

Translating the wiki way

Simple, fast, fun

History

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- In the beginning... CVS and Bugzilla

Open source translation sucks can be improved!

- Barriers
- Ownership
- Inefficient workflows
- Impossible to translate
 - _ blue box(es) -> _ sini(nen|stä) laatikko(a)
 - Please _ to continue
- Hide-and-peek

This makes $\overset{V}{(\ddot{x})}$ sad

**We are not going to run out of
stuff to translate!**

More & better translations

More translators

Solutions > Code

- MediaWiki has awesome i18n support
- Message documentation enforced
- To improve
 - Developers' education (ongoing)
 - Process to fix things after the fact

Solutions > [translatewiki.net](https://www.translatewiki.net)

Collaboration

Automation

QA

Solutions > Translate

- Interface and content translation
- Easy* web interface
- Easy to find work
- Proofreading

<https://www.mediawiki.org/wiki/Help:Extension:Translate>

Unsolved > text quality

- Bad english, jargon
- user name vs. username vs. (user) account
- ~Translation memories
- ~Search

Story > UserBase

<http://userbase.kde.org/>

Story > Translation sprints

- Gnome, KDE into Finnish
- Scalability issues
- Proofreading ++
- Searching --

<http://l10n.laxstrom.name/wiki/Etusivu>

Unsolved > world domination

We should:

- Demand easy and fast tools
- Demand sufficient i18n
- Demand message documentation
- Let other people know about solutions
- Let us know about solutions