



Introduction to Translation Tools

Translation in the Digital Age

- Babel Fish Altavista debuted in 1995
- Machine translation (MT) uses automated software to translate source materials
- MT can translate text, images, and voice
- Online dictionaries: look up words in almost any language in seconds!
- Popular multilingual dictionary sites: dictionary.cambridge.org, wordreference.com, linguee.com, signasl.org



Digital Translation Tools

- Websites and apps that automatically translate almost anything
- Browser extensions that translate all or parts of web pages
- Apps let you translate verbal conversations and use your smartphone camera to translate menus, signs, and more!
- [Translate.google.com](https://translate.google.com) and the [Google Translate app](#)
- Other apps: [Microsoft Translator](#), [SayHi](#), [Apple Translate](#)
- Browser extensions: [Google Translate](#), [Mate Translate](#), [TransOver](#)



Pros

- Many apps are free
- Quick & easy-to-use
- Most accurate with simple, formal sentences

Cons

- Not as accurate as human translation
- Not all languages are available
- Privacy concerns: Programs save translations. Do not upload or enter sensitive information.