

**Handout for *The Zen of Translation Environment Tools***  
An ATA webinar with Jost Zetzsche

The historical perspective

- Ignacio Garcia: *Long term memories: Trados and TM turn 20* (see [www.jostrans.org/issue04/art\\_garcia.pdf](http://www.jostrans.org/issue04/art_garcia.pdf))

Tools for specialized computer-aided translation functions

- Resource lookup: These include tools such as *Wordfinder* (see [www.wordfinder.com](http://www.wordfinder.com)), which assembles dictionary resources and provides lookup in them from any *Windows*-based tool, and tools like *IntelliWebSearch*, which allows for lookup in online and offline resources (see [www.IntelliWebSearch.com](http://www.IntelliWebSearch.com)).
- Terminology management: These include tools such as *Lingo* (see [www.lexicool.com](http://www.lexicool.com)) and *AnyLexic* (see [www.anylexic.com](http://www.anylexic.com)) that specifically allow you to import term lists or termbases, add to these from any *Windows*-based tool, and provide lookup in these termbases. Another kind of terminology management tool would be something like *ApSICXbench* (see [www.apsic.com/en/products\\_xbench.html](http://www.apsic.com/en/products_xbench.html)), which allows you to easily manage, convert, and search large existing term lists
- Project management: There are a whole slew of tools that provide project management functions for companies, and then there are also tools that are primarily geared toward the individual translator. These include *Translation Office 3000* (see [www.to3000.com](http://www.to3000.com)) or *OTM* (see <http://www.lsp.net/online-translation-management.html>).
- Word counts: These tools support a wide variety of file formats in which they can count words. Two examples include *PractiCount & Invoice* (see [www.practiline.com](http://www.practiline.com)) and *AnyCount* ([www.anycount.com](http://www.anycount.com)).
- Term extraction: This is a really useful but woefully underused feature that allows you to extract term lists from translation memories or translated and aligned documents. Examples include *SynchroTerm* (see [www.terminotix.com](http://www.terminotix.com)) or the SDL products *MultiTermExtract* and *PhraseFinder* (see [www.translationzone.com/en/products/sdlmultitermextract](http://www.translationzone.com/en/products/sdlmultitermextract)).
- Text extraction: These tools allow you to extract text from formats that are not directly supported by TEnTs, including desktop publishing and graphic formats. See [www.napsys.com](http://www.napsys.com) and [www.ecm-engineering.com](http://www.ecm-engineering.com).
- Conversion and maintenance: This refers to the conversion that is specifically geared toward translation format. The open-source *Olifant* (see <http://okapi.sourceforge.net/Release/Olifant/Help/>) offers some conversion and many maintenance features for translation memory files, as does the above-mentioned *ApSICXbench*.
- Alignment: High powered stand-alone tools for alignment include *AlignFactory* (see [www.terminotix.com](http://www.terminotix.com) and [www.youalign.com](http://www.youalign.com)) and *AutoAligner* (see [www.nobabel.com](http://www.nobabel.com)).

- Quality assurance: Tools that offer only quality assurance for translation files and translation memories include *QADistiller* (see [www.qa-distiller.com](http://www.qa-distiller.com)) and *ErrorSpy* (see [www.dog-gmbh.de](http://www.dog-gmbh.de)) as well as the above mentioned *ApSICXbench*.

Translation environment tools used in this presentation:

- *Trados* ([www.translationzone.com](http://www.translationzone.com))
- *Star Transit* ([www.star-portals.net/Transit/default.asp](http://www.star-portals.net/Transit/default.asp))
- *Fluency* (<https://products.westernstandard.com/fluency.html>)
- *memoQ* ([www.kilgray.com](http://www.kilgray.com))
- *Text United* ([www.textunited.com](http://www.textunited.com))
- *XTMCloud* ([www.xtm-intl.com/xtmcloud](http://www.xtm-intl.com/xtmcloud))
- *DéjàVu X* ([www.atril.com](http://www.atril.com))

Data sources

- TAUS Data Association ([www.tausdata.org](http://www.tausdata.org))
- *MyMemory* ([www.tausdata.org](http://www.tausdata.org))
- EU translation corpus (<http://langtech.jrc.it/DGT-TM.html>)
- Tools to download websites (web spiders): *HTTrack* ([www.httrack.com](http://www.httrack.com)) or *Quadsucker* ([www.quadsucker.com/quadweb](http://www.quadsucker.com/quadweb))

Starting points to learn about tools

- Translators Training (see [www.TranslatorsTraining.com](http://www.TranslatorsTraining.com))
- Newsgroups typically under [groups.yahoo.com](http://groups.yahoo.com)
- Tool Kit newsletter and Tool Box ebook ([www.internationalwriters.com](http://www.internationalwriters.com))

What features do *you* think are missing?

- Respond to SurveyMonkey survey (link will be mailed to you)

The "Zen Circle" (Enso, 円相)

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enso>

Jeromobot

- [www.youtube.com/user/TranslatorsTraining](http://www.youtube.com/user/TranslatorsTraining)

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