

Teaching Localization via E-learning: Developing and Delivering an E-course on Software Localization at Imperial College London

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Abstract

In view of the rising level of interest among students and professional translators in localization, a decision was taken in 2007 to transform the current course unit of the Imperial College London translation master's on localization into a standalone e-learning course. The aim of this article is to describe the process of setting up this course and to provide a report on the early stages of its existence following its launch in January 2009. It is hoped that the author's experiences will prove to be of use to anyone considering designing such a course and show how both academia and the localization industry may be able to draw benefits from such an initiative.