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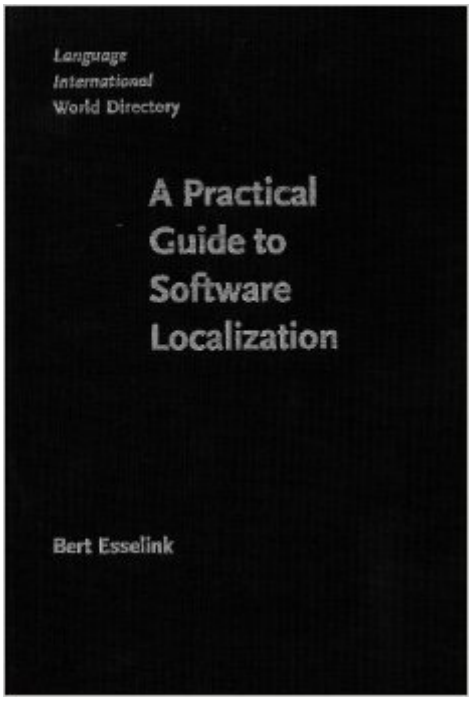

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Synopsis

A Practical Guide to Software Localization covers many of the things a localizer will come across. It contains chapters on translating software, translating on-line help and documentation, translation memory tools, project management, and terminology management. The examples in this book are applicable to most languages, they reference a typical localization project translated from English into French, Italian, German and Spanish. The platforms discussed are Microsoft Windows and Apple MacOS.The daily tasks and responsibilities of project managers, localization engineers, and â • most importantly â • translators, has never been given much attention. A Practical Guide to Software Localization was written to fill that gap. It is designed as an up-to-date reference book suitable for (self)training in localization.Assignments and updates are posted on www.language-international.com.

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This book gives a broad overview of some very practical issues encountered in software localization. It generally covers the "whats" and "whos" in the introdcution, and moves on to the "how tos" in following chapters. There are a few solid localization examples of software, online help, HTML, and documentation; general information for Windows, HTML, and Macintosh systems. The discussion on translation tools includes most industry products available like Trados, IBM

Translation Manager, Deja Vu, Amptran, STAR Transit, TSS Joust, SL8 TransPro, and Eurolang Optimizer, however, no mention of Uniscape. It discusses basic Engineering and Project Management issues with a nice layout of localization processes including Quotes, Analysis, Scheduling, Budgeting, Glossary & Terminology Setup, Testing, DTP, Documentation, QA and Delivery. In addition, the Appendices with Terminology and Localization Resources, provide some valuable background research. It briefly mentions Unicode and issues with other standards, though there is room for improvement with more useful information in that area. All in all, its clearly written and well organized... though a bit outdated, I say its time for a good revision.

As an experienced professional in the Localization industry and as the creator of award-winning Silicon Valley Localization Forum. I strongly recommend this book. It contains an excellent overview of the most popular localization tools available on the market these days.

This book is a good summary of some aspects of localization, nevertheless I have not found general information about how to work about it.A good book.

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