

Evaluation and validation activities at CST

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Evaluation activities

CST collaborated with ISSCO in several EC evaluation projects and activities

EAGLES Evaluation group, chair (some of the time)

TEMAA evaluation project, focussing on text processing, in particular spell checkers. Automatic evaluation tools were developed for spell checkers Coordinator.

Through these projects we were active in developing evaluation methodologies, metrics, define validity etc.

MT evaluation – observers and discussants in ISLE

Systran Danish to English: development evaluation





Consultancy

Helping Danish companies to choose language technology





Validation

Validation of language resources

- Check that a LR is conformant with its specifications
- Working with written LRs: dictionaries and corpora

Validation is not evaluation, - because it only checks standards and conformity with specifications

 But it has aspects in common with evaluation, in particular with usage evaluation: does a dictionary contain the words it promises to contain? Does a corpus cover the language it pretends etc.





Validation activities at CST

ELRA Validation centre for written language (network)

- Methodologies for valdation have been established (validation manual)
- General principles. Each LR may have its own aspects that have to be checked
- Validating ELRA LRs

Other validation tasks

For companies and agencies at an international level





Future collaboration

CST will be happy to collaborate and contribute our experience and creativity

Developing methodologies

Developing policies and priorities

Doing actual evaluation

In e.g.

- Network
- Consortium
- Or other structures

