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Project abbreviation: User-Focused Marian

**Project name:** User-Focused Marian

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Main key words: Machine translation, forced translation, GPU efficiency, on-the-fly domain

adaptation

**Goal of the project**: The Project aims at improving the pre-existing neural machine translation toolkit

Marian to address the needs of CEF eTranslation and to broaden its user base

**Project abstract**: The project aims at improving the open-source neural machine translation toolkit Marian with commonly requested features: factors, forced translation, on-the fly domain adaptation from translation memories, and GPU efficiency. In particular the project aims to provide user access to text flagging by adding support for factors to support forced translation. It will also support the automated adaptation facility by adding for on-the-fly domain adaptation using large translation memories with a well-defined API. The speed improvement through increased efficiency on GPUs is planned. Finally, Marian's documentation will be improved for all levels of users.

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