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Nigerian Check Scam – Warning Signs

No details!!!

tom blackwell <tedious1999@gmail.com>

to cberger

Hello ,

How are you doing today? Am in need of an translator job...What is your availability and time you work on.

Looking forward to read from you.

...

Tom

Free email account

English-sounding name, but really bad English

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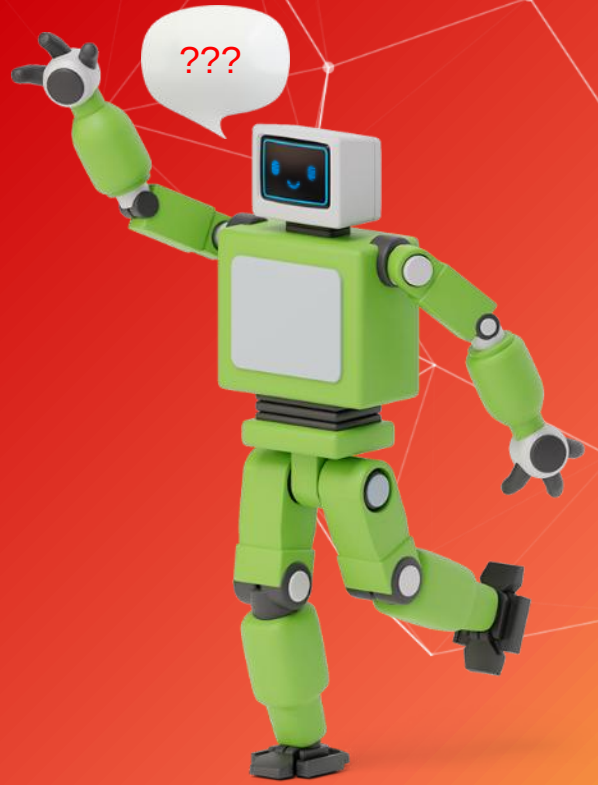
TRICK OR THREAT

- Ghosts in the machine: phishing, smishing, fake websites, …
- Fake agencies and other horror stories
- Zombies, Doppelgängers, and robot alter egos
- Q&A



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GHOSTS IN THE MACHINE: SPOOFING, PHISHING, AND SMISHING

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PHISHING, SMISHING

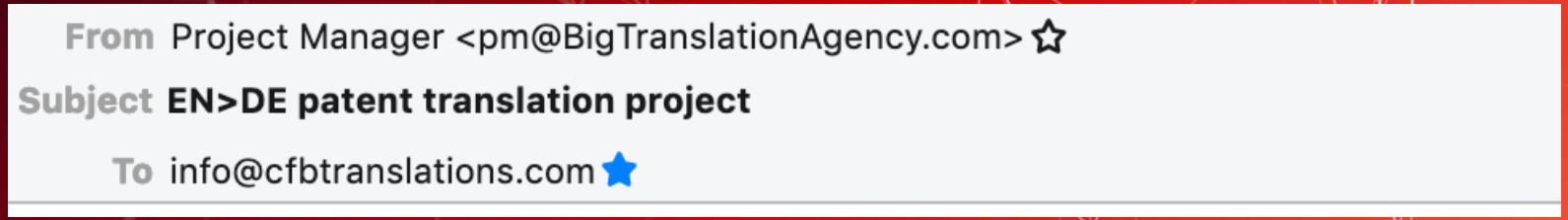
Phishing – "the fraudulent practice of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers" (definition by Oxford Languages)

Smishing – same as above, except via text message

Both involve spoofing (impersonating) of email addresses or phone numbers.

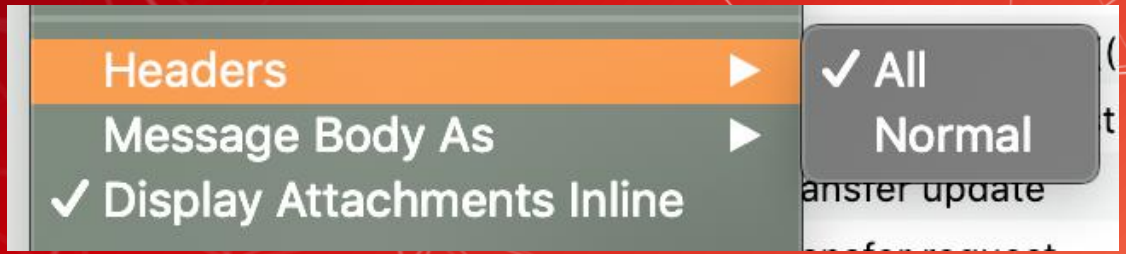
SPOOFING

Email spoofing:



Look at reply-to address!

Look at full message header:



FULL MESSAGE HEADER

From	Project Manager <pm@BigTranslationAgency.com> ☆
Subject	**EN>DE patent translation project**
To	info@cfbtranslations.com ★
Date	Wed, 24 Jun 2020 02:53:41 +0300
Message ID	<D177000C03A14E33AD6DE3BC34CD3ED1@corp.parking.ru>
User agent	Microsoft CDO for Windows 2000
Received	(qmail 30147 invoked by uid 30297); 23 Jun 2020 23:53:44 -0000

ANALYZE MESSAGE SOURCE WITH GOOGLE TOOLBOX

1. View source (in mail program)
2. Copy source into https://toolbox.googleapps.com/apps/messageheader/

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Created at:	6/23/2020, 4:53:41 PM PDT (Delivered after 3 sec)
From:	"Project Manager" <pm@BigTranslationAgency.com> Using Microsoft CDO for Windows 2000
To:	<info@cfbtranslations.com>
Subject:	EN>DE patent translation project

#	Delay	From *	To *	Protocol	Time received

ANALYZE MESSAGE SOURCE (GOOGLE TOOLBOX or AI)

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     Wed, 24 Jun 2020 02:53:41 +0300
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From: "Project Manager" <pm@BigTranslationAgency.com>
To: <info@cfbtranslations.com>
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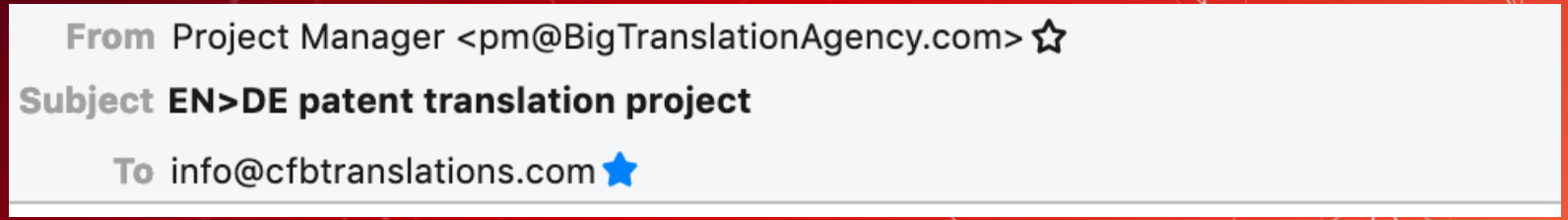
On mobile phones, there is NO simple option to expand email headers, so this is all you see:



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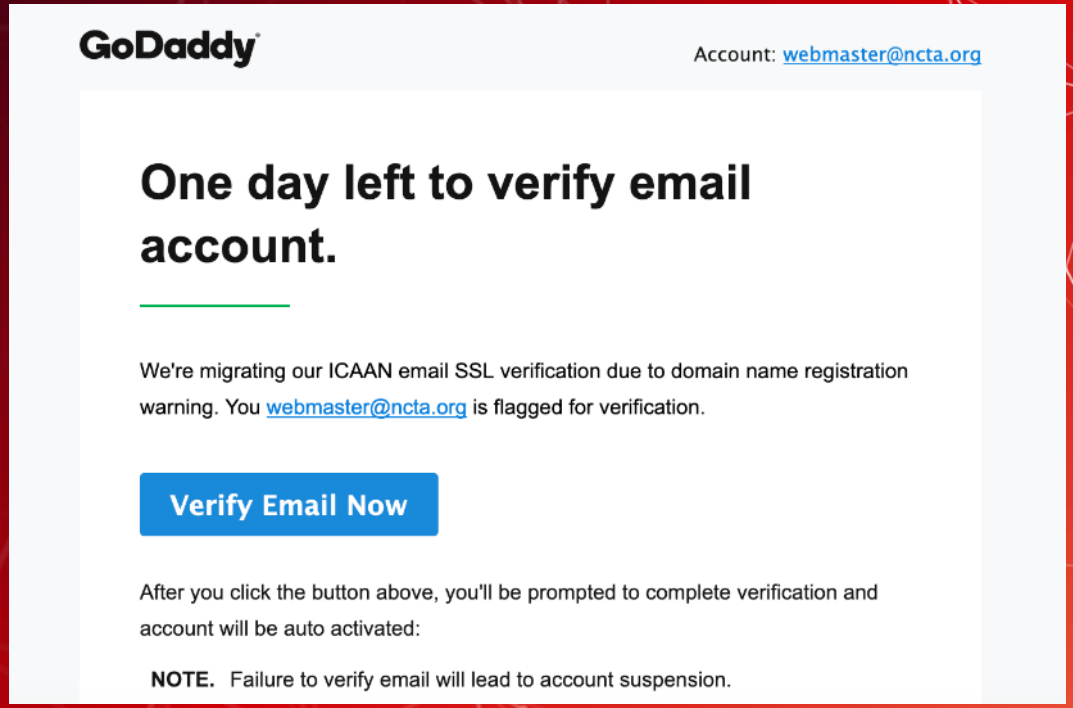


GoDaddy

Account: webmaster@ncta.org

One day left to verify email account.

We're migrating our ICAAN email SSL verification due to domain name registration warning. You webmaster@ncta.org is flagged for verification.

Verify Email Now

After you click the button above, you'll be prompted to complete verification and account will be auto activated:

NOTE. Failure to verify email will lead to account suspension.

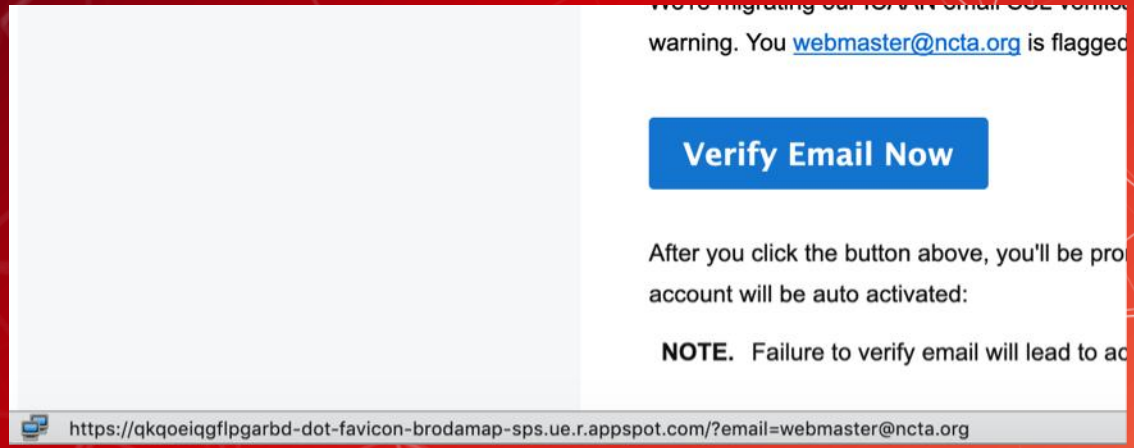
EMAIL SPOOFING ON A MOBILE PHONE – CAUTION!

To see the sender on a mobile phone, you can begin forwarding the message inline (not quoted):

-------- Forwarded Message --------
Subject: Action Required:Your email account is flagged for verification.
Date:14 Jan 2021 20:09:53 +0100
From: GoDaddy <phil-arch@t-online.de>
To:webmaster@ncta.org

WHERE DO LINKS LEAD?

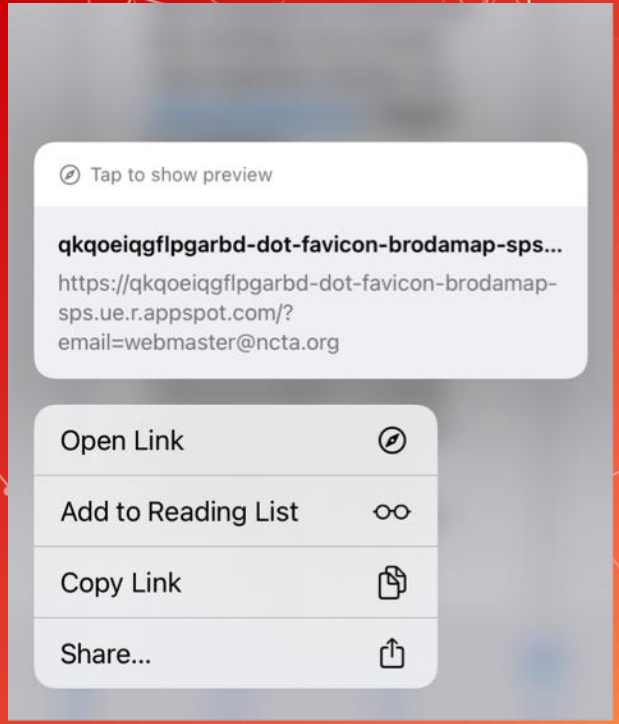
On the desktop, hover with the mouse over the button or link. Your mail program will show the target of the link in the footer:



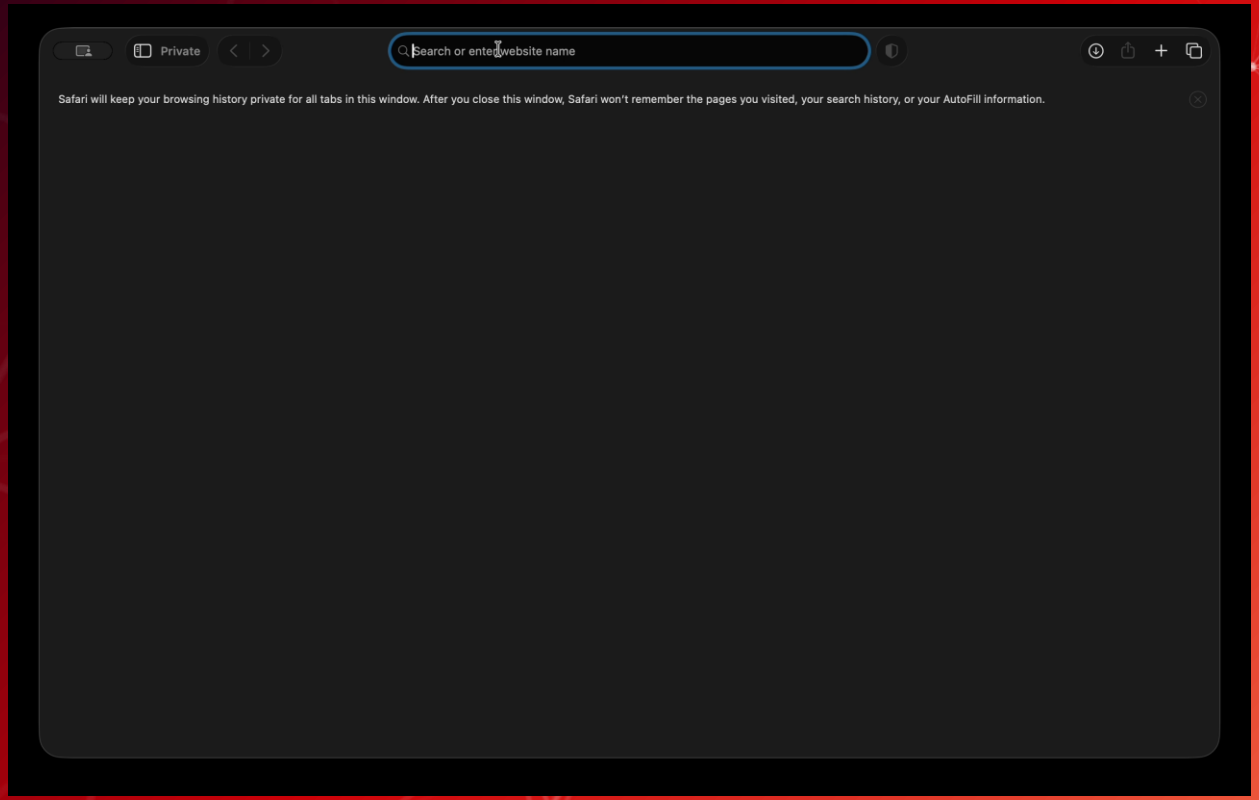
WHERE DO LINKS LEAD? – CAUTION ON MOBILE!

On a mobile phone, you can get a pop-up with information about the link, if you press and hold. Careful not to accidentally tap!

When in doubt, wait until you are at a desktop computer.



AI Makes Graphics Look Entirely Real!



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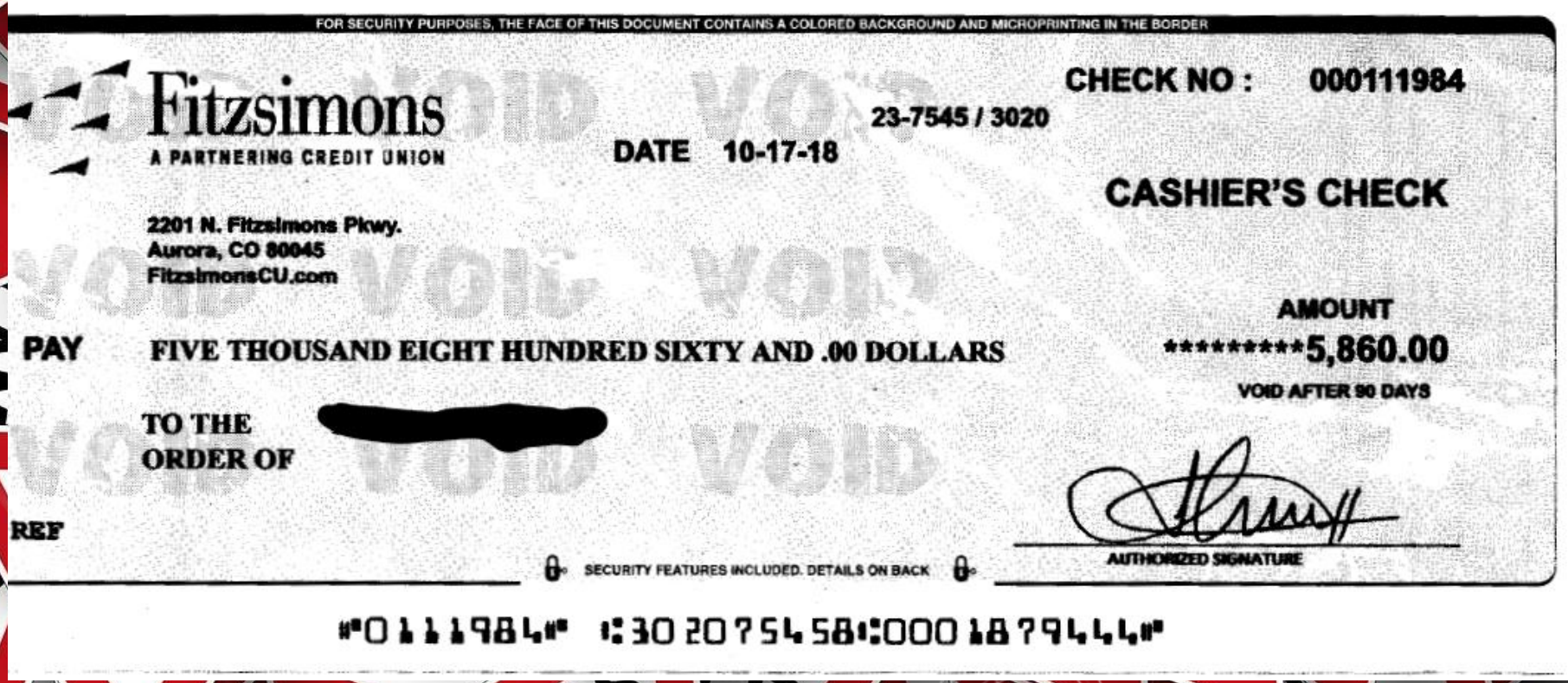
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DATE 10-17-18

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**********5,860.00

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS

PAY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY AND .00 DOLLARS

TO THE ORDER OF [redacted]

REF

SECURITY FEATURES INCLUDED. DETAILS ON BACK

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

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HOW IT WORKS

1. You and alleged client agree on project, price
2. Alleged client sends check well over the agreed amount, claims clerical error, wants you to wire the overpayment back
3. You deposit check into your bank account, wire the overpayment back
4. Alleged client disappears
5. After some time, check bounces. You lose the “overpayment” that you wired to the fake client and possibly a bank fee for the bounced check.

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FAKE AGENCIES AND OTHER HORROR STORIES

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Subject: We're Hiring English to Dutch Translator
From: <info@ecwpress.org>
Date: 9/15/26, 03:44
To: [redacted]

Dear Translator,

I hope you're doing well.

Ecw Press is currently looking for an experienced English-to-Dutch Translator for an upcoming freelance translation project.

We are seeking a professional translator who can provide accurate, natural, and well-written translations while preserving the original meaning, tone, context, and style of the source material. Attention to detail, consistency, and the ability to meet agreed deadlines are important for this project.

Project Details

- Language Pair
- Work Arrange
- Project Type:
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To Apply, Pleas

Thank you for your time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Emily ferko
Project Coordinator
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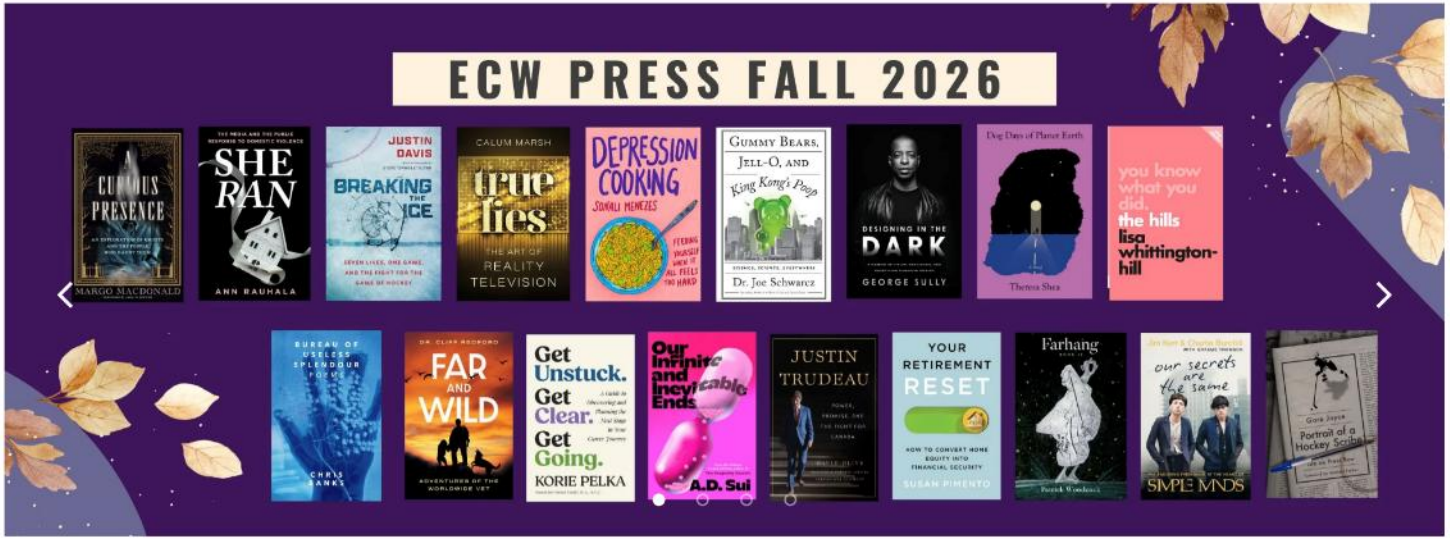

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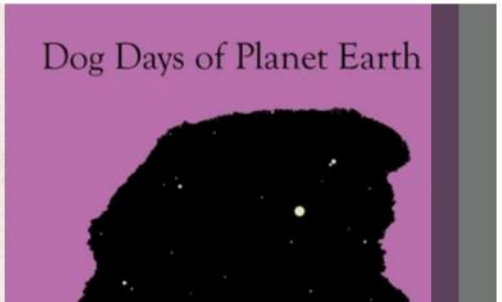

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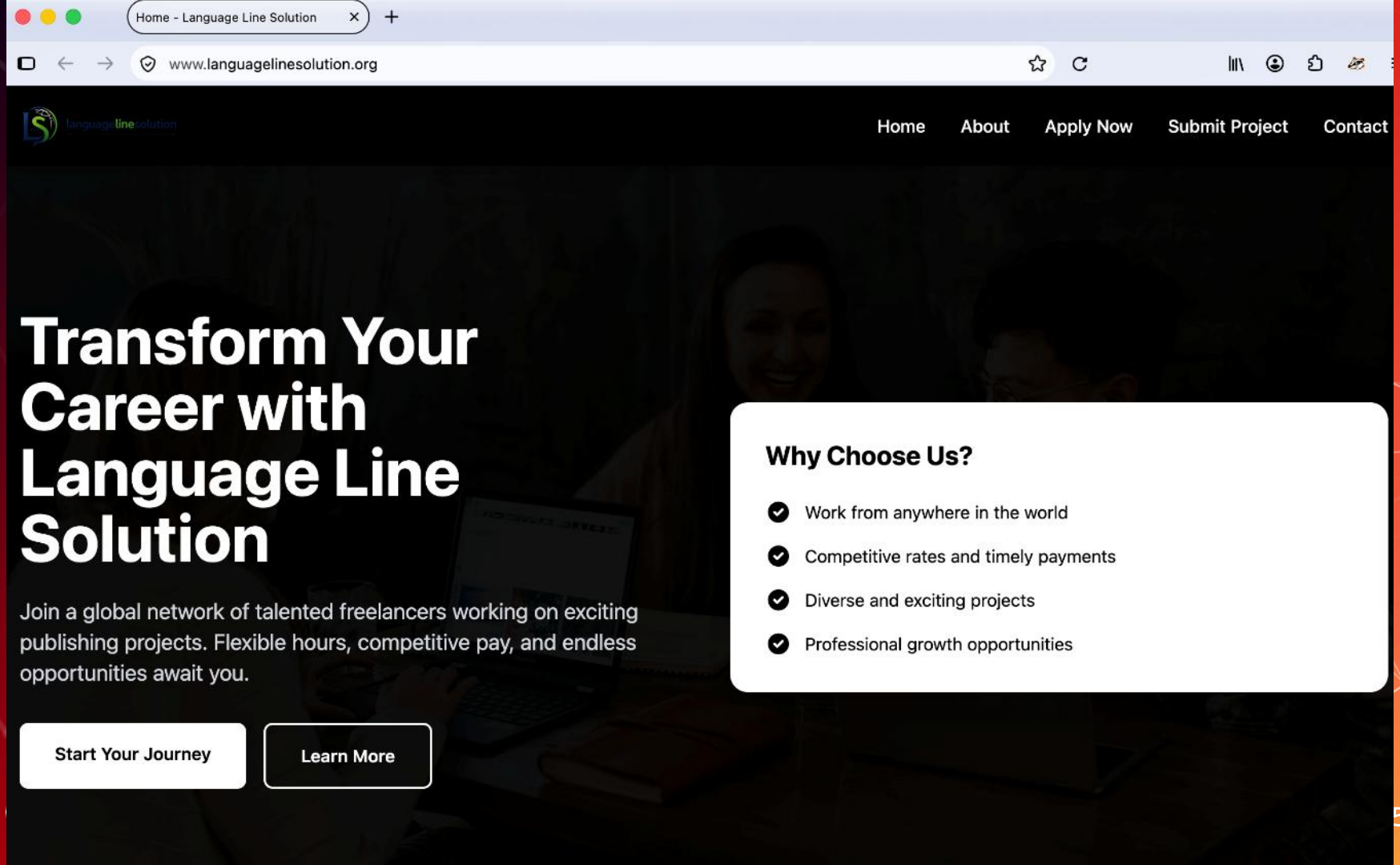
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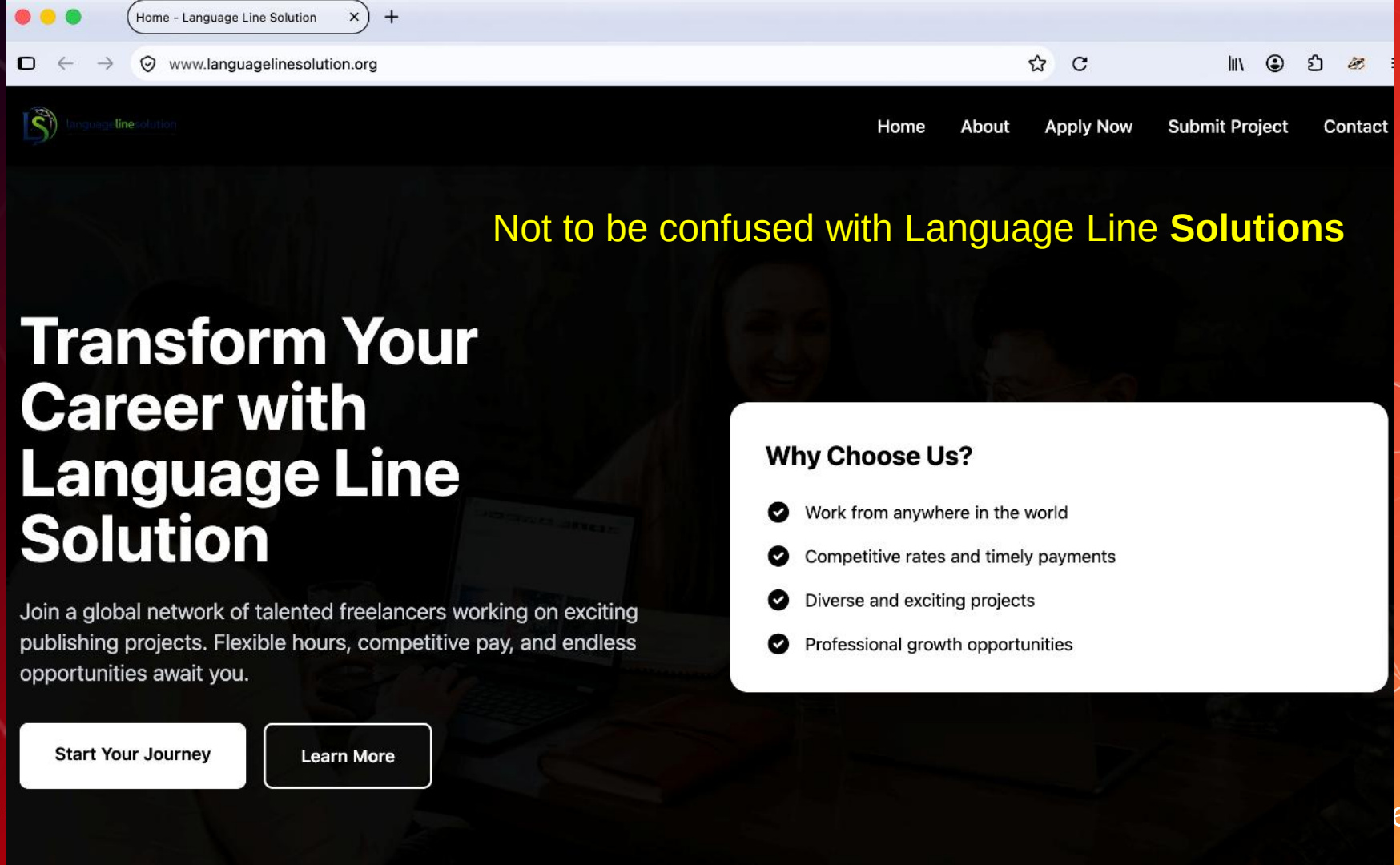
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What We're Looking For:

Excellent writing skills, creativity, attention to detail

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Available

Logo Designs

Design unique and memorable logos for brands and businesses.

What We're Looking For:

Proficiency in Adobe Illustrator or similar tools, creative portfolio

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Available

Content Writers

Produce high-quality articles, blog posts, and web content.

What We're Looking For:

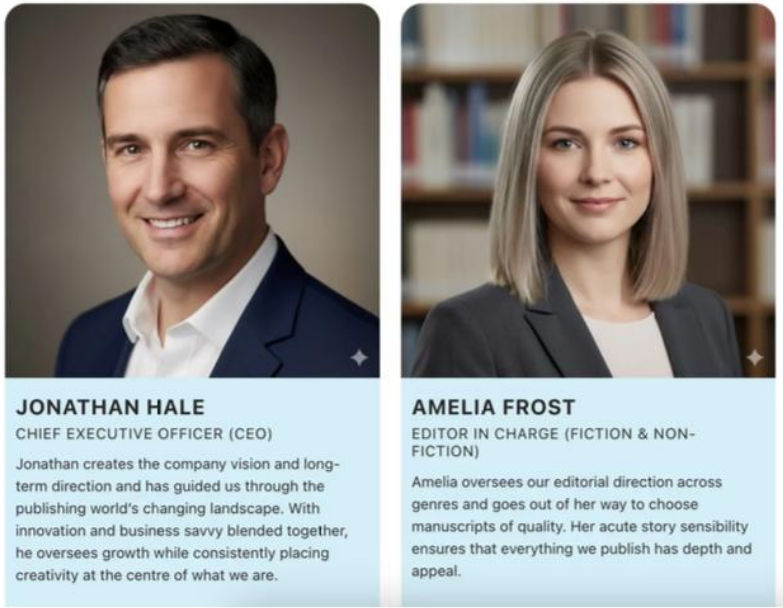
Strong writing skills, SEO knowledge, research abilities

Apply for This Position

Source: The Guardian, series of articles on publishing scams, 2025-2026

Lost in the plot: how would-be authors were fooled by AI staff and virtual offices in suspected global publishing scam

Book publishing websites in Australia, the UK and New Zealand appear to be using fake testimonials and AI staff pages to lure aspiring writers into handing over their money



Screenshot of since removed AI images that appeared on the Melbourne Book Publisher website

Kelly Burke

Sun 16 Nov 2025 09.00 EST

Prefer the Guardian on Google

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⚠️ IMPORTANT WARNING FOR AUTHORS AND PUBLISHING PROFESSIONALS

Someone is currently impersonating me and contacting English-speaking authors, claiming to be me and offering to translate their books into German.

The person is using my name, photograph, biography, and website, but is contacting people from an email address that does not belong to me.

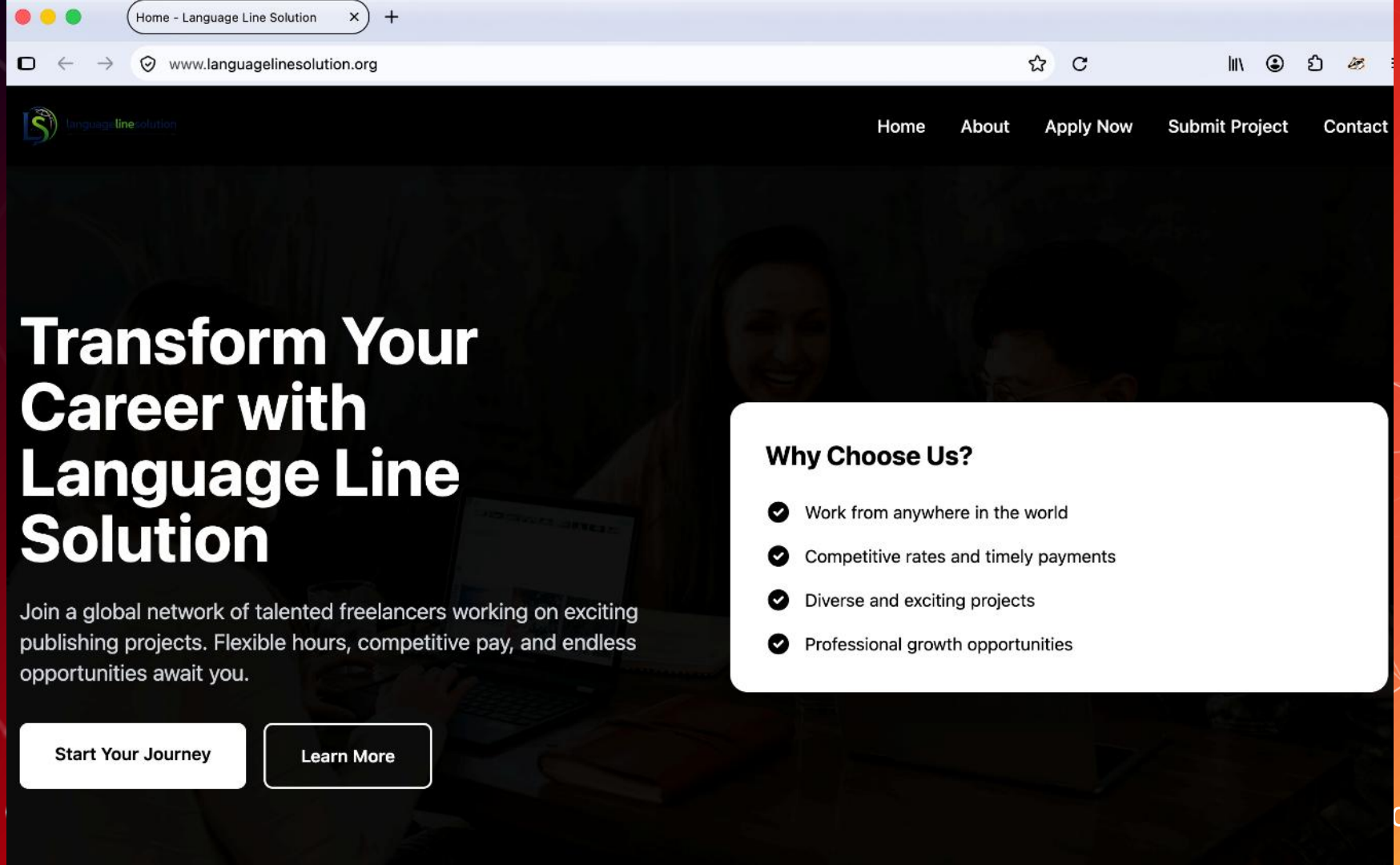
Please be aware that I do not approach authors, publishers, or other clients directly about book translation projects. As a literary translator, I get approached for projects and am not directly in contact with original rights holders.

If you receive an email or message that appears to come from me offering to translate your book or discussing a translation project, please do not send money, personal information, manuscripts, contracts, or other sensitive materials.

If you are unsure whether a message is genuinely from me, please double check the email address to confirm it matches the email address on my website.

This impersonation is completely unauthorized and could potentially cause financial loss as well as serious damage to my professional reputation.

The police have been informed and are investigating the matter.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Contact Information

Email Us

For general inquiries and support:

support@languagelinesolution.org

We typically respond within 24 hours

Business Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM (EST)
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (EST)
Sunday: Closed

Location

1 Centenary Way, Salford Manchester, M50 1RF United Kingdom

Why Reach Out to Us?

Application Questions

Have questions about the application process? We're here to guide you through every step.

Career Opportunities

Want to learn more about specific positions or future opportunities? Let's talk!

General Inquiries

Questions about our services, policies, or how we operate? We're happy to provide answers.

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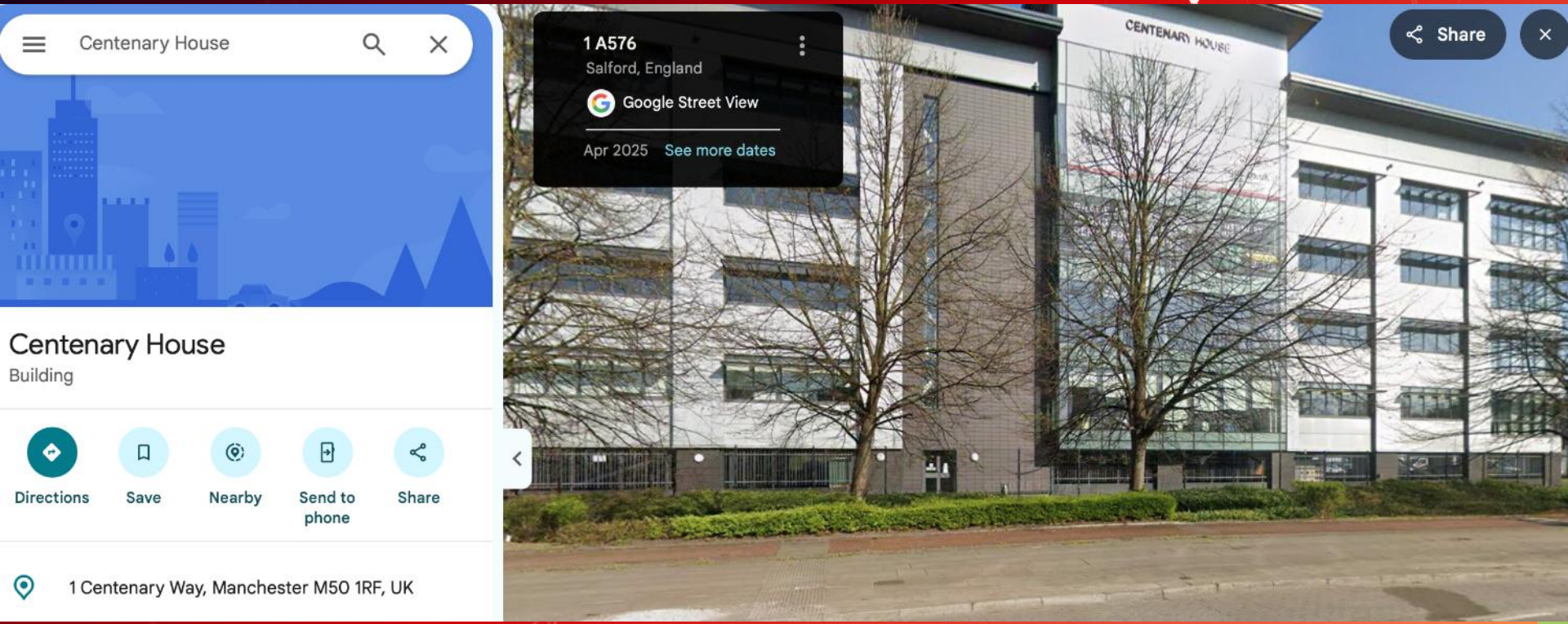

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GOV·UK

Find and update company information

Companies House does not check the accuracy of the information filed

Sign in / Register

Advanced company search

Search results

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All results

LANGUAGE LINE LIMITED

04823110 - Incorporated on 7 July 2003

5th Floor Queen Elizabeth House, 4 St. Dunstan's Hill, London, United Kingdom, EC3R 8AD

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5. Company info and terms on website: ?

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AI Overview

Under UK company law and e-commerce regulations, UK limited companies must display specific business details clearly on their website (commonly placed in the footer or a dedicated legal/contact page). HostBible +2

Core Company Information

- **Registered Company Name:** The full name as registered with Companies House (including "Limited" or "Ltd"), not just a brand or trading name.
- **Company Registration Number:** The unique number issued by Companies House.
- **Place of Registration:** The jurisdiction where the company is registered (e.g., England and Wales, Scotland, or Northern Ireland).
- **Registered Office Address:** The official physical address of the company.
- **VAT Number:** The VAT registration number, if the company is registered for VAT. HWB Accountants +2

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5. Company info and terms on website: Missing per UK regulation.

Medium to large companies NEVER use a free email address (gmail, hotmail, yahoo, ...)!

Also check that the entire URL and the domain suffix (.com, .org, .net) match the REAL company URL!

Vetting Potential Clients

https://www.cfbtranslations.com/vetting-potential-clients/

When you have done your due diligence, the client is real, you delivered the project as agreed, but the client still doesn't pay

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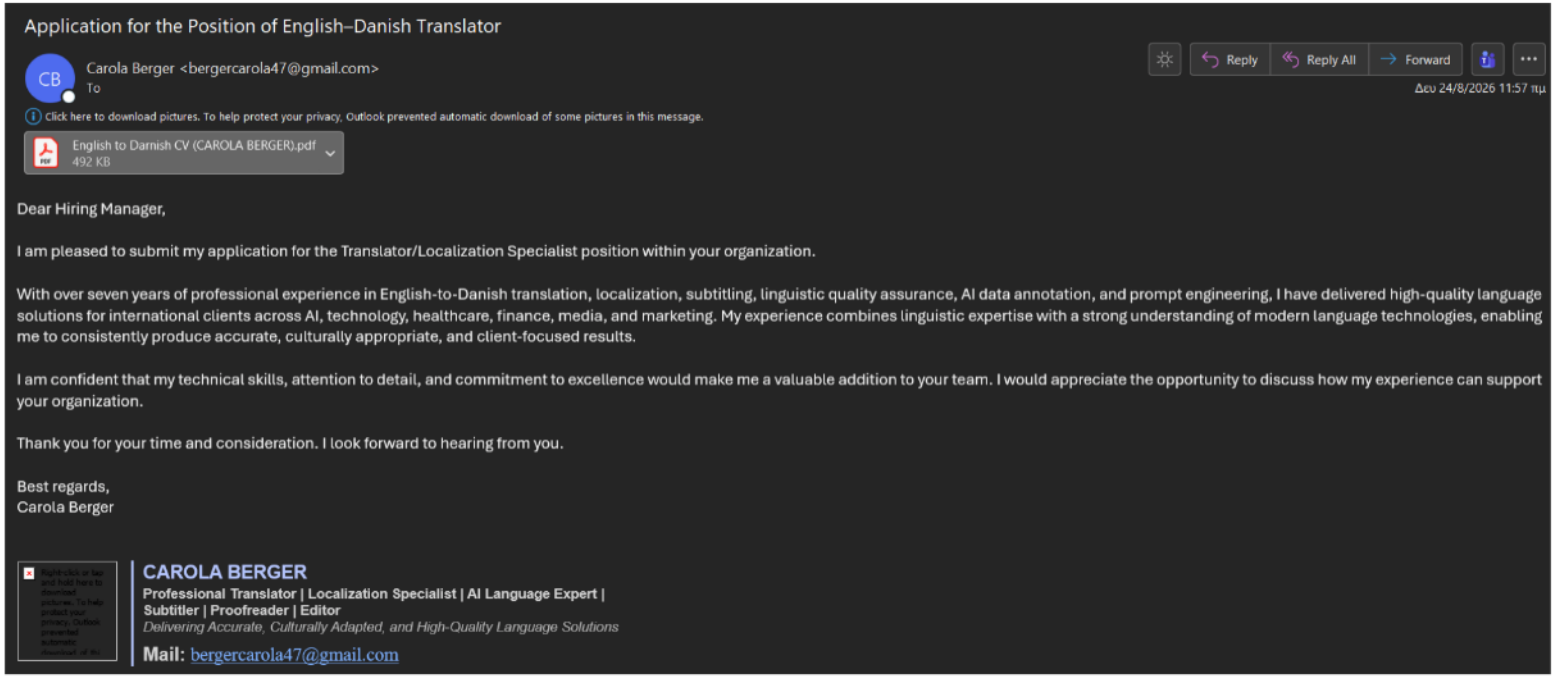

Application for the Position of English–Danish Translator

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Dear Hiring Manager,

I am pleased to submit my application for the Translator/Localization Specialist position within your organization.

With over seven years of professional experience in English-to-Danish translation, localization, subtitling, linguistic quality assurance, AI data annotation, and prompt engineering, I have delivered high-quality language solutions for international clients across AI, technology, healthcare, finance, media, and marketing. My experience combines linguistic expertise with a strong understanding of modern language technologies, enabling me to consistently produce accurate, culturally appropriate, and client-focused results.

I am confident that my technical skills, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence would make me a valuable addition to your team. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss how my experience can support your organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
Carola Berger

CAROLA BERGER
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REAL CV

[redacted]

[redacted]

OBJECTIVE Freelance technical language translation into English from German, Japanese, French & Spanish. Technical writing, editing, proofreading & checking of extant translations in these language pairs. Expertise in chemical, medical, pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device, agrochemical, polymer & patent areas.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

[redacted] **Freelance Technical Translation, Writing and Editing**

- Translation of technical documents in the chemical, medical, pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device, agrochemical, polymer & patent areas.
- Checking/proofreading/revision of extant technical translations
- Editing/proofreading/revision of grant proposals, peer-reviewed journal articles, and dissertations
- University teaching (Organic [redacted] & tutoring

Two years contract chemical research at [redacted]

- Synthesis and process scale-up of pharmaceutical intermediates and drug candidates
- Team leader supervising four PhD chemists, prepared weekly group progress reports for client
- Competitive analysis of patents, translation of non-English patents

Eleven years chemical and life sciences research at [redacted]

- Design and synthesis of biologically active molecules for crop protection
- Managed interdisciplinary team to create new systems and processes for compound discovery
- Translation and competitive analysis of multilingual patents, preparation of patent disclosures

Six years academic teaching and research at [redacted]

- Managed federally-funded research in medicinal chemistry, organic synthesis, and polymers
- Developed new courses in synthesis strategy and molecular modeling, latter published as book

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

[redacted] **2002-Present**

Owner

- Freelance Technical Translation

  Technical translation into English from source languages German, Japanese, French and Spanish

  Projects in the chemical, medical, pharmaceutical, biotech, medical device, polymer and agrochemical areas; technical literature, clinical trial protocols, patient information leaflets, scholarly journal articles, field trials, patents, books, medical reports, manufacturing protocols and batch sheets, validation studies, SOPs, patent office actions; extensive expertise in terminology and the technical idiom in English and source languages
- Freelance Technical Writing and Editing

  Editing grant proposals, peer-reviewed journal articles, and dissertations; proofreading extant translations

FAKE CV

Dan Morse, PhD

[redacted] USA

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OBJECTIVE Free-lance technical language translation into English from German, Japanese, French & Spanish. Technical writing, editing, proofreading & checking of extant translations in these language pairs. Expertise in chemical, pharmaceutical, medical, biotech, agrochemical, polymer & patent areas.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

[redacted] **Free-lance Technical Translation, Writing and Editing**

- Translation of technical patents (chemical, pharmaceutical, biotech, medical devices, polymer), medical reports, manufacturing protocols and batch sheets, professional literature articles and books
- Checking / proofreading extant technical translations
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

[redacted] **2001-Present**

- Free-lance Technical Translation

  Technical translation into English from primary source languages German and Japanese; additional strong languages French and Spanish

  Projects in chemical, medical, pharmaceutical, polymer and agrochemical technical literature, books and patents, medical reports, manufacturing protocols and batch sheets, technical business matter, patent office actions; extensive expertise in terminology and the technical idiom in English and source languages
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It has come to my attention that someone is impersonating me to get work.

They're using my LinkedIn profile, samples, and have even created an email address with my name to send it all from. Obviously, they didn't get past the video call stage because... they're not me.

But I'm super grateful the company who interviewed them let me know. What a Tuesday.

I hate to have to do this but if you do want to work with me, please make sure the contact details are the ones available on my website (and do a video call!).

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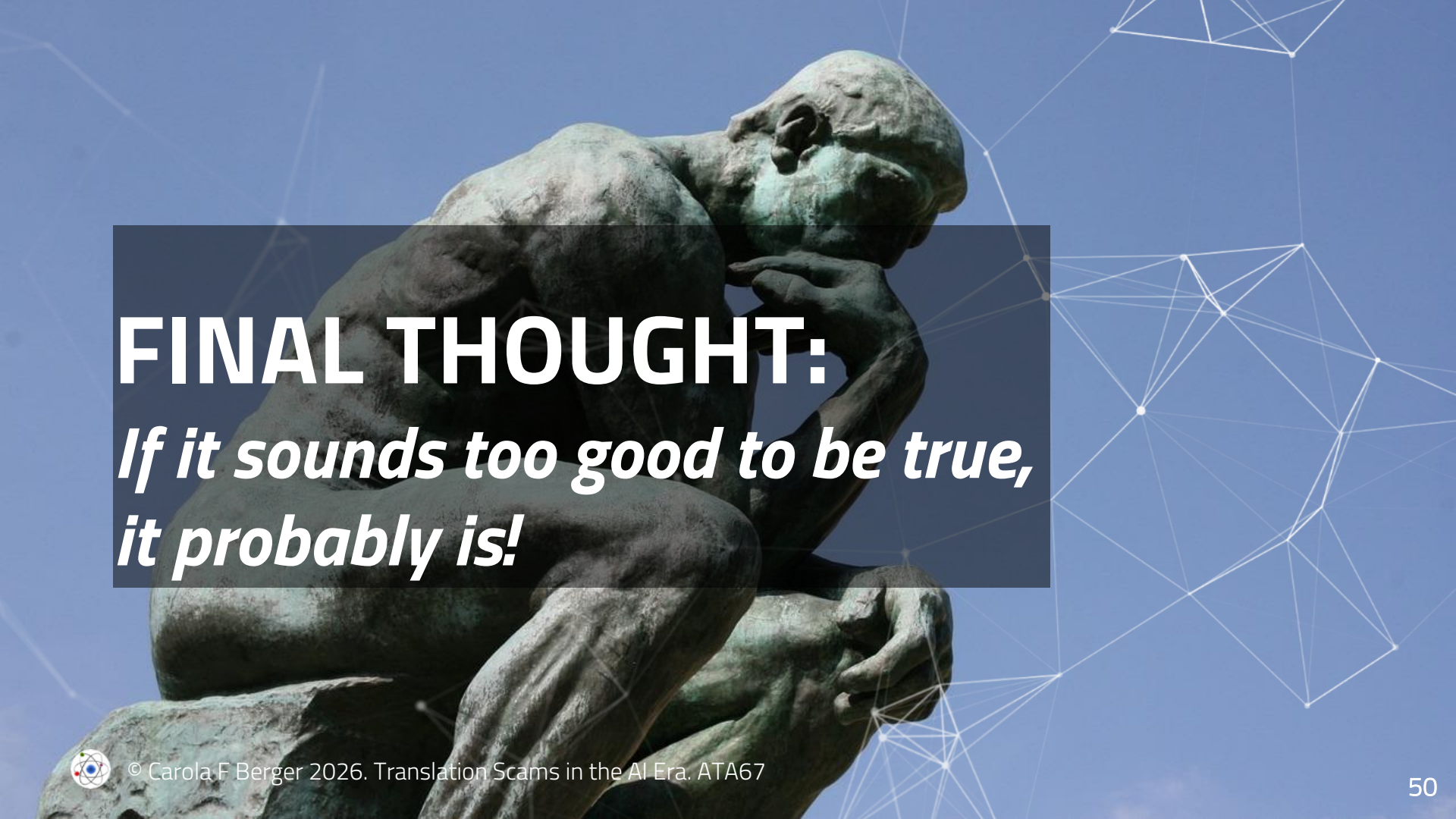

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