

Project Management tool

The UK-based Language Technology Centre (LTC) is launching a project management software tool tailored to the translation and localisation industry.

Designed to handle large and complex pieces of work, the LTC Organiser claims to be the first off the shelf product to provide an integrated solution for project managers. It combines quick access to client and translator databases with a project management feature that monitors progress by recording and archiving every team member's input at each stage of the project.

Initially, LTC built the Organiser to deal with its own large-scale multilingual translation work. Following three years of development by its project managers, the company has decided to market it as a unique tool that fulfils the special requirements of the industry.

LTC Director, Dr Adriane Rinsche, comments: "Currently many businesses use several pieces of software to manage their translation projects. The LTC Organiser provides a complete solution - it's quick and easy to use and greatly reduces project management costs. I'm convinced it will be of great value to everyone in the sector."

As well as allowing project managers to quickly match translators to clients' jobs, the Organiser gives them a comprehensive overview of the project as it progresses. It archives each stage of the translation work - from text preparation to post processing - and records all instructions to team members so that project managers can quickly identify additional tasks and deal with any problems as they arise.

Dr Rinsche explains: "We no longer have to keep every single detail of a large project in our heads or on paper. And if a project manager falls ill or goes on holiday, someone else can easily take over." The Organiser can be downloaded from LTC's website at www.langtech.co.uk. ■



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