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Module Localizaiton

Chris Eaton / September 09, 2004 03:59PM

[Module Localizaiton](#)

Phorum now supports the ability to load appropriate language files from modules, so we can begin to make modules that support more then one language.

I've included details in how to do this in docs/creating_mods.txt, which you can [view from CVS](#).

Because I know that not all modules will support all languages, Phorum will attempt to fallback to English when an appropriate language file is not found. I highly recommend that all mods include an english.php with English text in order to make sure that the module will at least work for everybody (even if it is not in the right language).

update - If you want to see what an example of a localized module looks like you can check out the [current version of Online Users](#).

Edited 2 time(s). Last edit at 09/13/2004 10:55PM by Tridus.

pat / October 02, 2004 11:48PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Hi Tridus,

I'm trying to localise the poll-module. And I'm stuck with this:

```
$submit = '<input type="submit" value="Vote">';
```

how would you localise the "Vote"? No matter what I try - the string is never inserted instead eather the uncompiled code :

```
$PHORUM["DATA"]["LANG"]["mod_poll"]["VoteButton"]
```

is shown or nothing at all.

Any idea?

thanx
pat

pat / October 03, 2004 11:13AM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Never mind, I've got it:

```
$submit = '<input type="submit" value="'. $PHORUM["DATA"]["LANG"]["mod_poll"]["VoteButton"].'>';
```

pat

pat / October 03, 2004 04:33PM

[Name of Lang-File](#)

Hi,

I think it should be mentioned, that the mod-lang-file has to have the exact same name as the corresponding main-

lang-file...

pat

Avdoshyn Andrej / January 25, 2005 04:29PM

[Re: Name of Lang-File](#)

doesn't work :(

for example with mod_poll

in list.php:

```
print_r($PHORUM["DATA"]["LANG"]["mod_poll"]);
```

is empty

I actually don't see where mod/poll/lang/english.php is included?

Edited 1 time(s). Last edit at 01/25/2005 04:35PM by Avdoshyn.

Panu / January 25, 2005 05:30PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Admin "enables" it after you disable and enable the module.

-= [Panu] =-

Avdoshyn Andrej / January 26, 2005 03:39PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

[\[forum.media-objektiv.com\]](http://forum.media-objektiv.com)

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Edited 1 time(s). Last edit at 01/26/2005 03:41PM by Avdoshyn.

Panu / January 28, 2005 12:46AM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Avdoshyn Wrote:

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If your phorums main lang-file is called english.php then the modules lang file has to be calld english.php.

if it's russian.php then modules lang file has to be called russian.php

There shouldn't be anything else to get it to work.

You can test it by modifying the default lang file, and then disabling and enabling the module in admin. Do the strings change?

--[Panu]=-

Avdoshyn Andrej / January 28, 2005 11:25AM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Look I really carefull read the manual and installation proccess, and have done everything corresponding to it, maybe something wrong with the forum engine (i've made some changes for my personal tasks), so i want to see where additional file in includede so I can found a mistake.

Thanks

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> --[Panu]=-

Panu / January 28, 2005 03:44PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

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Hmm I hate top posting.

What I was trying to hint was that give us something more specific what you have done. Post your languagefile or something. Repeating the same unusefull report over and over doesn't change it to a usefull report. There's no magical book where we can read what is wrong without anything specific information about your problem.

There might be something wrong with the languagefile you are using, that's why I suggested you change the default file slightly and see if you can see the changes. So to verify it picks up the changes in lang-files to begin with.

--[Panu]--

Stoltze / January 31, 2005 10:00PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

I have posted in the mod_avatar thread since I have a localization problem with that module (see [phorum.org]).

What does it take to localize that module besides creating a file in mods/avatar/lang/ named as the main language file (eg. dansk.php).

Any input very much appreciated ;-)

/Stoltze

Panu / January 31, 2005 11:21PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

stop and re-enable mod_avatar in amin.

--[Panu]--

Stoltze / February 01, 2005 08:58AM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Hi Panu,

I've tried the following.

- 1) Disable mod_avatar in admin.
- 2) Logged in as a regular user (avatar option gone as should be)
- 3) Enabled mod_avatar in admin.
- 4) Same problem :-(

The problem is not within my langauge file, since copying english.php and renaming it to dansk.php (the name of my main language file) does not solve the problem.

I could of course give the translations in the english.php file, but then the option to switch between danish/english would be gone...

Any other ideas? Is this a known problem - I've searched but not found any postings on this issue.

/Stoltze

Chris Eaton / February 04, 2005 11:38PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

All it should take is creating the language file. The module is already localized, so you shouldn't even have to disable/enable the module for it to take effect.

The way it works is that when the lang hook is run, it tries to load a language file in /mods/some_mod/lang/langfile.php, where langfile.php is the name of the language file that is already loaded.

If it can't find that file or fails for some reason, it does a fallback and tries to load english.php.

My advice would be to turn on full error reporting, and see what comes up. Add this line early in common.php:

```
error_reporting(E_ALL);
```

And post any new messages that appear. Make sure that the user you are viewing the page in has a language other then english selected.

andreas / March 17, 2005 12:03PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Sorry, I don't get it.

I was going to translate mod_poll into German "Du".

As far as I understand I need to translate the English strings into German strings, put it into a file called "german.php" and copy that into the lang-directory of the poll-mod (or something like that *g*). At least I thought that should be the trick, but it obviously isn't *g*

I'm stuck on it: Where do I find the array to translate?

Thanks in advance,
Andreas

frajo / April 07, 2005 03:05AM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

andreas Wrote:

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```

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nowhere.
you need to "germanize" poll.php. :)

Attachments:

- [poll.php](#)
-

andreas / April 07, 2005 10:21AM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

gg

ok, ic ;)

thx :)

pat / April 07, 2005 08:28PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Hi,

> you need to "germanize" poll.php. :)

That's not true, I created a localised Version and uploaded it. Just search the poll-mod-tread and you'll find [IT HERE](#)

There comes my German-Sie Lang-File with it so "Du" should not be to much work left for you.

pat

frajo / April 07, 2005 10:09PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

pat Wrote:

> That's not true, I created a localised Version and uploaded it.

yeah, you're certainly right. i should have been more careful with my wording: i _preferred_ to "germanize" poll.php instead of looking for a localized version. it's the way OS/2 die-hards are used to. :)

Panu / April 07, 2005 11:20PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

Hey I'm a OS/2 die hard but I prefer changing a lang-file if I can :) Well I'm not a OS/2 die hard anymore... Oh what a wonderfull OS it is...

--[Panu]=-

hoowoo / October 26, 2005 12:35AM

[Re: Module Localizaiton](#)

I work with the list support of the text style editor. Can anybody help me with a German localization pls? See [\[phorum.org\]](#) for details.

Tx!

Honza*), fórum o bylinkách a taky o k?es?anském duchovním život? - [hoowoo.euweb.cz]

Data / December 12, 2007 10:28PM

[Re: Module Localizaiton - German lang for Group Auto-Email Module](#)

Hi, I have added German language to the [group auto-email mod in this post](#).

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