Writing for Translation

No Ambiguity – No Worries

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Today's Topics

- Translation: Challenges
- A Look at Translation Tools
- Controlling Language

The Translator's Lot

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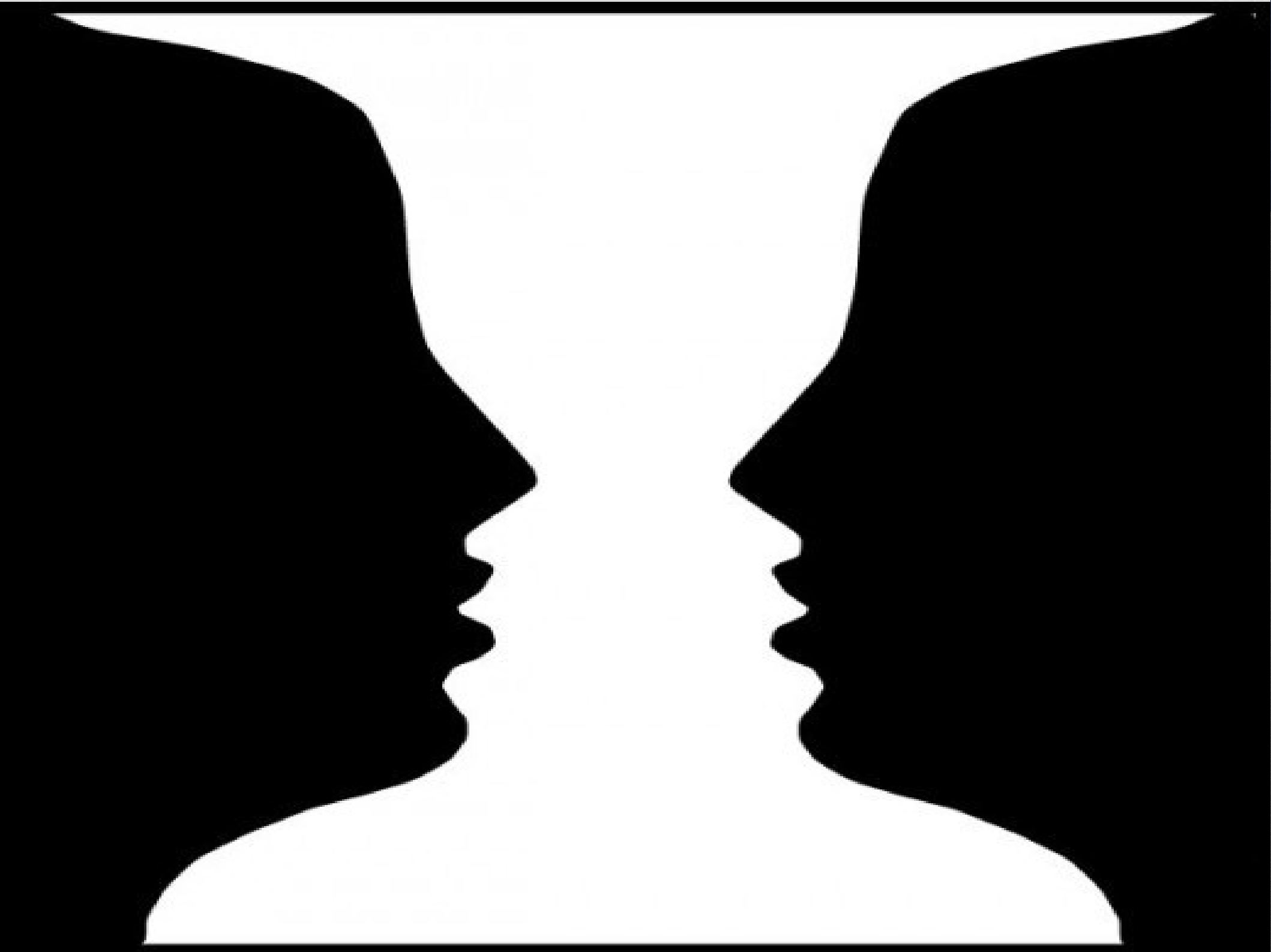
Fedora: list of translation teams

Challenges



Challenges

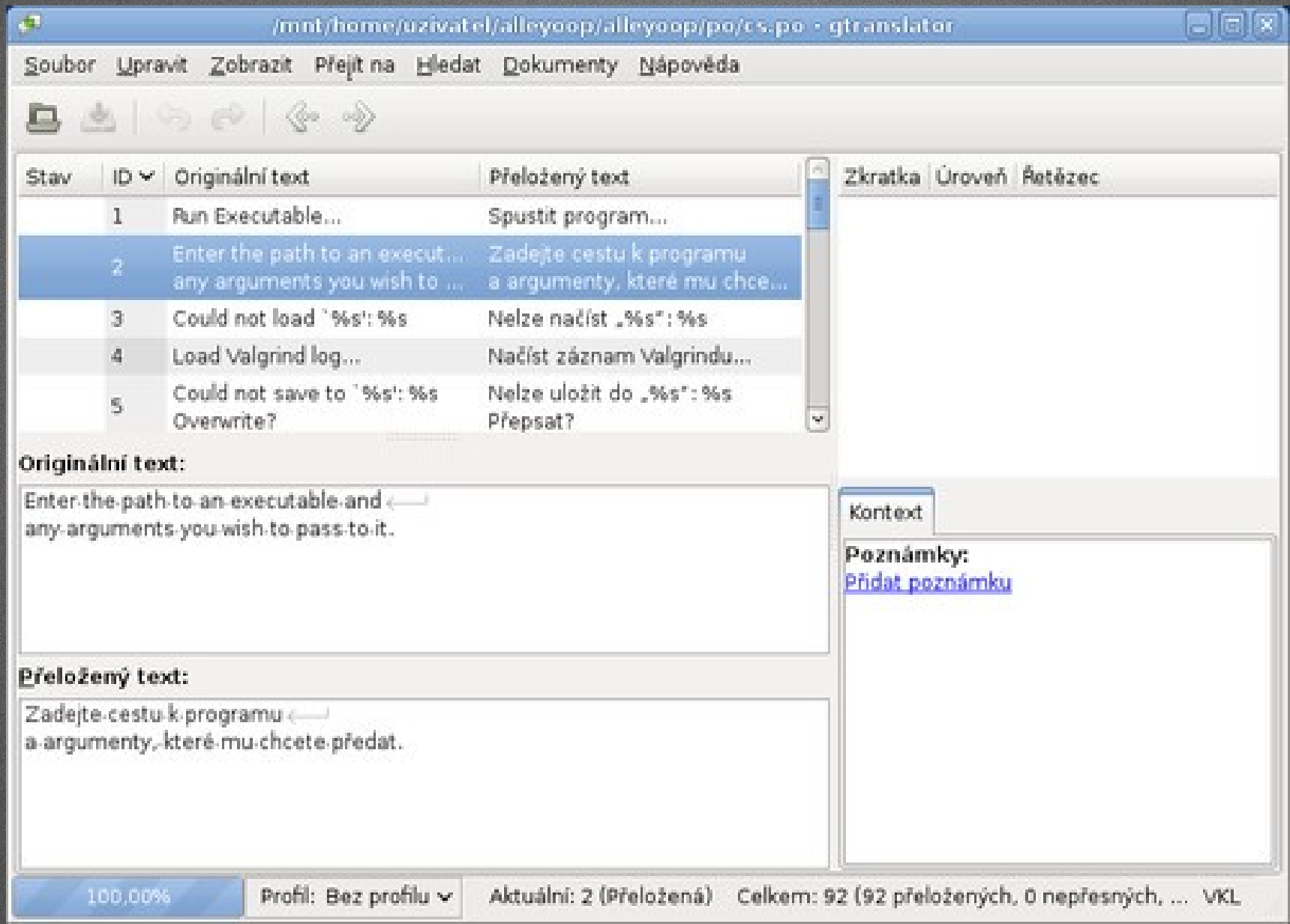
- Ambiguity due to missing information
- Ambiguity due to inconsistent Terminology
- Ambiguity due to Nominalisation
- Ambiguity due to complex sentences

Overcoming the Challenges

- Provide background information
- Limit the versions you provide
- Avoid culturally specific expressions
- Avoid jargon and acronyms

CAT Tools:
Computer Assisted Translation

gtranslator



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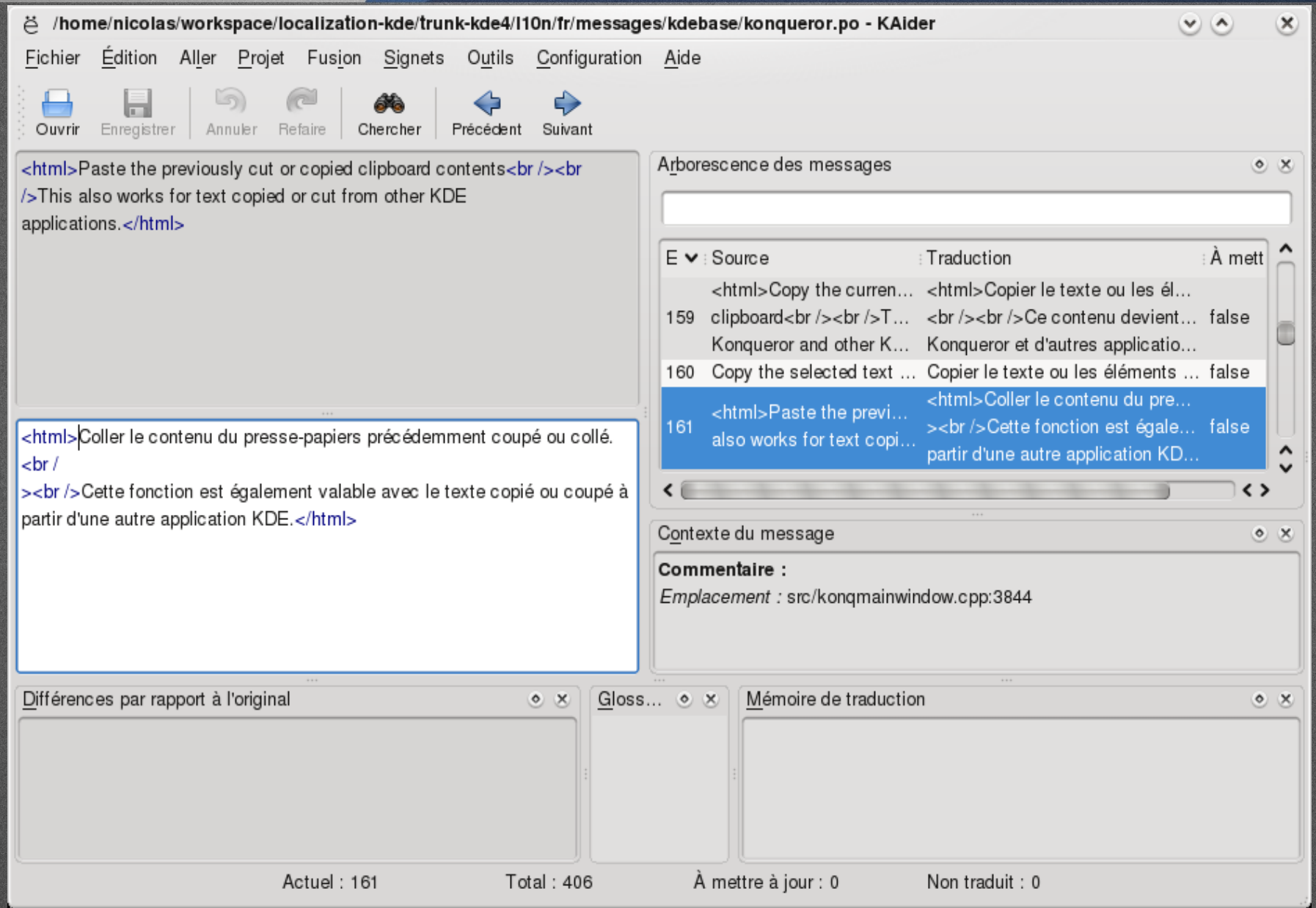
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CAT Tools

- Segment a text into sentences or chunks
- Build a translation memory from the segmented chunks
- Match identical and similar chunks to the translation memory
- Pretranslate 100% matches and mark fuzzy matches

Controlled
Natural
Languages

Currently Used CNLs

- ASD Simplified Technical English
- Basic English
- Global English
- Controlled Language Optimized for Uniform Translation (CLOUT)

CNLs: Pros

- Machine translation
- Translation Memory: pretranslation and fuzzy matches
- Better Readability due Uniform Text
- Preapproved Terminology

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- Uniformity
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Active
Voice

Use the active voice and the second person.

- A review of the texts is sent to you by the proofreader.

- The computer has to be rebooted after the driver has been installed.

The proofreader sends you a review of the texts.

Reboot the computer after you install the driver.

One Idea per Sentence

When optimizing their texts for comprehension, writers help the translation process, and doing so allows translators and automated translation machines to create better translation results.

When writers optimize their texts for comprehension they help the translation process.

Translators and automated translation machines can achieve better results with such texts.

Same Meaning - Same Wording

Use the same wording to say the same thing.

Instructions for installing the Monitor:

Remove the monitor from the shipping carton and unwrap the screen.

How to install your keyboard

- Lift the keyboard from the box
- Discard all packaging material

Monitor Installation:

1. Remove the monitor from the shipping box

2. Remove the monitor from the plastic bag

Keyboard Installation:

1. Remove the keyboard from the shipping box

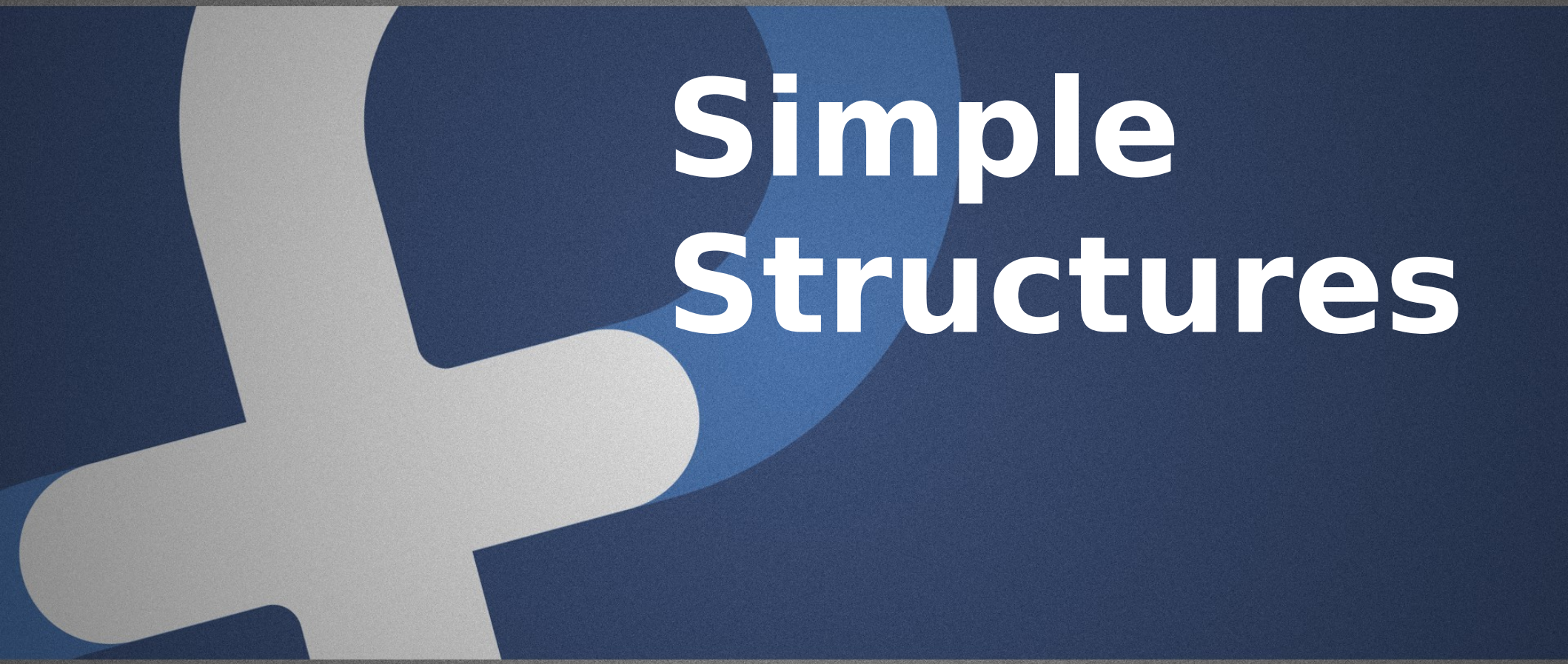
2. Remove the keyboard from the plastic bag

A Hunger Artist

by Franz Kafka

... While for grown-ups the hunger artist was often merely a joke, something they participated in because it was fashionable, the children looked on amazed, their mouths open, holding each other’s hands for safety, as he sat there on scattered straw—spurning a chair—in black tights, looking pale, with his ribs sticking out prominently, sometimes nodding politely, answering questions with a forced smile, even sticking his arm out through the bars to let people feel how emaciated he was, but then completely sinking back into himself, so that he paid no attention to anything, not even to what was so important to him, the striking of the clock, which was the single furnishing in the cage, but merely looking out in front of him with his eyes almost shut and now and then sipping from a tiny glass of water to moisten his lips.

SIMPLE
GOOD
COMPLEX
BAD


Simple
Structures

Use simple sentence structures.

You, in your texts, to demonstrate that you can, if required, organize your thoughts, should use a simple sentence structure.

You demonstrate your ability to organize your thoughts when you use a simple sentence structure.

Complete
Sentences

Use only sentences that are grammatically complete.

Continue?

Do you want to continue?

Control
Sentence Length

Use only sentences with less than 23 words.

Writers will approach any writing project by collecting the required information first, and after carefully analyzing, evaluating, and structuring it, they will create a first draft.

The writer performs the following tasks:

- collecting the data
- analyzing and evaluating the data
- writing a first draft

Identify the Noun

Use an article to identify a noun.

Verify result.

Verify the result.

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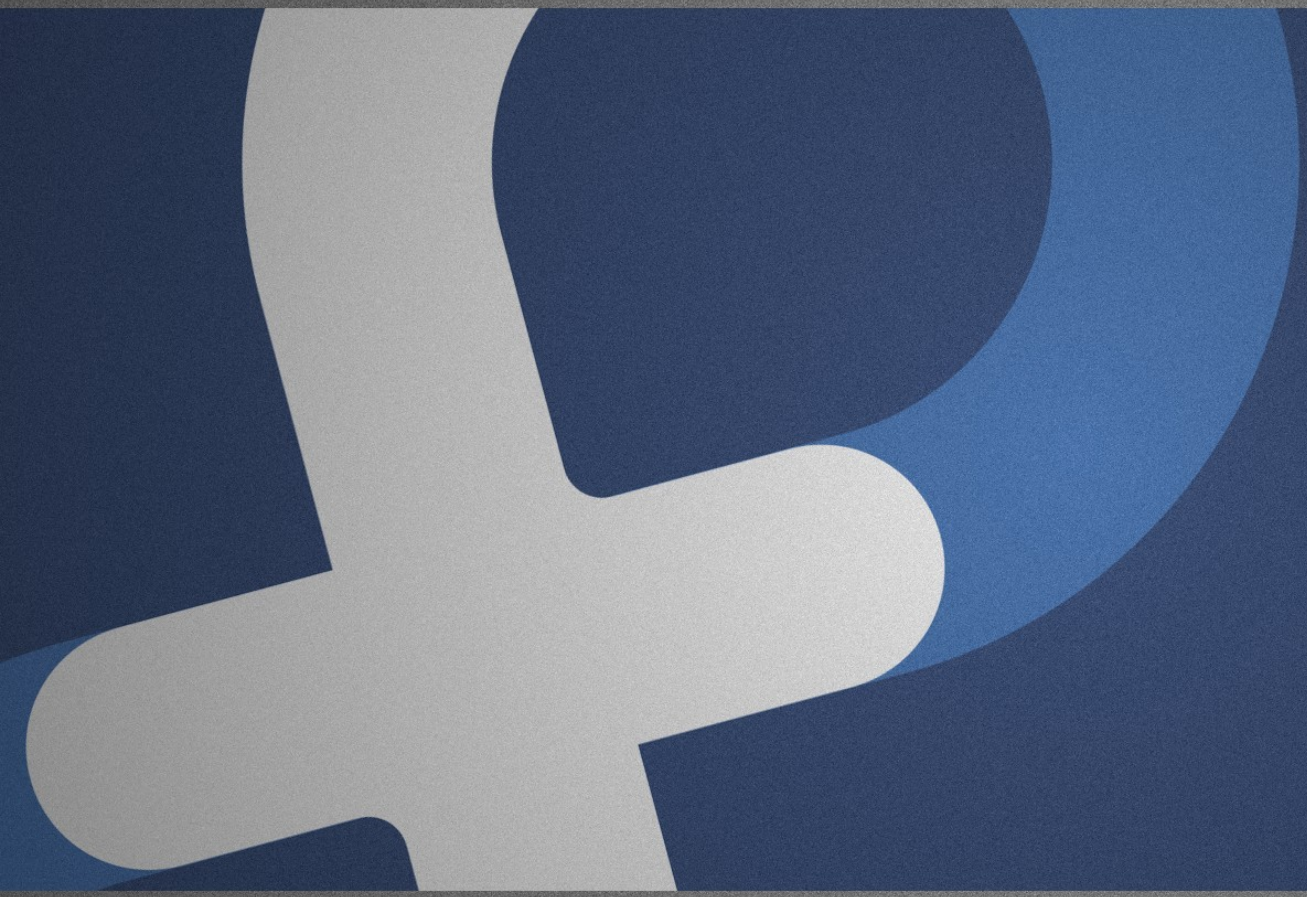
www.plainenglish.co.uk/

ASD SIMPLIFIED TECHNICAL ENGLISH
www.asd-ste100.org



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