

# 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-seek

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This makes (x) sad

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## meänskieli (fit)

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## Message definition ([Mediawiki](#))

 Preview

## Esikatselu

## Summary:

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Save and open next

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## Ask question

## Translation history

**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

Collaboration

Automation

QA

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## 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