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PC-Translator: Now in 14 Flavors

Linguistic Products has introduced English-to-Dutch, English-to-Portuguese, and Norwegian-to-English versions of PC-Translator, bringing the total number of language pairs available for this US\$995, DOS-based system to fourteen. According to Linguistic Products's Ralph Dessau, all but two of these versions have been created at the request of clients. Dessau adds that the broad range of language pairs available (all Western European languages supported in at least one direction) is proving attractive to potential MT customers who produce documentation simultaneously in multiple languages.

Rather than shouldering all the development work itself, the Texas-based company has been successful in attracting partners in foreign countries to co-develop the new language pairs. A translation company in Holland, for example, prepared the English, Dutch version of PC-Translator. Linguistic Products suggests that PC-Translator is suitable for such materials as business letters, technical manuals, purchase orders, and freight documents.

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