

Adding a Language



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Goal

Add one or more languages to your site and define which one is used by default.

Prerequisite knowledge

[Concept: User Interface, Configuration, and Content translation](#)

Steps

1. Install the four core multilingual modules (Language, Interface Translation, Content Translation, and Configuration Translation), by following the steps in [Installing a Module](#).
2. In the *Manage* administrative menu, navigate to *Configuration > Region and language > Languages* (*admin/config/regional/language*).
3. Click *Add language*.
4. Select *Spanish* (or your preferred language) from the *Language name* select list. Click *Add language*. After waiting for translations to finish downloading, you will be returned to the *Languages* page, with a confirmation message and the new language shown.

Languages ☆

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Detection and selection

✓ Status message

The language *Spanish* has been created and can now be used.

✓ Status message

Use one of the language switcher blocks to allow site visitors to switch between languages. You can enable these blocks on the [block administration page](#).

Reorder the configured languages to set their order in the language switcher block and, when editing content, in the list of selectable languages. This ordering does not impact [detection and selection](#).

The site default language can also be set. It is not recommended to change the default language on a working site. [Configure the Selected language](#) setting on the detection and selection page to change the fallback language for language selection.

Interface translations are automatically imported when a language is added, or when new modules or themes are installed. The report [Available translation updates](#) shows the status. Interface text can be customized in the [user interface translation](#) page.

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Name	Default	Interface translation	Operations
÷ English	☒	not applicable	Edit ▼
÷ Spanish	☐	0/48 (0%)	Edit ▼

[Save configuration](#)

- Follow the steps in [Placing a Block in a Region](#) to place the *Language switcher* block in the *Sidebar second* region. This will enable site visitors to switch between languages, once the site has been translated.

Expand your understanding

- [Configuring Content Translation](#)
- [Translating Content](#)

Videos

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Additional resources

[Drupal.org community documentation page "Multilingual guide"](#)

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