

Site Languages

Totara Learn offers a wide range of languages, including right-to-left display support where appropriate. You can see a full list of [available language packs](#) from our website.

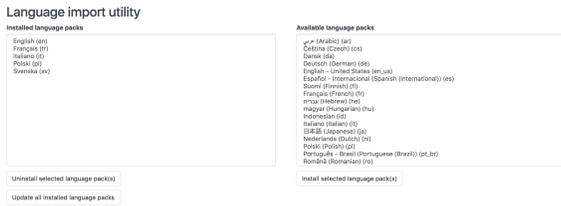
Installing a language pack

There are a number of different language packs available for Totara.

To install a language pack:

1. Select *Site administration > Language > Language packs*.
2. Select the languages you require from the list of available language packs.
3. Click **Install selected language pack**.

All language packs, apart from UK English, are stored in the **sitedata/lang** directory.



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The Totara Academy has a course dedicated to [Localisation](#) in Totara Learn. Here you can learn more on how to localise your system, see best practice, and give it a go yourself.

Language settings

Site administrators can set language defaults across the site via *Site Administration > Language > Language settings*.

Setting	Description	Notes
Language autodetect	Select whether you wish Totara Learn to detect the user's default language from their browser settings. If this option is disabled, the site default language is used.	Users can change their preferred language via their User Preferences .
Default language	Choose a default language for the whole site.	Users can override this setting using the language menu or the setting in their personal profile. The dropdown menu will display all installed language packs.
Display language menu	Choose whether or not you want to display the general-purpose language menu on the home page, login page, etc.	This does not affect the user's ability to set their preferred language in their User Preferences .
Languages on the language menu	Leave this blank to allow users to choose from any language you have in this installation of Totara Learn or create a custom language menu by entering a comma-separated list of language codes that you want. e.g. en, fr, de, nl	<p>Language codes have a two or four letter format. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • en (English) • en_us (US English) • fr (French) • it (Italian) <p>Language codes are shown in brackets after the language pack name.</p>
Cache language menu	If enabled, the list of available translations is cached. The cache is automatically refreshed when you install or delete a language pack via the inbuilt language packs management tool. If you install a new language pack manually, you have to use Purge all caches feature to refresh the cached list.	Purge all caches can be found under <i>Site administration > Development > Purge all caches</i> .

Cache all language strings	Caches all the language strings into compiled files in the data directory. If you are translating Totara Learn or changing strings in the Totara Learn source code then you may want to switch this off. Otherwise, leave it on to see performance benefits.	-
Site-wide locale	Choose a sitewide locale; this will override the format and language of dates for all language packs (though names of days in the calendar are not affected).	You need to have this locale data installed on your operating system (e.g. for linux en_US.UTF-8 or es_ES.UTF-8). In most cases, this field should be left blank.
Excel encoding	Choose the encoding for Excel exports. It is recommended you leave this setting as the default (Unicode) unless you have a particular reason for needing Latin encoding.	-

Change a word or phrase

The language editing interface enables you to easily change any word or phrase used within the site. For example, you may want to change the word 'Course' to 'Area'. When language editing you can also check for untranslated words in specific areas of the system.

1. Select *Site administration > Language > Language customisation*.
2. Choose a language pack to change.
3. Select **Open language pack for editing**.
4. Once the language pack has loaded, select **Continue**.

Language customisation

Language pack loaded



5. Complete the **Filter strings** form to locate the text you are looking for. See the 'Filter Strings' section below for details on the types of filters available.
6. Select **Show strings** to show the component name where the string was found.
7. Enter the new word or phrase in the **Local customisation** field.

The 'Filter strings' form includes a dropdown for 'Show strings of these components' with options: core, module.php, access.php, admin.php, edit.php, export.php, backup.php. There are radio buttons for 'Customised only', 'Help only', and 'Modified only'. Below these are input fields for 'Only strings containing' and 'String identifier', followed by a 'Show strings' button. At the bottom, there is a pagination bar and a table with columns 'Component', 'String', and 'Local customisation'. The table shows three rows: 'core_admin | accessdenied | Access denied | Access not allowed', 'core_admin | accounts | Accounts |', and 'core_admin | activeaccount | Number of active users |'.

8. Select **Apply changes and continue editing** to make further changes or click **Save changes to the language pack** to save all updates.

Language customisation

English (en)

There are 1 modified strings. Do you wish to save these changes to your local language pack?

You are about to save modifications to your local language pack. This will export the customised strings from the translator into your Totara data directory and Totara will start using the modified strings. Press 'Continue' to proceed with saving.

Continue Cancel

Filter strings

Filter options	Description	Notes
Show strings of these components	Click or Ctrl-click to select one or more files that contain the string you want.	Components represent the areas, modules and plugins within Totara Learn.
Customised only	Check this field to display only those strings that have already been changed within your site.	-
Help only	Check this field to display only contextual help text.	Contextual help is identified by a question mark icon (?)
Modified only	Displays only the strings that have been changed since last saving the string into the language pack.	Customised strings (already saved in a file) are highlighted in green. Modified strings (not saved in a file yet) are highlighted in blue.
Only strings containing	Insert one word or a phrase that must appear in the string. For example, if you put the word 'learner' here, you will get only those strings that contain this word.	The Only strings containing filter can be used to perform a complete search for a term used in your Totara site for the selected language pack.
String identifier	If you know the string identifier (it is the first parameter of the <code>get_string()</code> function), type it here.	For example: <code>totara_appraisal.php</code> , <code>report_participation</code> , <code>certificate.php</code>

Show language string origin

This option is designed to help translators. When this option is enabled, if you add the parameter `strings=1` to a request URL, it will show the language file and string id beside each string that is output. To enable, go to *Site administration > Development > Debugging* and check the box next to **Show origin of languages strings**.