

Social Translation: How Massive Online Collaboration Could Take Machine Translation to the Next Level

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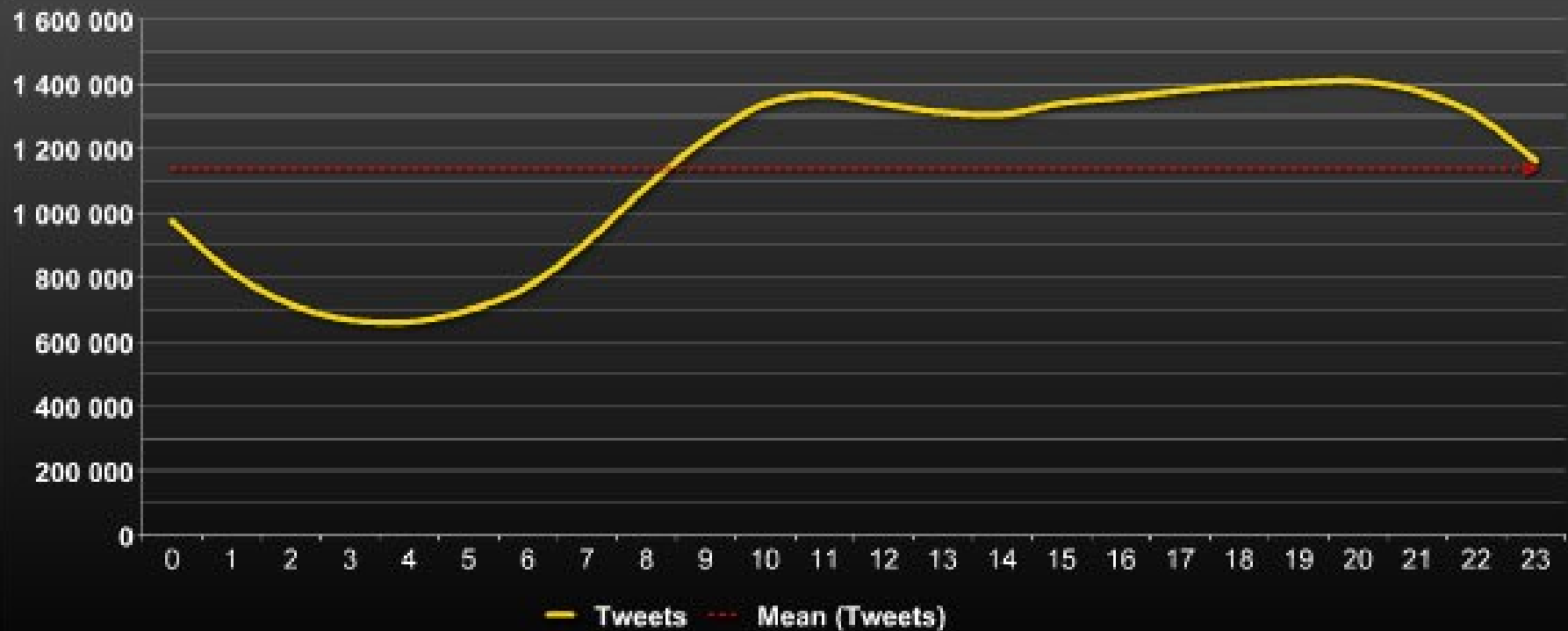
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Web content grows very fast

Average number of tweets per hour on Twitter, US EST



**But language barriers
create islands of contents**



Who is going to fix this mess?



Not him!!!

People will!!!!




A close-up photograph of a person's hand typing on a black laptop keyboard. The background is blurred, showing a colorful parrot with blue, yellow, and red feathers perched on a surface. The text "With a little help from computers..." is overlaid in yellow with a black outline.

**With a little help
from computers...**

Social translation

• Social translation

- Massive online collaboration of people
- People includes:
 - experts and non-experts
- Fronts:
 - Collaborative translation and postediting
 - Improvement of machine translation engines
- Contributions:
 - Intentional and unintentional

A wide-angle photograph of a golden wheat field stretching towards a horizon under a cloudy sky. A single, thin tree stands in the middle ground, slightly to the right of the center. The foreground is filled with the texture of the wheat stalks.

**Result: a commons of
linguistic resources and
translation engines**

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Tradubi

Our proposal for social translation

Tradubi

social translation and machine translation customization

Username:

Password:

Remember me

Do you have an OpenID account?



Create and share dictionaries for machine translation

Tradubi users can create and share dictionaries containing translations for particular terms. These dictionaries (whether public, private or shared) can be used to customize the machine translation engine and get new translations.

Easily adapt Apertium to your needs

Currently, Tradubi is built upon [Apertium](#), a free/open-source machine translation platform. This way, Tradubi benefits from the



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Tradubi is an open-source Ajax-based web application for social translation built upon Apertium.

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First release of Tradubi (1.3 MB)



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- Features:**
- Ajax-based web application
 - machine translation interface
 - Apertium dictionaries modification

Release Date: 2009-12-14

Topic: [Machine Translation](#)

Operating System: [Linux](#)

License: [Afero GNU Public License](#)

Translations: [English, Spanish](#)

Intended Audience: [Information Technology, Advanced End Users](#)

User Interface: [Web-based](#)

Tradubi allows you to...

- Create and share user dictionaries for machine translation
- Easily adapt Apertium to your needs
- Get dictionary recommendations
- Postedit/store machine translations
- Take your data with you
- Much more to come...



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