



The Handbook

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Installing WordPress in Your Language

WordPress source files, Themes, translation files, and support is available in many other languages. To install a language file, check each website listed below for specific instructions on downloading and installing these international versions of WordPress, and/or use the instructions listed below.

For a listing of all the languages (.mo and .po) files available for WordPress, see [WordPress Language File Repository](http://svn.automattic.com/wordpress-i18n/) (<http://svn.automattic.com/wordpress-i18n/>). Help is also needed to increase and improve WordPress Translations. See [Translating WordPress](#) for more information.

Installing an International Version

To install an international version of WordPress, you have two choices.

1. Follow the instructions provided at the site for your language listed at [WordPress in Your Language](#)
2. Follow the instructions [below](#) to manually install a language file to your Wordpress site.

Localizing WordPress

To use a language file with WordPress, you must select the .mo language file for your language and install it on your WordPress site. A complete list of language files can be found at GNU by [country](http://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/manual/html_chapter/gettext_16.html#SEC22) (http://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/manual/html_chapter/gettext_16.html#SEC22) and [language](http://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/manual/html_chapter/gettext_15.html#SEC221) (http://www.gnu.org/software/gettext/manual/html_chapter/gettext_15.html#SEC221).

The naming convention of the .mo files is based on the ISO-639 language code (e.g. *pt* for Portuguese) followed by the ISO-3166 country code (e.g. *_PT* for Portugal or *_BR* for Brazil). If you see multiple language files for your language, select the one specific for your country.

To begin the process of setting up WordPress for localization:

- Download the .mo file for your language.
- Open your wp-config.php file in a [text editor](#) and search for:

```
define ('WPLANG', '');
```

- Edit this line according to the .mo file you've just downloaded, e.g. for the Portuguese spoken in Brazil you must add:

```
define ('WPLANG', 'pt_BR');
```

- Save the file.
- On your site server, create a new folder in your `/wp-includes` directory called

/languages.

- Upload the .mo file to /wpo-includes/languages.
- Upload the modified wp-config.php file into the WordPress root directory.
- Open your browser and go to your WordPress site. It should now display in the newly installed language.

Additionally, you can download the .po file and customize/personalize the translation. It will then have to be saved and a new .mo file will need to be created. For more information, see [Translating WordPress](#).

Note: If there was an error in the steps above or you did not specified the correct language WordPress will default back to English. For more help Installing WordPress, see [Installing WordPress](#) and [FAQ Installation](#).