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Internationalization (i18n)

“Internationalization is the process of designing a software application so that it can be adapted to various languages and regions without engineering changes.”

Wikipedia

➔ **Make an application language agnostic**

Localization (L10n)

“Localization is the process of adapting internationalized software for a specific region or language by adding locale-specific components and translating text.”

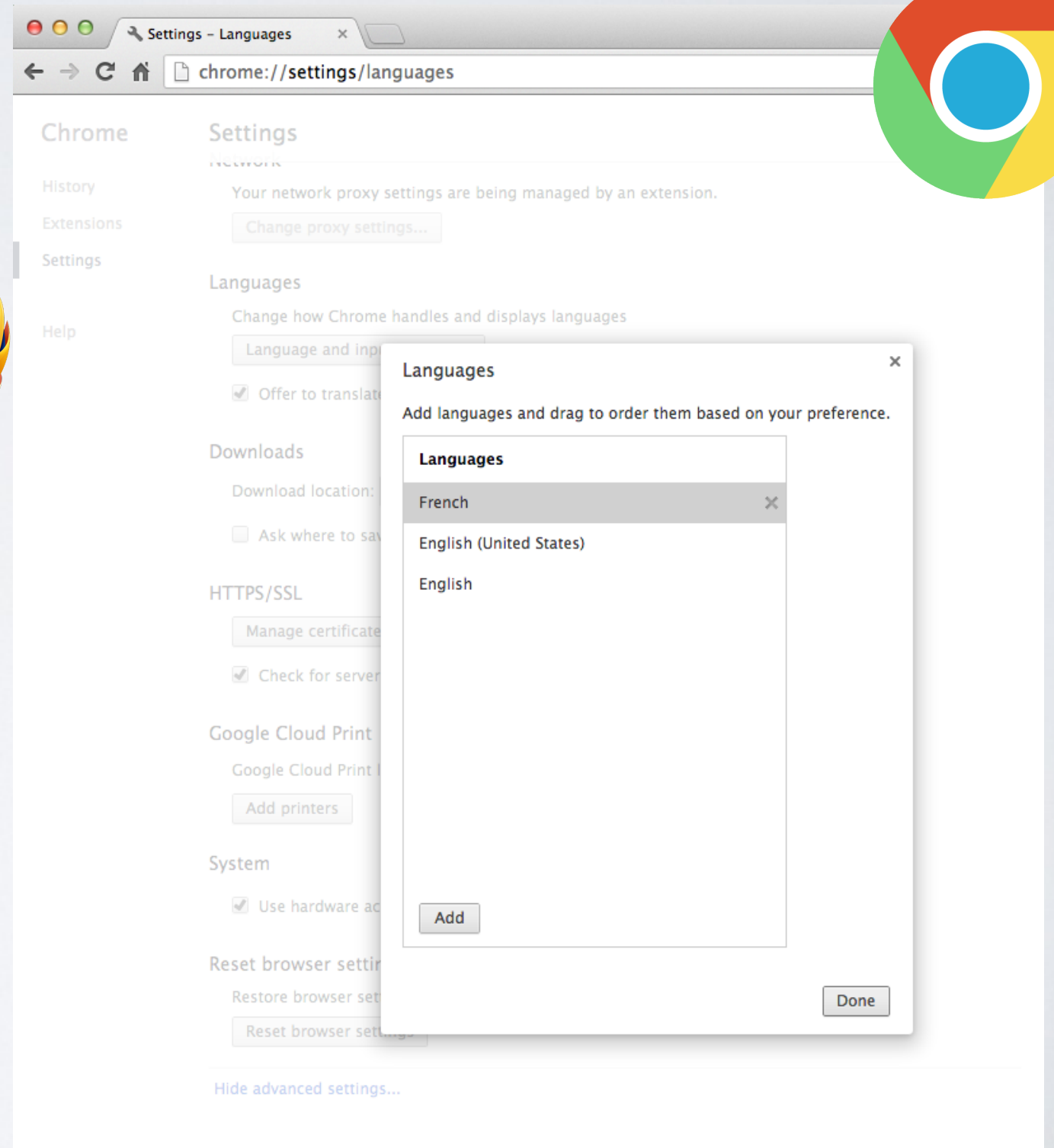
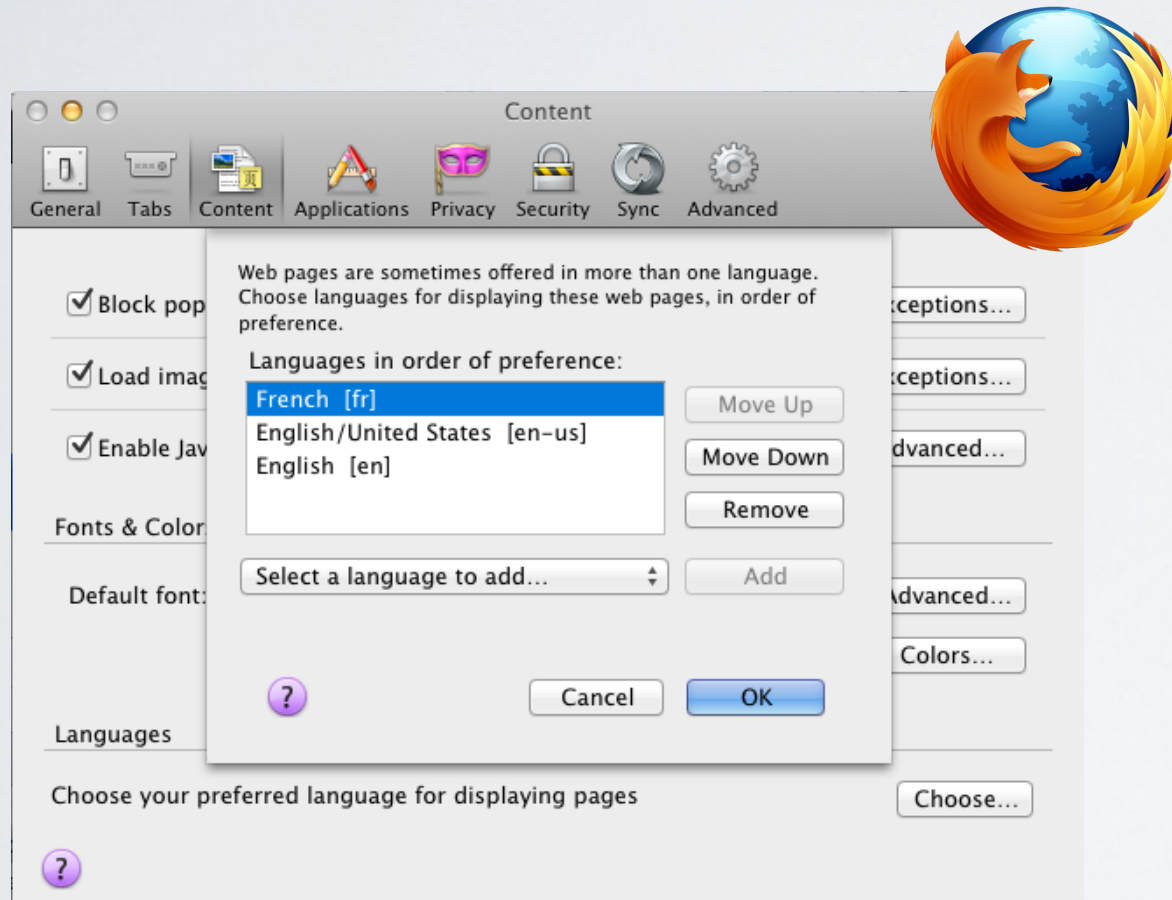
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➔ **Adapting an application for a specific language (aka *locale*)**

It is is not only about language translation

- Number format
- Date/Time
- Sort orders
- Units and conversion
- Currency
- Paper size

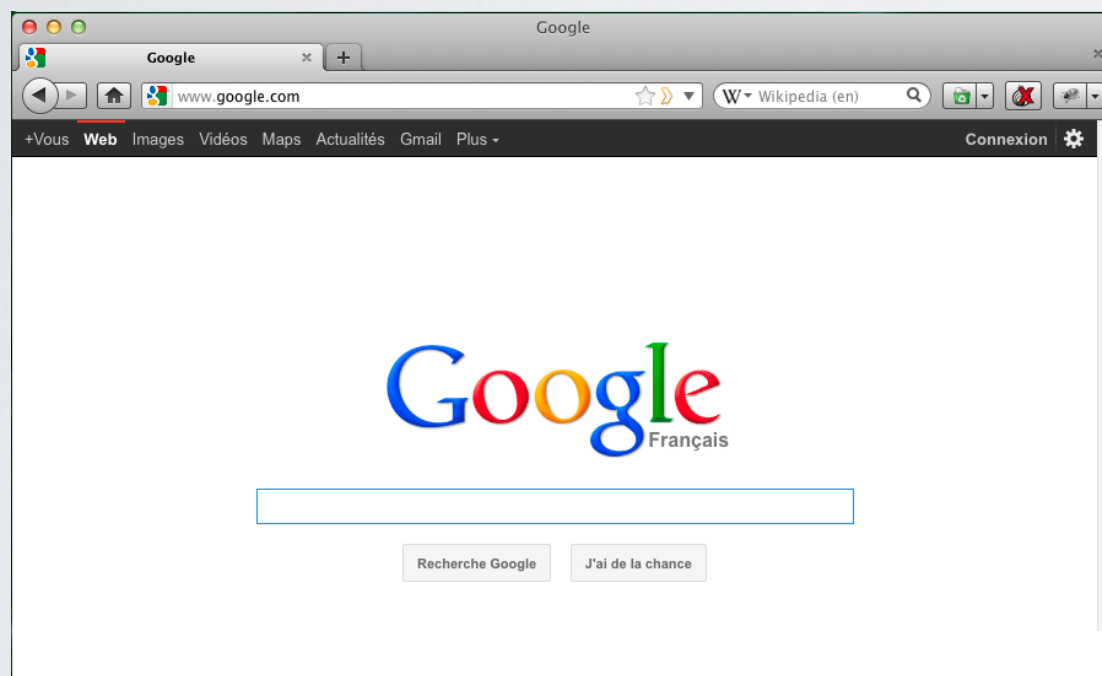
Configure your locale preference



Request Headers

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Accept */*
Accept-Language fr,en-us;q=0.7,en;q=0.3



GET index.html

Google Français

Google™



What are the difference locales?

<http://www.il8nguy.com/unicode/language-identifiers.html>

Alternative options

- Store the language preference in the URL
- Store the language preference in the user's profile
- Store the language preference in a cookie