
Aim: compare two translation tools for diagnosis in emergency settings
Results

- 18 diagnoses
  - 9 French doctors
  - 2 standardized Arabic-speaking patients
- GT is not precise enough for the anamnesis, even if some doctors could reach a correct conclusion
- BabelDr
  - Was not perceived as less robust and limited
  - Allowed more correct diagnoses
Dissecting Human Pre-Editing toward Better Use of Off-the-Shelf Machine Translation Systems

Rei Miyata (Nagoya University)  Atsushi Fujita (NICT)

Objectives

1) Investigate the capability of the pre-editing strategy
   • A human-in-the-loop protocol to collect pre-edit instances
   • Japanese-to-English translation tasks on 4 datasets
2) Provide an overview of possible edit operations
   • A typology of edit operations

Source text (ST)

出生届を居住区の市区町村の役所に提出

お住まいの市区町村の役所に出生届をご提出ください。

Phrase reordering  Alternative lexical choice

Disuse of clause-ending noun  Use of honorific expression

Birth registrations submitted to the public office of the municipality where you live.

Please submit notification of birth to the public office of the municipality where you live.
Protocol for Collecting Pre-Edit Instances

Human editors incrementally edit source texts (STs) relying on their introspection, so that improved MT quality is achieved. (Miyata et al. 2015)

New features: (1) Record every minimal edit, (2) Allow reversion of past edits

4 domains (400 sentences)
Ja-En SMT
Ja editor

12,287 pre-edit instances

✓ More than 85% STs achieved satisfactory MT quality
✓ English-translatable Japanese STs are also Chinese- and Korean-translatable

Typology of Edit Operations

979 pre-edit instances
53 types of edit operation

7 major categories
Structure, Content word, Functional word, Terminology, Orthography, Information, Edit that causes/resolves error in ST
Mtradumàtica

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Statistical Machine Translation Customisation for Translators

- Free (GPL) Moses-based platform
- User-friendly web interface
- Installable in private servers
- Understand how the components of the system work together
- m.tradumatica.net
Prepare your SMT system in 5 simple steps

1. Upload files
2. Build language models
3. Create and manage monotexts
4. Create and manage bitexts
5. Train SMT translation models
Fast initial training (10x faster than Moses)
Seamless assimilation of new user data (while decoding)
Real-time learning (feature computation)
On-the-fly adaptation (from context)
Elastic architecture (from single to multi-node)
Ready-to-install package (docker or binaries)