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Ten good reasons for using a translation memory

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Ten Good Reasons

for using a translation memory

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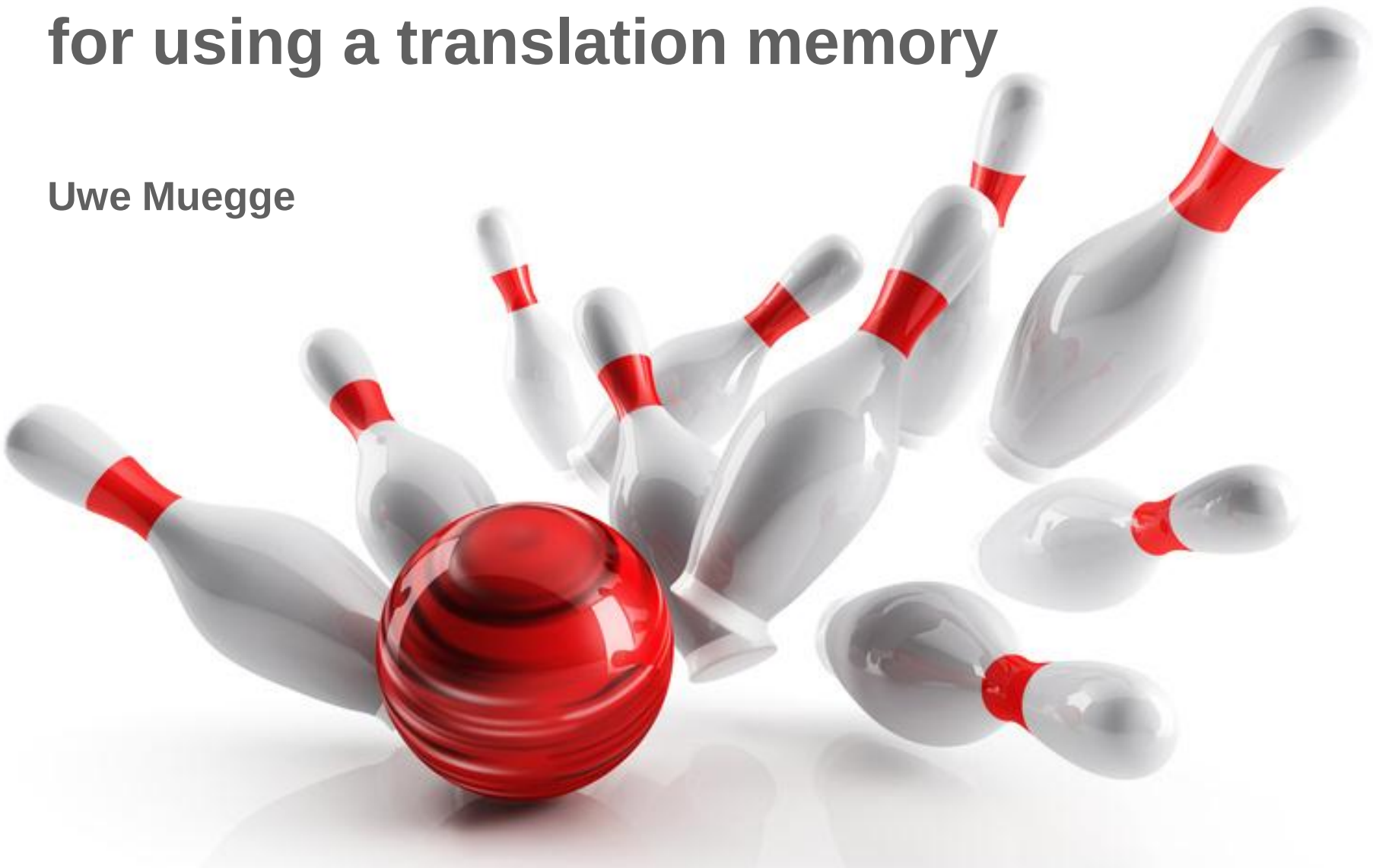

Translation Challenges

Faster Delivery

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Windows 7

Better Quality

More Efficiency

Traditional Translation Environment

- ☹ Does not offer much support for translation-specific tasks
- ☹ Forces translators to perform many non-value-added activities
- ☹ Forces translators to use external programs during translation

Definition

translation memory (TM)

type of translation software that supports the work of translation professionals in two ways:

1) making previous translations easily available for re-use;

2) automating many translation-related tasks

TMs inner workings

- Break up source documents into segments before translation
- Find matching segments in the repository during translation
- Save linked source and target segments after translation

TEN GOOD REASONS

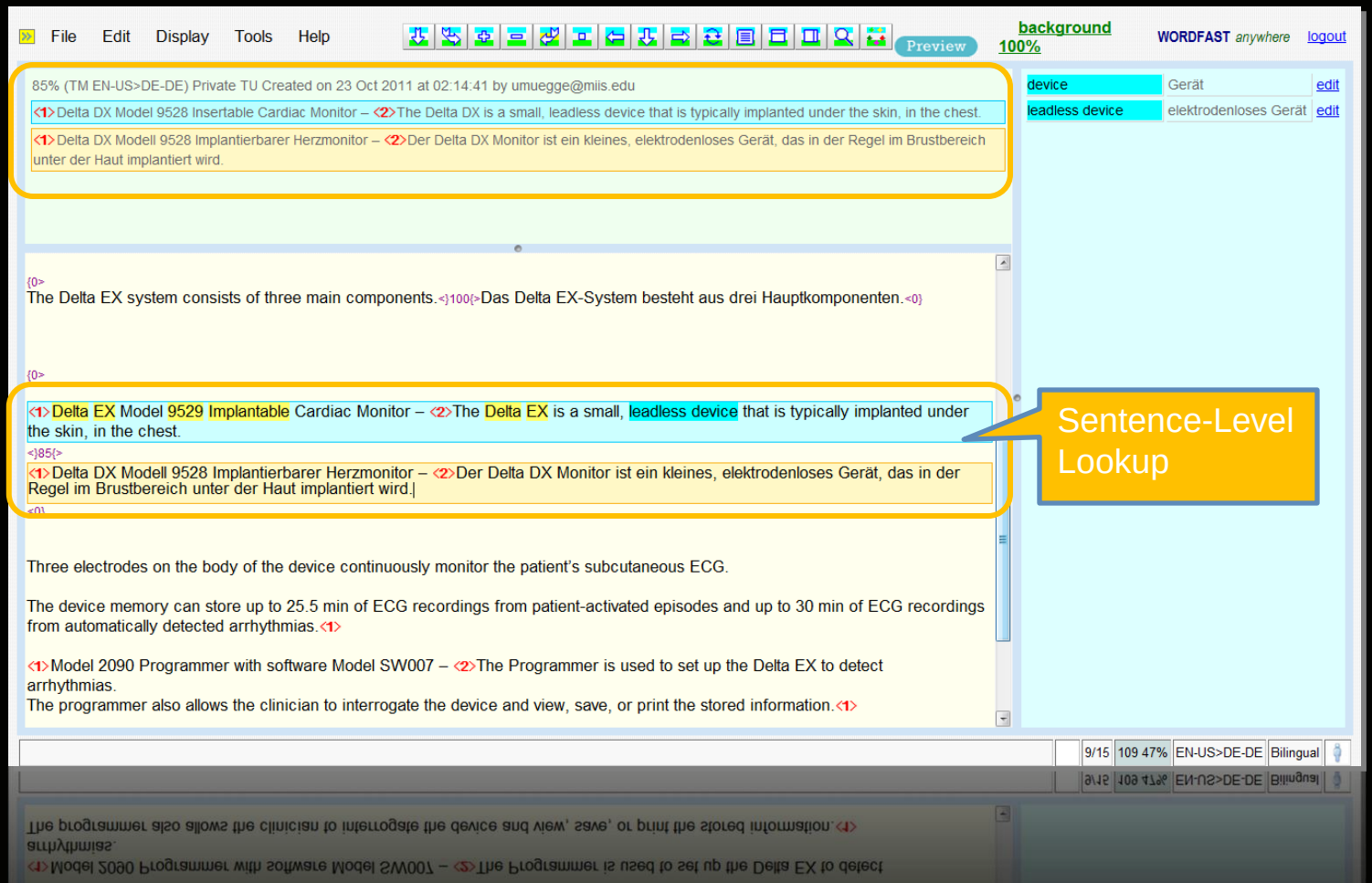
FOR USING A TRANSLATION MEMORY SYSTEM

A good reason for using a TM system

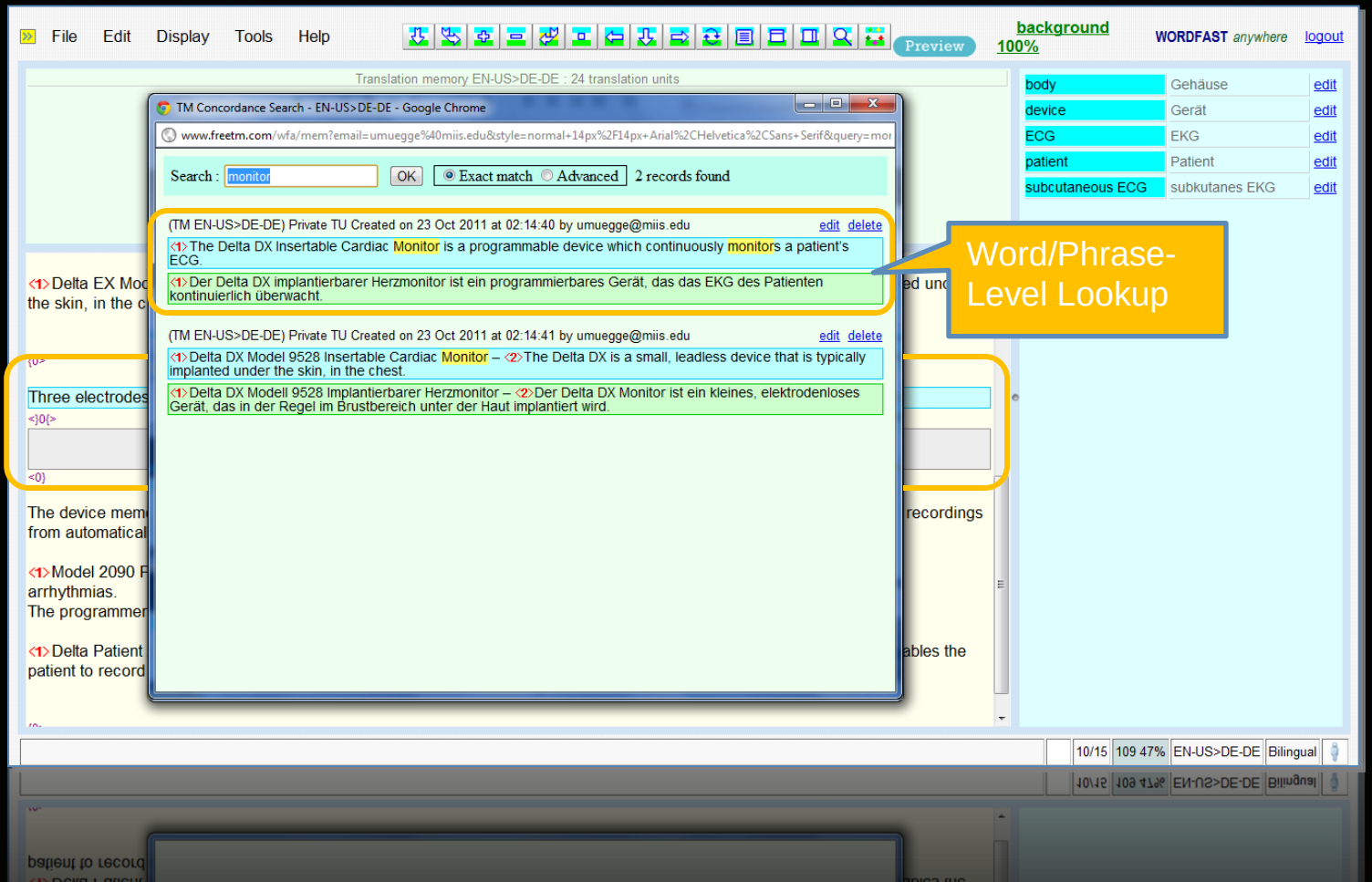
1

TM systems facilitate the systematic re-use of previously created translations

Automatic TM Lookup



Manual TM Lookup



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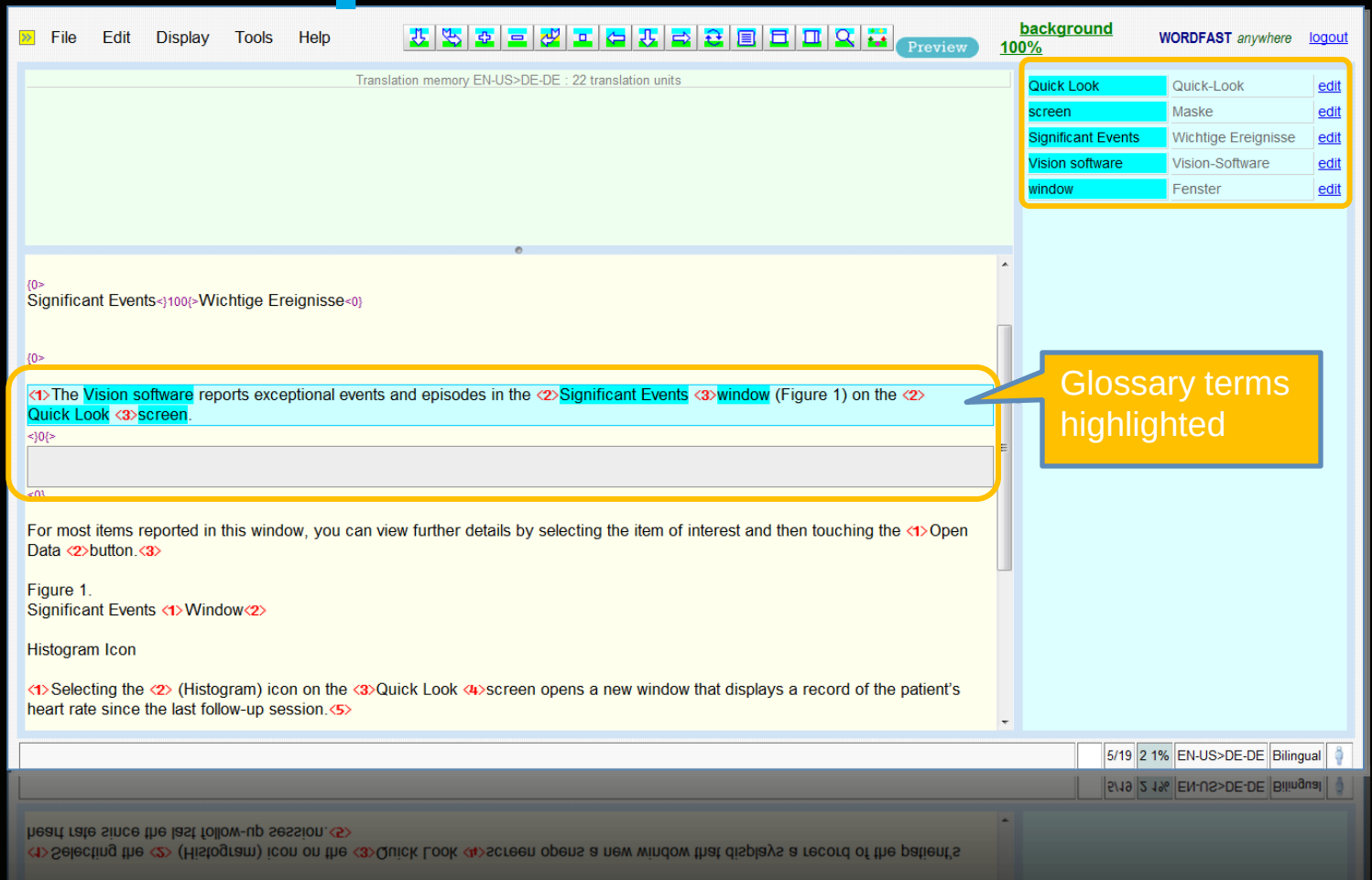
TM systems enable translators to perform automatic terminology lookup

Automatic Terminology Lookup



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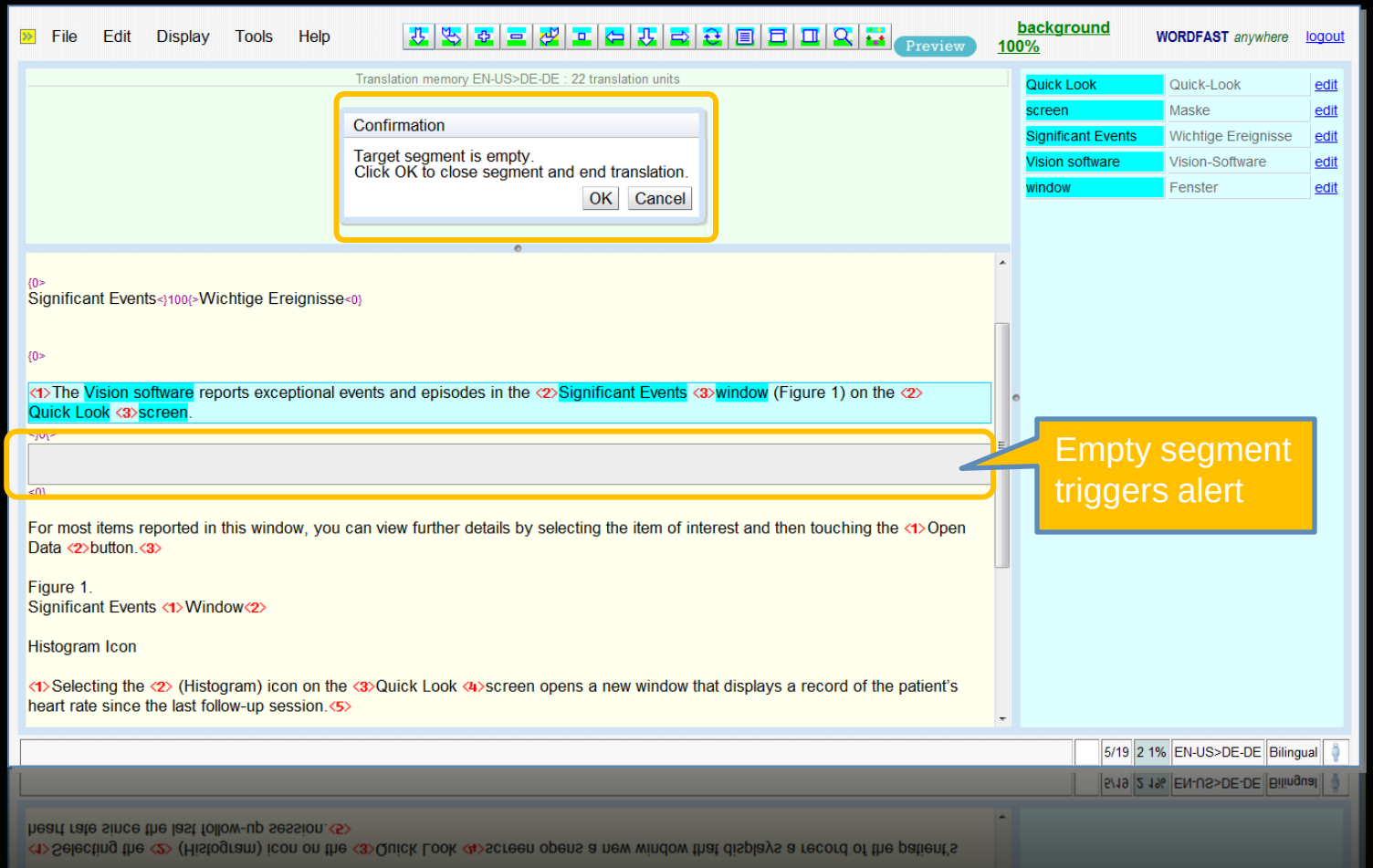
TM systems ensure that translators translate all sentences in a document

Automatic Completeness Check



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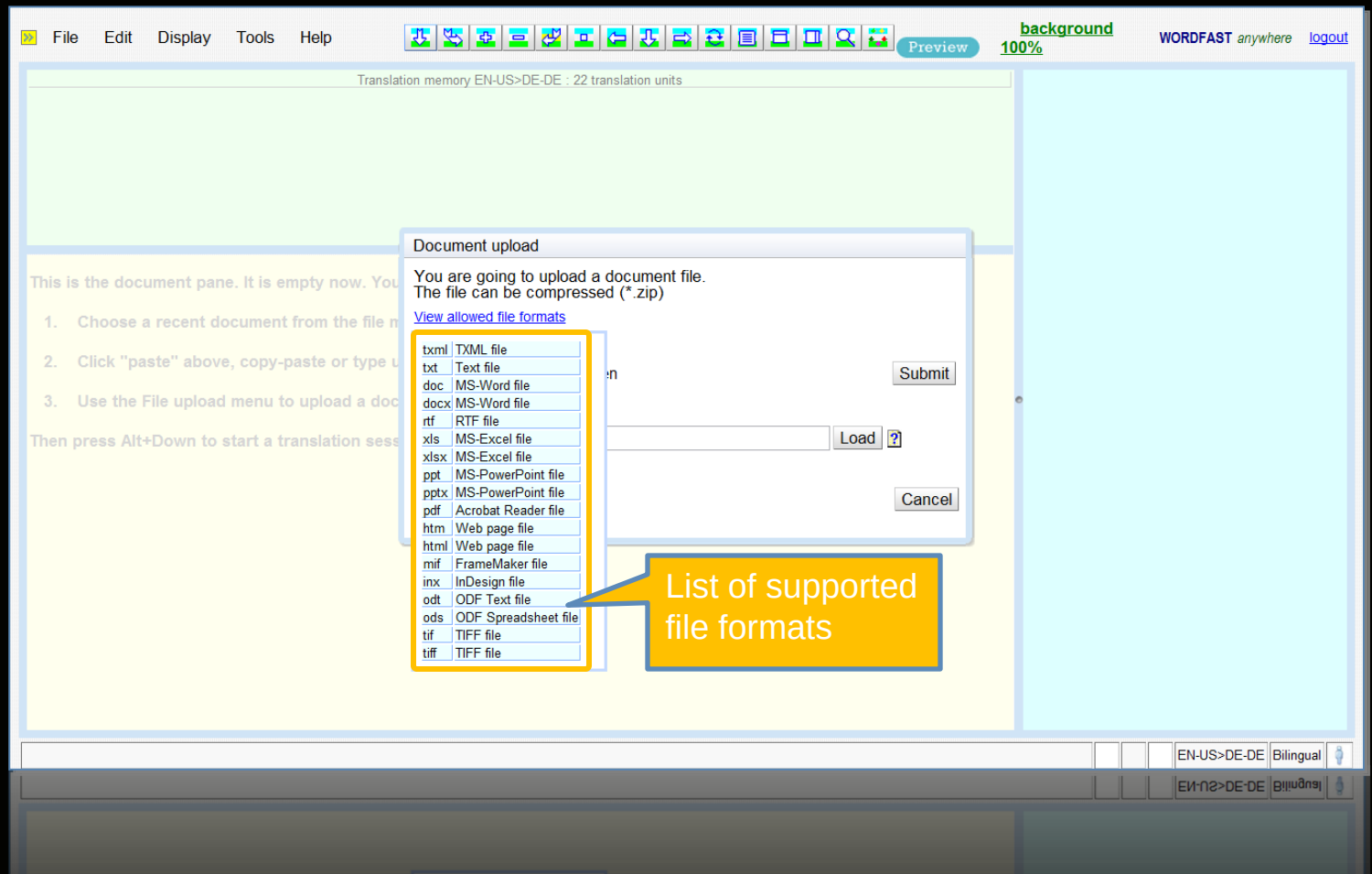
TM systems enable translators to translate multiple file formats in a single system

Multiple file format support



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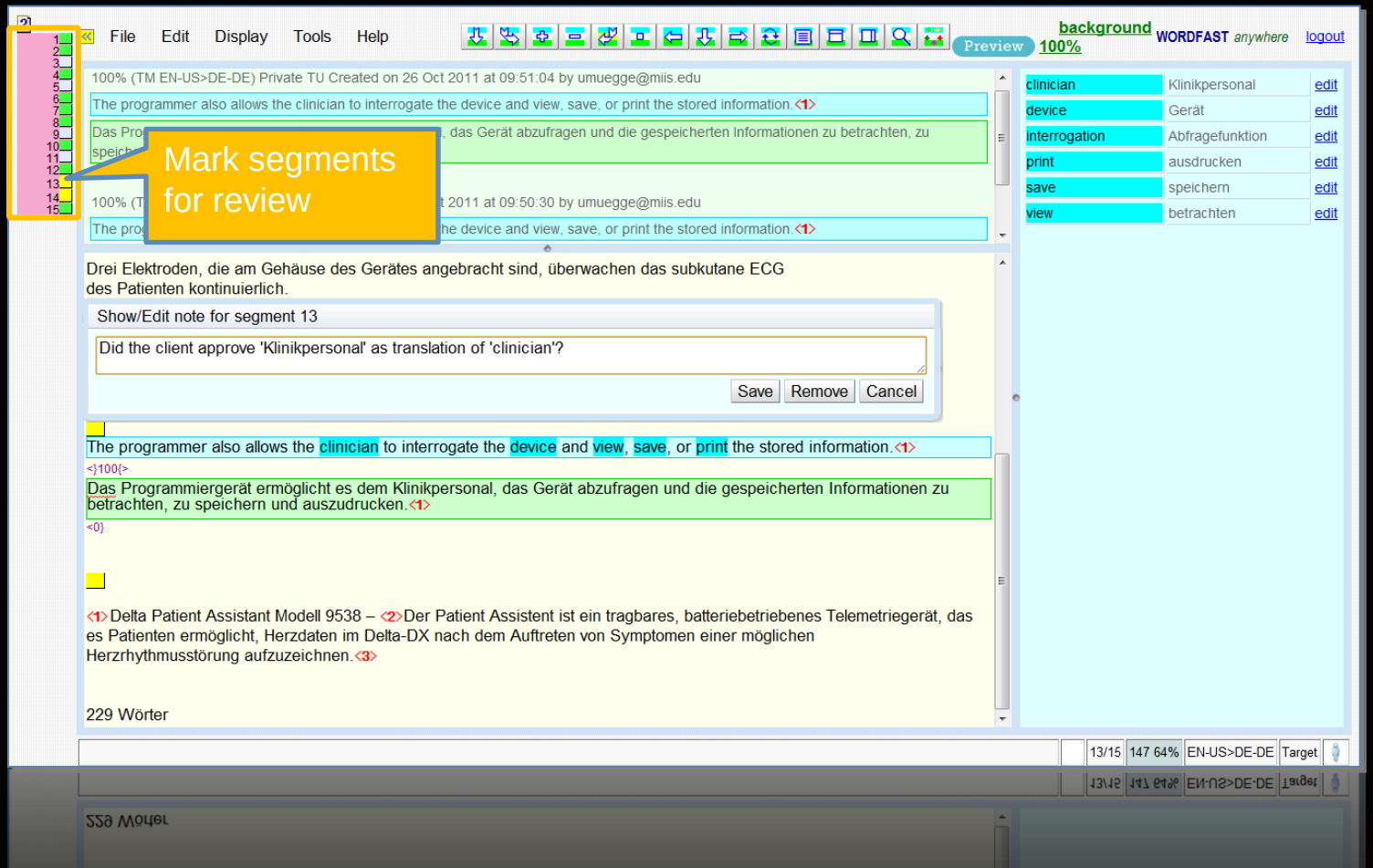
TM systems simplify the translation review and editing process

Review functions



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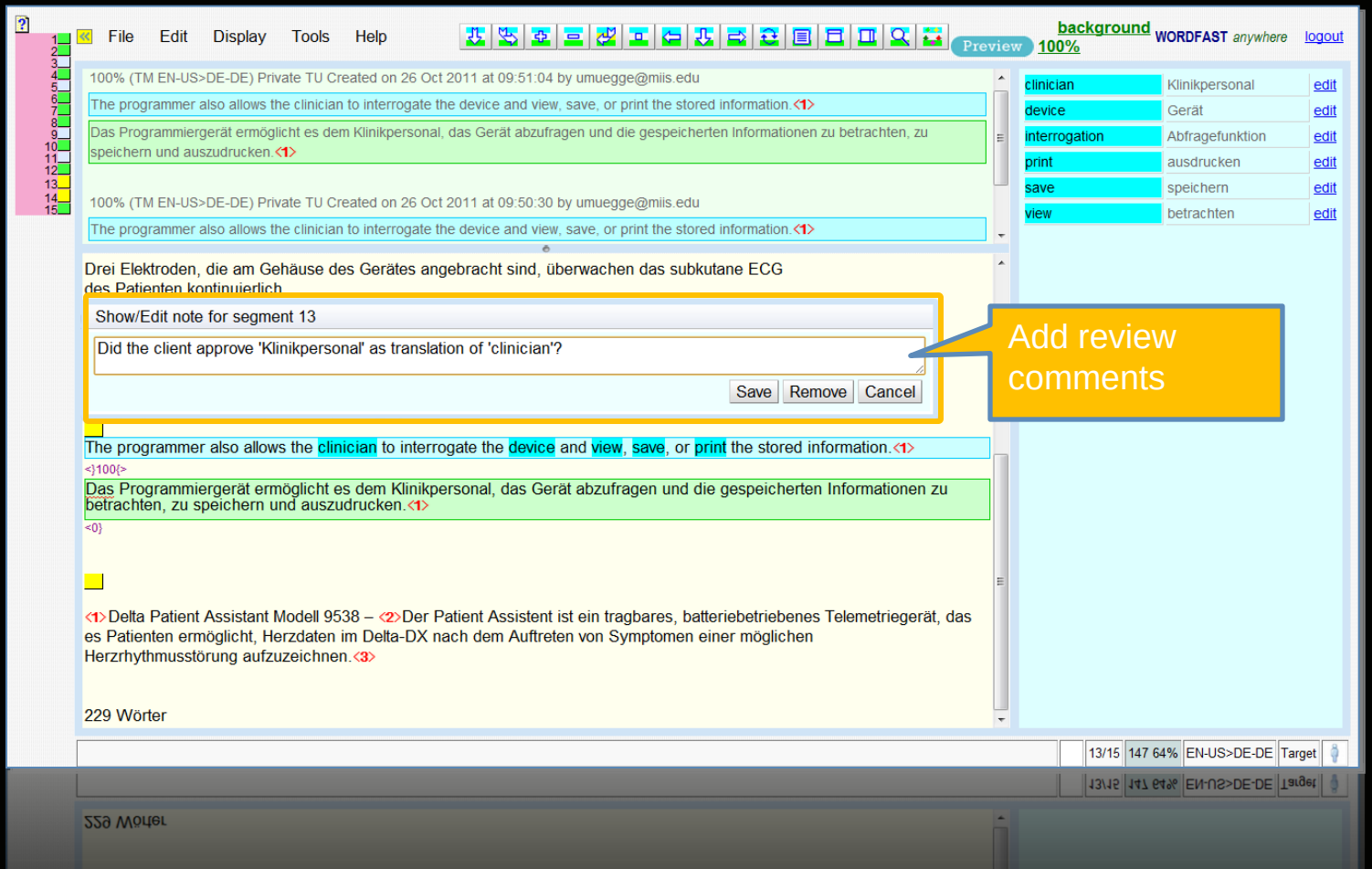

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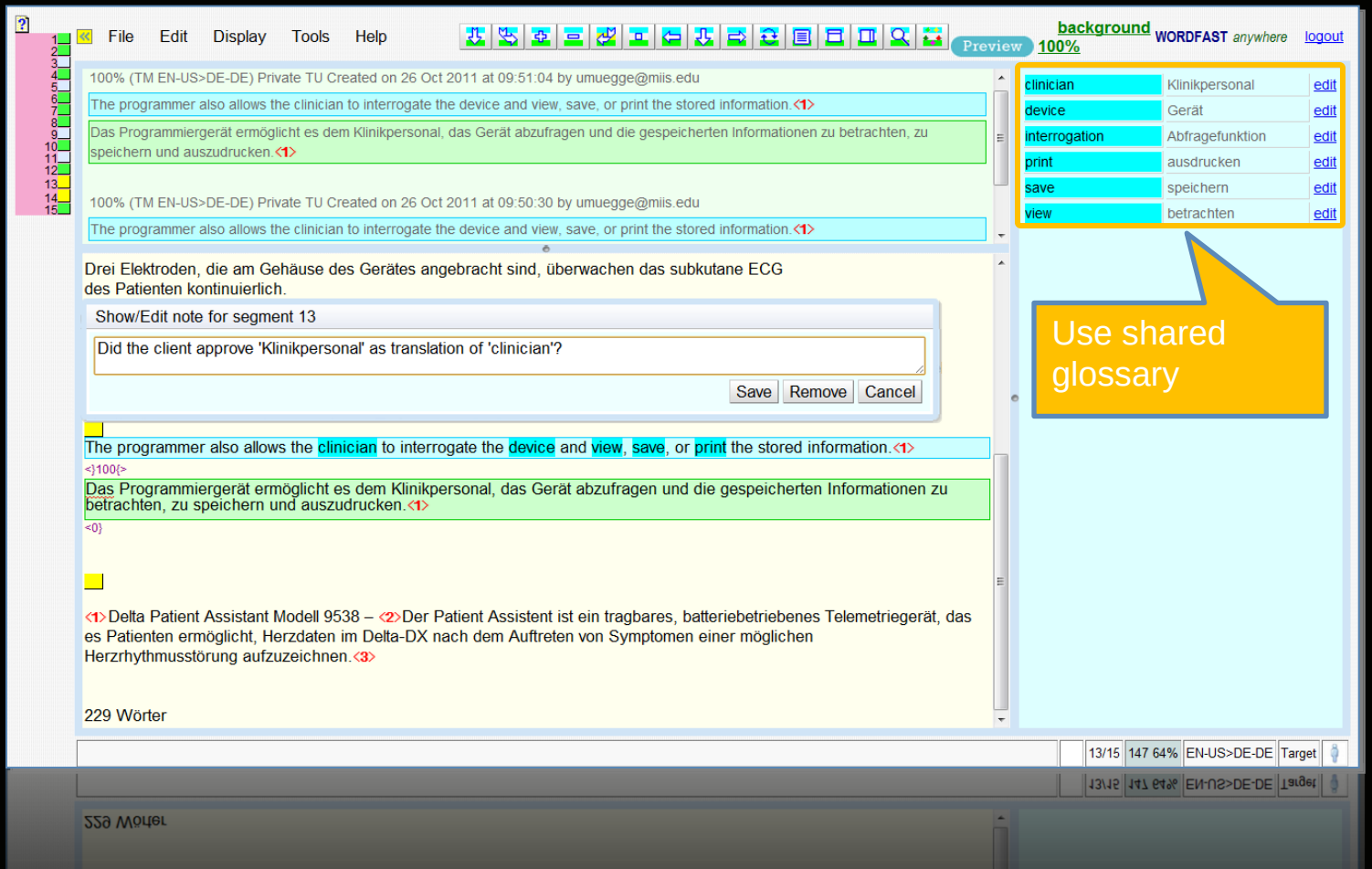

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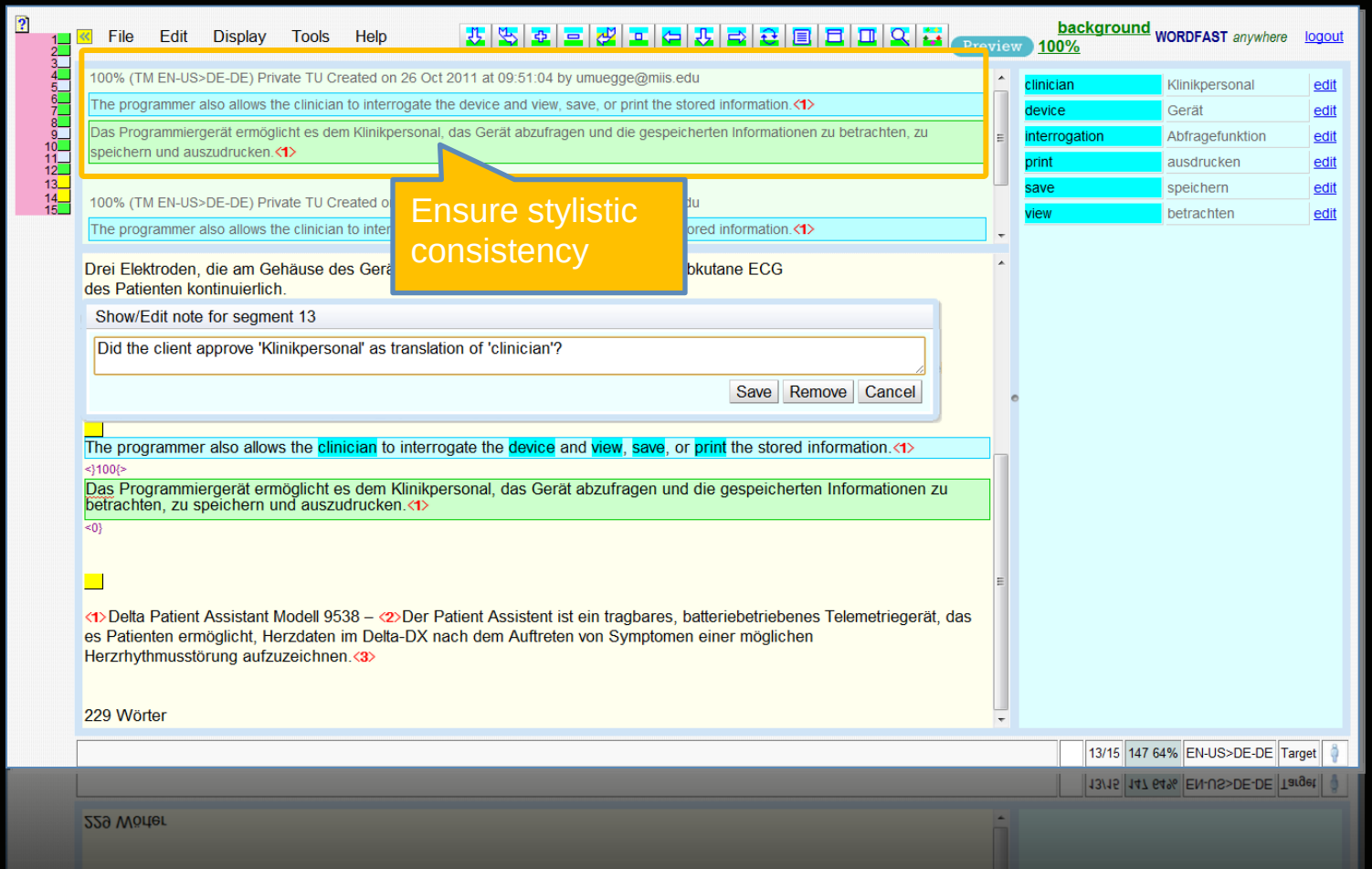

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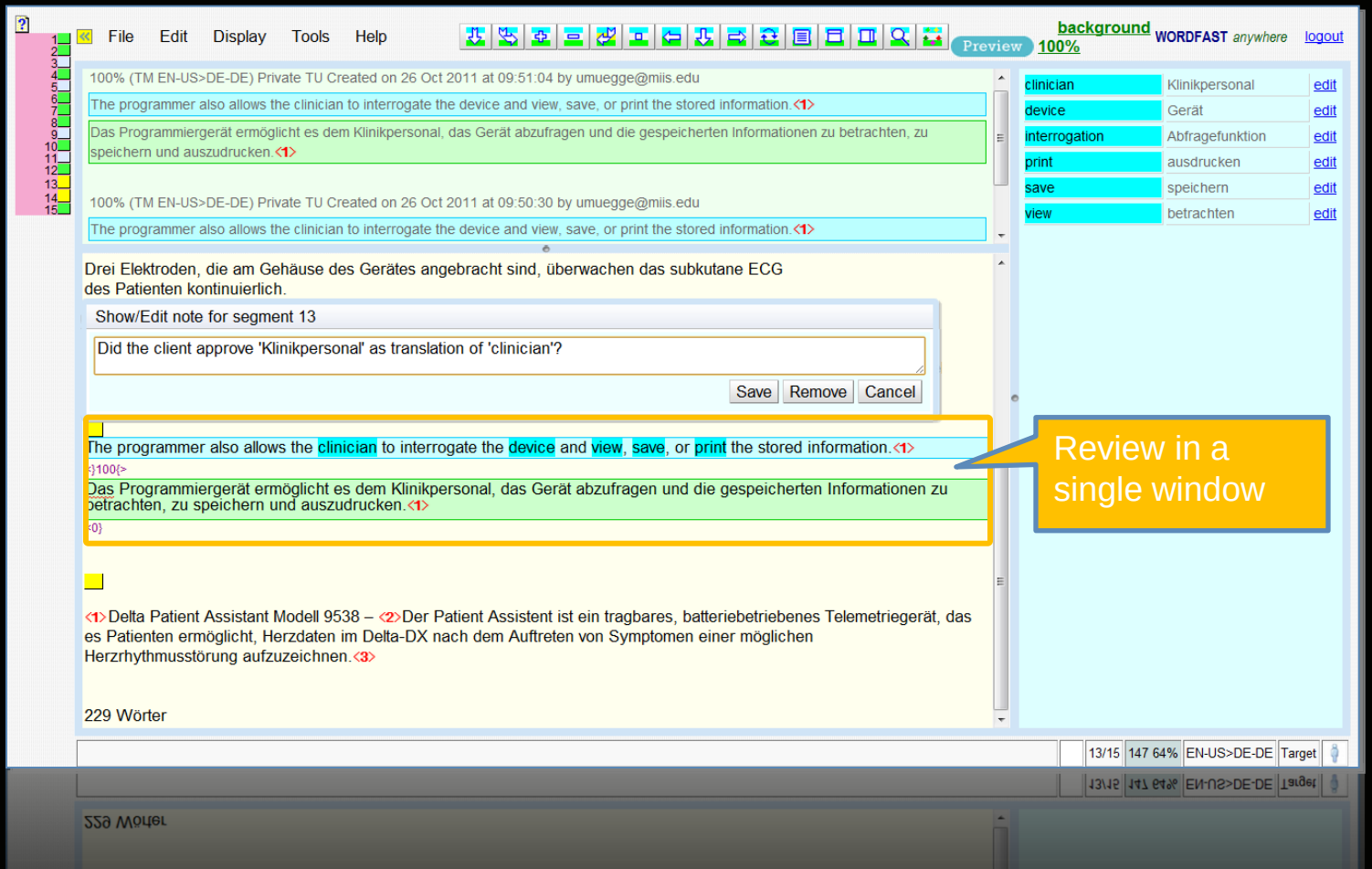

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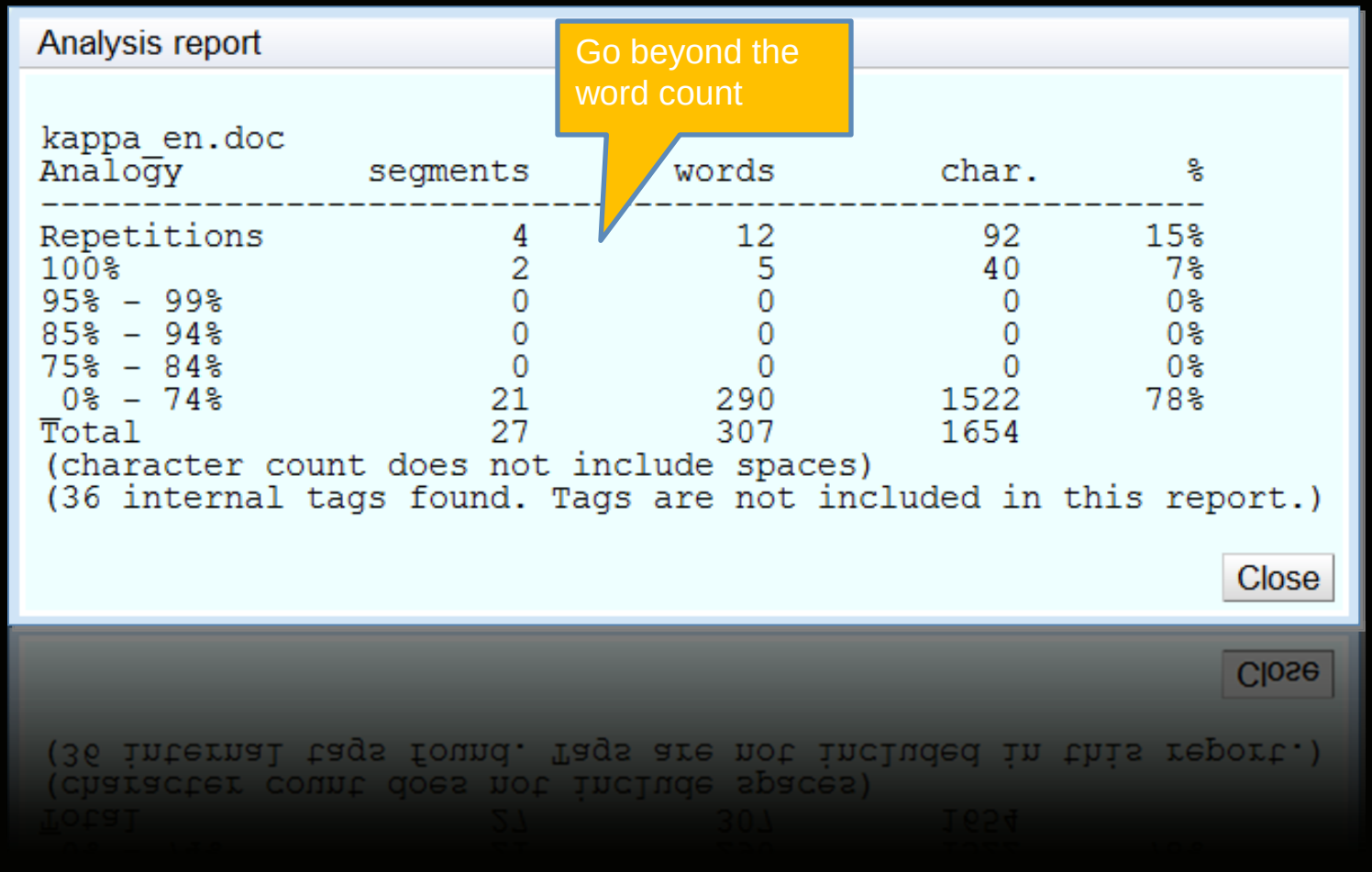
TM systems enable translators to create more accurate estimates

Analysis function



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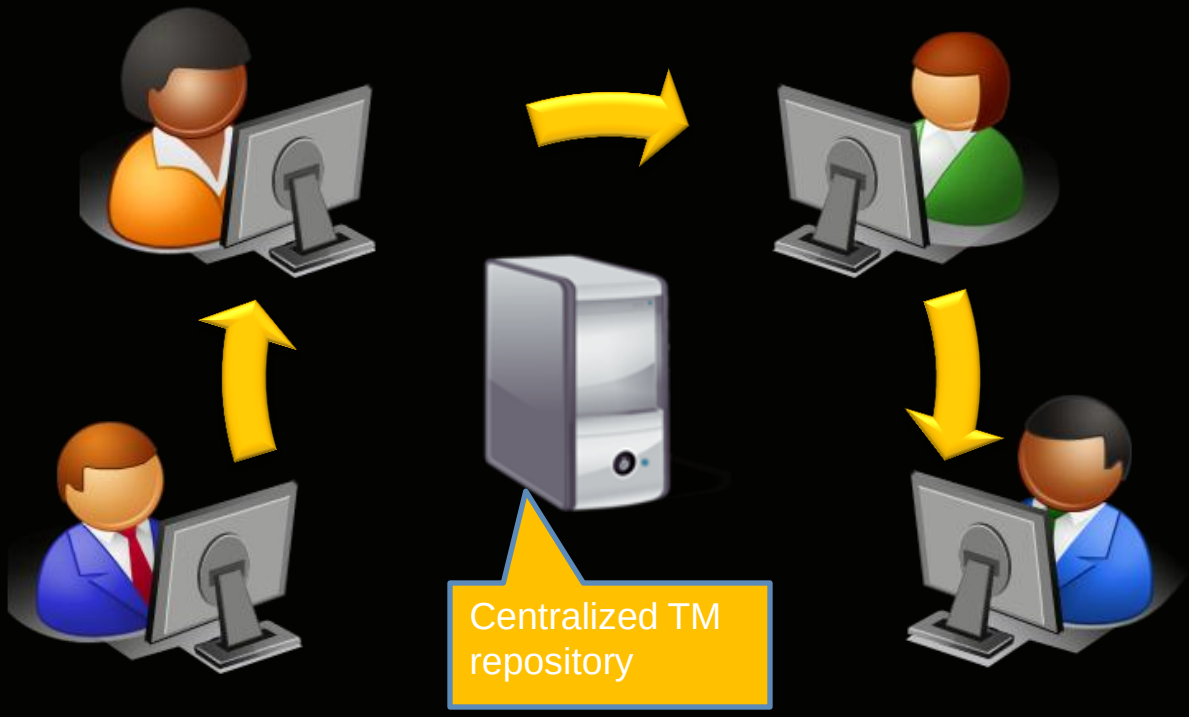
TM systems enable translators to collaborate seamlessly on large projects

Easy collaboration/ leveraging



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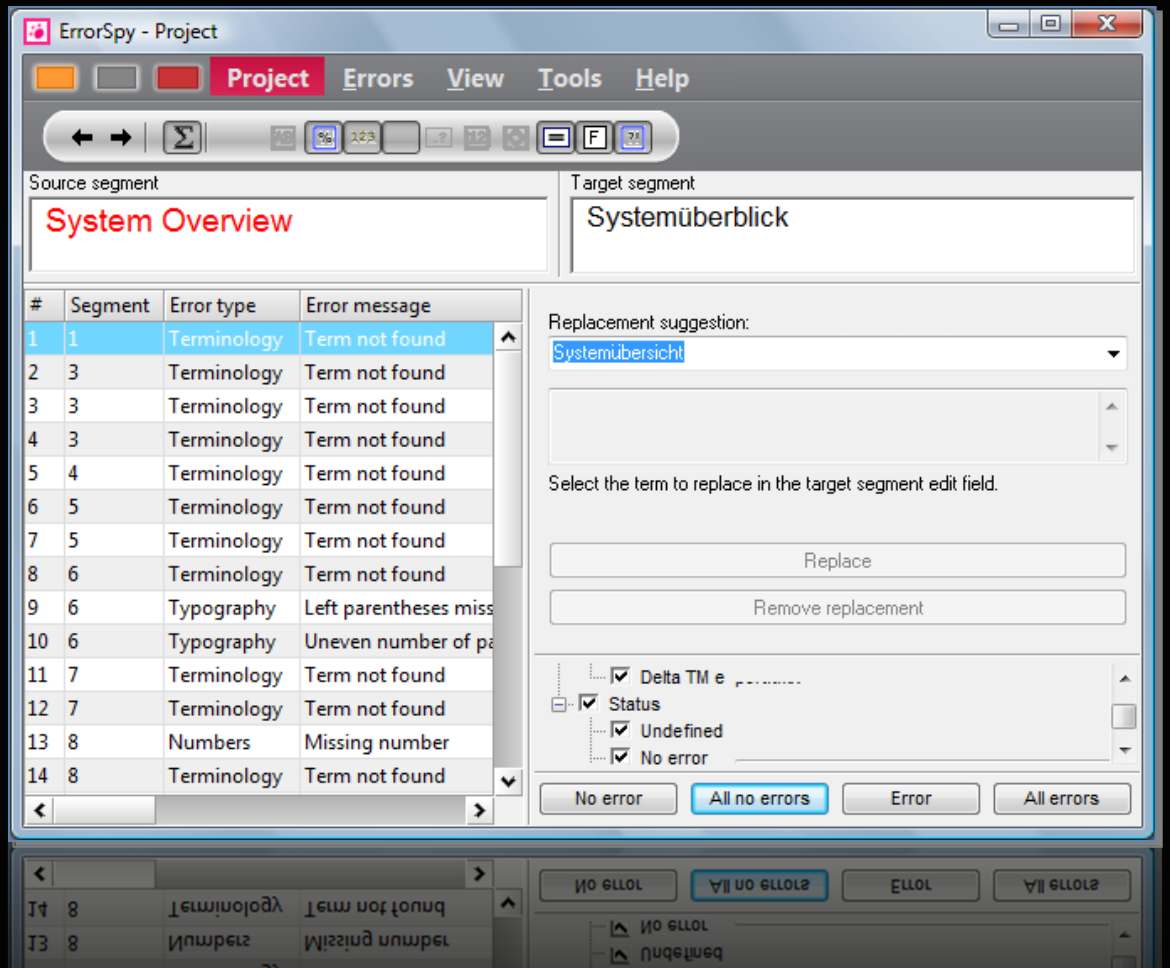
TM systems enable translators to use automatic quality assurance tools

ErrorSpy QA Tool



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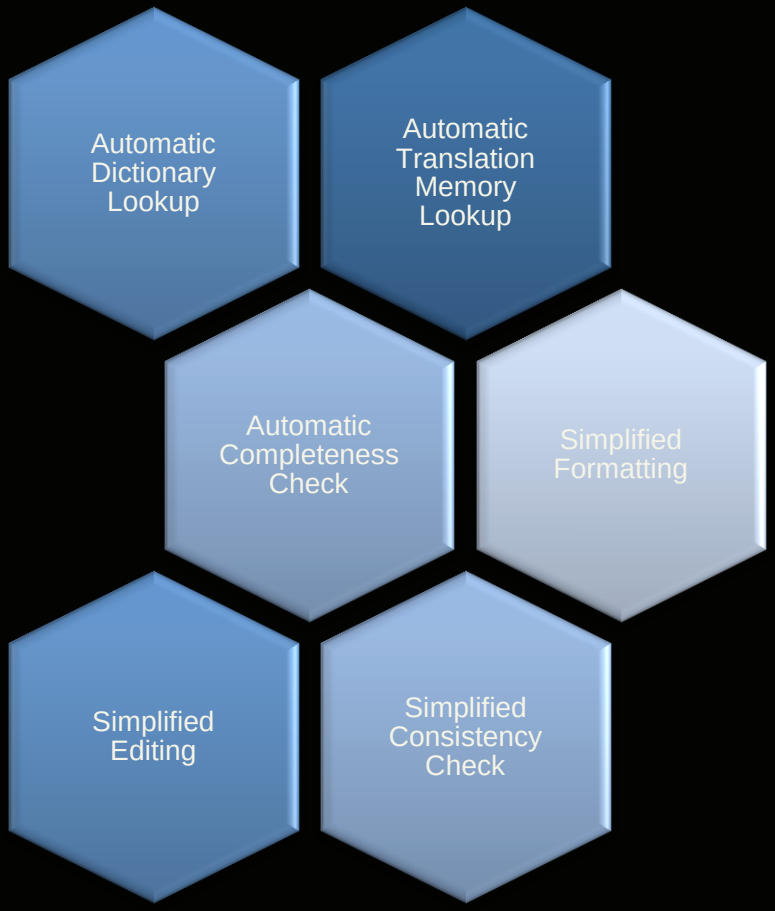
TM systems enable translators to increase their productivity

Productivity Factors



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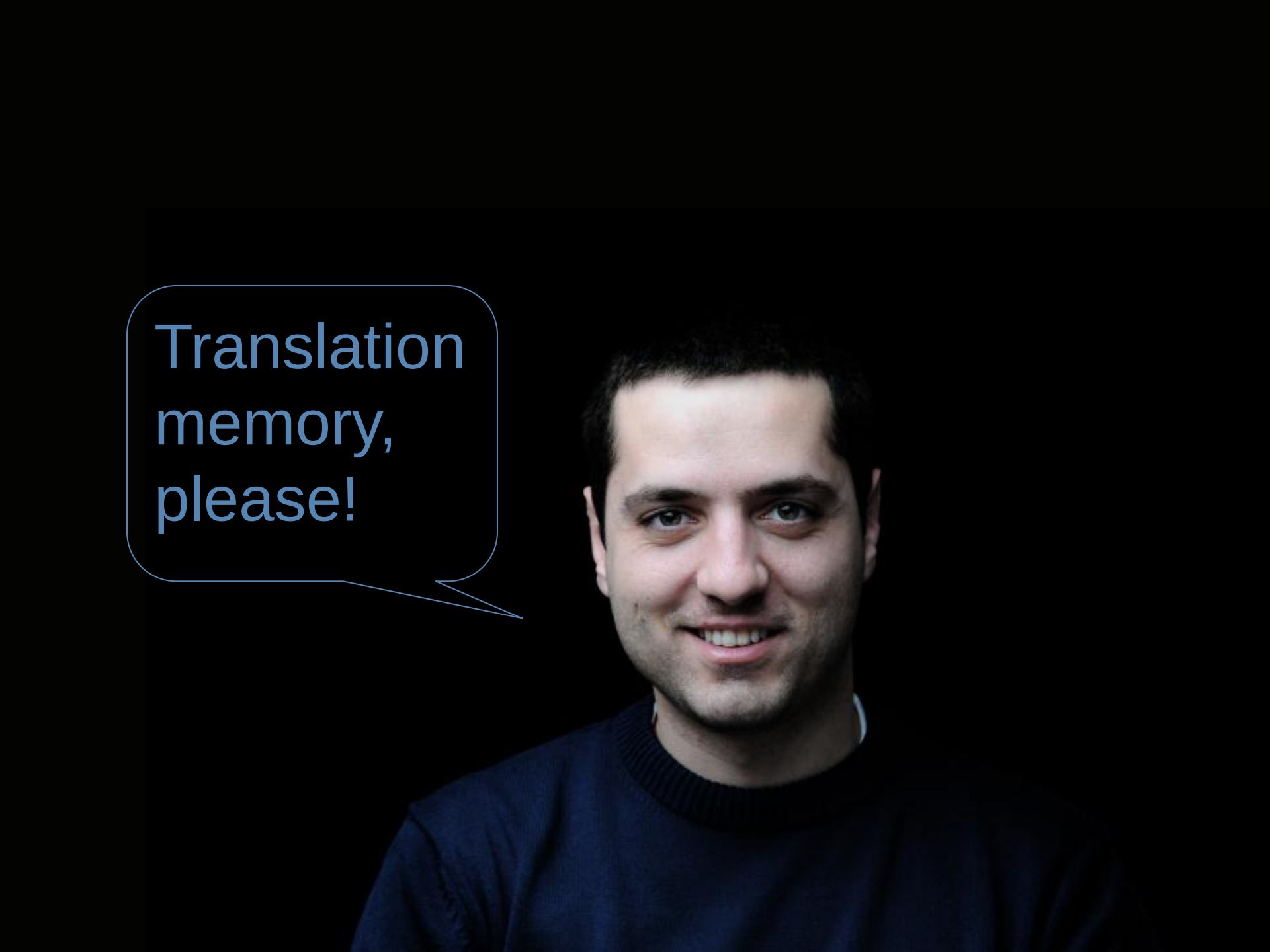
Translation memory, please!

THE THREE THINGS

I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER

An important fact to remember

1 Translation memory systems are useful for non-repetitive texts

An important fact to remember

2 Translation memory systems enable you deliver better quality, faster

An important fact to remember

3

Translation memory systems enable you to expand your customer base

Q&A

Thank you for your attention!

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