

An Open Service Framework For Next Generation Localisation

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Research groups

- Language technologies
 - Machine translation, text analytics, speech synthesis and recognition
- Localisation processes and standards
- Systems framework
 - Software integration
 - Service Oriented Architecture for localisation

Presentation agenda

- What is localisation?
- Current localisation process and supporting software
- Problems with this software
- An open service-oriented framework for localisation
- Future work

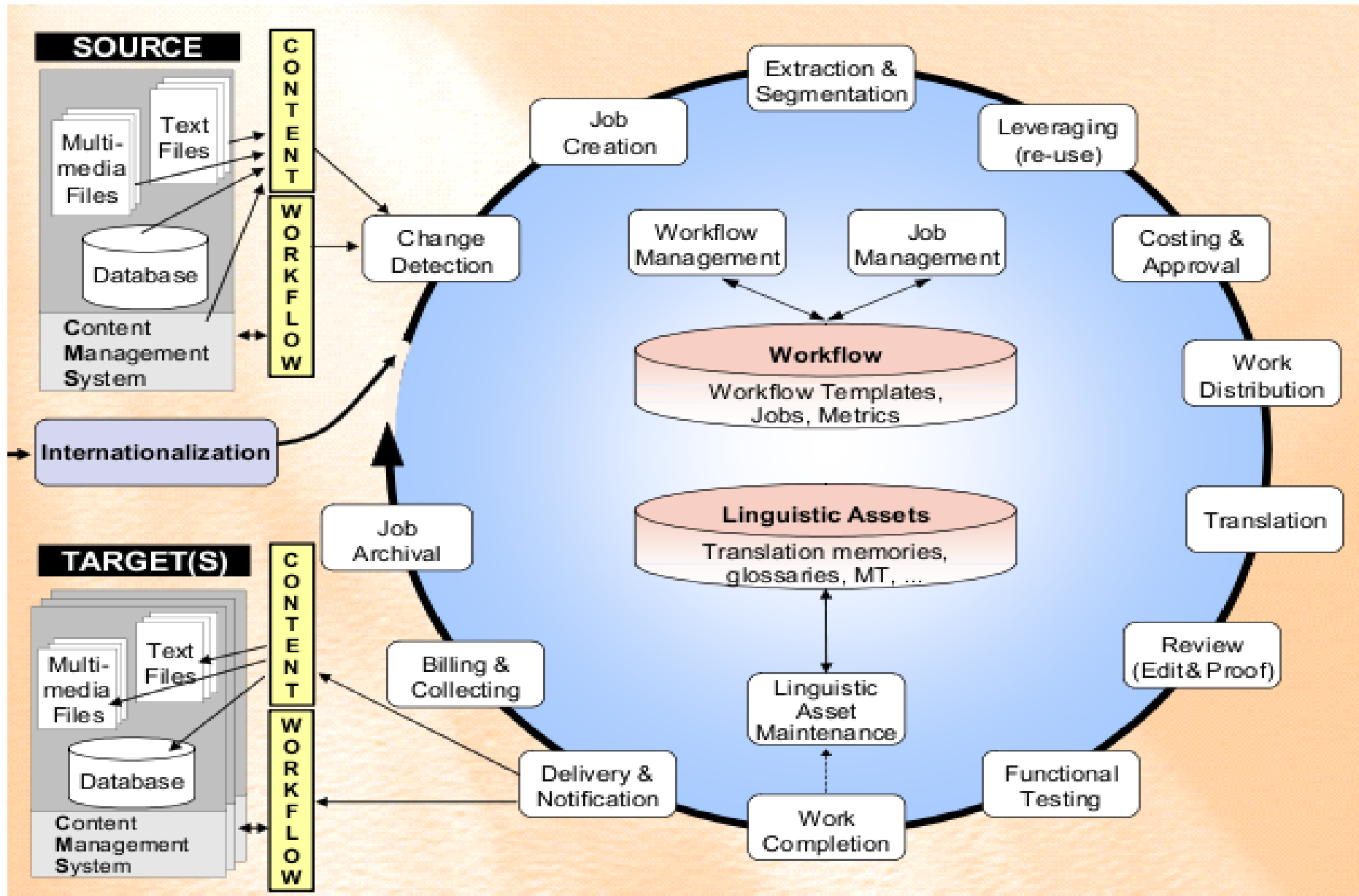
What is localisation

- Adaption of content to a locale or language
- Product localisation
 - Adaption of a product to sell into another language market
- Not just translation
 - Engineering work
 - Adaption of layout
 - Testing

Industrial partners

- Software localisation
- Content types
 - User interface
 - Product help
 - Printed documentation
 - Marketing content
 - Online user support pages

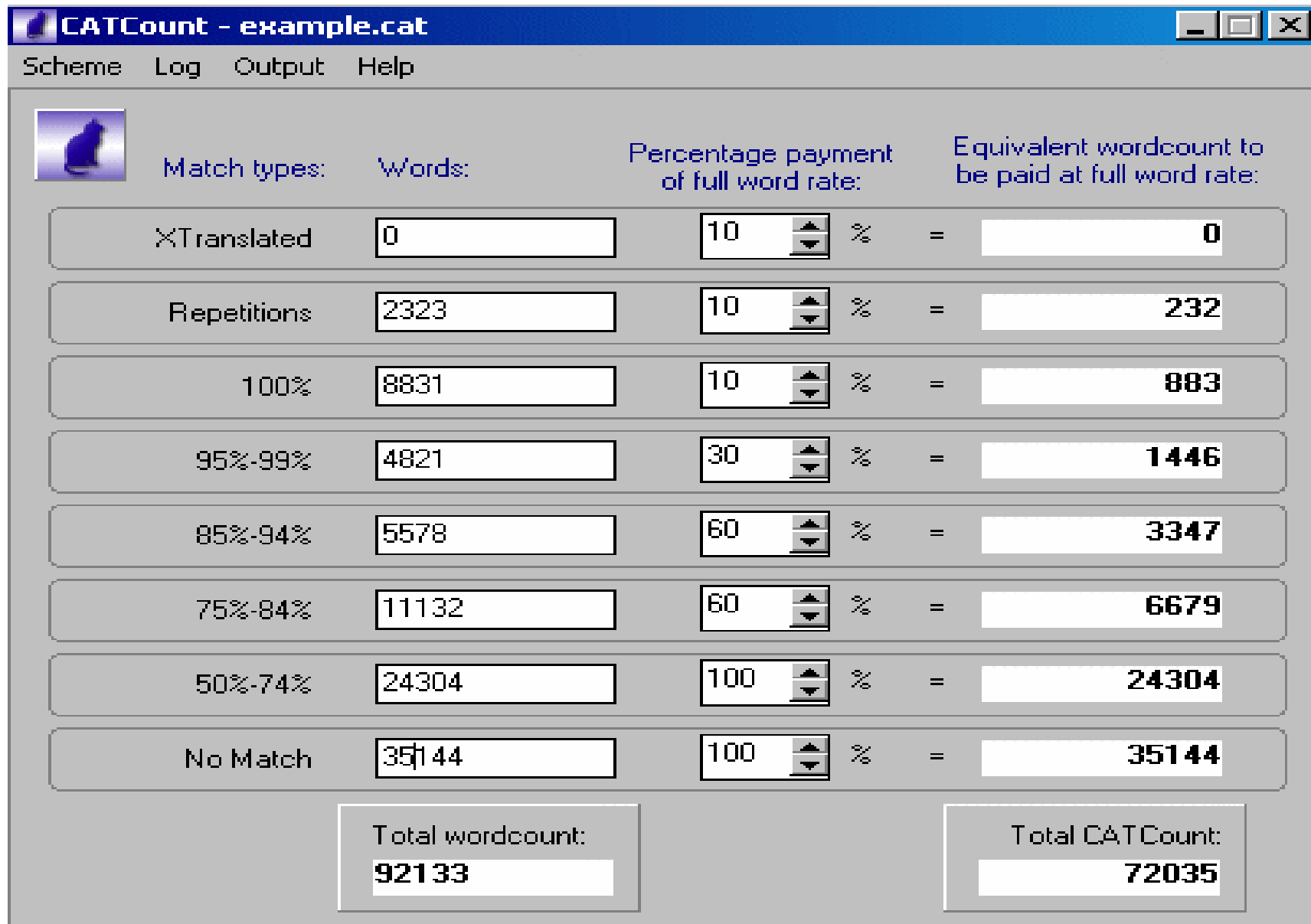
Localisation process



Translation memory

- Database of previous translations
- No need to translate the same sentence twice
- Exact match/fuzzy match
- Translation cost calculated based on translation memory hits

Translation memory leverage



The screenshot shows the CATCount software interface for 'example.cat'. It features a menu bar with 'Scheme', 'Log', 'Output', and 'Help'. A small cat icon is visible in the top left. The main area displays a table of match types with their respective word counts, percentage payment rates, and equivalent wordcounts. At the bottom, two summary boxes show the total wordcount and total CATCount.

Match types:	Words:	Percentage payment of full word rate:	Equivalent wordcount to be paid at full word rate:
XTranslated	0	10 %	0
Repetitions	2323	10 %	232
100%	8831	10 %	883
95%-99%	4821	30 %	1446
85%-94%	5578	60 %	3347
75%-84%	11132	60 %	6679
50%-74%	24304	100 %	24304
No Match	35144	100 %	35144

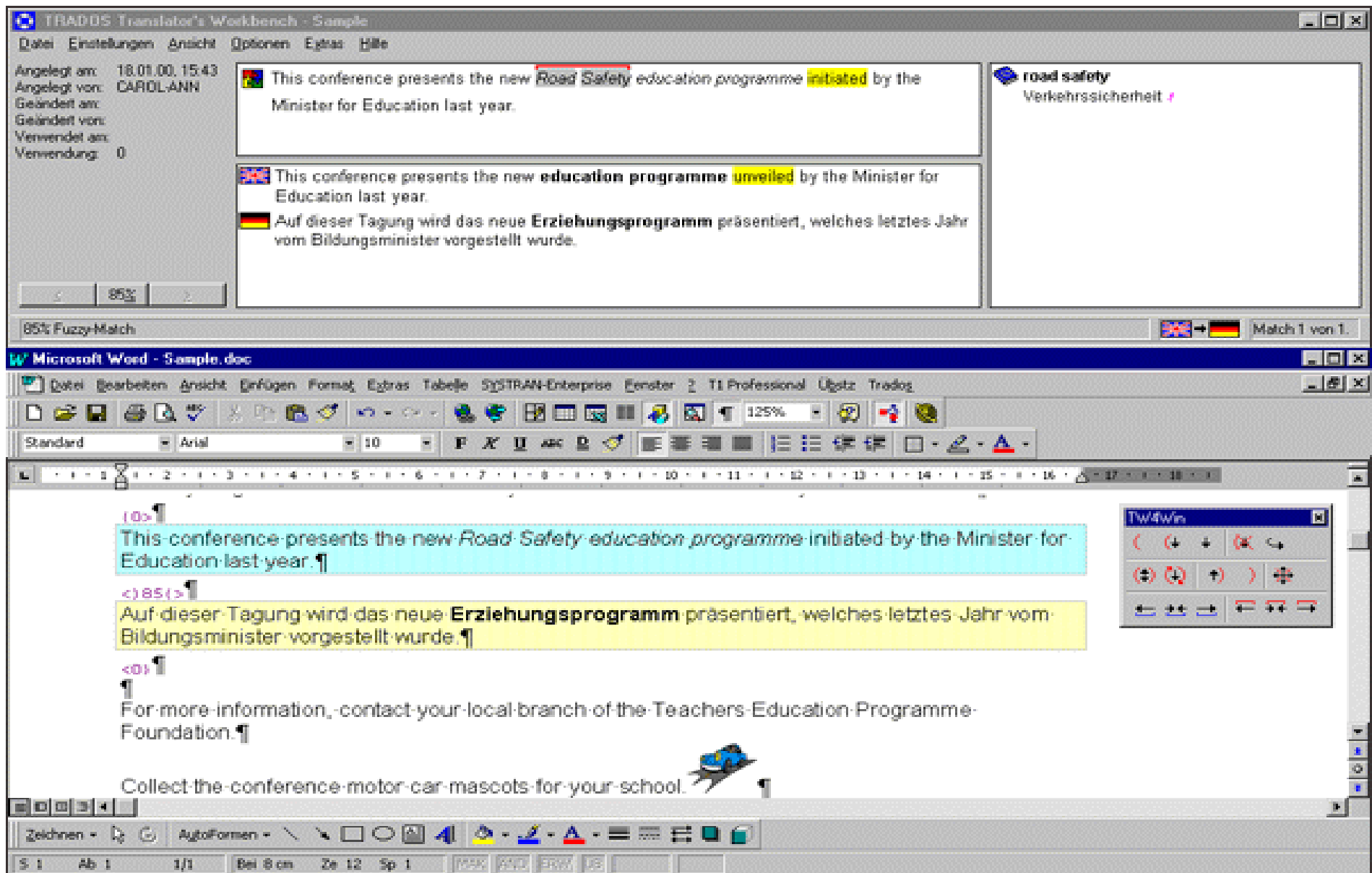
Total wordcount: **92133**

Total CATCount: **72035**

Termbase

- Translation of core terminology or phrases
- Ensures consistent translation of terminology across the product
- Definition of term to help translator

Computer assisted translation tool



Translation management system

- Manages end-to-end process
- Management of :
 - Workflows
 - Users
 - Projects
 - Translation memories and glossaries

Localisation standards

- LISA standards
 - Translation Memory eXchange (TMX)
 - Termbase eXchange (TBX)
 - Segmentation Rules eXchange (SRX)
- OASIS standards
 - Localisation Interchange File Format (XLIFF)

Problems with current software

- Lack of support for data standards
 - Proprietary formats
 - Import but not export
- Lack of standard protocols/interfaces for common tasks
- Inflexible workflows
 - Support for a limited set of activities

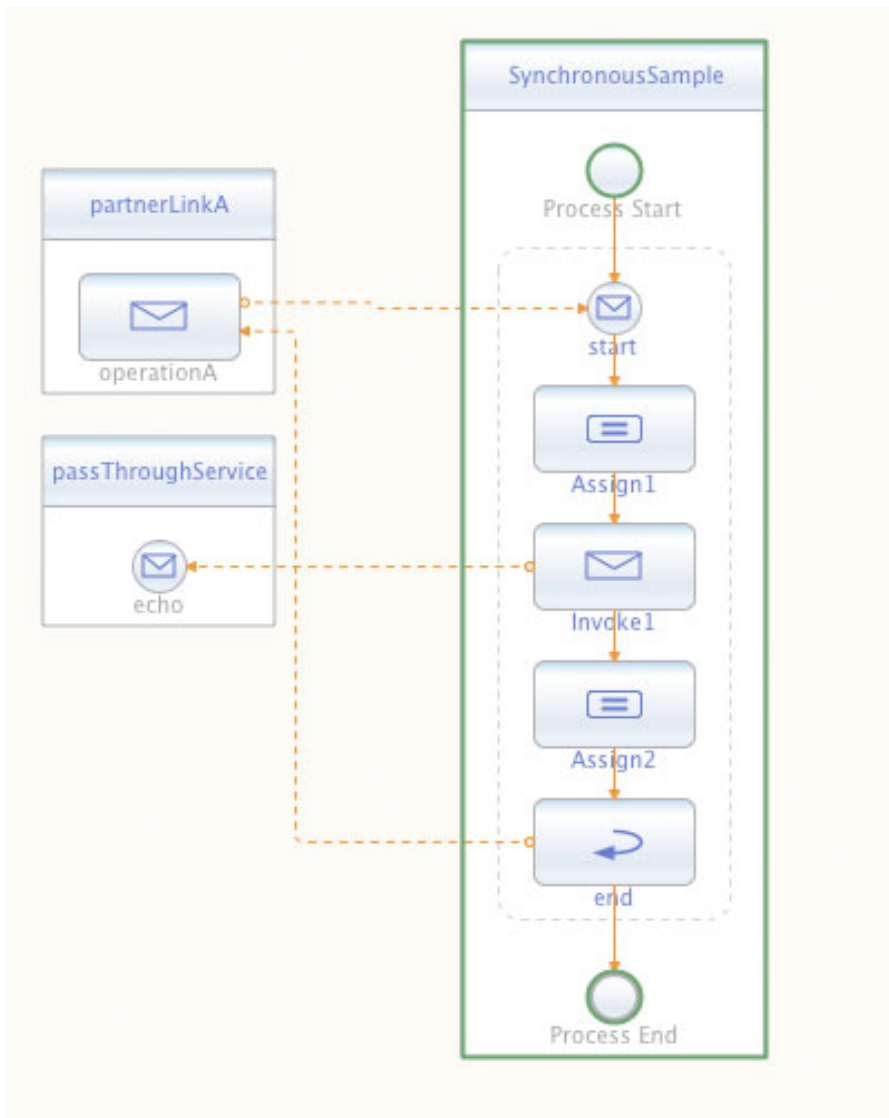
New service-oriented approach

- Support for localisation data standards
- Definition of interfaces for common localisation tasks
- Use of open web based protocols and technologies
 - HTTP
 - WSDL and SOAP
 - REST

Initial set of services

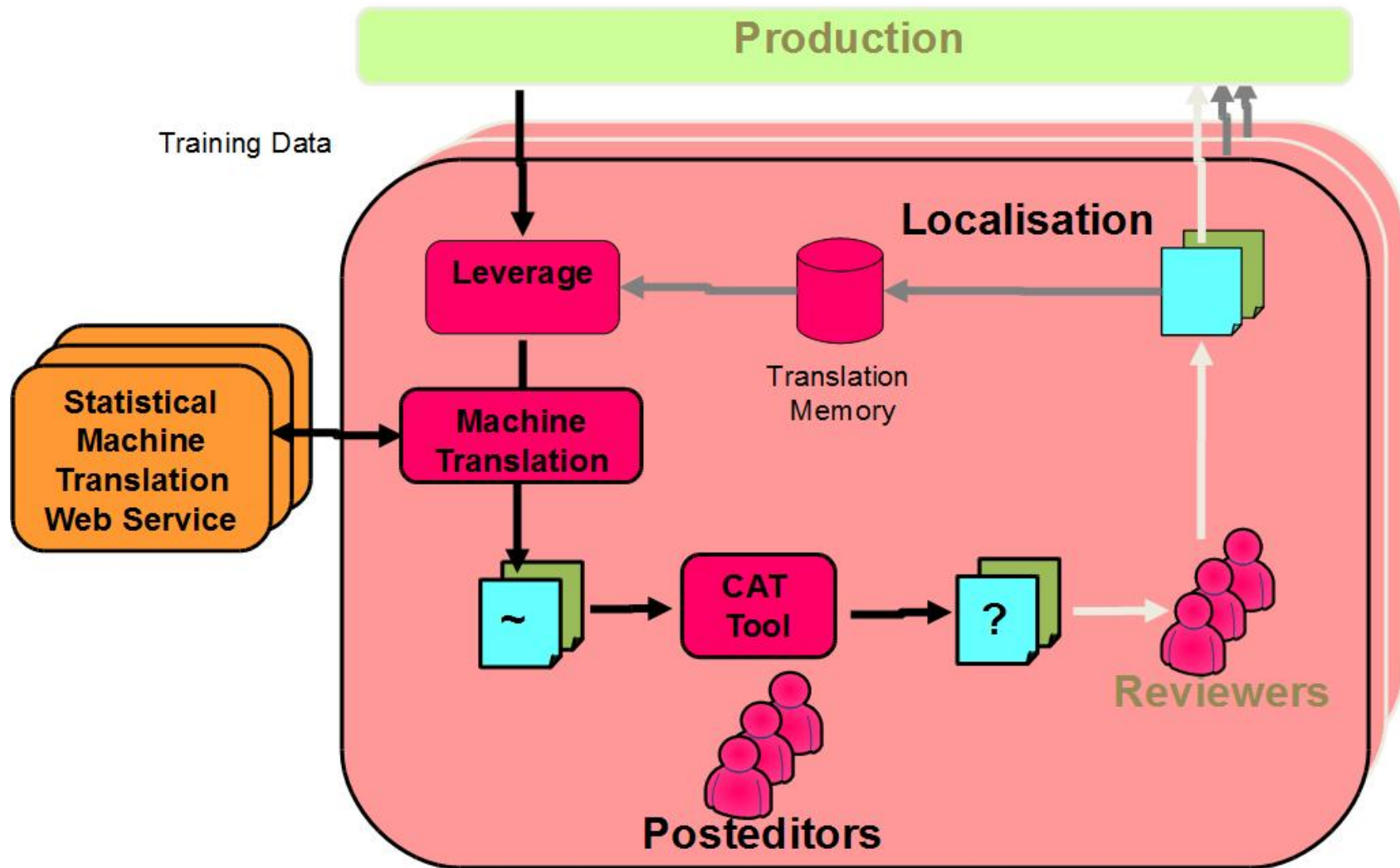
- Machine translation
 - Service wrapper for the Moses decoder
- Language classification service
 - Service wrapper for the TextCat library
- Domain classification service
 - Service wrapper for text classification algorithm from academic partner

BPEL

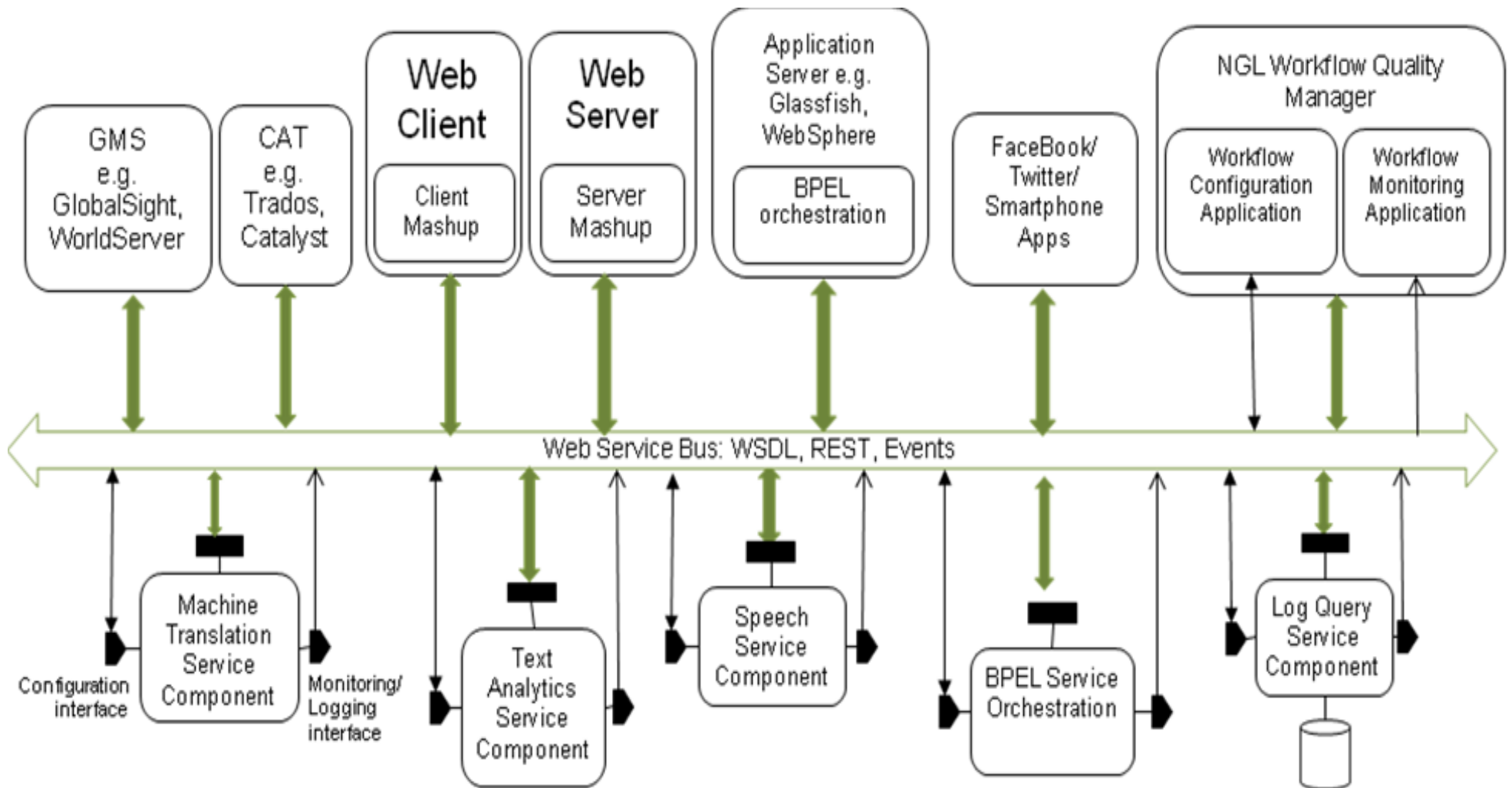


- Compose services into an executable workflow using BPEL
- XML based language
- Drag and drop designers available
- Netbeans and Glassfish

Plug into existing workflows



Service oriented architecture



Future work

- Propose interfaces for common localisation components
- Implement these interfaces wrapping software made available to the project
- Expand on example processes