

# Language Files

Translate the language files to your locale.

Language strings are stored in files within the Lang/<locale> directory. The locale is the code as set when you created the language.

```
/addons /Languages /English /Lang
ng /en core.php
/Spanish /Lang /es
core.php
```

Each language files must return an array of language strings:

## File Encoding

Please ensure that all of your language files are saved with UTF-8 encoding otherwise the help desk may not function correctly.

```
<?php return [ 'product_name' => 'SupportPro',];
```

We recommend copying the language files from the included English language pack and then translating all the strings within those files.

Language files are cached for performance reasons. If you make changes to a translation file after the language has been enabled, you must manually clear the system cache to see the changes in some parts of the application. This can be done by browsing to Settings -> Utilities -> System Cleanup or using the `cache-clear` command via CLI.

Language strings can be accessed from any part of the application using `Lang::get()` function. If you need to access language files from within a template the syntax changes slightly to `Lang.get()`. For example, if you would like to access the `product_name` language string in the `core.php` file from within a PHP file:

```
echo Lang::get('core.product_name');
```

Alternatively, from within a template file:

```
{{ Lang.get('core.product_name') }}
```

If you need to dynamically control words within language strings, this is possible using placeholders. All placeholders are prefixed by the `:` character.

```
<?phpreturn [ 'product_name' => 'SupportPro, 'welcome' => 'Welcome to :product_name',];
```

We can then assign the placeholder value when accessing the

language string:

```
echo Lang::get('core.welcome', [ 'product_name' => Lang::get('core.product_name') ]); // Welcome to SupportPro
```

Often we make use of singular and plural forms of language strings. Pluralisation is possible via the pipe (|) character:

```
<?php return [ 'product' => 'Product|Products'];
```

Depending on whether we want to access the singular or plural form, the string can be accessed using the `Lang::choice()` function. The second parameter specifies which form we would like to retrieve:

```
echo Lang::choice('core.product', 1); // Product
echo Lang::choice('core.product', 2); // Products
```

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