

# ITS 2.0 Automated Translation of Natural Language Content

MultilingualWeb Linguistic Technology



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## Linguaserve

specializes in multilingual web advanced solutions for 21st Century Challenges.

Experience in interoperability since 2002 and real-time multilingual web publishing since 2008.

**GBC USER** TRANSLATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**PROOF EDITOR** QUALITY ASSURANCE SYSTEM

**ATLAS REALTIME** MULTILINGUAL PUBLICATION SYSTEM

**GBC SERVER** GLOBALIZATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**PLINT** PLATFORM for LOCALIZATION, INTEROPERABILITY and NORMALIZATION of TRANSLATION

**POWERED BY locy** SOFTWARE SERVICES

**lt** LT-INNOVATE.EU

**MULTI** MultilingualWeb-LT

**W3C** MEMBER

**a e T E R** ASOCIACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE TERMINOLOGÍA

**GALA** Organización & Estandarización

**autelsi** Asociación Española de Usuarios de Terminología y de la Calidad de la Información

**ENEA** 9001

**ENEA** ISO38

**SGS**

**ITS2**

**HTML5 XML**

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# Why ITS 2.0?

- ITS 2.0 is a conceptual system of elements and attributes for the internationalization, translation and localization of web content.
- ITS 2.0 is not merely a tagging or labelling standard.
- ITS 2.0 can be represented in different formats.
- ITS 2.0 success is expected to materialize in real-life implementations (currently 20).
- ITS 2.0 looks for the broad consensus across communities.

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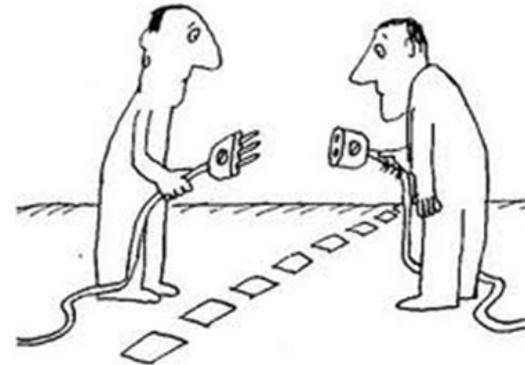
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# Standards, they are great. Everyone should have their own.

- Standards are sometimes produced in excess, making them compete with one another for the same purpose.
- By contrast, new technologies and paradigm shifts that occur in all disciplines require new rules for new needs.
- In this context, the viability of the Web's multilingualism needs a certain level of metadata standards.



# Time flies like an arrow

- The multilingual information and knowledge society demands the development, dissemination and adoption of new standards.
- The problem is that the speed of this society does not allow this to take as long as the 'Space Shuttle and the horse's Rear End' did.



# Standards help everybody

- They help SMES to:
  - Compete better and faster.
  - Be more compatible, avoiding customer reluctance.
- And help large companies to:
  - Lead the market by leading standards.
  - Facilitate new extensions and features by using standards.
- Open source communities could certainly become open-open, i.e. open source based on open standards.
- And... of course: users.



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# MultilingualWeb-LT and ITS 2.0

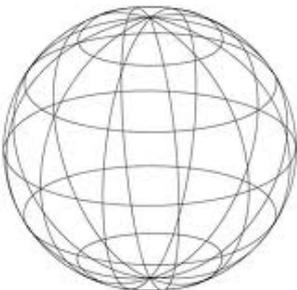


The **W3C MultilingualWeb-LT Working Group** receives funding by the European Commission (project name LT-Web) through the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) in the area of Language Technologies. Grant Agreement No. 287815.



**Linguaserve** is a member of MultilingualWeb-LT because:

- Standards help us (as an SME).
- There is no magic button: human language and translation are extremely complex.
- Web content annotation greatly helps to improve results in Multilingual Web Linguistic Technology.



# Multilingual Web metadata requirements



- Information in Web content that is relevant for language technology processing.
- Processes for creating Web content via localization and a content management workflow.
- Language technology applications, tools and resources used in applications that use or support this standard.

# ITS 2.0 data categories



- Translate
- Localization Note
- Terminology
- Directionality
- Language Information
- Elements Within Text
- Domain
- Text Analysis
- Locale Filter
- Provenance
- External Resource
- Target Pointer
- Id. Value
- Preserve Space
- Localization Quality Issue
- Localization Quality Rating
- MT Confidence
- Allowed Characters
- Storage Size

# Formats supported by ITS 2.0



- ITS 2.0 supports XML-based formats and HTML5, and it is useful for XHTML, and CMS-based ‘deep web’, DITA, DocBook, and mapped to RDF/NIF and XLIFF.
- ITS 2.0 also introduces or modifies important mechanisms like local and global explicit selection rules.
- See <http://www.w3.org/TR/its20/>



# ITS 2.0 implementations



- More than 20 implementations in different areas (see [http://www.w3.org/International/its/wiki/Use\\_cases\\_-\\_high\\_level\\_summary](http://www.w3.org/International/its/wiki/Use_cases_-_high_level_summary)).
- Two are presented here:
  - Interchange between Content Management System and Translation Management System
  - Content Internationalization and Advanced Machine Translation
- MultilingualWeb-LT has also laid the technical foundations for new business opportunities.



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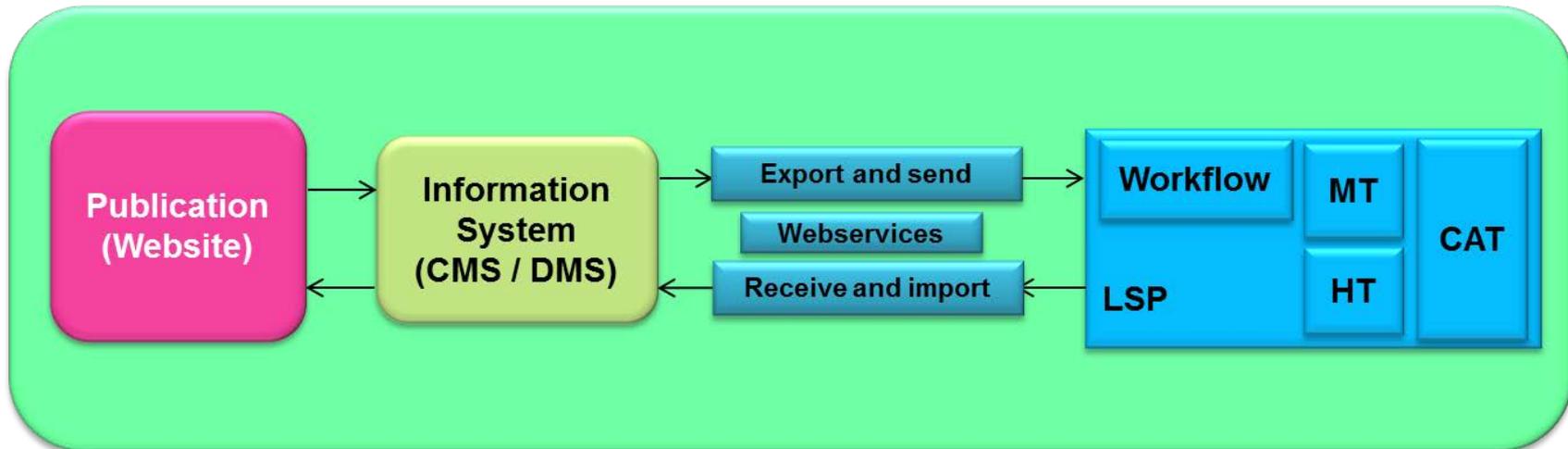
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# Automated off-line translation system (Interoperability)



**VDMA**  
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德国机械设备制造业联合会：德国塑料和橡胶机械在全世界最受欢迎

2010年8月3日：德国塑料和橡胶机械生产商将继续受益于中国国内的需求大幅上升。

实际发展比年初的估计要乐观得多。协会负责人 Thorsten Kuhnmann 说：“订单量也相当乐观。”

尽管世界对经济前景感到悲观，但德国生产商在世界市场上依然占据领先地位。2009 年底，德国在欧洲、美洲和亚洲的塑料和橡胶机械销售总额占 31%，在欧洲的非欧盟国家中则占 40%。其中德国产品的份额在日本更是达到了历史最高水平。在东亚和南亚（25%），德国产品的销售都位居榜首；然而在东盟也非常受欢迎。在北美，德国占全球供应商销售额的 26%，中美洲 18%，南美洲 19%，使德国以 15% 位居非洲市场第三位。此外还有来自意大利的竞争（约 12%），美国产品超过了 1/3 的份额；在南美，还存在来自意大利、美国和中国的竞争。

在非洲市场上，中国占据了约 32% 的塑料和橡胶机械市场。此外还有来自意大利的竞争（约 12%），美国产品超过了 1/3 的份额；在南美，还存在来自意大利、美国和中国的竞争。

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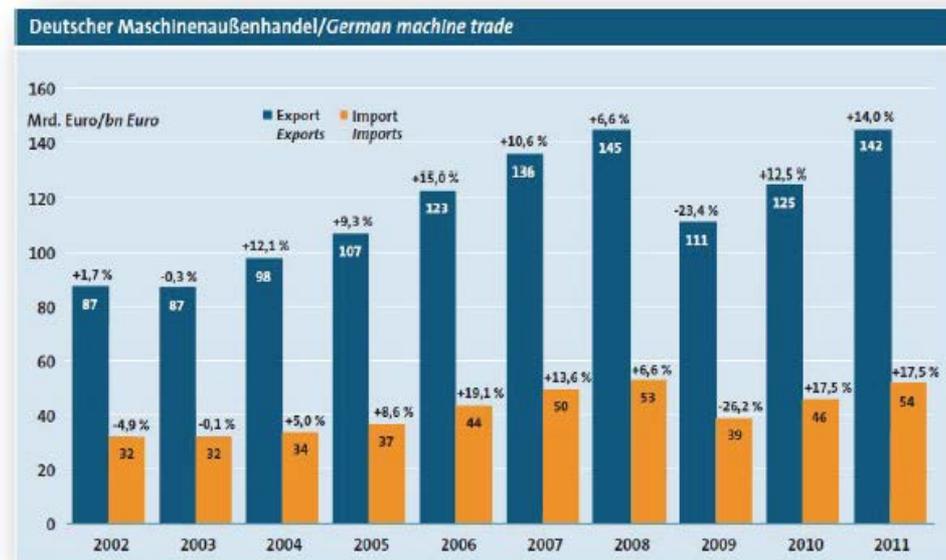
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#CMS\_Integration

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# Use case: VDMA

- VDMA: German machinery and plant manufacturers' association
- Largest industrial association in the capital goods industry in Europe (3170 industrial members)
- Highly export-oriented





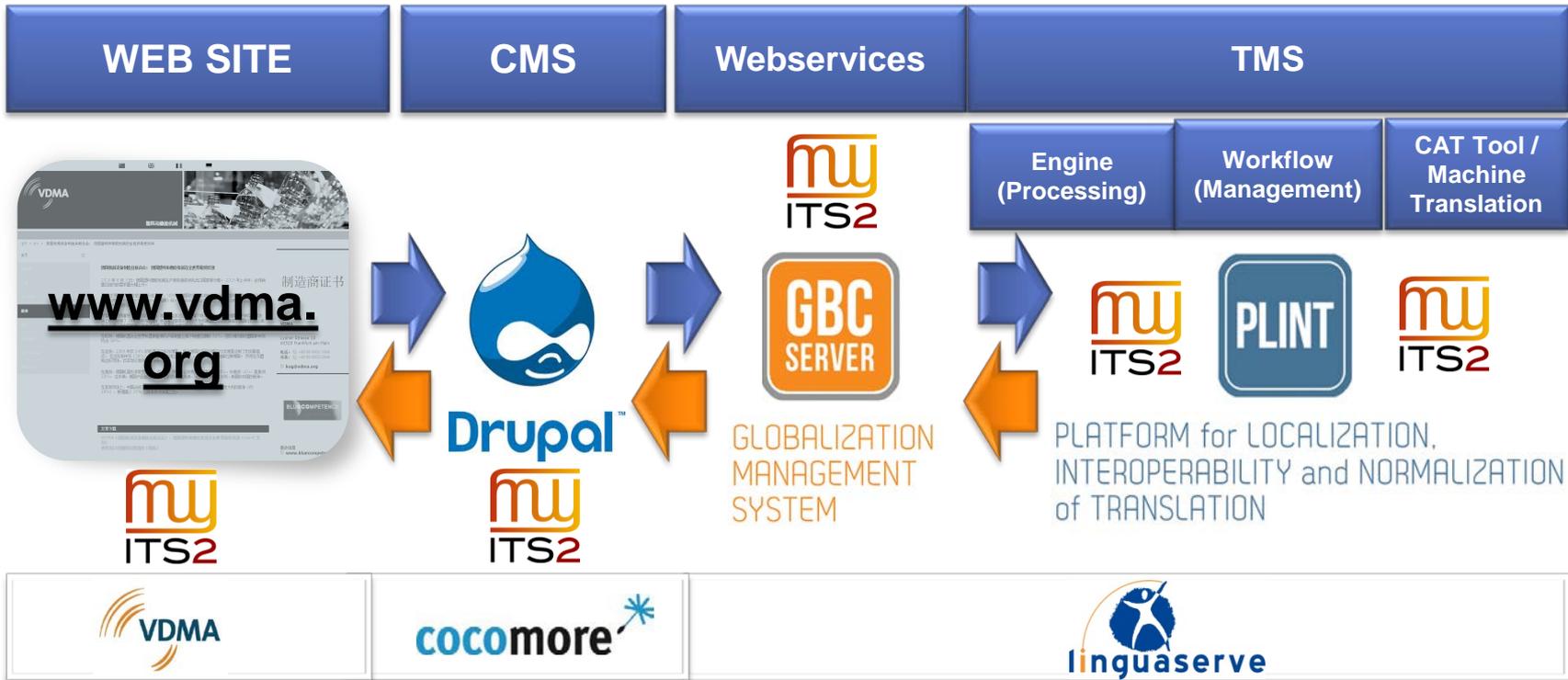
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# Use case: Scope

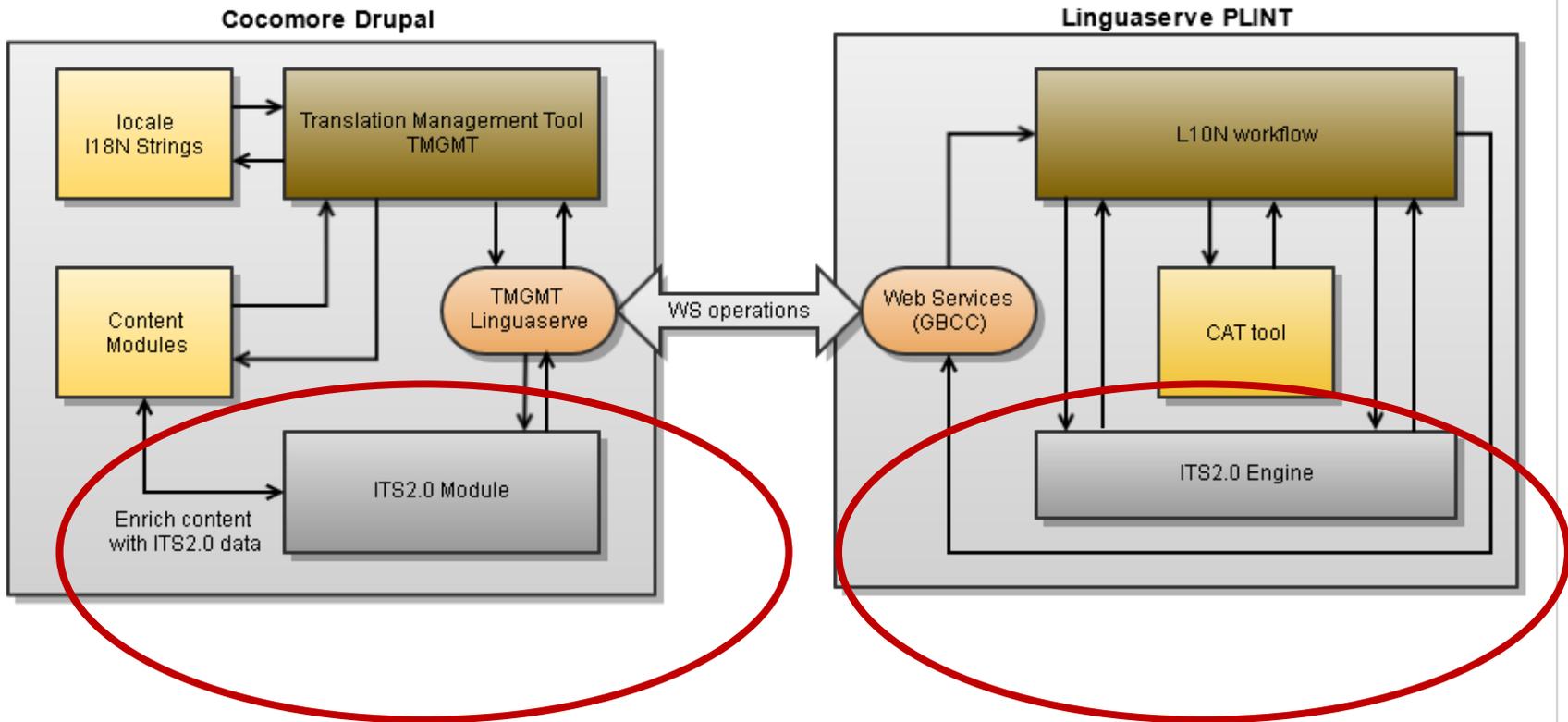


- 150 press releases annotated, processed and translated
- 75,000 words annotated and processed with ITS 2.0
- Using Drupal MLW-LT modules
- ITS 2.0-aware automatic content round-tripping
- Languages: DE > FR, ZH

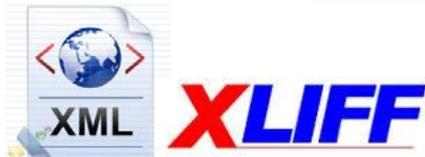
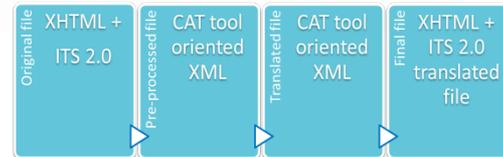
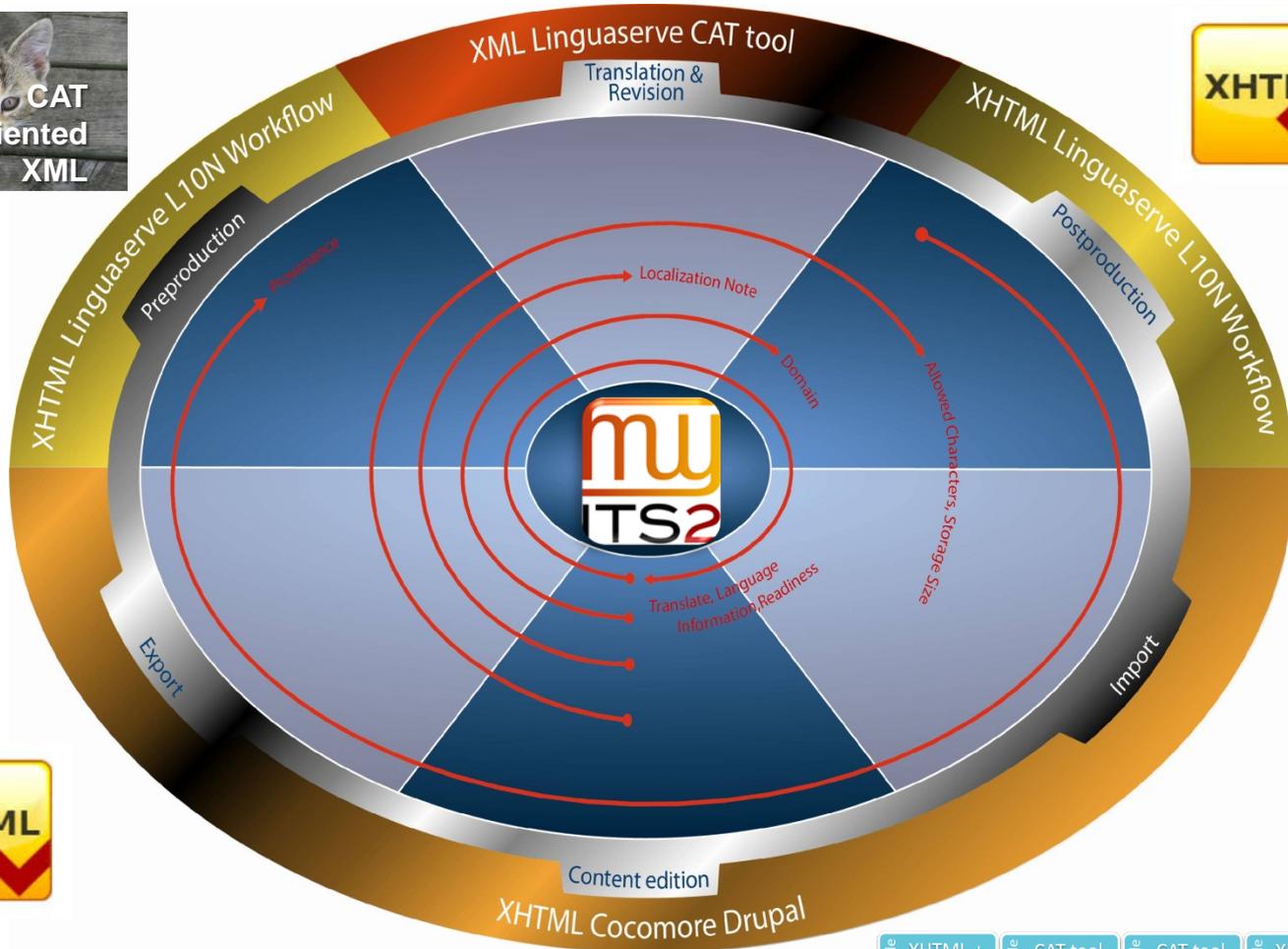
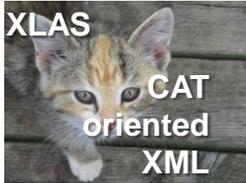
# High level flow



# Drupal – GBC Server/PLINT



# ITS 2.0 in CMS/TMS processing

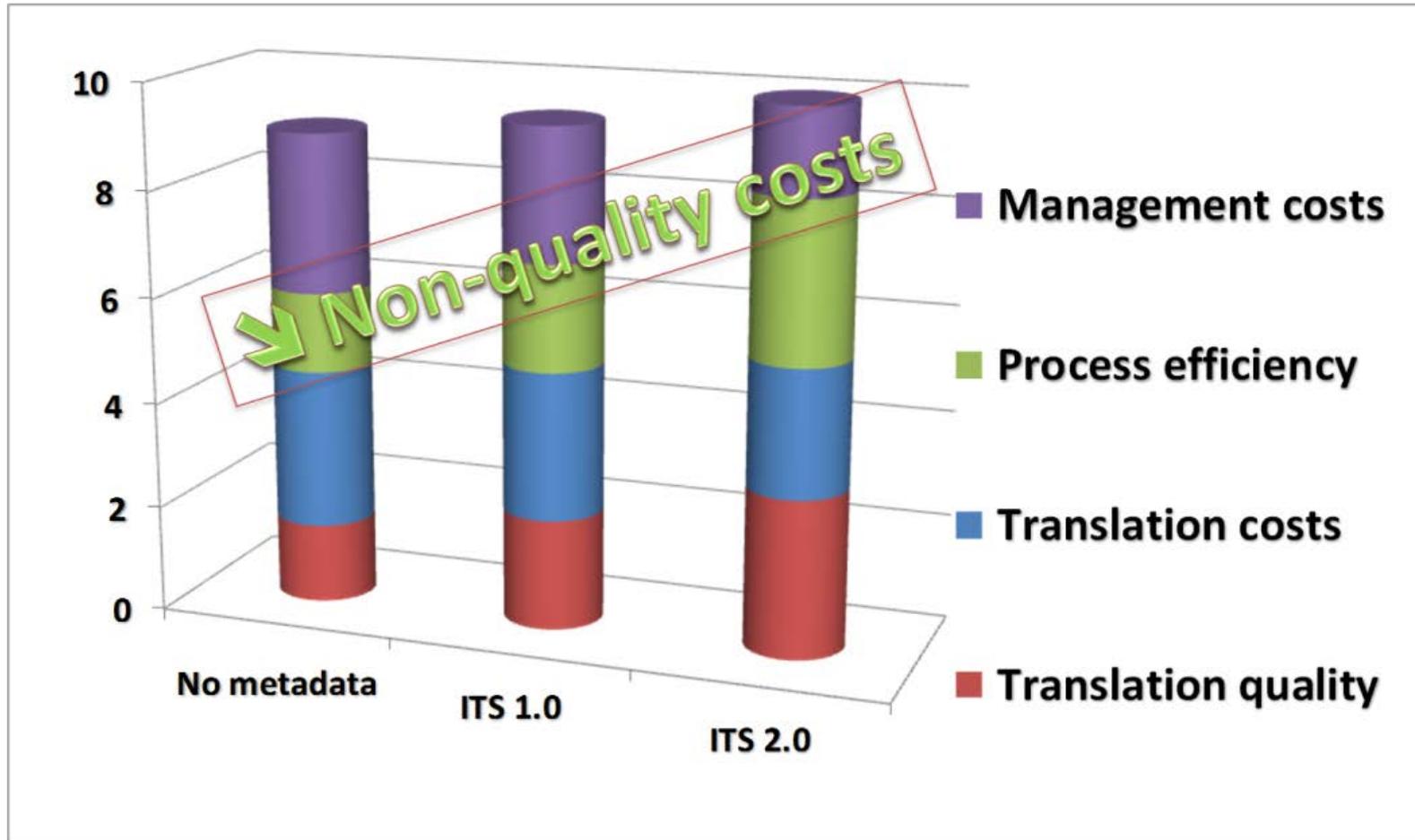




# Test case statistics

- **Data categories:** Translate, Allowed Characters, Localization Note, Storage Size, and Language Information.
- 5,544 tags: 4,700 **manually annotated tags** and the rest **automatically annotated**
- **Density** 39.3 tags per document
- **From German into** French and Chinese
- **Other** two data categories were annotated: Provenance and Readiness (ITS 2.0 Extension)
- **Distribution** of data categories: Translate (with value: no) 69.3%; Allowed Characters 11.3%; Provenance 5.4%; Language information 4.3%; Localization Note 3.8%, Storage Size 2.3%; and Readiness 2.3%.

# ITS 2.0 impact



# Opportunities rise from needs

- Very frequently updated web sites that need efficient multilingual updates and maximum control:
  - Corporate and industry information
  - e-Government
  - e-Commerce
  - Educational web sites
- Highly distributed content creation through the CMS
- Web 2.0 and user content created
  - Applying MT systems for immediacy
- Using ITS 2.0 for multilingual SEO



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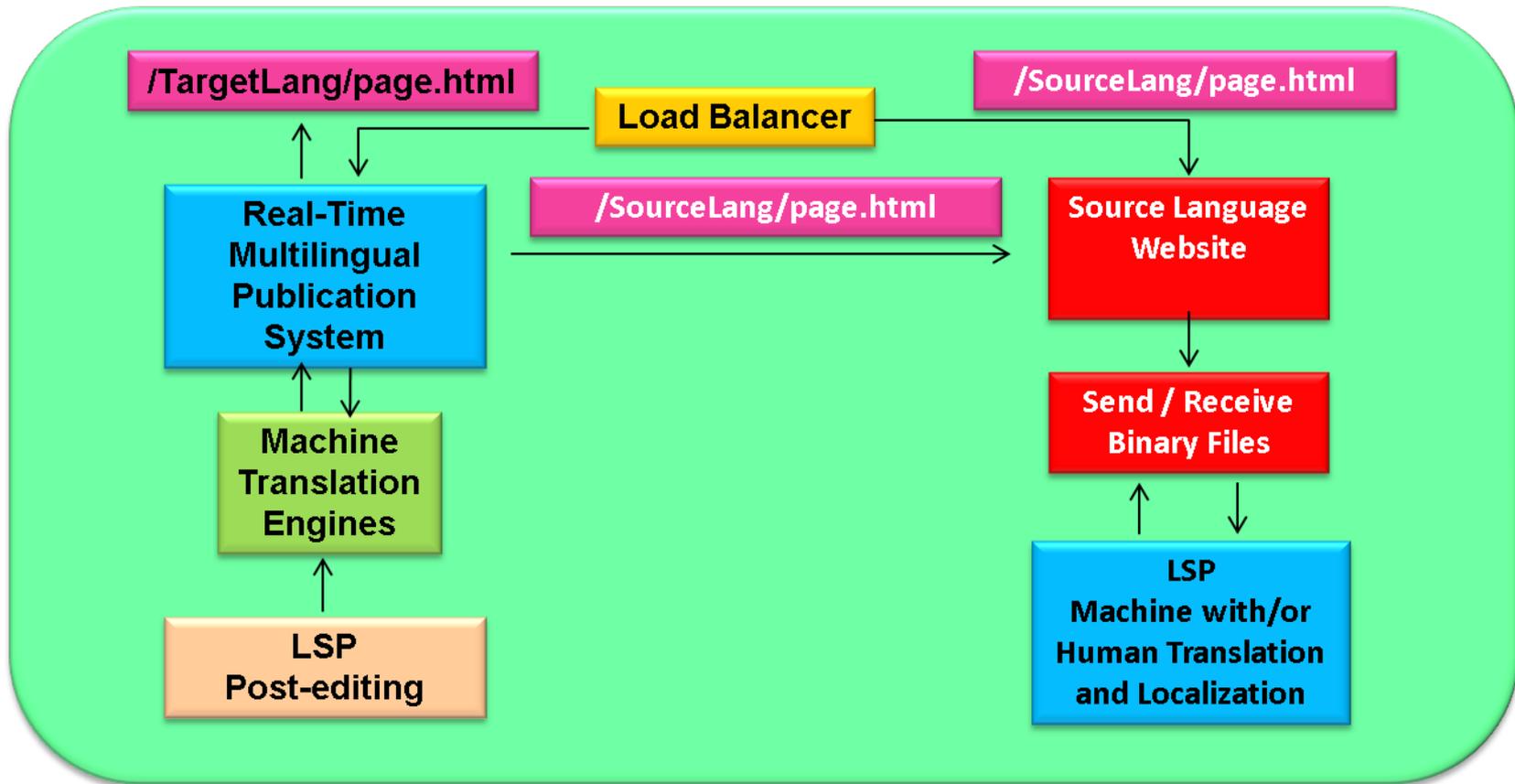
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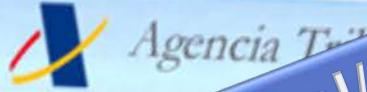
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# Multilingual Web Publishing System (Real-Time)



[www.w3.org/International/its/wiki/ITS\\_Implementations](http://www.w3.org/International/its/wiki/ITS_Implementations)  
#Real\_Time\_Multilingual\_Publishing



# Use case: the Spanish Tax Agency

- [www.agenciatributaria.es](http://www.agenciatributaria.es) is the user in the “Online MT System” showcase in MLW-LT
- **Spain: General Indicators 2011**
- Spain is a country that is regionally structured into 17 autonomous communities and 2 autonomous cities with **5 co-official languages**
- Population : 47,190,493 inhabitants ( **12.2 % foreign residents**)
- **Mission of the Spanish Tax Agency**
- Effective application of Spain’s tax and custom system
- Management of tax resources on behalf of other public administrations when required by Law or Agreements
- **General taxpayer census**
- Individual taxpayers: 46,509,231
- Companies: 2,674,547
- Other organisations: 2,293,939
- **Total taxpayers: 51,477,717**



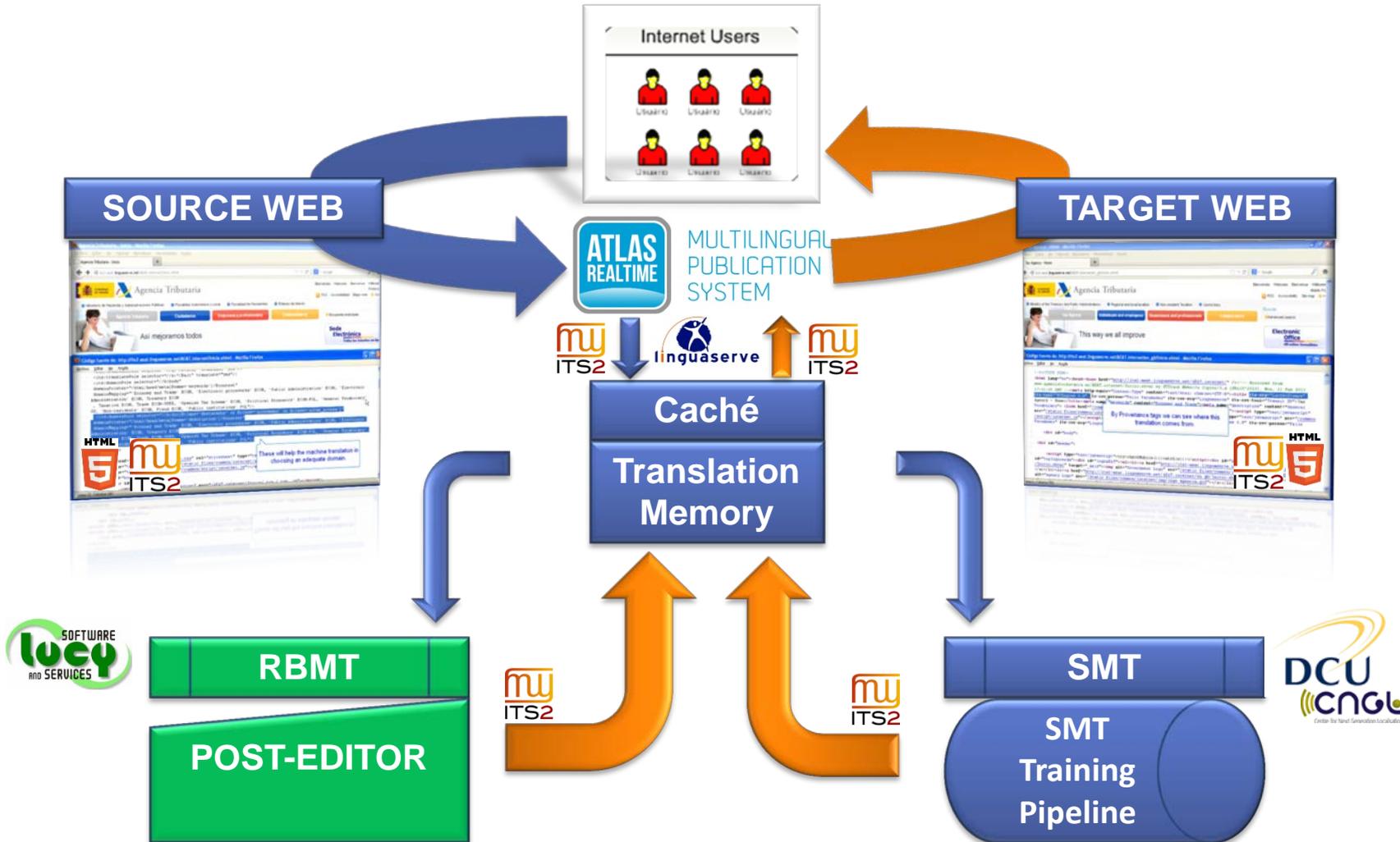
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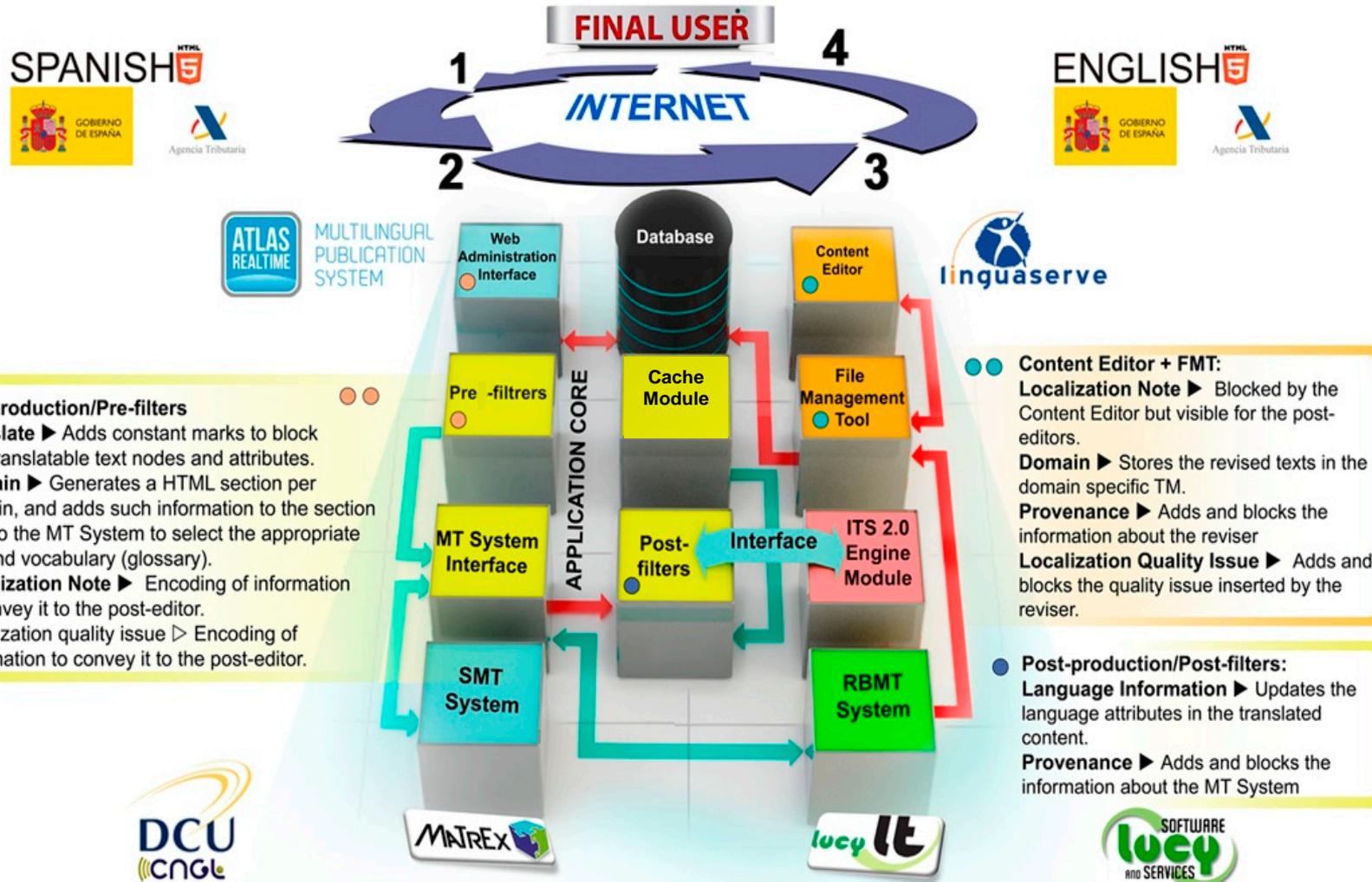
- Online MT System Internationalization showcase components:
  - ITS 2.0  
  - HTML5
  - ATLAS RT (Linguaserve's Real-time Multilingual Publishing System)
  - Lucy Software MT (Rule-based Machine Translation)
  - MaTrEx, from Dublin City University (Statistical Machine Translation)
  - [www.agenciatributaria.es](http://www.agenciatributaria.es) (CMS: OpenText WEM)
- RTMPS implementation and deployment in pre-production
  - ITS 2.0 data categories: 6 (Translate, Localization Note, Language Information, Domain, Provenance, Localization Quality Issue)
  - Prototypes, test suite engines, and use case
- 250 web pages ES-EN and 30 web pages ES-FR, ES-DE
  - Content annotation and MT post-editing (EDI-TA methodology)

# Online MT System I18N

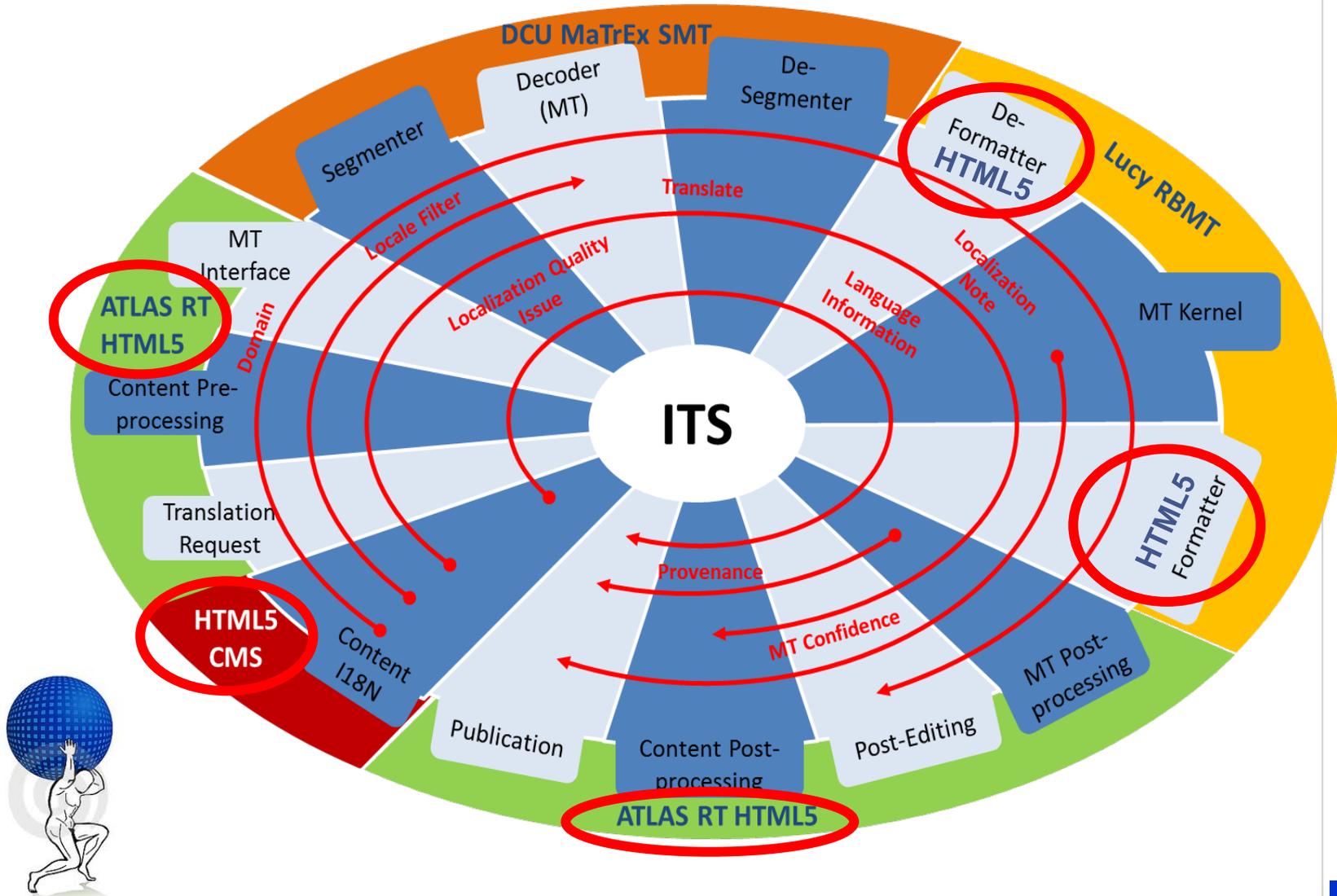


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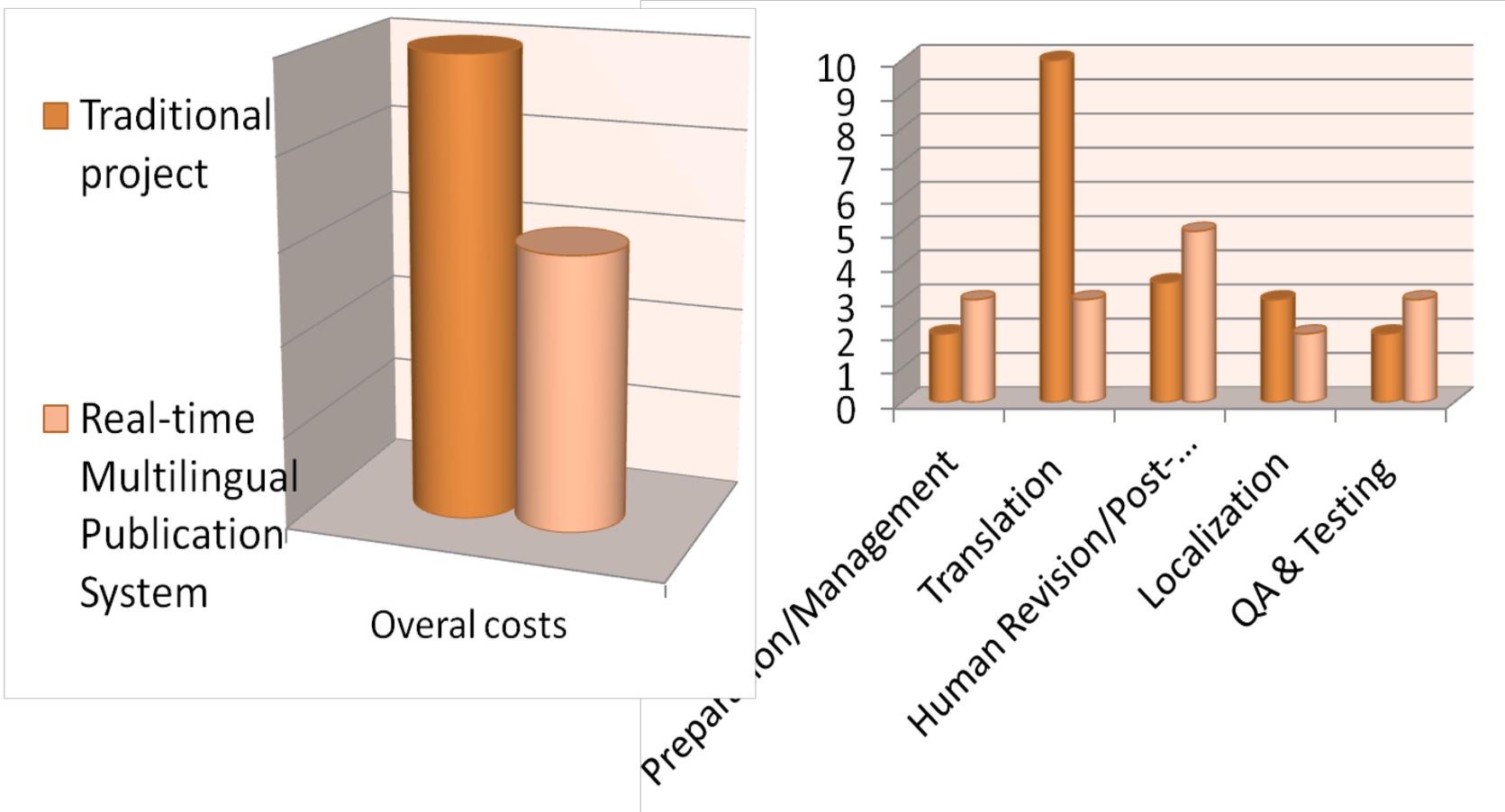
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# ITS2 in Online MT System I18N



# Shifting gears: New cost structure



# MLW-LT Online MT Business Case

## Strengths

- Lower translation costs (MT + PE) depending on % of post-editing (E.g. 100% post-edited: -30%)
- Management costs: higher setup / lower maintenance (-60% -80%)
- Non-invasive technology
- Real-time or fast post-edition

## Weaknesses

- Viability depending on:
- Language combination and MT system output

**Recent MT approaches (Hybrids, vertical sectors/users...)**

## Opportunities

- Web sites with daily high volume updates: E-commerce, Administration, Corporate news and publications, user content generated (social media)
- In house installation for > 1 million words and frequently updated

## Threats

- Control, performance and security:

**The client might lose control of translation: solved with ITS 2.0**

- Real-time performance of MTs
- Security level in shared RTMPS
- Needs pre-editing and post-editing tools (ITS 2.0 and HTML5)

# Opportunities rise from needs

- e-Commerce
  - Very high volume and rotation
  - Short texts and repetitive descriptions
    - **Better for MT**
    - **Quicker to post-edit**
  - Very sensitive to ITS 2.0 benefits
- e-Government
  - Controlled language and content policies
- HTML from several CMS and other applications (Content source independent)
- Web 2.0 and user content created
  - GIST translation
  - Immediacy



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# ITS 2.0 benefits (I)

- *Translate*: Translatability control from data. E.g. it allows to add “non-translatable” terms to be used by several specific glossaries or MT systems.
- *Localization Note*: Direct communication between webmasters, PMs, translators, and post-editors. When *alert* type, it can be used for triggering certain processes in the Translation Workflow. Activation rules for MT post-editing.
- *Domain*: Automatic selection of CAT/MT terminology, dictionaries, and translation memories.
- *Language Information*: Quality checks to ensure the content’s source language or part of it.
- *Allowed Characters*: Quality check for the target content.



# ITS 2.0 benefits (II)

- *Storage Size*: Quality check for both original content and target content. Can also be used for translators' visual control.
- *Provenance*: Identification of agents, possibility to reassign the same translator/reviewer in new versions, and inform the Project Manager. Tracking control in the CMS.
- *Localization Quality Issue*: Quality aspects reported to translation consumer or post-editor.
- *MT Confidence*: Post-editors judge quality of translation.
- *Readiness (ITS 2.0 extension)*: Control of processes to be done, date control for availability, delivery and priority.



# Win-win business



- More efficient control over the content and faster fine-grain communication between localization chain actors (e.g. webmaster/project manager).
- Localization platforms and format independent.
- Better web and linguistic technology machine/machine interaction.
- Better web and localization human/machine interaction.
- Increasing fully automatic processes and localization expert systems in CMS and TMS.
- Opens up ways for connectors, pre- and post-editing, CAT tools, SEO...
- Time reduction by increasing the efficiency of the process.
- Cost savings in management and translation.

# Thank you!



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