

Before we start

When we say multilingual, we mean that the same WordPress install holds content in several languages at the same time. Most themes today come with .po files that allow them to run in different languages. Multilingual means, the site includes content in several languages together.

[WPML](#) makes WordPress sites multilingual. Authors can write content in several languages. It also loads the correct .po (actually .mo) files, so that the WordPress, the theme display in the right language.

Installation and Configuration

First thing to do is [download](#) and install WPML.

Next, click on the WPML menu to add languages. The setup process includes 3 steps:

1. Choosing the default language (the language in which contents are currently in)
2. Adding more languages
3. Adding language switchers to the theme

Setup WPML

Before you can start using WPML, it needs to be set up

1. Language for existing contents

2. Select languages

Site Languages

Select the languages to enable for your site (you can also add and remove languages later).

<input type="checkbox"/> Danish	<input type="checkbox"/> Dutch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> French
<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> Arabic	<input type="checkbox"/> Armenian
<input type="checkbox"/> Bulgarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Catalan	<input type="checkbox"/> Croatian	<input type="checkbox"/> Czech
<input type="checkbox"/> Finnish	<input type="checkbox"/> Greek	<input type="checkbox"/> Hebrew	<input type="checkbox"/> Hindi
<input type="checkbox"/> Indonesian	<input type="checkbox"/> Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Kurdish
<input type="checkbox"/> Lithuanian	<input type="checkbox"/> Macedonian	<input type="checkbox"/> Maltese	<input type="checkbox"/> Moldavian
<input type="checkbox"/> Norwegian Bokmål	<input type="checkbox"/> Persian	<input type="checkbox"/> Polish	<input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese (Brazil)
<input type="checkbox"/> Slovak	<input type="checkbox"/> Welsh		

Until here, it's all standard. Now starts the fun part – the pre-configured setup for ThemeSquared Themes.

Translating Content

Once WPML setup is complete, you can start translating content.

WPML helps you separate between content authoring and translation. Of course, the same person who writes can also translate, but normally, other people would do the translation.

Create new WordPress accounts for your translators. They can have any sort of account type, including even subscribers.

Head over to [WPML](#) → [Translation Management](#) → [Translators](#) and make these users translators.

Translation management

[Translation Dashboard](#) **[Translators](#)** [Translation Jobs](#) [Multilingual Content Setup](#) [Translation Notifications](#)

[Add translator »](#)

From language: To language:

Select translation service

Local - Your own translators

To add translators, they must first have accounts in WordPress. Translators can have any editing privileges, including

ICanLocalize - ICanLocalize, the makers of WPML, offers excellent human service done by expert translators, for only \$0.09 per word.

[Add translator](#)

You haven't added any translator accounts yet

Now that you have translators in WordPress, you can send them jobs. Click on the [Translation Dashboard](#) tab, choose the documents you want to translate and send to translation.

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Translation Dashboard

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Multilingual Content Setup

Translation Notificat

Select which documents to display

Show documents in: French Translated to: All languages Translation status: Not transla

Filters:

Status: Any

Type: Any

Title:

Parent: Any

Display

<input type="checkbox"/>	Title	Date ↓
<input type="checkbox"/>	French Homepage	2014-01-13
<input type="checkbox"/>	Building Multilingual Site with Spyropress	2014-01-13

WPML will send notification emails to your translators, they will log in and translate in WordPress. Each translator sees a jobs queue and can only work on content that you send for him/her.