Let's MI

Platform for Online Sharing of Training Data and Building User Tailored Machine Translation



Main project objective

The core objective of Let'sMT! project is to provide innovative online MT services through sharing of parallel corpora provided by users, with emphasis on less-covered languages and specialized domains.



Proposed services

Current SMT systems are mainly built on the data accessible on the web, but it is just a fraction of all parallel texts. Most of them still reside in the local systems of different corporations, public and private institutions, desktops of individual users. Also, building custom MT solutions is a costly process that requires lots of technical expertise; the results are proprietary and are typically not shared outside the organization that has invested in building a custom MT solution.

To fully exploit the huge potential of existing open SMT technologies we propose to build an innovative online collaborative platform for data sharing and MT building. This platform will gather public or user-provided MT training data and generate multiple MT systems by combining this data.

Usage

LetsMT! services will be used as:

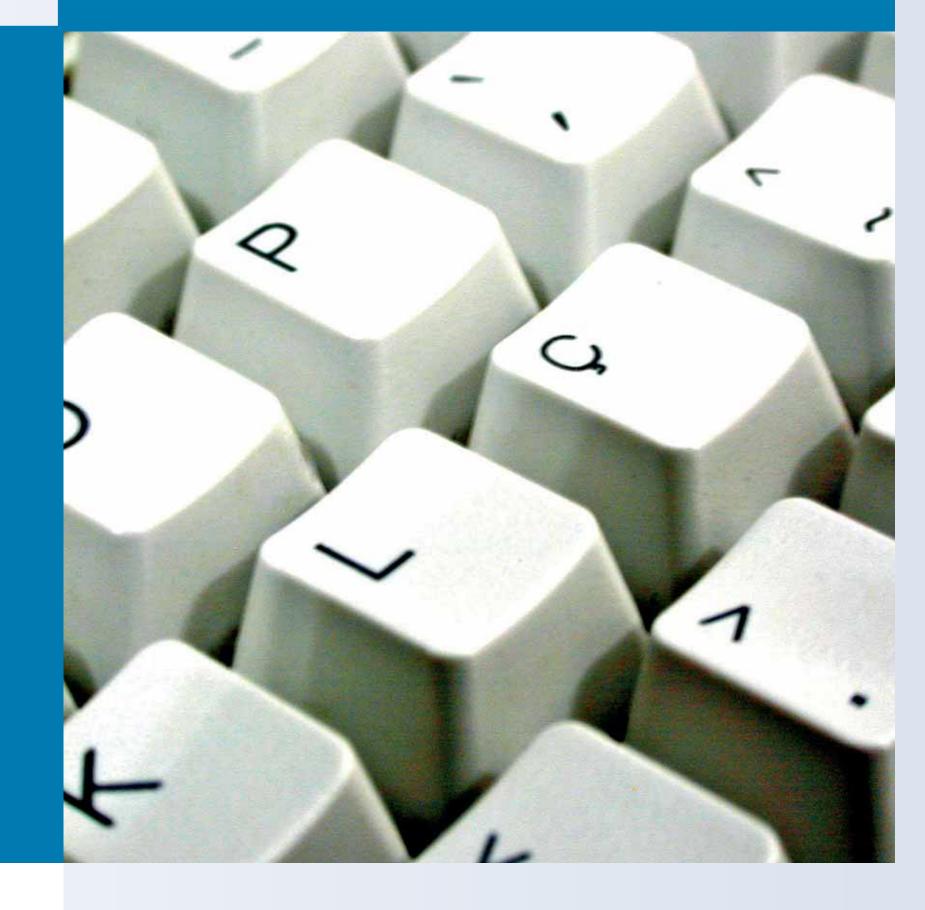
- Web portal for translating texts;
- widget provided for free inclusion in a web-page to provide its translation;
- browser plug-ins that allow quick access to translation;
- integration in CAT tools, web pages and different online and offline applications.

Target users

LetsMT! project will provide MT solutions for European citizens and businesses allowing more efficient usage of multilingual content. LetsMT! platform will target actors in:

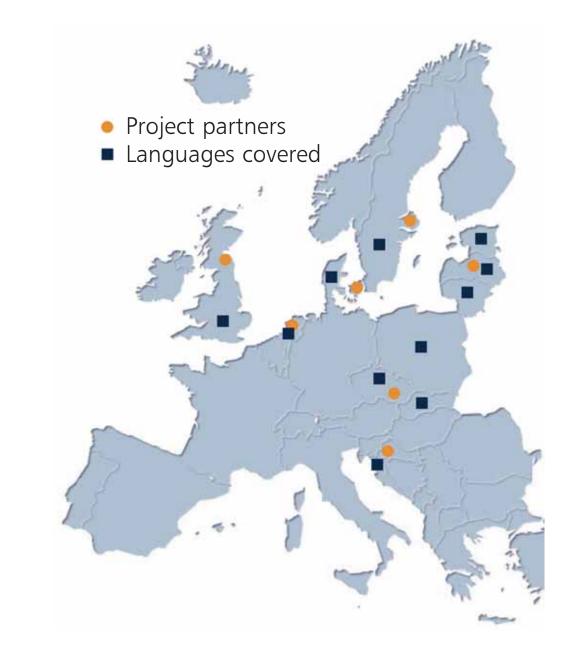
- Localisation & translation industry: facilities for training of SMT systems on their data and generating custom SMT solutions to be used by localisation service providers as well as their clients;
- Users of business and financial news: free and instant MT services, with emphasis on less-covered languages;
- Holders of linguistic content: easily build MT services using their specific content.

A true cross-European project providing the services that are inclusive and universal, but at the same time focusing specifically on a number of European languages that currently lack MT services of professional quality: Latvian, Lithuanian, Estonian, Czech, Slovak, Polish, Croatian, Danish, Duch and Swedish. The initial collection of corpora will focus on parallel texts in these languages and English, as well as other combinations where feasible.



Technology

The core of LetsMT! platform will be Moses SMT toolkit and Giza++. These are publicly available open source tools that are well known and widely used in statistical MT. System will also use existing parallel corpora such as JRC-Acquis, Europarl, OPUS and will allow users to upload and build parallel corpora using Hunalign and Vanilla aligners. This services will enable professional users to generate and employ customized MT services of higher quality based on specific terminology and style required by their clients.



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