

ABBYY - Company Overview

ABBYY is a leading provider of document conversion, data capture and linguistic software. The key areas of ABBYY's research and development include document recognition technologies and applied linguistics.

ABBYY's recognition technologies and products help people manage the increasing amount of information delivering powerful instruments which enable them to: unlock information from paper and images, automatically acquire data, and process and store valuable information. Using recognition and data capture products, people save money and effort typically spent on data entry, and benefit from the ability to access information in new, more efficient ways. Our linguistic products help break down language barriers, facilitating easier and clearer communication.

Today, ABBYY is an international company with over 880 employees worldwide (as of January 2009). ABBYY products are being sold in more than 130 countries around the world through an extensive network of regional and international partners. The overall number of users of ABBYY products, which range from end user applications for PC and mobile devices to enterprise solutions and development tools, exceeds 30 million people according to internal research.

▼ Our Mission

ABBYY's mission is to improve the quality of life by developing artificial intelligence technologies for efficiently capturing, translating, and transforming information into accessible and useful knowledge.

▼ ABBYY - What Does It Mean?

The company's name – ABBYY – can be translated as *keen eye*. This word comes from the hypothetical (reconstructed) parent language for Miao-Yao, Nu, Hmong-Mien, Hmong, and Kim Mun groups of the Sino-Tibetan language family. This name and its meaning (keen eye) reflect the key fields of company's activity and research: document recognition and linguistic technologies.

▼ Company History

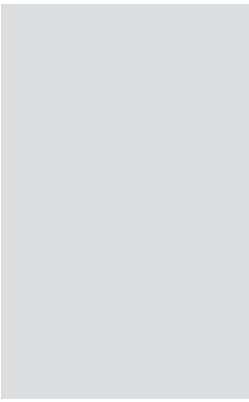
ABBYY (before 1997 — BIT Software) was founded in 1989 by David Yang, currently the chairman of ABBYY's board of directors. The company was born from an idea to create a dictionary software...

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▼ ABBYY Team

ABBYY is a dynamic, cohesive team of professionals, which include scientific and development staff (engineers, programmers, linguists and lexicographers), managers, analysts, marketing and sales professionals and many others. As of January 2009, our team numbers 887 people worldwide, 275 of them are directly involved in the software development processes and internal scientific research.

Since its early days ABBYY has maintained the highest professional and educational level of its employees. The company's personnel policy is aimed at providing comfortable working environment to foster professional growth and unfold people's potential. To achieve the highest quality of software development, ABBYY has created a proprietary education and certification system for all employees of the R&D department. The marketing and administration personnel



is also encouraged to increase their professional level by attending various training courses organized inside and outside the company.

ABBYY invests a lot in creating a special, friendly atmosphere that helps our employees to express their individual creativity and talents yet work together as a single entity. Every member of the ABBYY team makes a difference in the company's life and makes a contribution to the quality of our products.