

The Future of Project Management in the Age of Automation

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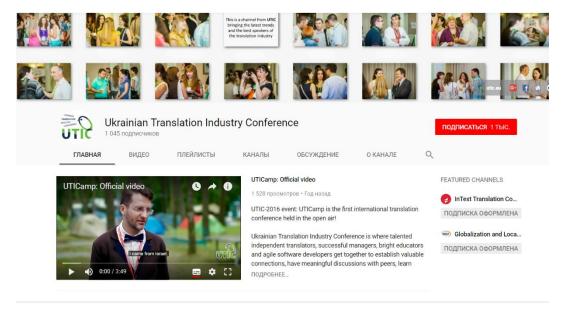
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### **Speaker**



- Tucker Johnson is the co-author of The General Theory of the Translation Company
- and Managing Director of Nimdzi Insights, one of the language industry's leading analyst and consulting firms
- He has a great experience in LSP's (Language Service Providers) managing operations
- Tucker focuses on large account management and building out large scale global programs

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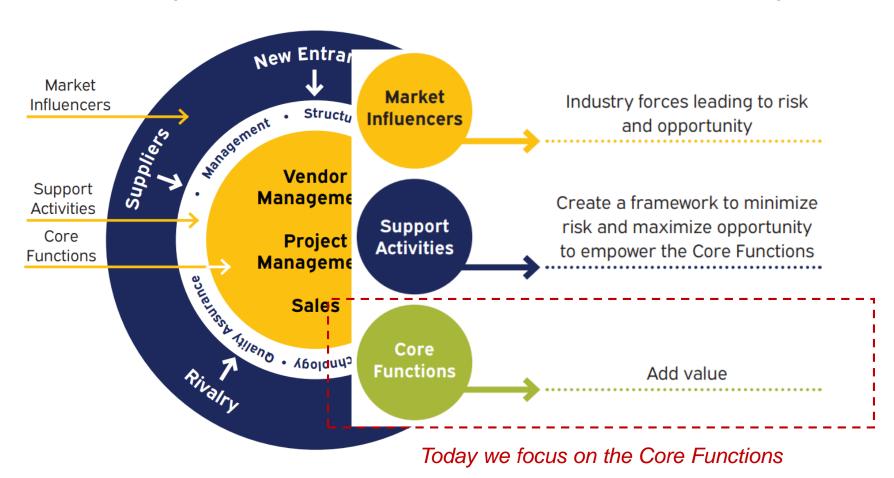


# Agenda

- The General Theory of the Translation Company
- Adding value through the LSP Core Functions
- What clients want
- The future: Rage against the machine!

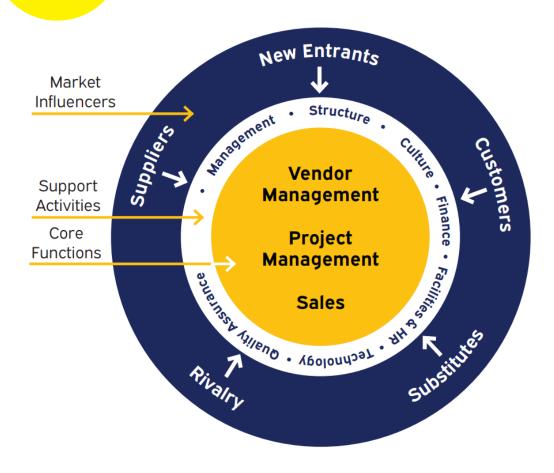


### The General Theory of the Translation Company





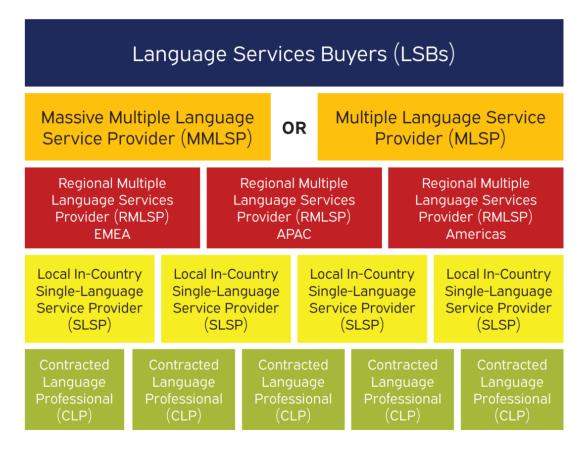
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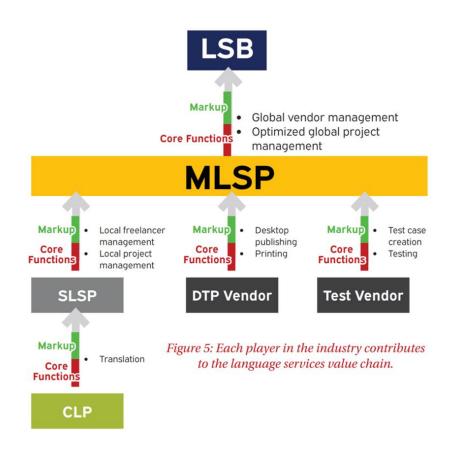
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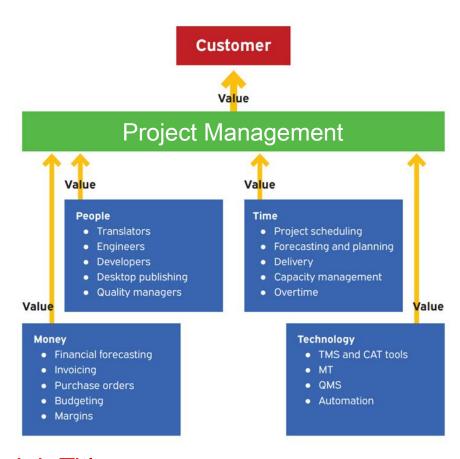




# The Project Management Core Function\*

#### **Project Management**

- People
- Time
- Money
- Technology





# The Vendor Management Core Function\*

#### Vendor Management



Customer

(Strategic) Vendor Management



### Value

#### **Structured Vendor Management**

- Vendor price negotiations
- Best value evaluation
- Vendor database
- Volume discounts
- Preparedness
- In sync with sales funnel

#### **Strategic Improvisation**

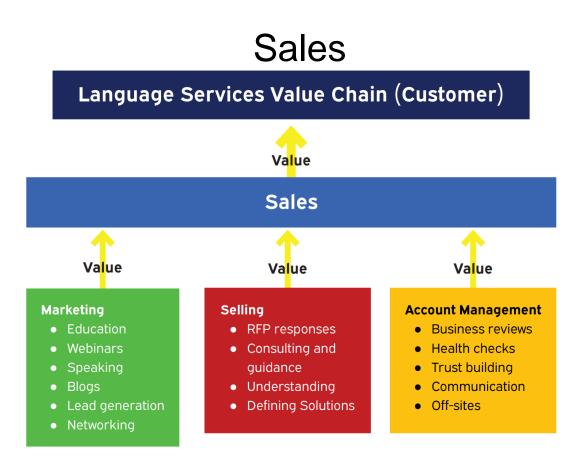
- Agility and flexibility
- Speed
- React/respond to customer needs
- Diversification
- Low overhead

- Structured vendor management
- Strategic Improvisation



# The Sales Core Function\*

- Marketing
- Selling
- Account Management

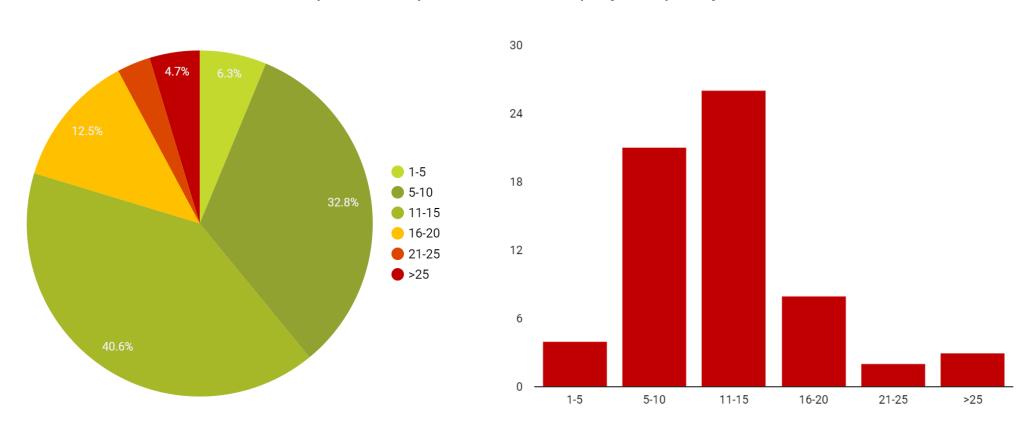


So what do clients want?



## Clients don't want another tool

How many tools do you use DAILY to perform your job?

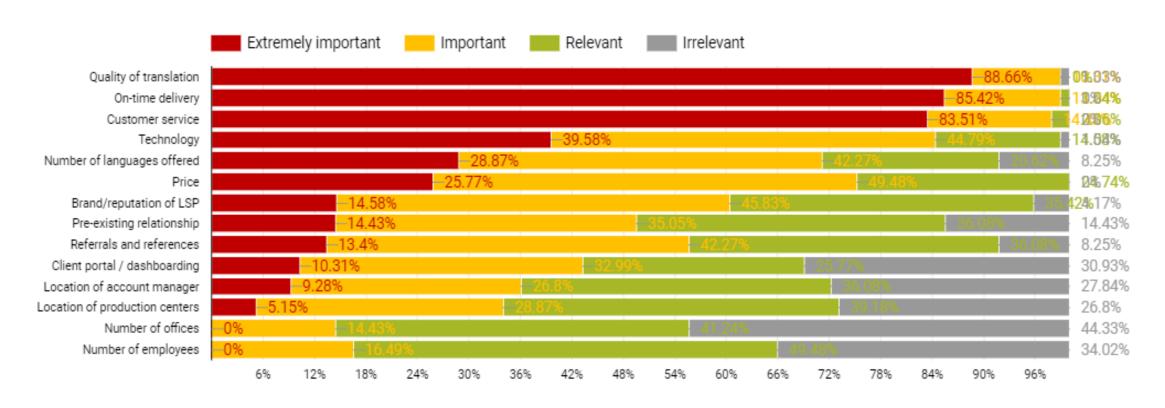


Source: Nimdzi Insights Research (yet unpublished), 2018



### Clients want customer service

Top factors that are personally important to *individuals* when buying localization

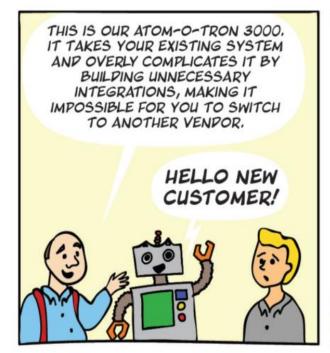


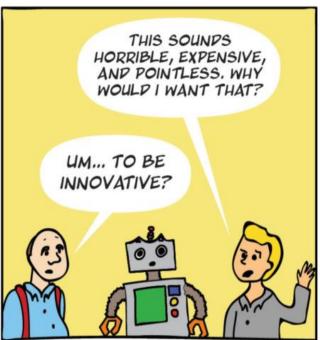
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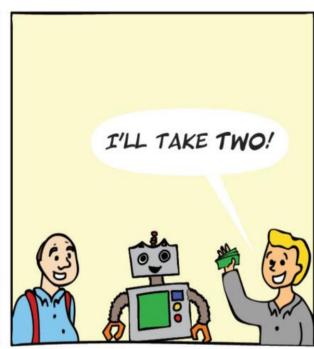
How to "rage against the machine"



# Be client facing





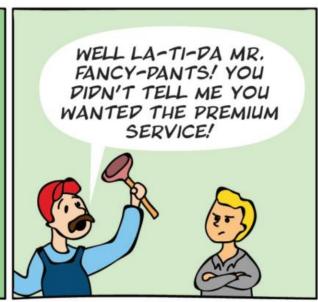




# Anticipate customer needs

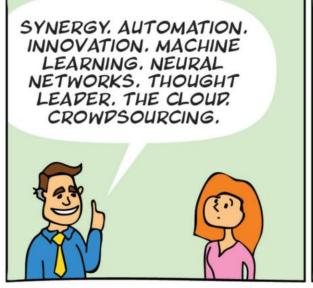




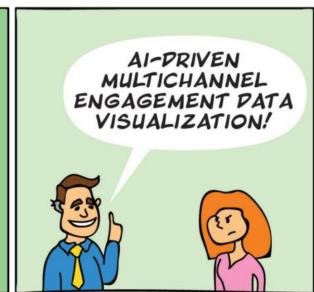




# Talk about technology



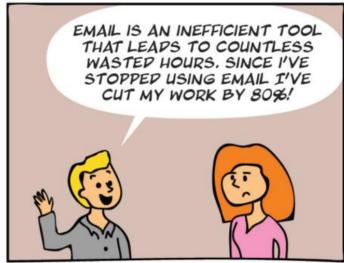


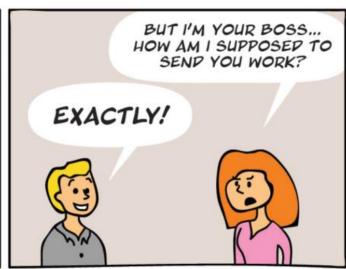




# Accept and evolve









# Don't worry, you'll be fine

- (Business) Relationships are built on trust
- Technology breaks (all the time)
- Clients are bad at their jobs

Automation won't replace **you** because **you** will be prepared... but it might replace the person sitting next to you.





"At the end of the day, the language services industry is still relationship-driven. Nobody has yet been able to find a suitable substitute for human relationships."

## Questions welcome!





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After graduating from Lviv Polytechnic National University two years ago, Oksana joined Grammarly as a Computational Linguist. At Grammarly, she is working in the area of Natural Language Processing. Her current projects are focused on error correction and stylistics. Oksana is also passionate about coding. She is one of the organizers of the DjangoGirls workshops

that aim to teach women to code in Python.

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