Case Studies: Terminology and Software Localization

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Internationalization (I18N)

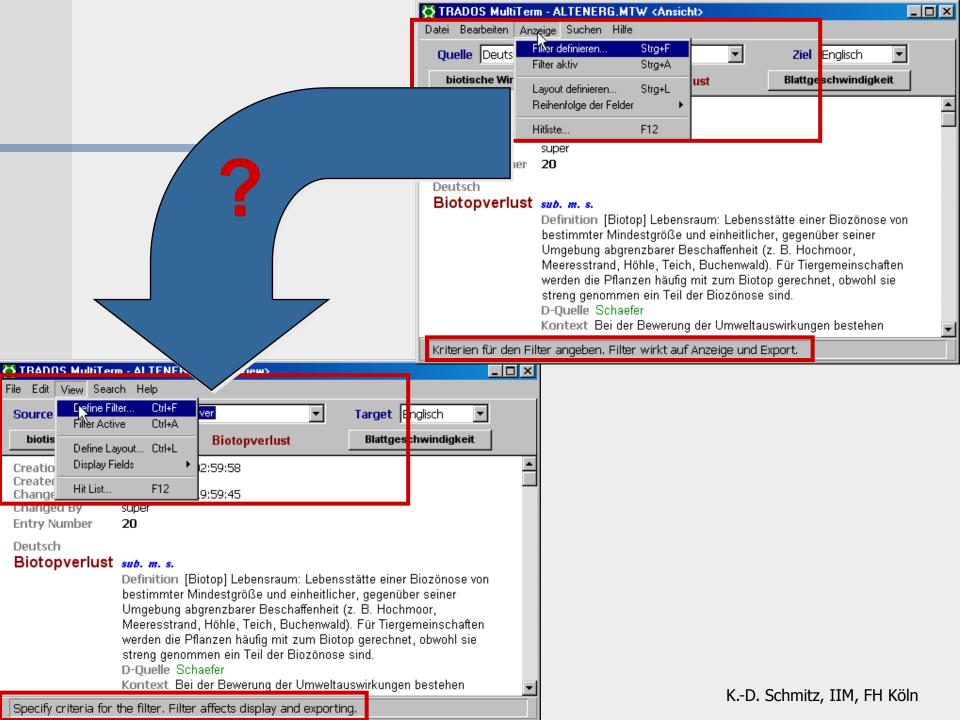
Developing a product or service in such a way that it will be easy to adapt it to other markets (languages and cultures)

- Goal: eliminate the need to redevelop, reprogram or recompile the original product / content
- Carried out by the development group in conjunction with the localization people

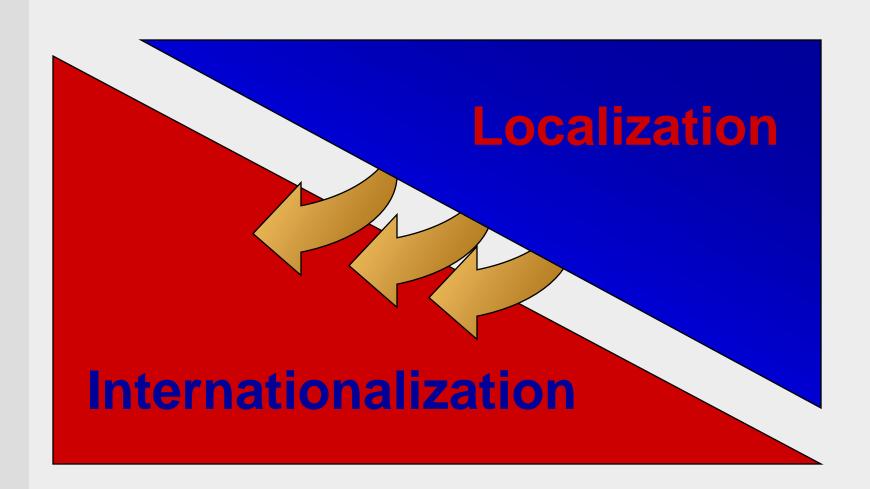
Localization (LION)

Adapting a product or service to a local or regional market

- Goal: Appropriate linguistic and cultural aspects
- Performed by translators, localizers, language engineers



I18N and L10N



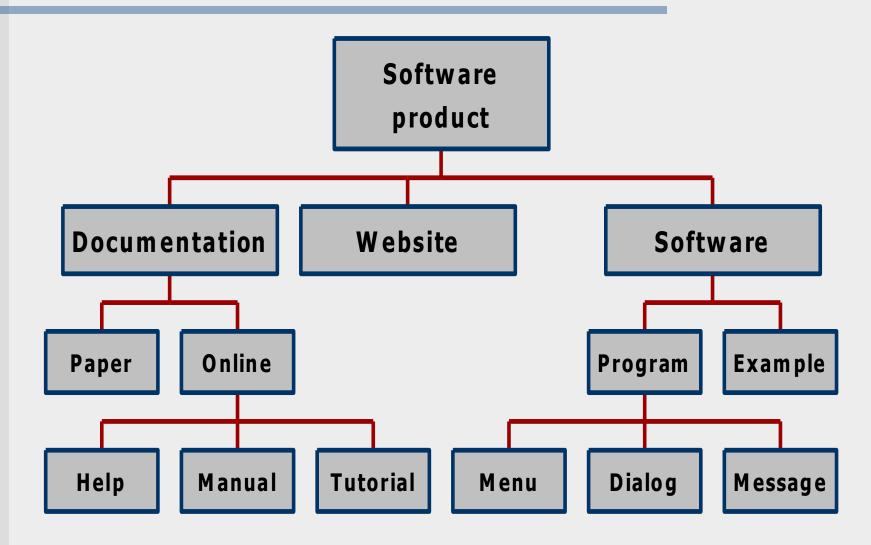
I18N and L10N: Goal

- I18N and L10N comprise the whole of the effort involved in enabling a product.
- I18N is "stuff" you have to do **once**.
- L10N is "stuff" you have to do over and over again.
- The more stuff you push into I18N out of L10N, the less complicated & expensive the process becomes.

Locale

- Geographically a region of a particular market (e.g. the Italian speaking area of Switzerland)
- In IT a set of information and codes associated with a specific region
 - character set, writing system, keyboard layout
 - format for date, time, currency, units of measurement
 - format of addresses
 - etc.

Software localization: what + how



Localizing documentation

- Localizing printed documentation (handbook, manual, installation guide, packaging material etc.) is similar to "traditional" translation of LSP texts.
- Tools:
 - editor
 - word processor
 - DTP software
 - translation memory
 - terminology system

Handbuch TermISys

1 Installation und Aufruf

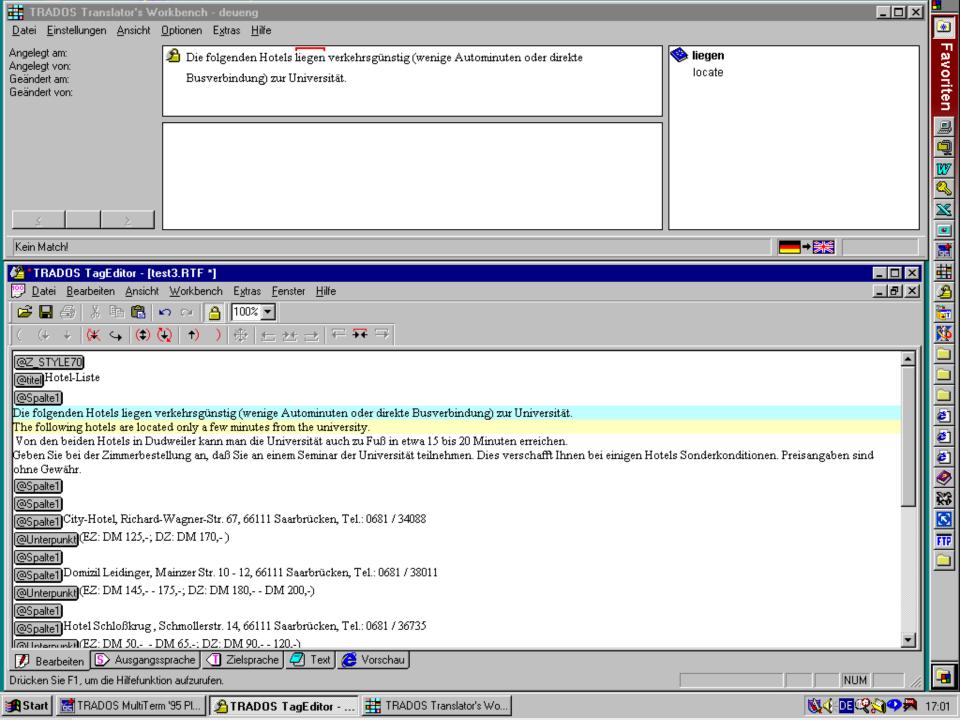
1.1 Systemvoraussetzungen

Zur Verwendung von TermISys benötigen Sie einen Computer, der folgende Kriterien erfüllen sollte:

- IBM-kompatibler 286er oder h\u00f6her (empfohlen ab 386er)
- MS-Windows 3.0 oder höher. Bei Windows 3.0 ist der Standardmodus oder der erweiterte Modus für 386er PCs notwendig. MS-Windows muß bereits auf Ihrem Rechner installiert sein
- Mindestens 2 MByte Arbeitsspeicher (empfohlen 4 MByte)
- Grafikkarte mit mindestens 640 x 480 Bildpunkten, z.B. VGA
- Eine Festplatte mit mindestens 10 MByte freier Speicherkapazität
- Ein Diskettenlaufwerk
- Eine Microsoft-Maus oder kompatible
- MS-DOS ab Version 3.3 oder kompatibles Betriebssystem.

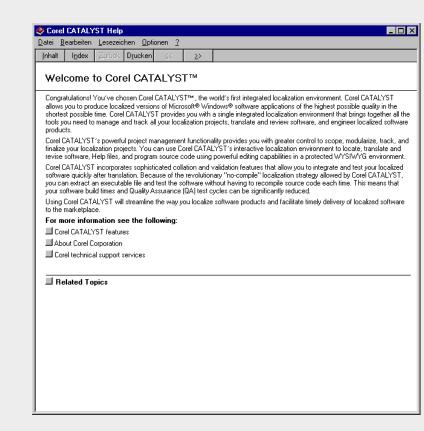
1.2 Hinweise zur Installation

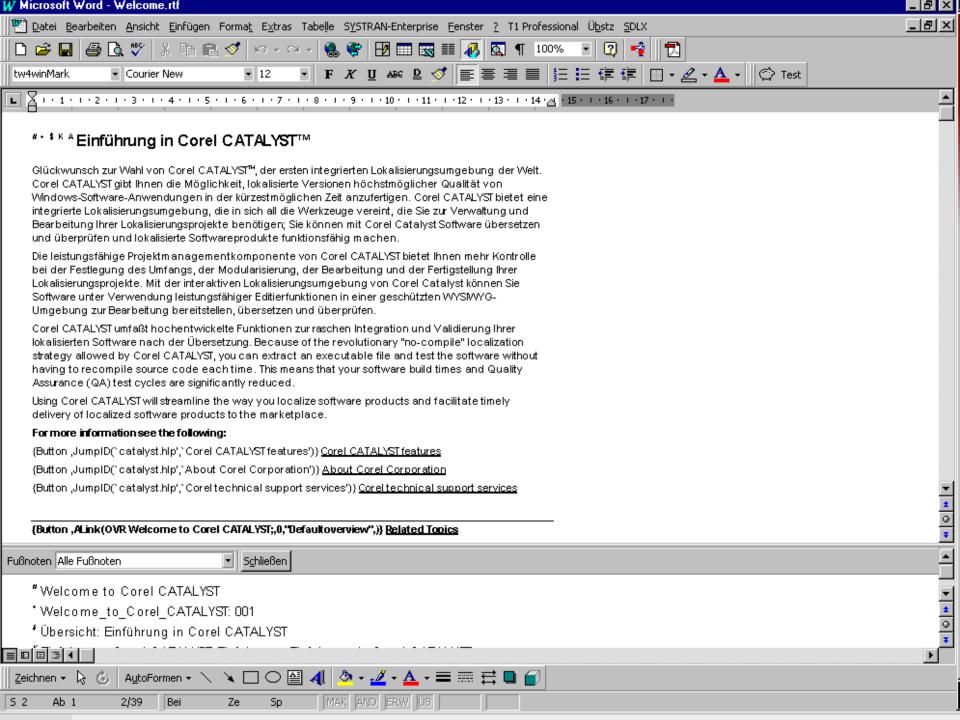
Das Terminologieverwaltungssystem TermISys erhalten Sie auf einer Diskette im Format 3,5 Zoll oder im Format 5,25 Zoll.



Localizing online help

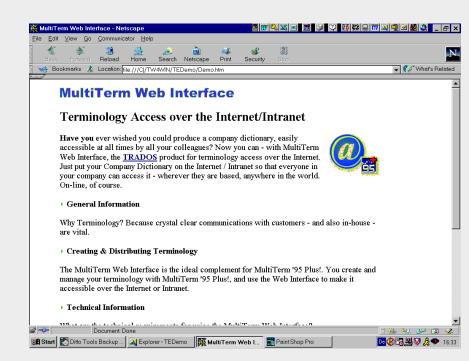
- When localizing online help, you have to care about formatting information (HLP, CHM, ...), document structure and links.
- Tools:
 - editor (HTML)
 - word processor (RTF)
 - translation memory
 - terminology system
 - localization software

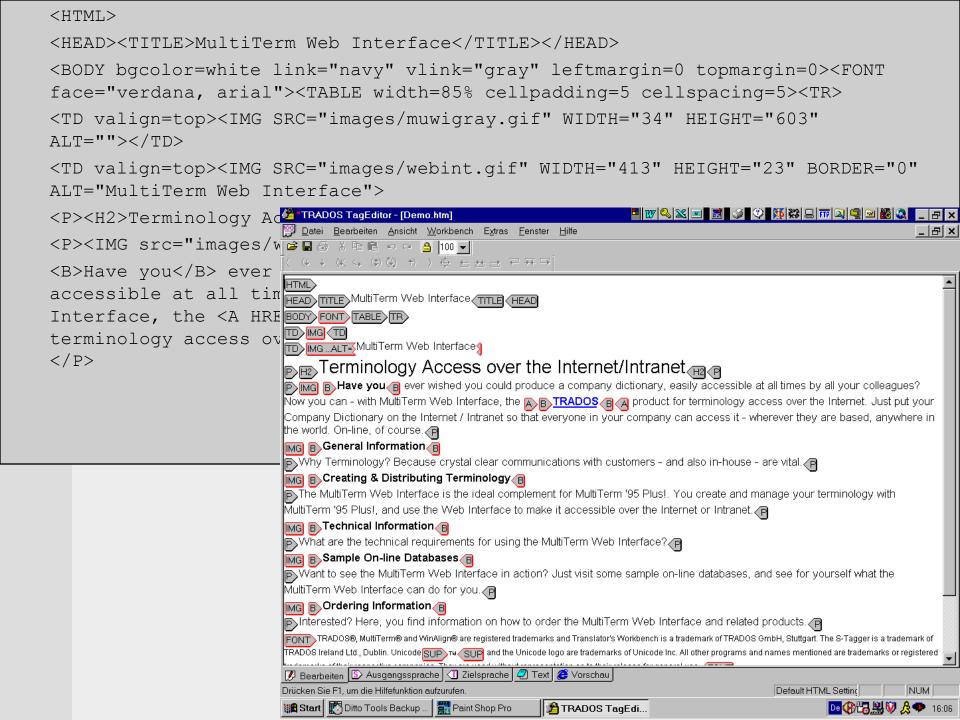




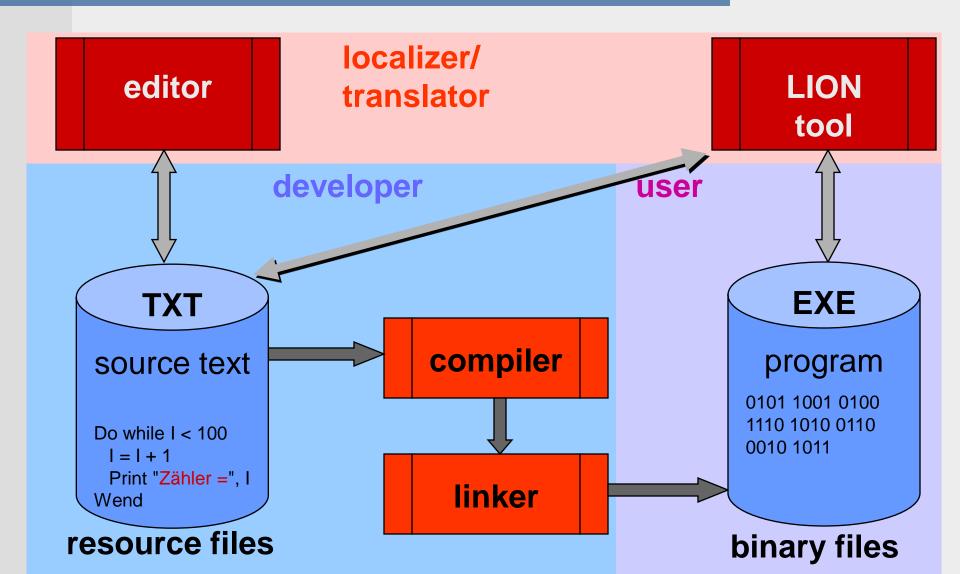
Localizing websites

- When localizing websites (and HTML help), you have to care about formatting information (HTMP), document structure, links and multimedia elements.
- Tools:
 - editor (HTML, tag)
 - translation memory
 - terminology system





Localizing software



Localizing software

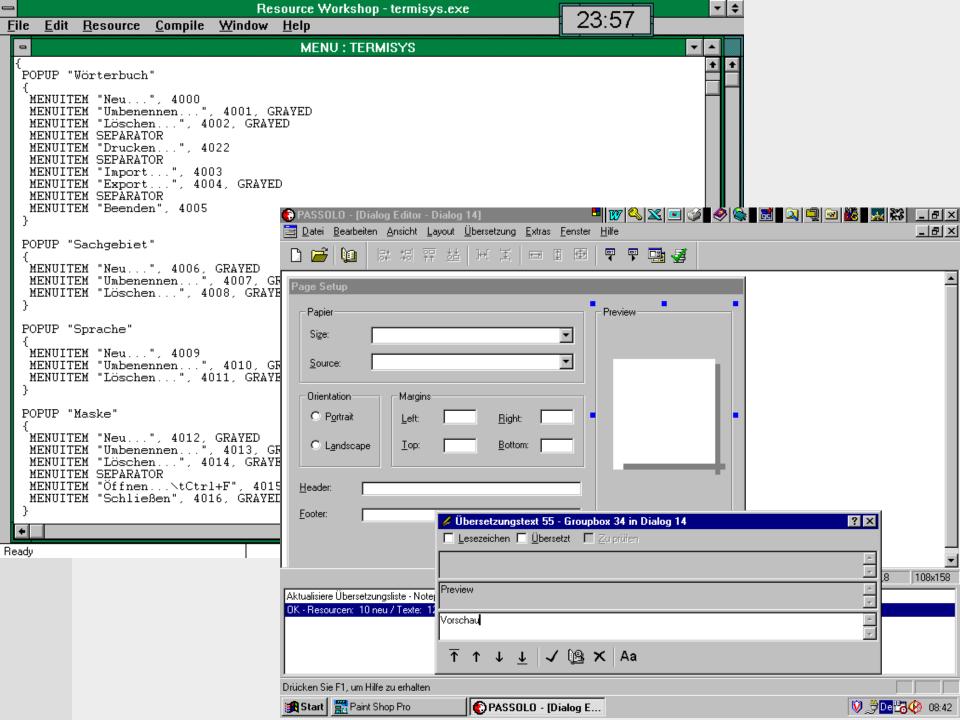
When localizing software, you have to differentiate between the localization of resource files (RC) and the localization of executable files (EXE, DLL, ...). Different treatment of menus, dialog boxes, tool tips,

(error) messages etc.

Tools:

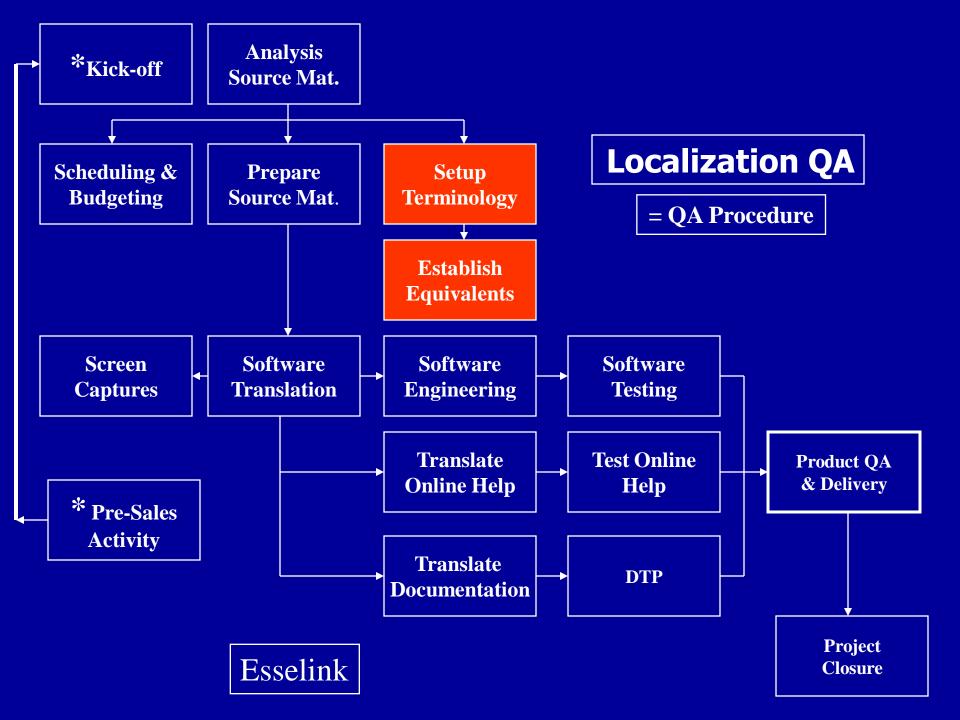
- editor (RC, tag)
- localization software
- (translation memory)
- terminology system



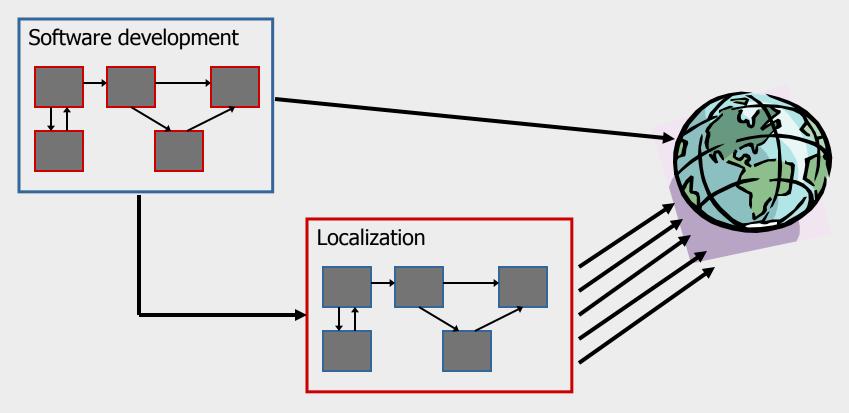


Terminology for software localization

- The selection of appropriate terminology with well defined concepts as well as the correct and consistent usage of terms are pre-conditions for successful software development and software localization:
 - very often innovative domains and topics
 - large projects with many persons involved
 - consistent terminology through all parts of the software product
 - pre-defined terminology (operating system, related software, laws and regulation, corporate language)

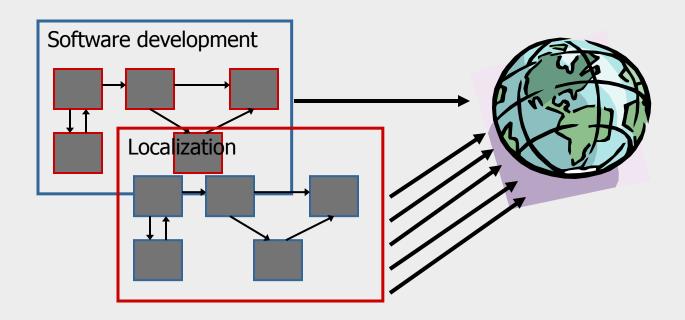


Software development and localization workflow



workflow "simple", no Δ , but late on the int. market

Software development and localization workflow



workflow complex, huge Δ , very early LION, "simship"

→ Terminology needed very early!

Internationalization and localization aspects in content development

- Content development taking into consideration the process of internationalization and localization has to take care about e.g.:
 - terminology, symbols
 - (illustrations, character sets, fonts, colors, typography, style, formats etc.)
- More aspects are discussed in:
 - Schmitz/Wahle (2000): Softwarelokalisierung
 - Reineke/Schmitz (2005): Einführung in die Softwarelokalisierung

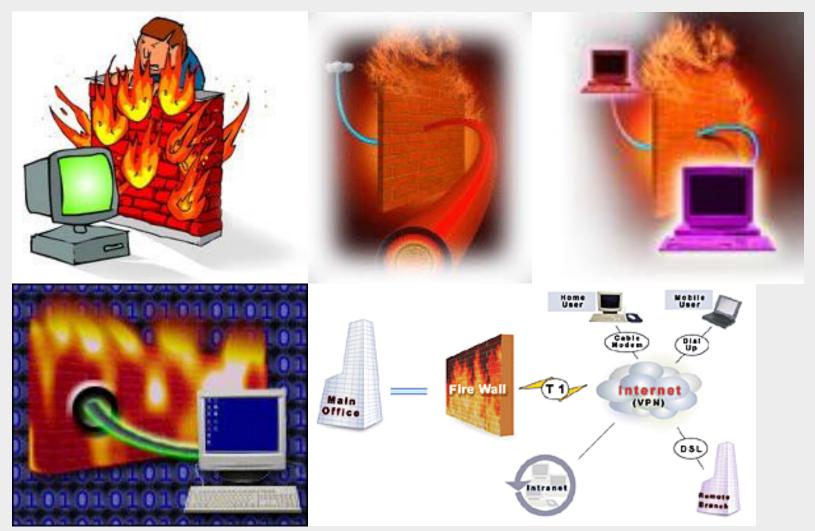
Terminology for software users

- Selection and creation of terms:
 - transparency
 - consistency
 - appropriateness
 - linguistic economy
 - derivability
 - linguistic correctness
 - preference for native language

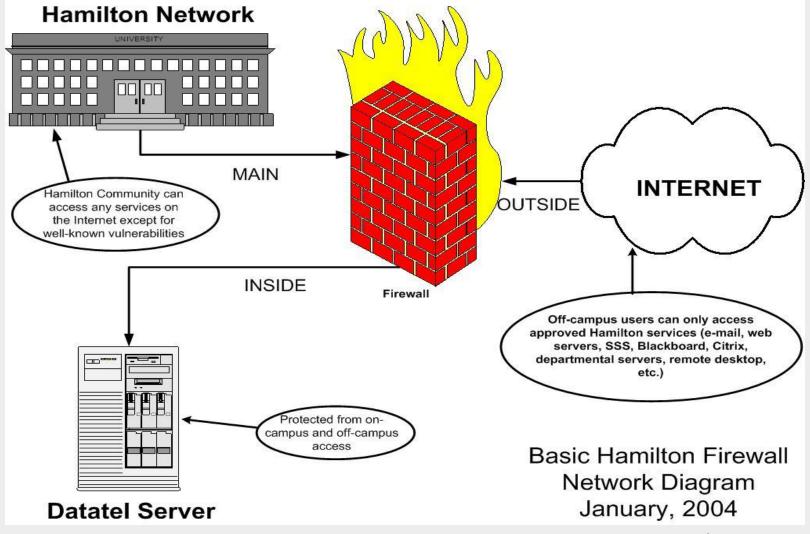
Transparency

- The concept designated by the term can be inferred without a definition
- The meaning of the term is visible by:
 - morphological motivation page setup, error message data network identification code* network printing device setup*
 - semantic motivation
 mouse, worm, virus, infected file, vulnerability
 firewall*
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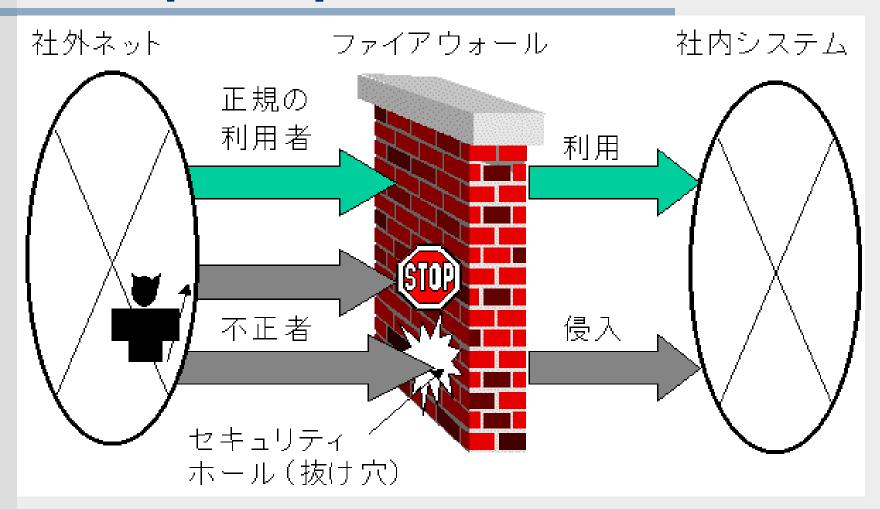
Transparency: fire wall



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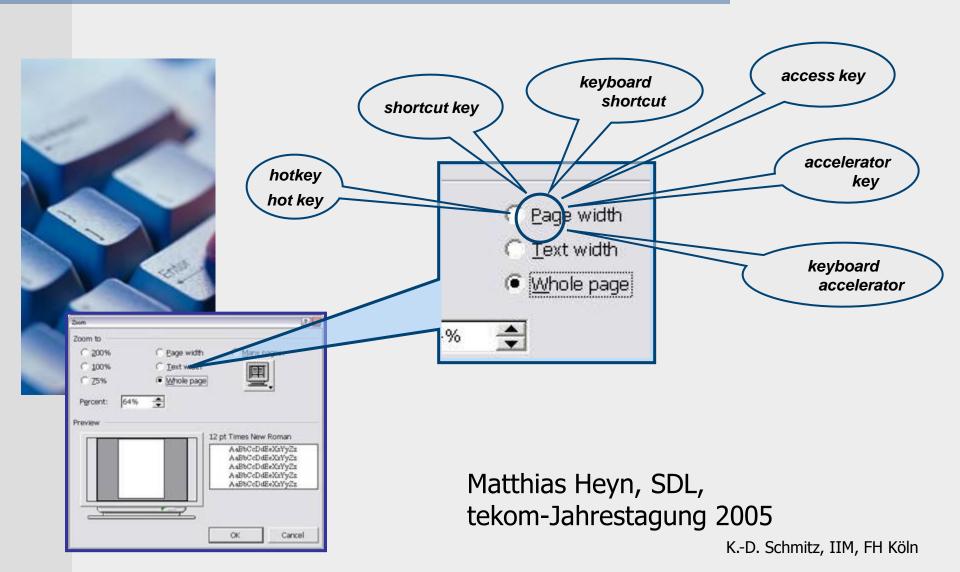
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Consistency

- The term is used consistently in all parts of the product (e.g. software products):
 - menues, dialog boxes, error messages
 - online help, tutorial
 - documentation, packaging material, website
 - return key, input key, enter key, line feed, carrage return, acknowledge key etc.
 - update, hotfix, update rollup, security pack, private fix etc.

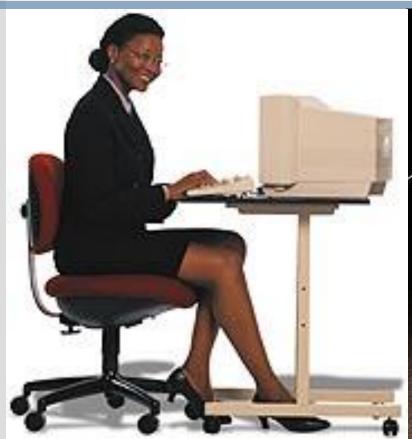
Consistency: terms



Appropriateness

- Appropriateness means that terms:
 - have to be familiar to the user (localization!)
 - don't cause confusion or insecurity
 - have no negative connotations (neutral, politically correct)
 - express installation (only components needed)
 network installation (all components)
 - system error, severe error, fatal error, user error etc.
 - master/slave, web designers' bible, knowledge nugget etc.
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Appropriateness

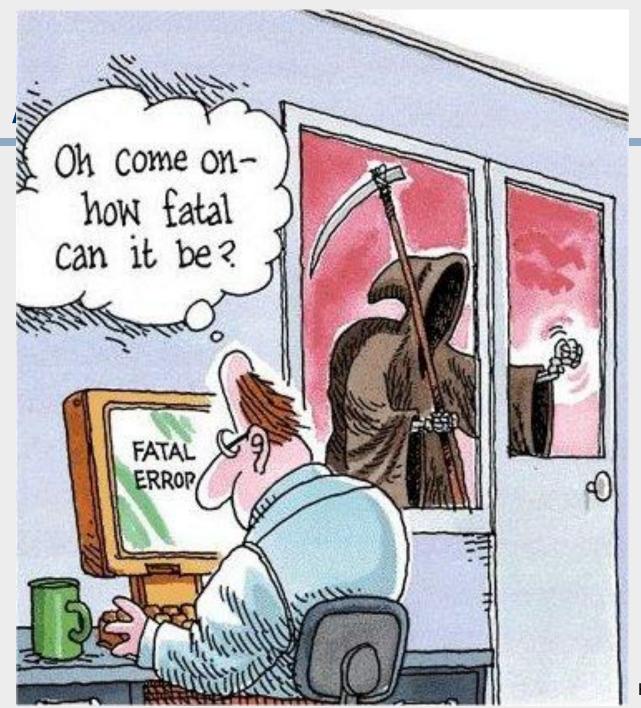




Can you image that both user(goup)s will use and understand the same term for a given concept?

Appropriateness





Other features

- Linguistic economy
 - Ultrakurzwellenüberreichweitenfernsehrichtfunkverbindung
- Derivability
 - medicinal plant vs. herb --> herbal, herbalist, ...
- Linguistic correctness
 - aktualisieren vs. updaten, geupdated, upgedatet, ...
- Preference for native language
 - Startseite vs. Homepage

Symbols & icons

- Symbols and icons are very often used to optimize communication with the user as well as to optimize localization efforts
- Although symbols are "language-free", they are very much dependant on the "cultural environment" of the user
- Symbols are very often taken from common sphere of life and use allusions (concrete vs. abstract), homonymy or even homophony

Symbols & icons (e.g. software)



EN: trash

DE: Papierkorb



EN: clipboard

DE: Zwischenablage



EN: home

DE: Anfang / Startseite



EN: table (spreadsheet)

DE: Tabelle

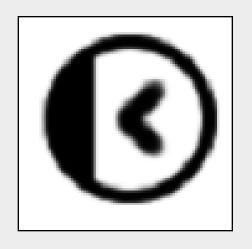


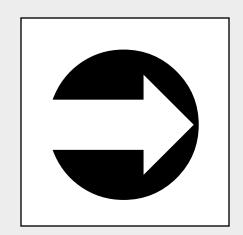
EN: paws = pause (in a game)

DE: Tatzen ≠ Pause



Symbole





Which symbol you would choose for "incoming"?

Tools for software localization

- Consistent terminology needed across all components of a software product, therefore terminology management systems
- (internally + externally) repetitive texts allow for translation memory systems
- localization of the program itself requires specific localization software
- complexity and tide schedules require project management tools

Tools for software localization

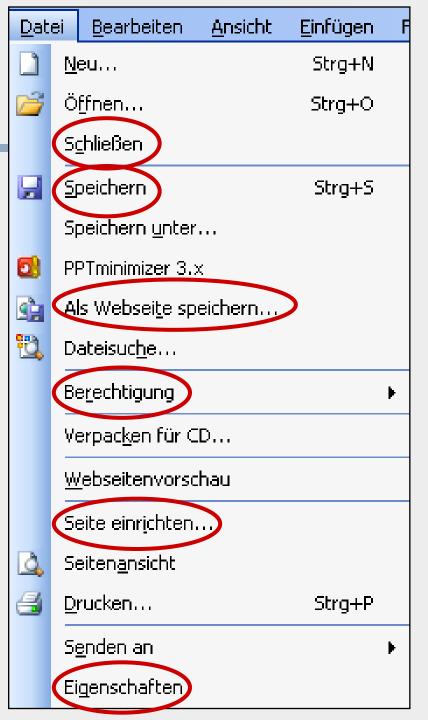
- Established interaction between terminology management and translation memory software
- Cooperation between terminology management and localization tools still lacking
- Established principles of terminological data modeling are not always adequate for software localization terminology solutions
 - Specific solution needed

Specific terminology solution needed!

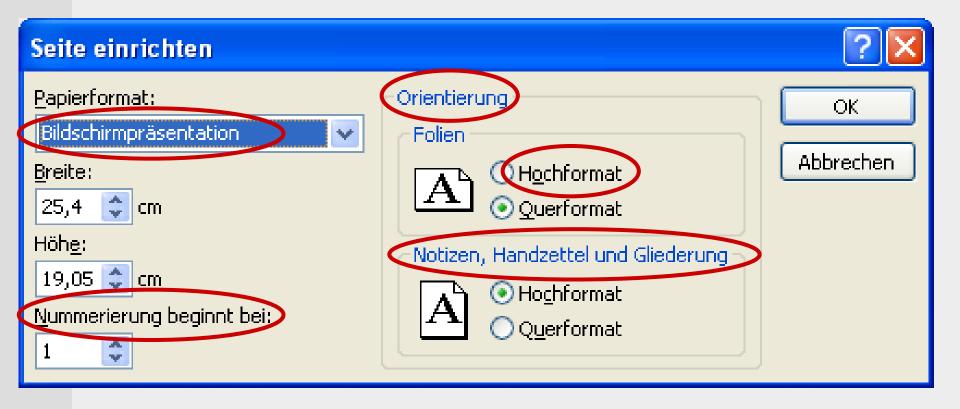
- Which additional data categories are needed for software localization terminology management?
 - Is it helpful to know, if the term appears in a menu, in a dialog box, in an error message, in an online help file or in the manual?
 - Is it helpful to know, if e.g. the term within a dialog box refers to a check button, push button or radio button?
 - Activate Task List = Aktiviert die Aufgabenliste
 Aufgabenliste aktivieren
 Aktivieren Sie die Aufgabenliste

(status line / dialog box / user request)_{K.-D. Schmitz, IIM, FH Köln}

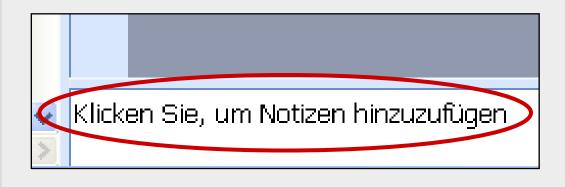
GUI terms



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Ettekt ändern					
Starten:	v				
Eigenschaft:	v				
Geschwindigkeit:	v				
Ein Element auf dieser Folie auswählen und "Effekt hinzufügen" anklicken, um die Animation hinzuzufügen.					

Research needed!

- What is a terminological unit?
 What is a concept?
 - Format
 - Print
 - Save as ...
 - Copy file
 - Date and Time
 - Convert into Adobe PDF and send via e-mail
 - Unexpected error in application program
 - File %f could not be opened
 - etc.

GUI concepts

- Concept orientation: one concept = one terminological entry
- The GUI terms shown are managed within the software (and the localization tool) as one unique unit (with an unique ID)
 - \rightarrow one entry \rightarrow one concept ?!
- When is it necessary to identify different concepts?
 - Print... in my and your Word 2007 ?
 - Print... in Word 97 and in Word 2007 !?
 - Print... in Word and in Excel!

Definition of GUI concepts

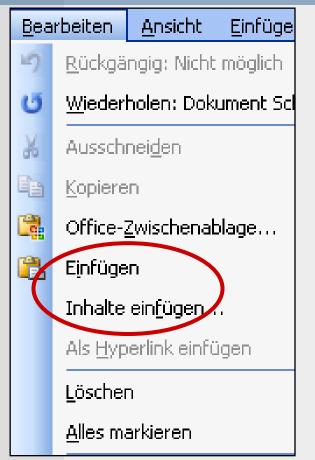
- Definition: representation of a concept by a descriptive statement which serves to differentiate it from related concepts (ISO 1087-1)
- Intensional definition: definition which describes the intension of a concept by stating the superordinate concept and the delimiting characteristics ("ideal" def.)

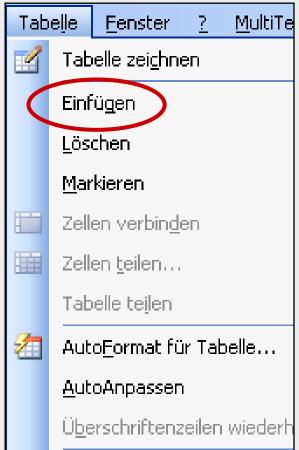
- Is it possible / necessary / desireable to (intensionally) define GUI concepts ?
- Is there a difference between such a definition and a traditional one? (Datei vs. Datei hm), IIM, FH

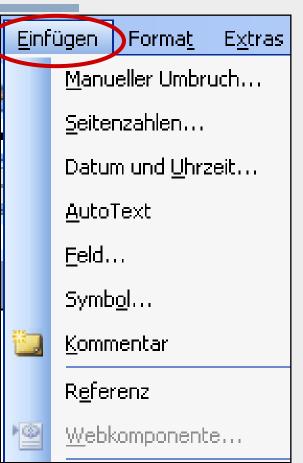
Context of GUI terms

- Context: text which illustrates a concept or the use of a designation (ISO 1087-1)
- In "traditional" terminology management, the context (example) shows the linguistic usage of a term.
- GUI terms don't have a linguistic context!
- But the "situational" or "functional" context is important!

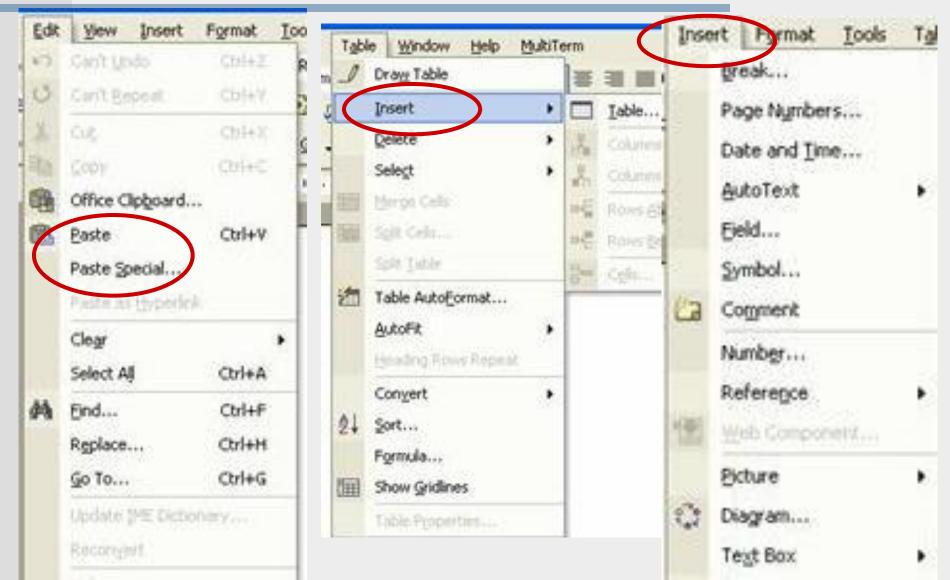
Kontext von Software-Benennungen







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Data modeling for GUI terminology

Dandelion Project

Data Modeling and Data Exchange for Software Localization (DandDEL10N)

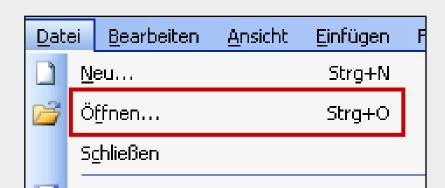
- Cologne University of Applied Sciences (IIM)
- June 2005 May 2007

Objective:

- Optimizing the tools used for software localization (mainly terminology management systems)
- Proposal for LION-specific ISO 12620 data categories
- Proposal for adjusting TBX (and XLIFF) to LION needs

Data categories for LION

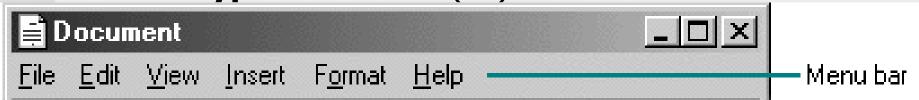
- LION-Type
- Development environment
- Project
- String ID
- LION-Context
- Source
- Term (e.g. Öffnen)
- Full form (e.g. Ö&ffnen... *tab* Strg+O)
- Linguistic type
- Part of speech
- Parameter
- Hotkey
 - Shortcut



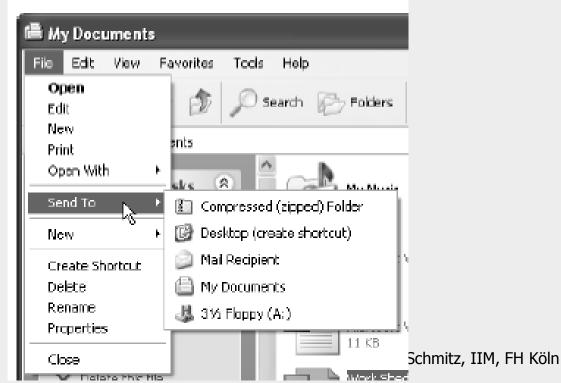
Specific datCats for localization

- **LION-type** (for Windows XP):
 - **Menu type:** Menu item (MI)
 - **Dialog box type:** Dialog box (DB), Group box (GB), Text box (TB), Combo box (CB), Combo box element (CBE), Check box (CHB), Tab (T), Push button (PB), Radio button (RB), Spin box (SB), Progress bar (PRB), Slider (SL)
 - Message type: Informative message (IM), Interactive message (IAM), ToolTip (TT)
 - **Table:** Table text (TAT)
 - User defined type (UDT)

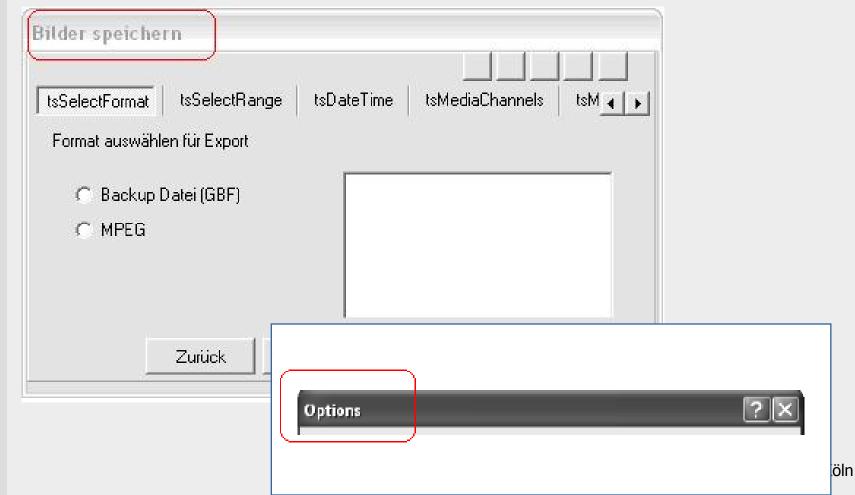
Menu type: Menu item (MI)



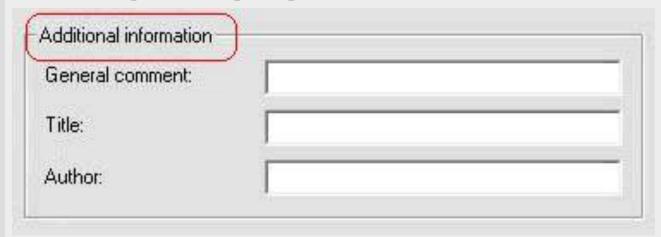




Dialog box (DB)



Group box (GB)

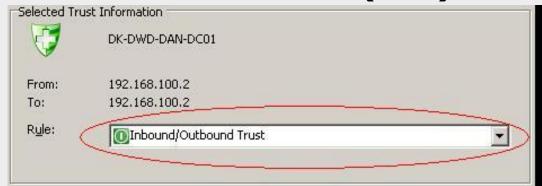


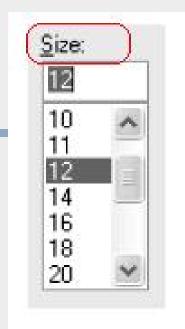
Text box (TB)

General comment:		
Title:		
Author:		

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- Combo box (CB)
- Combo box element (CBE)

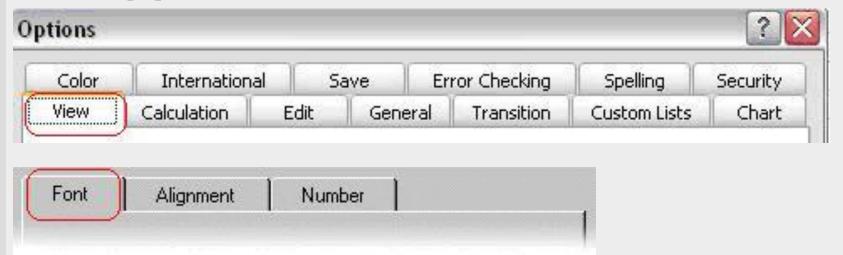




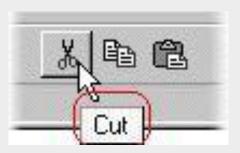
Check box (CHB)

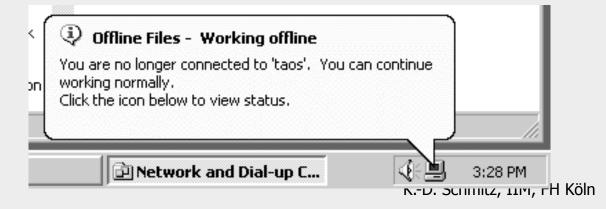
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☐ Semicolon	☐ Other:
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Tab (T)



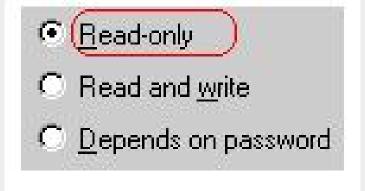
ToolTip (TT)

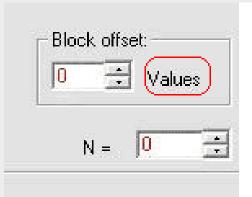




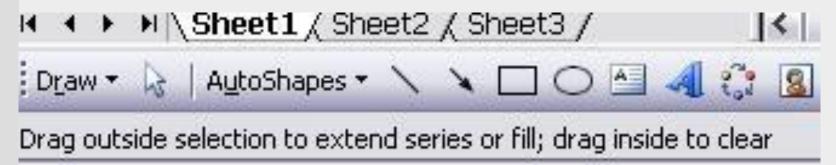
Push button(PB) Radio button(RB) Spin box(SB)



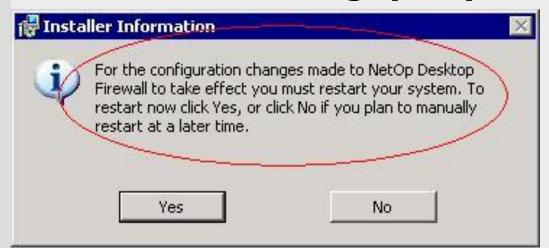




Informative message (IM)



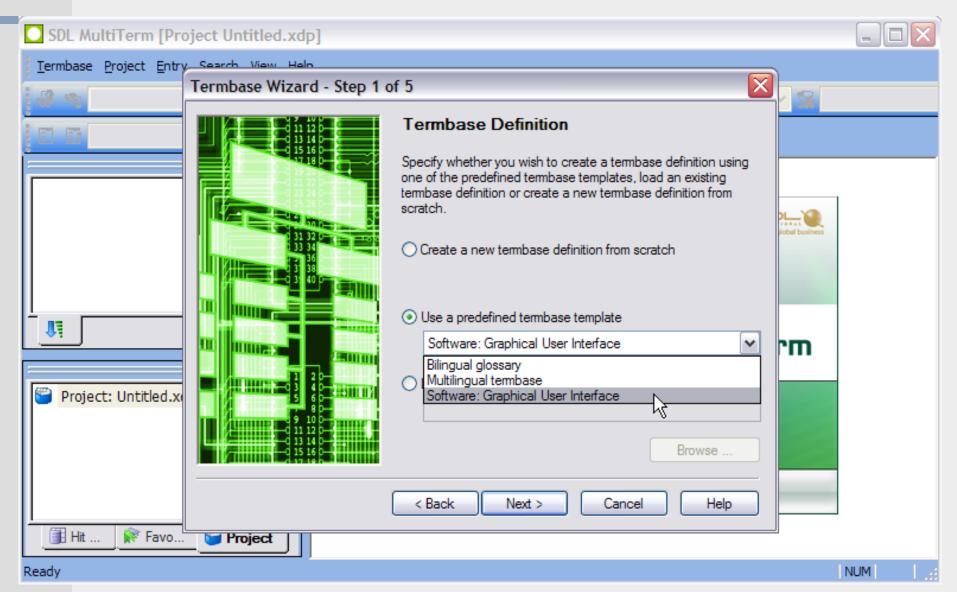
Interactive message(IAM)



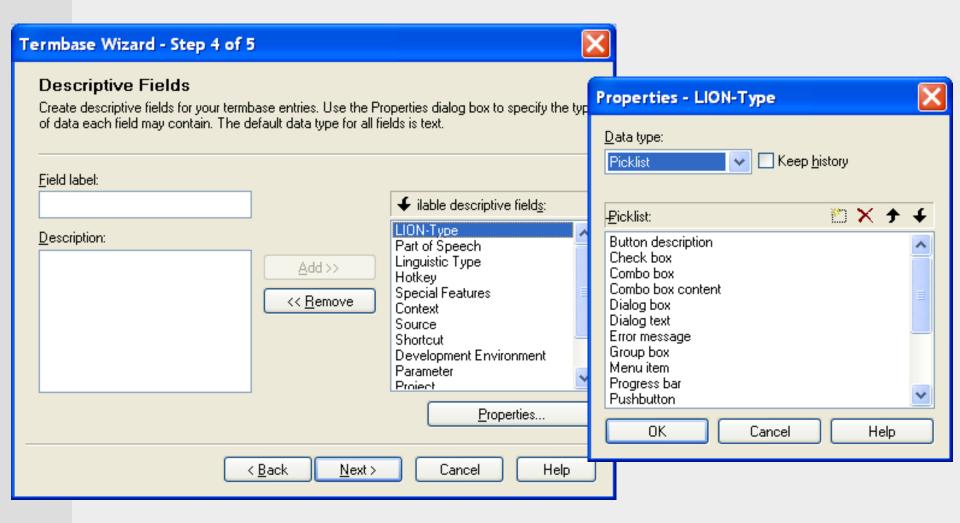
Extension of ISO 12620: new datCats for TBX

Name	ISO 12620	Representation	dataType	Manda -tory?	Level	Comment
Localization type	n/a	<pre><descrip type="lionType">picklist box</descrip></pre>	picklist: Menu item Dialog box Group box Text box Combo box Combo box element Check box Tab Push button Radio button Spin box Progress bar Slider Informative Message Interactive message ToolTip Table text User defined type	N	T	This data category needs to be added to TBX. The picklist values are from the Dandelion EU project. (Institute for Information Management, University of Applied Sciences Cologne).

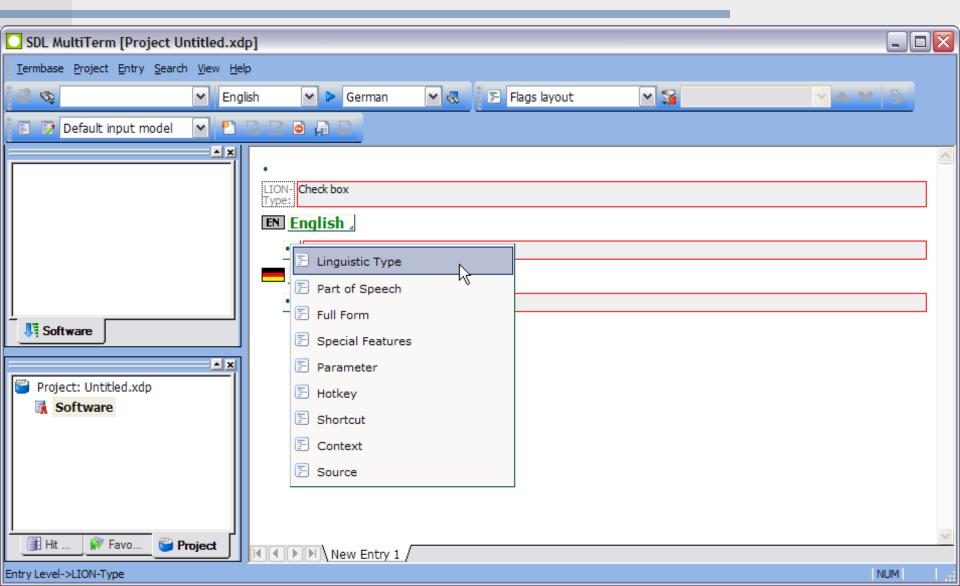
Predefined termbase template for software localization in MultiTerm 2007



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Conclusion I

- The creation of transparent, motivated, appropriate and consistent terminology is a pre-condition for the ease-of-use of software products and the empowerment of end-users
- Therefore, terminology theory, working methods and applications are important for software development and localization
- Diligent terminology (management) does not only help end-users but also documentation and localization experts

Conclusion II

 Only a proactive and multi-disciplinary terminology approach will really help.

- proactive:
 when concepts are created and named
- multi-disciplinary: programmers, interface designers, technical writers, web designers, marketing experts, hotline people, localizers etc.

Conclusion III

- Specific terminology data modelling (incl. datCats) is required for software localization.
- Interfaces and data interchange features are needed between software development platforms, localization tools and terminology management systems. (Adaptation of TBX and XLIFF)
- Research in the field of general terminology theory is necessary: what are objects and concepts in software user interfaces?



Thank you for your attention

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