The Journey of the W3C Internationalization Tag Set - Current Location and Possible Itinerary –

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W3C ITS in a Nutshell – What and Why (Overview)?

The W3C Internationalization Tag Set (ITS) is a W3C Recommendation.

ITS helps to internationalize XML-based Contents by allowing standardized statements.

Content that has been internationalized with ITS can be more easily processed by humans and machines.

ITS is an important ingredient to the W3C Note "Best Practices for XML Internationalization"

W3C ITS in a Nutshell – It's Abound Annotations

Which parts have to be translated?

Anything I need to know when working on this?



Does the "x" element split a run of text into two linguistic units?



W3C ITS in a Nutshell – Why and How (Details)?

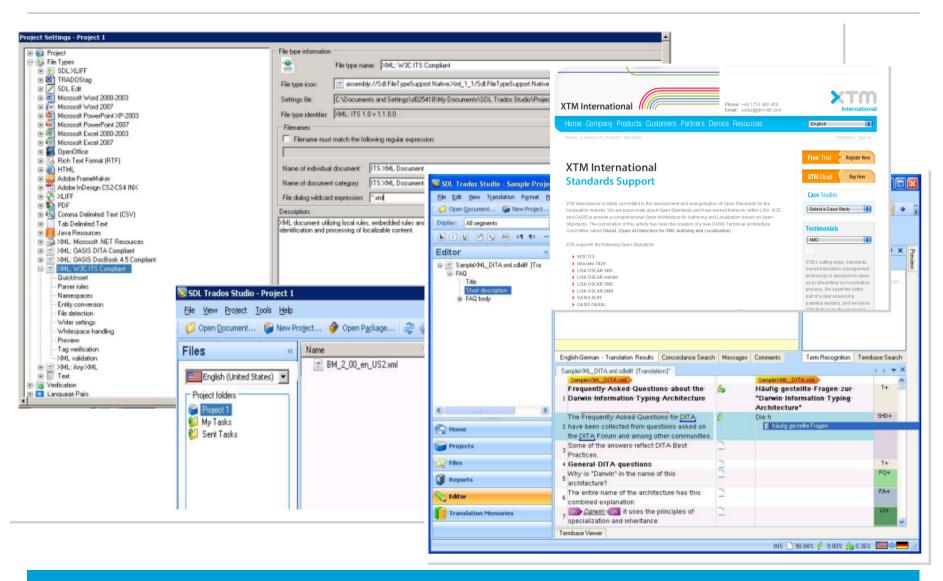
Scenario: Configure a spell checker or communicate to a translator, so that only natural language content is being considered. Answer a couple of questions for getting the configuration right.

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Language of the content?
                      Собирание версия="1.2-3">
                       <Объект id="12">
        Terms?
                        <howepOбъекта>OnlineCard</homepOбъекта>
                        <BНаличии>123</BНаличии>
                       <Oписание xml:lang="ja">第二発電機</Oписание>
       Codes?
                       </Объект>
                       <Объект id="64">
      Footnotes?
                       <НомерОбъекта>45-7894-456
/НомерОбъекта>
                       <BHаличии>Latest Offer</BHаличии>
                       <Oп xml:lang="ja">手動ウォーター・ポンプ </Oп>
Foreign language expressions?
                       </Объект>
                       Собирание>
  Annotations for readers?
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W3C ITS in a Nutshell – What (Details)?

Translate	Mark whether the content of an element or attribute should be translated or not". (other processes than translation can use Translate)
Localization Note	Communicate notes to localizers about a particular item of content
Terminology	Mark terms and optionally associate them with information, such as definitions
Directionality	Specify the base writing direction of blocks, embeddings and overrides for the Unicode bidirectional algorithm
Ruby	Provide a short annotation of an associated base text, particularly useful for East Asian languages
Language Information	Express the language of a given piece of content
Elements Within Text	Identify how an element behaves relative to its surrounding text, eg. for text segmentation purposes

W3C ITS in Tools – SDL Trados Studio, XTM



W3C ITS in Tools – Okapi

Set of libraries and components for writing translation- and localization-related tools

Applications, Tools, Scripts

Downloads, source, bugs, etc: http://code.google.com/p/okapi

Help and documentation: http://okapi.opentag.com

Users Group: http://code.google.com/p/okapi

Filters

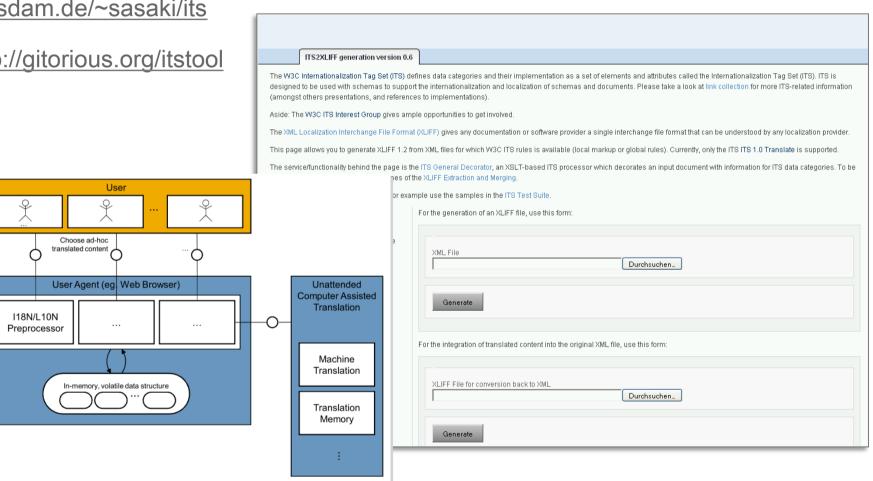
Connectors (Segmenter, Tokenizer, etc.)

Core Libraries (Resource model, Event model, APIs, Annotations, etc.)

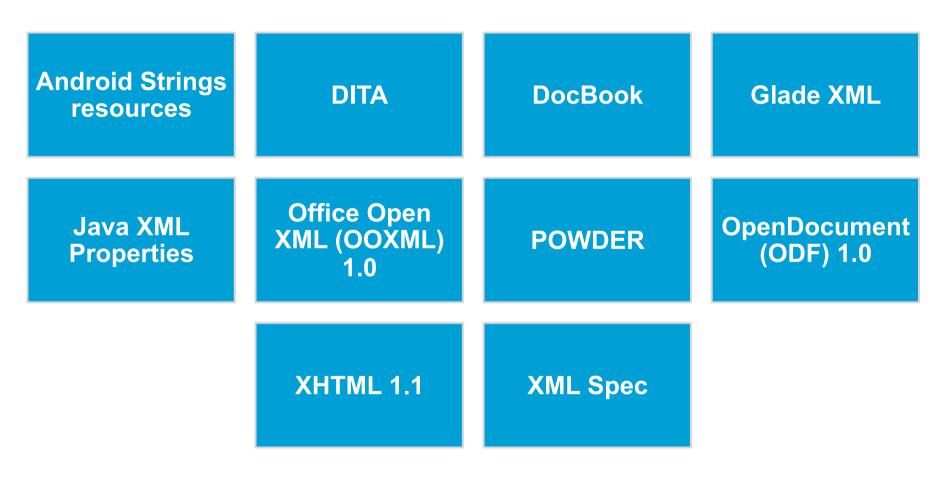
W3C ITS in Tools - ITS2XLIFF Tool, More ...

http://fabday.fhpotsdam.de/~sasaki/its

http://gitorious.org/itstool



W3C ITS for Popular Formats



http://www.w3.org/International/its/wiki/RulesRepository

W3C ITS in Popular Formats

Several well-known XML document types

• http://www.w3.org/TR/xml-i18n-bp/#Modularization

W3C ITS-enabled schemas for DocBook do already exist

- http://www.docbook.org/xml/5.0/rng/dbits.rnc
- http://www.docbook.org/xml/5.0/rng/dbits.rng

The *translate* data category is under discussion for HTML5

http://www.w3.org/Bugs/Public/show_bug.cgi?id=12417

Suggested Enhancements to W3C ITS

targetPointer

• Where is the translation or where should it go?

idValue

How can I identify things?

Local "Elements within Text"

How to say "Do not segment" in place?

Whitespaces

Can I do something to whitespace?

"Context"

What can you tell me in addition?

localeSpecificContent

• Is this only for one country?

Automated Language Processing

Does this lend itself to automatic processing?

http://www.w3.org/International/its/wiki/IssuesAndProposedFeatures

Outlook

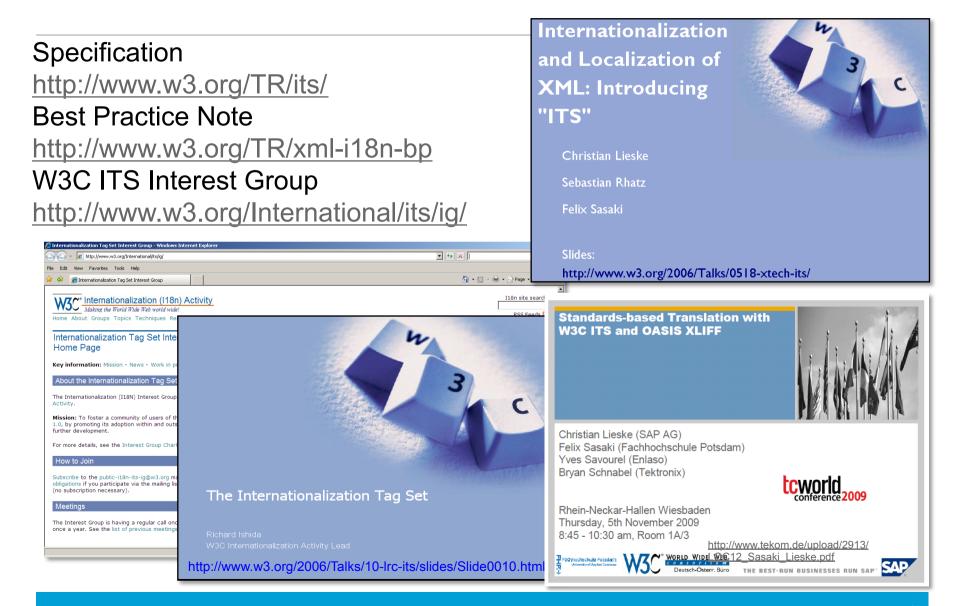
! Additional tool support

! Further usage scenarios (forthcoming MultilingualWeb-LT project)

? Continue to run ITS IG

? ITS 2.0

Digging Deeper



Thank You!

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