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Subject: Localisation clarifications

Posted by [lundman](#) on Thu, 21 Sep 2006 06:18:43 GMT

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I have read the thread:

[http://www.arilect.com/upp/forum/index.php?t=msg&th=1017 &start=0&](http://www.arilect.com/upp/forum/index.php?t=msg&th=1017&start=0&)

So I added a .t file (read that too literally, so eventually renamed it to lang.t). Added Swedish (seSV) and Japanese (jaJP), and Synchronised. This all looked good.

For example, I ended up with:

```
T_("File")
```

```
svSE("Fil")
```

```
T_("About")
```

```
svSE("Beskriv")
```

I then use:

```
SetLanguage(LNG_('S','V','S','E'));
```

And I use it:

```
void UExp::MainMenu(Bar& bar){
    bar.Add(t_("File"),THISBACK(FileMenu));
}
void UExp::FileMenu(Bar& bar){
    bar.Add(t_("About"),THISBACK(do_About));
}
```

And for some reason, my "File" menu is still "File", but "About" actually turns up in Swedish. In Japanese I just get square boxes, presumably as it uses the wrong font.

What I am curious about is, why would you want to use SetLanguage in your code? Should it not use the Environment variables to decide which locale is preferred? If I always pick SetLanguage(ENGLISH), would that not break the idea that anyone can do .tr files to add their own locale to an application?

Is SetLanguage really supposed to be used if I have a Language> menu, and let users pick a language that way? Ie, I should leave it alone, and only set it if I chose to offer an option to set

languages.

Should I be able to set LANG to seSV.UTF-8 or jaJP.UTF-8 and have my application use that language?

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Subject: Re: Localisation clarifications  
Posted by [unodgs](#) on Thu, 21 Sep 2006 08:56:44 GMT  
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Have you added sth like this at the beginning of your main cpp file??

```
#define TFILE <your_file.t>
#include <Core/t.h>
```

Do it if not

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Subject: Re: Localisation clarifications  
Posted by [lundman](#) on Thu, 21 Sep 2006 09:48:25 GMT  
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Yep, sure have. It works for most things (swedish) but not for Japanese.

Not sure which one to focus right now. Using 609dev-1

What is amusing is theide lets you modify your .t file, but does not work with IME input (@XMODIFIERS) so I can't use it to edit Japanese anyway.

Another thing is, before I added locale, if I set LANG to jaJP, my application automatically changed to the "wider" font, which is capable of displaying Japanese. Event though I had only SetLanguage(english) in there.

Now I added jaJP to my .t, and it no longer pics the right font, so no Japanese display works. I also tried to change to SetLanguage(jaJP) and SetDefaultCharset(utf8).

The manual/localization is very sparse.

Subject: Re: Localisation clarifications

Posted by [mirek](#) on Thu, 21 Sep 2006 19:36:41 GMT

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Have you set .t to UTF-8? (In TheIDE, Project, File properties..)

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Subject: Re: Localisation clarifications

Posted by [lundman](#) on Fri, 22 Sep 2006 00:28:59 GMT

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```

```
lang.t: UTF-8 Unicode C++ program text
```

```
# echo LC_CTYPE
```

```
ja_JP.UTF-8
```

```
# head lang.t
```

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```

```
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But, I suspect it IS working, but because it no longer (automatically?) changes to use the correct font, it just shows square boxes. Why did it pick the right font when no jaJP was defined? (Even though the app itself had no Japanese, it worked when I printed Japanese file names). Once I add jaJP, it no longer does.

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Subject: Re: Localisation clarifications

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 22 Sep 2006 09:04:24 GMT

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Acutally, we have left this decision to application designer. E.g. application can pick locale settings and use proper SetLanguage based on it.

Quote:

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Yes, that is another option.

Mirek

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Subject: Re: Localisation clarifications

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 22 Sep 2006 09:07:49 GMT

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Well, this really looks like wrong font used. Frankly, I am becoming a kind of desperate about X.org / \*X desktop environment font settings...

Anyway, you can try to solve the problem by `Draw::SetStdFont` - at least we will know what is going on...

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