'language' => 'de',

];

Instead of setting the language in the configuration file, you can switch the application language in runtime:

Yii::$app->language = 'fr';

For example, if you store the user language in the lang field of the User model, you can create the language loader:

<?php

namespace app\bootstrap;

use yii\base\BootstrapInterface;

class LanguageBootstrap implements BootstrapInterface {

public function bootstrap($app)

{

if (!$app->user->isGuest) {

$app->language = $app->user->identity->lang;

}

}

}

Register this class in the bootstrapping list:

$config = [

'id' => ' basic',

'basePath' => dirname( DIR ),

'bootstrap' => ['log', 'app'bootstrap\LanguageBoostrap'],

];

Now, every authenticated user will see the interface in their own language.

Also, you can override the yii\web\UrlManager class for passing the current language as a GET parameter or as a prefix of a URL. Also, as an alternative you can store selected languages in browser cookies.

When you generate models and another code with Gii, you can check the following option:

**2 Enable MSN**

All labels in the generated code will be embraced into the Yii: :t() calls.

Note

We did not cover the translating of model content in this recipe. However, for example, you can store