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Checklist for Getting Your Drupal Site Multilingual Ready

The Lingotek - Inside Drupal Module is the best tool out there for creating multilingual sites. We have a lot of experience translating all things Drupal. To make sure that your path to global engagement and localization goes as smoothly as possible, we've created this checklist for getting your Drupal site multilingual ready.

Step 1 - Understand Your Site

❏ The first step for multilingual prep is to understand your site! (Let's be honest though, most of us rarely know our sites completely.)

❏ Review your theme, content, and modules.

Step 2 - Examine Your Theme

❏ Review any customizations.

❏ Make sure all strings are wrapped in a t() function.

❏ Ensure both your base and sub-themes are multilingual ready.

❏ Use a well-established, multilingual-ready base theme like Zen, Bootstrap3, etc.

Step 3 - Think About Your Content

❏ Figure out how many nodes are on your site and familiarize yourself with how/where they are used.

❏ Find out how many different content types you have and make note of diverse custom fields. The more types of content, the more complex your site translation will be.

❏ Know how many languages are currently on the site.

❏ Check your node language settings. If they aren't set up correctly, it can lead to translation barriers down the road.

Step 4 - Rein In Your Modules

❏ Find out how many modules are installed on your site. For multilingual, the fewer modules installed, the better!

❏ When it comes to contributed modules, you've got to rein them in. Limit your modules to those that you really need and use. It's best to have as few as you can (under 200). Too many modules can compromise functionality and interfere with site translation.

❏ Code review your custom modules to ensure all strings are properly wrapped in t() functions.

Step 5 - Examine Potential Trouble Spots

There are some additional areas that might become trouble spots. They may not affect large portions of your site, but it's good to know where you might run into issues. Those are:

❏ URL Aliases

❏ Taxonomy Terms

❏ Blocks

❏ Fieldable Panels Panes

❏ Mini-panels

❏ Groups

❏ Views

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About Lingotek

Lingotek is a long-time supporter of the Drupal community. We've sponsored, attended, presented, and sprinted at over a hundred Camps and Cons over the years. That's why we're ranked as a Top 30 Drupal Contributor.

Lingotek - Inside Drupal is a community-maintained module that is primarily sponsored by Lingotek and built on Drupal's standard multilingual modules (locale, content translation, entity translation, internationalization, etc). It is the only module to integrate a translation management system (TMS) directly into Drupal, giving the community access to a variety of translation technologies–machine translation, translation memory, and a CAT tool– all within the Drupal environment.
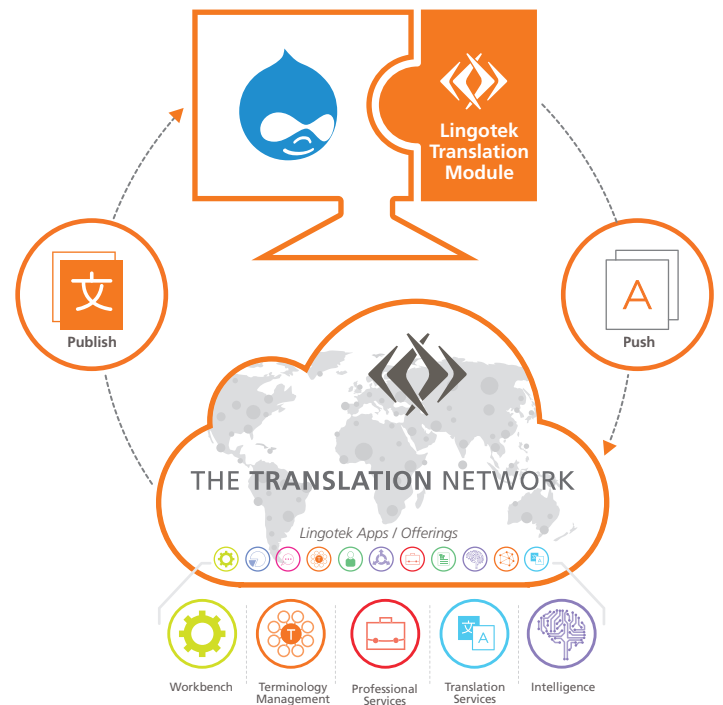
How It Works

The Lingotek - Inside Drupal Module extracts text from selected Drupal pages and sends it to Lingotek for translation. Once the linguist completes the translation in Lingotek, the connector pushes the translated content back into Drupal, automatically rebuilding the multilingual version of the page. No knowledge of Drupal or coding is required on the part of the translator!

We help administrators, agencies, and web marketers get a Drupal site multilingual–ready within minutes, instead of days. That's why we have more downloads and better usage metrics–over 57,000 to date––than any other translation solution out there. Lingotek is the number one option for Drupal users who want to do their multilingual site right.

To learn more about our Drupal translation solution, please visit www.lingotek.com/drupal.

To test it out for free on your site, please visit www.drupal.org/project/lingotek.

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