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Platinum Software Translation Guide.

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Step 1: Adding a Language

The software already has a certain number of languages pre-defined in the administration section of the software. These are:

- English
- Russian
- Spanish
- German
- French
- Italian
- Japanese
- Chinese
- Swedish

Although these languages are defined in the database, the file structure and or translations to support them need to be created. In order to add a language, you must first determine whether the language you want is in the list above. If it is you can skip the next section (Edit the Database) and go directly to "Copy the Files".

Task 1: Edit the Database

If your language is not in the list above you will need to add it to the database for it to be displayed within your admin panel. Your hosting company will normally provide you with an interface to access the tables and data in your MySQL database directly. If you are unsure on how to access this tool, please contact your hosting company for advice.

For the purposes of this document we will make the assumption that you have access to the tool and are familiar enough with it to make the following changes.

- a) Open your database editor.
- b) In the list of tables, find the table called "langfile".
- c) Open the table in insert mode to create a new record. Within the table you will find the following fields:

lang_id – This field is the language identifier for this language. (See Appendix 2).

lang_name – This is the display name for the language (displayed in the administration only).

lang_filename – This is the filename for the language files that is stored in /languages (see next section). For example English is english.php

lang_imagename – This relates to the image that is used for display purposes and should ideally match the lang_name field. For a full list of the images available please see Appendix 2.

lang_active – This determines if the language is active. Please set this to 0 (zero) and only enable the language in the admin section after you have completed ALL the steps in this document.

lang_charset – This relates to the ISO or Windows character set required to display this language correctly in the browser. The users browser must support this character set in order for the language to display correctly.

c) Once you have completed these fields, save the record and close your database editing tool.

If you are unsure about any of these fields and how they should be formatted you can browse the existing values in the table which will give you several examples of how to format the data.

Task 2: Copy the files

The next step requires you to have access to the files that were uploaded to your server either through your hosting company's administration control panel or via FTP.

Assuming you have this access and are conversant with it you need to do the following:

a) Access the directory *" /languages"* and copy the files from there to your local PC.

b) Rename the files to match the language that you are creating. For example copy *english.php* to *french.php* (ensure it match *lang_filename* above including case). In this same example *english_admin.php* becomes *french_admin.php*, *english_js.php* becomes *french_js.php* and finally *has_profile_EN.inc.php* becomes *has_profile_FR.inc.php*.

c) Upload a copy of these files back to the *" /languages"* directory but retain your local version to work on (you will need them in Step 2).

d) Next, navigate to the *" /skins"* directory. Within the skins directory navigate to the skin *" /images"* directory (for example *" /skins/blue/images/"*) and there you will find a directory *" /EN"*. Create a copy of this directory (along with all the files and folders underneath) and rename it to the required language code (in our previous example you would rename it to *" /FR"*), ensuring that you keep the original *" /EN"* intact.

If you have selected a skin that you intend to stick with or have a custom skin (see Admin documentation for details on selecting skins) then you only need perform this task for only that skin, otherwise you may want to repeat this for each skin.

You have now created the structure to support your language choice. If you need help with Step 1, please contact our support and we will be happy to assist.

Step 2: Translating the Language Files

In step one you created a series of files and directories to support your language translation. The next step is the actual translation.

For this task you will need copies of your new language files (that you created in Task 2 (b) from the *"/languages"* directory and also admin access to your platinum software ("manager" account).

a) Open the new language files (for example *french.php*) in a text editor of your choice. We would recommend Dreamweaver or another editing tool with PHP support (as it will highlight any errors you might make) but even common tools such as notepad.exe will do.

When you have opened the file you will see text similar to the one below:

```
define("ADMIN_SECTION_NAME","Administration");
```

This is what is called a CONSTANT. When we create this definition, wherever the ADMIN_SECTION_NAME is found in the site code, it will be replaced with the text that comes after it, in this case "Administration". Therefore it is vital that you do not change the first part of the definition in CAPITALS otherwise you will get errors in your site.

IMPORTANT: Only translate the text in the second sequence of quotes and NEVER put double quotes ("") inside the text. This will cause errors. If you need to use quotes in your text then either use single quotes (') or use a \ before each quote (for example "my baby said \"hi\" to you").

So in the example above we may change it to:

```
define("ADMIN_SECTION_NAME","My new text");
```

Try by editing just a few items, save the file and then upload it back to the server /languages directory. Enable the language through the admin interface to test out your work (see admin documentation for details on how to enable languages).

You must translate the text in all 4 files:

```
{language}.php  
{language}_admin.php  
{language}_js.php  
has_profile_{lang}.inc.php
```

Once complete you are ready for the final part, step 3.

Step 3: Translating the Database Values

This is the last part of site translation and relates to the data within the database that stores such items and the list values in profiles, the mail templates and certain editable page templates.

To begin, log in to the administration panel of your Platinum software. In the settings menu you will find the following items under "settings":

- a) Manage List Options
- b) Mail Templates
- c) Page Templates

Manage List Options

Click Manage List Options and you are presented with the first of the lists. You need to go through each value in order and click edit. For example when you first enter the screen the values for "seeking" are displayed. The first item is "E-mail chat". To the left of that you see 2 links [edit] and [delete]. Click [edit].

On the next page there are several text fields. The first is the "Base value". The base value and the following field "Edit Option (English)" should always be identical.

After this you can see the language translation variants (if you have your other language enabled). Add your translation and save. Select the next value and repeat the process until all values are translated.

Once you have done the first set you can then select the next group from the drop down list and continue until all values are translated.

Mail Templates

Click "Mail Templates" in the administration control panel. The Mail Templates page contains a list of the available templates. To the right of these are 2 columns, Type and Edit. Under edit you will see the codes for the various languages. By default you have [EN] and then you will also see the language code for other enabled languages such as [FR] or [DE] if they are enabled.

Click the language code and enter the translation for the particular email that you have selected and complete the process by clicking Save.

Page Templates

Page Templates are similar to Mail Templates. Follow the same procedure to create the language variant for your translation.

Appendix 1: Character Sets

ISO character sets:

- ISO-8859-1 (Latin-1: West European Languages)
- ISO-8859-2 (Latin-2: Central and Eastern European Languages)
- ISO-8859-3 (Latin-3: Esperanto, Maltese)
- ISO-8859-4 (Latin-4: Estonian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Greenlandic, and Lappish)
- ISO-8859-5 (Cyrillic)
- ISO-8859-6 (Arabic)
- ISO-8859-7 (Greek)
- ISO-8859-8 (Hebrew)
- ISO-8859-9 (Latin-5: Turkish)
- ISO-8859-10 (Latin-6: Rare Nordic Languages)
- ISO-8859-11 (Thai)
- ISO-8859-13 (Latin-7: Baltic Rim Languages)
- ISO-8859-14 (Latin-8: Celtic Languages)
- ISO-8859-15 (Latin-9: Rare French and Finnish letters, Euro Symbol)
- ISO-8859-16 (Romanian)

Windows character sets:

- Windows-1250 (Windows Latin-2)
- Windows-1251 (Windows Cyrillic)
- Windows-1252 (Windows Latin-1)
- Windows-1253 (Windows Greek)
- Windows-1254 (Windows Turkish)
- Windows-1255 (Windows Hebrew)
- Windows-1256 (Windows Arabic)
- Windows-1257 (Windows Baltic)
- Windows-1258 (Windows Vietnamese)
- Windows-874 (Windows Thai)

Appendix 2: Country Codes

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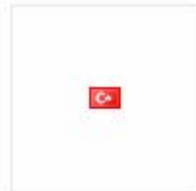
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