

## IT STUDENTS ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS TOWARDS THE USE OF MACHINE TRANSLATOR

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### ABSTRACT

The study of IT students attitudes and behaviors towards the use of machine translator is conducted due to at present many people use computers and the technology has continuously improved. One technology that is popular among students is translation tool; Google Translate. This GT can be used with sentence, article, or the whole page document, therefore, most students use it. However, there are flaw too. The grammar of the translated article by GT is not correct, so the researcher chose the translation tool GT to study the attitudes and behaviors of the students and at the same time, study the translation skill of the students.

From the study it is shown that among the representative sample; 30 graduate students from Information Technology Management, Mahidol University, 30 students use GT. It is also divided into non-frequent GT use (NF) total 10 and frequent GT use (F) total 20. The objectives that students use GT are for learning and understanding the lessons. It includes translate the articles or sentences in order to understand the subject they are studying. The attitudes of these students towards GT are it is free of charge, easy to access, convenient, and the translation can be done quickly. However, once the translation tests were given to the students, it is found that those who use GT not so frequently have higher scores than those who frequently use GT. This leads to the conclusion that the use of GT does not have any effect on students' skills and higher quality in English translation.

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