Press Release

Linguee.com Reaches 2 Billion Searches
And Adds New Languages

Germany, December 4, 2013: Linguee.com is the website of choice for more than 1 million users every day* who are trying to find a translation of foreign words and expressions. Linguee's bilingual dictionary and translation search has been available for English and German, French, Spanish, Portuguese for several years now – reaching a total of 2 billion searches in November 2013. Today, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Polish, Italian, and Dutch are being added.

English has become a global language, and an ever-growing number of nonnative speakers is facing the challenge of writing texts in flawless English. Extending the abilities of traditional bilingual dictionaries, Linguee’s new approach allows its users to search for translations more precisely: when a user enters a term, millions of translated sentences are searched within just a fraction of a second. The results contain both the search term and its translations in context, i.e. in complete sentences. This helps the user to find the optimal match that works best in the respective context.

Linguee's system can even look up complicated word combinations and phrases such as "speedy recovery" – a task any editorial dictionary will struggle with, as there are too many combinations to list them all. Linguee’s big data technology crawls translations available on the Internet. It retrieves billions of sentences, especially those translated by professionals, company presentations, and official documents from institutions such as the United Nations, just to name a few examples. Linguee’s custom-tailored machine learning system evaluates the quality of the collected texts, taking into account the peculiarities of each language. It then selects high quality sentences and displays them as search results.

It is due to this unique technology that users across the globe are choosing Linguee as their favorite research tool. Linguee continues to gain popularity, “and with the language array we offer today, we cover the mother tongues of more than 78% of all internet users worldwide.** says Dr. Gereon Frahling, founder and CEO of the German company. "To set up the new languages, we’ve let our server farms crunch numbers for months and months and we’ve invested in additional technical infrastructure. We are delighted with the results and are looking forward to adding even more languages in the near future."

*Top 25 of all German websites, "IVW-Reichweitenmessung" (reach measurement via IVW, Informationsgemeinschaft zur Feststellung der Verbreitung von Werbeträgern e.V.), September 2013
**Source: internetworkstats.com, Top Ten Languages Used in the Web

About Linguee:
Linguee helps with translations and writing texts in foreign languages. Based on its new technology, Linguee provides a bilingual online dictionary and a search engine for translations, thereby allowing for the user to browse hundreds of millions of manually translated example sentences (which were mainly generated by indexing bilingual websites). Compared to traditional bilingual online dictionaries, Linguee’s index contains approximately 1,000 times more bilingual texts so that every entry can be displayed in various contexts.

Linguee was founded by the former Google post-doctorate Dr. Gereon Frahling and Leonard Fink, and has answered a total of more than 2 billion search requests.

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