Language selection

Language selection simplified, supporting new scenarios in a more consistent way.
The basic elements

Entry point — 12 languages

Many are possible.
Not part of this exploration.

Flexible search
Suggested languages
Language list
The selection process
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Languages

Search languages

Suggested

English  русский
Español  한국어

All languages

Afrikaans
Català
English
Esperanto
Ελληνικά
한국어
नेपाली
मराठी
हिन्दी
Search

Search with flexible input to quickly find a language in a long list, even when making a typo or using alternative names.

Search filters the results from the list below.
Search

Type-ahead suggestion confirms the selection. Hitting enter completes it.

Filtering considers all language names, autocompletion shows only for the names in the current UI language, the language itself (autonym), and ISO codes.

Searching for Spanish using the Polish word “hiszpański” in an English UI.
Suggested

Surfacing relevant languages helps the user to quickly make the selection in many cases.

Up to 6 languages can be shown as suggested.

Suggested languages labelled on top in a 2 column layout.
**Suggested**

The suggested languages are shown only when there are 10 or more languages to select in total.

Suggested languages are based on user preferences, previous selections, device configuration, and other guesses.

Apps using the selector can customize the suggested languages to fit their context. Hidding it completely if it is not relevant.

Selector without suggested languages.
Languages

The list of languages needs to accommodate a wide range of languages and different specific contexts.

By default, the list of all languages is listed in one column using the languages in their own language (autonym).

The list of all languages can be scrolled.
Languages: layout

On wide screens, for lists longer than 30 items a 3-column layout is used.

Space is added to separate the blocks formed by three 5-item columns, helping guide reading direction.
Languages: layout

Grouping makes the list feel shorter, and allows users to visually skip the areas with scripts they are not interested in.

In this example both lists show the same languages
Languages: names

Languages can be displayed in their own language or use the UI language (if translations are available).

![Search languages](Autonyms)

![Search languages](Names using the UI language)

Ordering will be different in each approach to keep scripts separate and follow their order.
Languages: additional info

In some contexts, each language may include an additional piece of information, which is shown below the language name.

This example shows article names for each language.
Contexts

The selector adapts to the screen space available. As small panel in wide screens. As a full-screen dialog in narrow ones.
Wide screens

Search languages

Suggested
- English
- Español

All languages
- English
- Esperanto
- Ελληνικά

Taping outside to cancel/close
Esc key also closes the selector
Narrow screens

On narrow screens the selector is shown full screen, and an additional header provides a clear way to close it.
Empty states

When there are no options to show an explanation and, when available, a way to add the missing languages is provided.

No languages at all to choose. May be better to disable the entry point in these cases.

Custom message and actions can be provided on relevant contexts.
Empty states: search

When searching users may be searching for a language that does not exist or one for which content is not available in.

- **Language not recognized**
  - The language you are looking for is not available.

- **Language not available**
  - Māori
  - Italiano

Search is not valid. No known language is matching.

Valid search but content not available in matching languages (option to create in 2nd example)
Empty states: layout

Language not available

You can translate this page. It's an easy way to create content in your language.
Variants

When multiple variants are available, they are grouped, and a default option is provided that users can override.

In the example Canadian English is the default when “English” is selected, but users can select a different one (defining a new default).
Variants

A section showing variants for a specific language can be shown on top. This allows to switch the variant for a language relevant to the context such as the selected language.

User selects English (default variant is used)

User opens selector again

Search languages

- Variants for English
  - Canadian English
  - British English
  - US English
- All languages
- English
- Esperanto
- Ελληνικά
Variants and wide screens

The multi-column layout used on wide screens in some cases leaves less room for variants.

Brazilian Portuguese is selected by default in the example.
Focus & highlight

Search bar gets the input focus automatically. Items get highlighted when hovering or on keyboard selection.

Input and hover visually emphasized
Selection range

By default users can select one language at a time. When the selection is made the selector is closed automatically.

Although apps using the component can support other kinds of selection, we can provide direct support by adapting the component.

By default, the selector will close and Esperanto will be selected.
Selection range: pairs

Selecting for a language pair with a single entry point can be convenient in some contexts. Alternatively, this can be supported by two separate selections.

Picking the source moves the selection to the target. A confirmation action is added.
Selection range: multiple

Selecting multiple languages from a single entry point can be convenient when compiling a list.

Actions to confirm and clear the selection are added.
Selection range: all

In some contexts such as filtering the language selection may need an option for no selection.

All/any languages will be considered.

A special option to “reset” the selection is added.
Settings

Access to additional language settings may be needed in some contexts.

The settings icon provides access to language-related settings.
Quick actions

The settings area can be used to surface additional actions. In such case, a “more” (...) menu is provided.

The ellipsis provides access to additional actions.
Prominent actions

For actions associated with content, such content can be surfaced in a specific area for users to act on it.

Missing relevant languages are surfaced as an entry point to translate the page.
Prominent actions

Example of a follow-up panel and layout details.
Additional marks

Languages may have additional indicators that are relevant for the context.

Languages with a featured article are marked with a star.
Entry points

The language selector is a component that can appear in multiple contexts. Different components can open it.

Suggested languages can be surfaced also in the entry point to facilitate selection if appropriate.
Examples in context

Some illustrative examples of different usecases in Wikimedia products.
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During September 1959, when the Soviet Union's Luna 3 spacecraft sent back the first successful soft landing on the far side of the Moon, the United States' NASA Apollo program was planning the first human landing on the lunar surface. Between 1969 and 1972, three American astronauts landed on the Moon, and the first successful soft landing on the far side of the Moon, when the United States' Apollo 11 spacecraft landed on the lunar surface on 20 July 1969. The Apollo missions returned lunar samples, which increased the understanding of the Moon's structure and composition. Since the 1972 Apollo 17 mission, the Moon has been visited only by uncrewed spacecraft.

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- **Canadian English**
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