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## ABSTRACT

AHMAD ROBANI : TRANSLATION ANALYSIS THE QUALITY OF  
TRANSLATION RESULT OF ENGLISH TEXT INTO  
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Today, internet allows all people to access information from all over the world anytime and anywhere. One tool that helps Internet users to search information effectively is "Google". Currently, "Google" offers many applications, one of application is "Google Translate". The "Google" developers realized that the information presented on a web page in Internet can be in various languages. Language can be a barrier for people to be able to understand the information if they did not mastering the language. Machine translation from "Google" is the solution. Currently, "Google Translate" can translate into more than 50 languages in the world.

But, almost people did not know the quality of translation result when they use it. So, in this research, the investigation aims to investigate the quality of translation result from "Google Translate" and find what translation method that use by "Google Translate" when translating a text.

The Objective of this research is to investigate accuracy, readability and appropriacy of "Google Translate" results in translating text and also to know the methods that used by "Google" in translating these texts. And the object of research is three types of text, informative, vocative and expressive text. This research is a qualitative research which the techniques of collecting data are observation, interview, and documentary study. Researcher investigates some student college and lecture to collect the data. From the data, researcher analyze the aspects of quality in translation; accuracy, appropriacy and readability. Also research can decide what method that use "Google Translate" is.

The result of analysis is the result of "Google Translate" variously, although the result from "Google" was not perfect and needs to be revised. Because in the text there are some sentences which complex and there are also short sentence which simple. The length of sentence is very affecting for "Google" in translating. And from the result, "Google" is able to translate accurately when translating short sentence. Not only short sentence but also when translate vocative text and Indonesian to English, the result is good enough. But on long sentence, "Google" cannot translate accurately. And of the three texts, "Google" uses the Literal Translation methods in translating text.

"Google Translate" is a result of progress technology in the field of translation. And the result of "Google Translate" is not perfect and needs to be revised so that gets a maximum result, but of the three text vocative text is better result. Although a result from "Google" is very much different from human's translation. And in translating a text, "Google" uses the literal translation method.



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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### A. Background of Problem

Translation is a process where a source language (SL) to be translated into the target language (TL), with the various stages that become a qualified result of translation. Today, there emerging many translator-based technologies that can facilitate us in translating the text.

In this era, there are many inventions of advanced technologies, one of them is internet. Internet is an invention of technological advancement used as the connection worldwide and also as a tool to find information. On the other hand, if the internet develops more, there will be new things appear and which bring effects to each other: It might be negative or positive ones. When we are connected to internet, we will find many sites, and every site has different function and characteristics.

Nowadays, internet is developing fast. You just need to connect the modem with computer: Then, you can access the internet and indirectly you are already connected with other country because you can interact with other people all over the world. By means of internet, we can find various information, knowledge, entertainments, etc. If we want to enjoy all of them, we must go to a site which provides that features because every site has each functions and features. For example, [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) is one of sites that provide social networking.



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An American journalist Thomas Friedmann (Vial Altermatt, 2006) said: “the user of internet that uses very massively is one of factors that make the world not be around anymore but become flat, *“The World is Flat”*.” The monitor which is flat make the world becomes concise and achievable. Schonherr (1998:712) said: “the internet with tool completely such as a giant library that could be accessed by anyone. But to trace “virtual library” effectively was not easy.” Anyone will be easy “get lose” One of the easiest ways to help us to find information correctly is by using search engine. One of the most popular of search engines is *Google*. The search engine was first developed by Larry Page and Sergey Brin in 1996.

Google Inc. is not only a company but also one of SEO (Search Engine Optimization) that is famous all over the world. This is a site that functions as a tool for finding information, whether it is the world’s information, news, or other things like downloading music, videos and eBook. Larry Page and Sergey Brin as developers of Google Inc. make Google develop as a complex search engine that is more useful for users. And today, Google Inc. has already published the work of Google development introduced to public in 2008, called “Google Translate.” The “Google Translate” is an invention of Google that was published to the public by the end of 2008. The latest Google’s feature is a development of *php ajax* which will produce a media of translation called translator. “Google Translate” is a media that serves a service of online translation. This feature is the first that is



introduced to public. The advantageous of “Google Translate” is the ability to translate more than 50 languages worldwide.

“Google Translate” will help us to translate texts or webs pages from one language into other languages automatically, from source language (SL) into target language (TL) so that it helps readers as they are trying to understand the content of a web page. Och (2006) in [www.googleresearch.blogspot.com](http://www.googleresearch.blogspot.com) pointed that *“because we want to provide everyone with acces to all the world’s information, including information in every language, one of the exciting projects at Google Research is machine translation.”* Machine that is used in Google can be classified in term *machine translation* whose abbreviation is MT. Imam Santoso argued that *MT is a computerized system responsible for the production of translations with or without human assistance.* (as cited from Hutchins, 1995).

Today, “Google Translate” is growing to be a complex MT. There are many new features of “Google Translate,” one of them is pronunciation tool as we are translating texts with using “Google Translate”. But the results of translation from “Google Translate” need to be studied further more especially in the matter of linguistics error, the accuracy, appropriacy and readability of translation since many people find themselves in doubt with the result of the “Google Translate” although they actually do not know the real quality of translation result by using “Google Translate”. In addition, there are many students, not only senior high schools but also university students that use this media as their machine translator. So, there is a need for deeper



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study of the translation result by using “Google Translate” if it is suitable for media translator or not. This thesis, **Translation Analysis: the Quality of Translation Result of English Text into Indonesian by Using Google Translate** will present about the study on accuracy, appropriacy, and readability in the results of translation that is translated by “Google Translate” and the method of translation that uses “Google Translate”.

## B. Identification of Problem

The identification of the problem is needed to give clarification about the problem that will be investigated. The researcher arranged the identification of the problems reverred to the background of the problem above:

1. The field of the study from this thesis is “Translation”.
2. The kinds of the problem; in this research, the researcher chooses translation as the study of the research since there found many phenomenon and problems that are urgent to be researched. Translation is a process of finding a target language (TL) equivalent for a source language (SL) utterance. From that statement there are many things that can be investigated, such as the process of translation, strategies of translation, structural translation, the accuracy of translation, and so on. The things in the above are problems in translation, but from that problems, it can be developed to be larger, because in translation research, there are some researchable lingual units like word, sentence, text, etc. This lingual unit can be combine with the problems that has



been called in above statements and will be the complex problems. Not only that, the analysis of the translation can develop to be a contrastive analysis that compares the translation results from SL and TL.

3. The main problem that would be investigated in this research is the quality of translation result from English text into Indonesian text by using Google Translate. The quality of translation result is accuracy, appropriacy, readability and the method of translation that using Google Translate

### C. Limitation of Problem

The problems in analyzing the accuracy of translation and the errors of translation result by using Google Translate are limited into some important points:

1. Translation method that is used is the one that uses “Google Translate”
2. The quality (accuracy, appropriacy and readability) of translation by using “Google Translate”

### D. Questions of Research

From the title “Translation Analysis: the Quality of Translation Result of English Text into Indonesian by Using Google Translate” there emerge some questions of the research, they are:

- 1) How is the quality (appropriacy, accuracy and readability) of translation results by using “Google Translate”?
- 2) What is the method of translating used in “Google Translate”?





## E. Aims of Research

There are some aims of the research which would like to be reached by the researcher in this research:

- 1) Knowing the quality (appropriacy, accuracy and readability) of translation result by using “Google Translate”.
- 2) Knowing the method of translating used in “Google Translate.”

## F. The Uses of Research

This research has three of significances, they are: theoretically, practically, students, teacher and public. Researcher expected their significances are useful.

Theoretically, this research is important to know development of technology in education. There are many technologies that useful for educating. For example “Google Translate”. This invention was found in 2007. It helps student or public in translating text or sentence. The researcher expected everybody know and can use this invention for education, although the result of “Google Translate” not usually accurate.

Practically, since “Google Translate” found, everybody use it fully without correction of the result. So, researcher hopes the reader more careful in using “Google Translate” when translating text or sentence because the result is not always accurate.

For student, when they use “Google Translate” they must be careful especially in the result. Because there are many errors that produced by “Google Translate”. They must need correction to get satisfy result. But,

sometimes “Google Translate” can get little bit good result, when translating specific text. So, this research also contains types of text that the result of translation is good when they use “Google Translate”.

For public, the researcher hopes public knows about this invention, because this invention is useful for them in translation. They can use it for learning language like English, Korea, and other language.

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