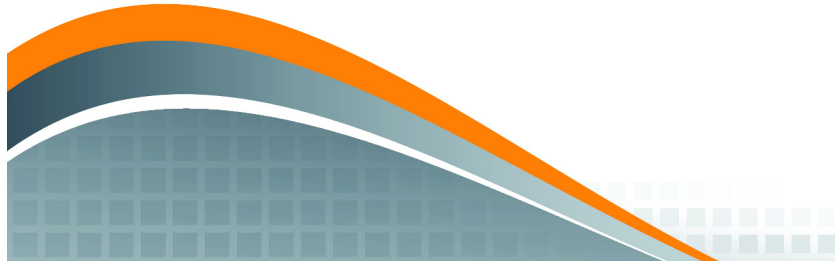


# TMXEditor



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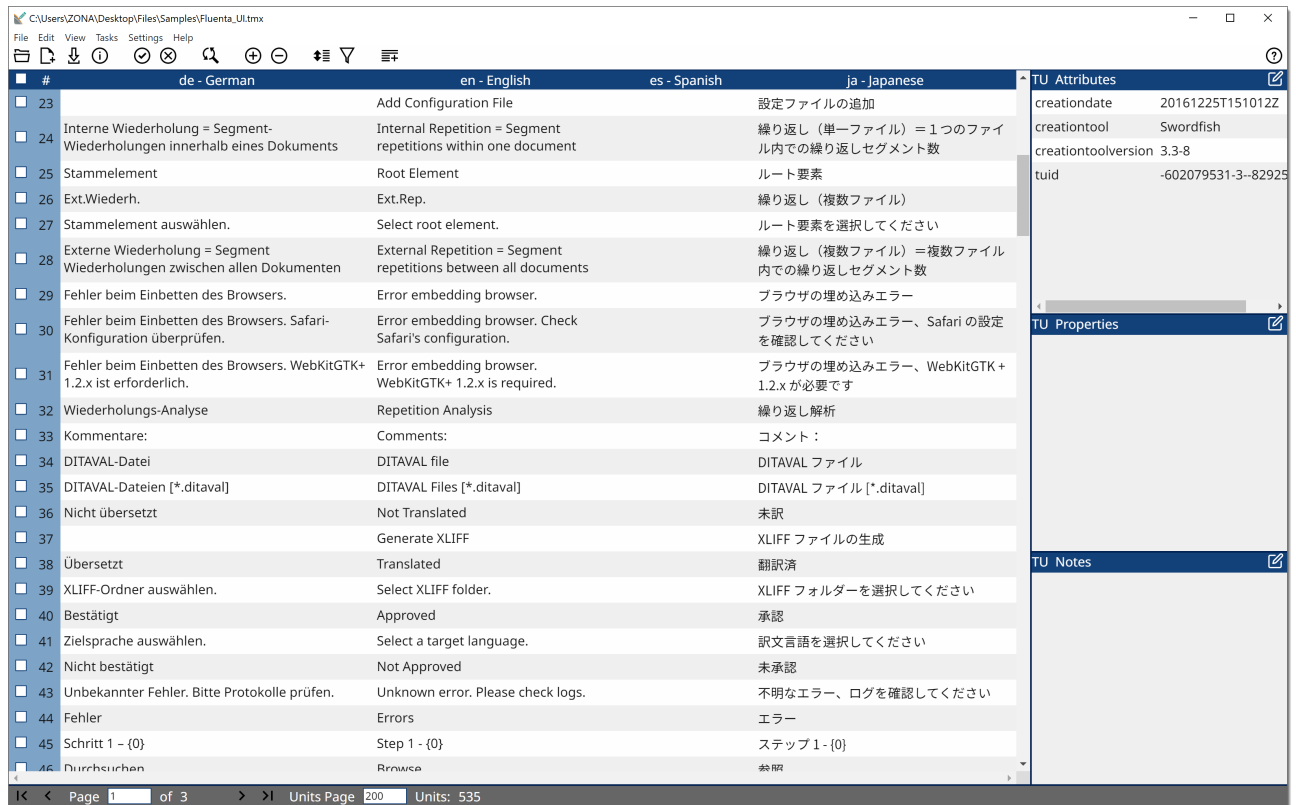
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# Introduction

## TMXEditor

TMXEditor is an open source cross-platform desktop application designed for editing **TMX** (Translation Memory eXchange) files on macOS, Linux and Microsoft Windows.

TMXEditor allows editing the content of multilingual TMX files.



## Features

With TMXEditor you can:

- Edit segments of your TMX file to correct errors.
- Merge & split TMX files.
- Add and remove languages from a TMX file.
- Change language codes in a TMX file.
- Remove duplicates.
- Remove untranslated units.
- Remove inline tags.
- Trim initial and trailing spaces.
- Consolidate translation units when the TMX file has three or more languages.
- Validate TMX files.

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- Clean invalid XML characters from a TMX file.
  - Convert CSV or TAB delimited files to TMX format.
  - Export TMX files as TAB delimited files.

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# Getting Started

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## Editing an existing file

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1. In **File** menu, select the **Open** option.
2. Use the dialog that appears to select a TMX file from the file system.

Once the selected TMX file is open, you can:

- Click on any text cell to start editing it. Click outside the cell or press **ALT + ENTER** to save your changes. Press the **ESC** key to cancel your changes.
- Use the **Insert Unit** option from **Edit** menu to add new units to the TMX file.
- Select the check box in the leftmost column of the editing grid to mark the units that you want to remove. After marking the units, use the **Delete Selected Units** option from **Edit** menu to perform the removal.

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### Note

You can use the top-left checkbox to select/deselect all units at once.

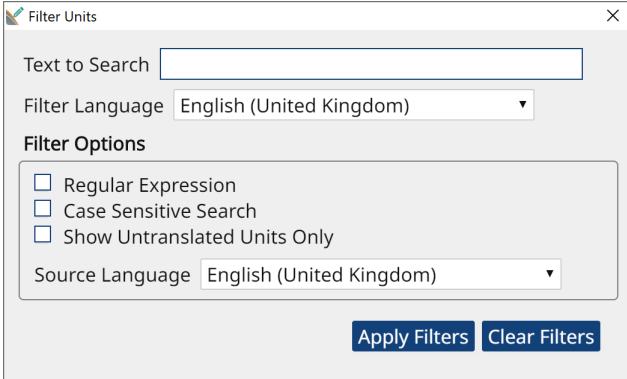
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After making changes to the TMX file, use the **Save** option from **File** menu to save your modifications.

## Locating Content

1. In **View** menu, select the **Filter Units** option or press **F3**.

The following dialog appears:



Filter Units

Text to Search

Filter Language English (United Kingdom) ▼

Filter Options

☐ Regular Expression

☐ Case Sensitive Search

☐ Show Untranslated Units Only

Source Language English (United Kingdom) ▼

Apply Filters Clear Filters

2. If you want to locate a given text in the TMX file:
  - a. Type the text that you want to find in the **Text to Search** box.
  - b. Use the **Filter Language** drop-down to select the language where the search will be performed.
  - c. Select the **Regular Expression** box if you want to use regular expressions for specifying the text to search.
  - d. Check the **Case Sensitive Search** box if you want to find only entries that match the case of the entered text.
  - e. Click the **Apply Filters** button.
3. If you want to display untranslated units only:

- a. Check the **Show Untranslated Units Only** box.
- b. Use the **Source Language** drop-down to select the source language that will be used when filtering.
- c. Click the **Apply Filters** button.

Filtering options will remain active until you reopen the **Filter Units** dialog and click the **Clear Filters** button.

## Create New TMX File

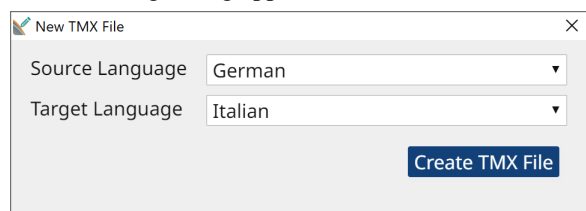
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### About this task

### Procedure

1. In **File** menu, select the **New** option.

The following dialog appears:



2. Use the **Source Language** drop-down to select the language of source text.
3. Use the **Target Language** drop-down to select the target language.
4. Click the **Create TMX File** button.

A new file is displayed in the editing grid.

5. Add new entries as required, using the **Insert Unit** option from **Edit** menu.
6. Edit cells and add or remove languages as needed.
7. In **File** menu, select the **Save** option.
8. Use the dialog that appears to indicate the name and location where the new TMX file will be saved.

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# Maintenance Tasks

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## Sorting TM Units

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### About this task

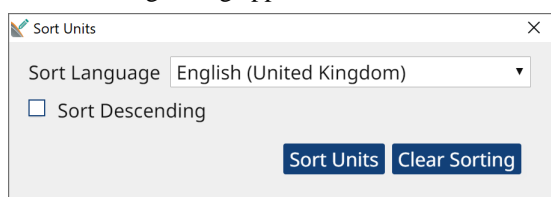
Data in a TMX file is stored without a particular order. Sometimes it may be useful to sort data according to a given language to facilitate editing.

Follow these steps to sort the content of a TMX file for review.

### Procedure

1. In **View** menu, select the **Sort Units** option or press **F5**.

The following dialog appears:



2. Select a language from the Sort Language drop-down to select the language used for sorting the file.
3. Select the **Sort Descending** check box if you want the units sorted in descending order. Clear the check box otherwise.
4. Click the **Sort Units** button.

### Results

All units will be sorted according to the selected language. To display all units in the original order, reopen the dialog and click the **Clear Sorting** button.

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## Search & Replace Text

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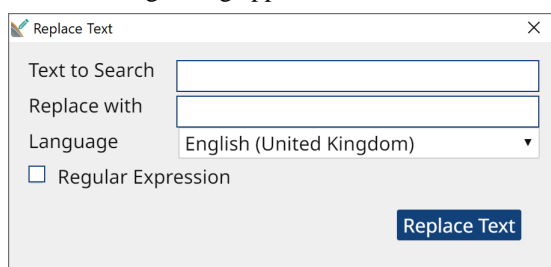
### About this task

Follow these steps to perform a global search & replace operation.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.
2. In **Edit** menu, select the **Replace Text...** option.

The following dialog appears:



3. Enter the text to replace in the **Text to Search** text box.
4. Enter the replacement text in the **Replace With** text box.
5. Select the language column where the replacement should be performed using the **Language** drop-down.
6. Select the **Regular Expression** check box if you want to use regular expressions for specifying the text to search
7. Click the **Replace Text** button.

## Results

All exact appearances of the text in **Text to Search**, or fragments that match the given regular expression, are replaced with the text specified in the **Replace With** box.

## Change Language Code

### About this task

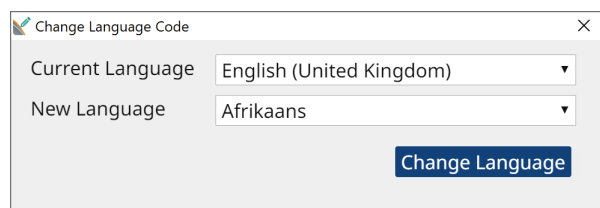
Most [translation memory](#) (TM) systems are sensitive to [language codes](#). A TM system may normally consider that the code "en" (English) is different from "en-US" (English for the United States) or "en-GB" (English for the United Kingdom)

TMXEditor allows you to change the language codes used in a TMX file.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Change Language Code...** option.

The following dialog appears:



3. Use the **Current Language** drop-down box to select the language that you want to change.
4. Use the **New Language** drop-down box to select the new language code.
5. Click the **Change Language** button.

The dialog closes and the editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

## Add Language

### About this task

Follow these steps to add a language to a TMX file.

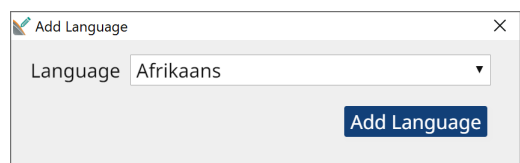
### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.



2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Add Language...** option.

The following dialog appears:



3. Use the drop-down box to select the language to add.
4. Click the **Add Language** button.

The dialog closes and the editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

## Remove Language

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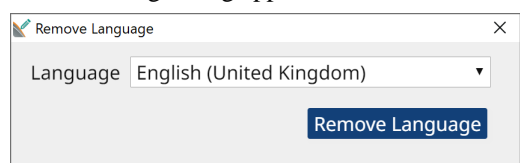
### About this task

Follow these steps to remove a language from a TMX file.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Remove Language...** option.

The following dialog appears:



3. Use the drop-down box to select the language to remove.
4. Click the **Remove Language** button.

The dialog closes and the editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

## Change Source Language

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### About this task

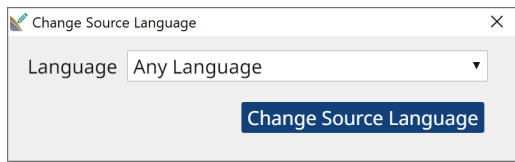
Some [translation memory](#) systems use bilingual TMX files and translate in only one direction.

Use this option to select the source language of your TMX file for systems that cannot translate in any direction.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Change Source Language...** option.

The following dialog appears:



3. Use the **Select Language** drop-down box to select the new source language.

The **Select Language** drop-down control includes **Any Language** as first entry. Use this option to indicate that the file can be used in any direction.

4. Click the **Change Source Language** button.

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## Remove Inline Tags

### About this task

The presence of inline tags may have an adverse effect when retrieving TM matches if a penalty is applied for missing or differences in inline tags.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to clean.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select **Remove All Tags** option.

A progress dialog is displayed while inline tags are removed.

### Results

The editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

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## Remove Duplicated Units

### About this task

Duplicated [translation units](#) increase the size of a TMX file and slow down TM searches.

Follow these steps to remove duplicated entries in a TMX file.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Remove Duplicates** option.

A progress dialog is displayed while duplicated units are removed.

### Results

The editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

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## Remove Untranslated Units

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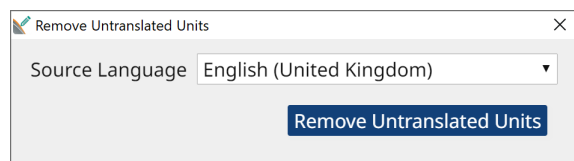
### About this task

A translation unit that has just one <tuv> element that contains text is considered "untranslated". Untranslated units are hardly useful for retrieving matches from a translation memory system.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Remove Untranslated...** option.

The following dialog appears:



3. Use the **Source Language** drop-down to select the language to be considered language for removing units (it may differ from the source language set at file level).
4. Click the **Remove Untranslated Units** button.

A progress dialog is displayed while untranslated units are removed.

### Results

The editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

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## Remove Initial & Trailing Spaces

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### About this task

Leading or trailing spaces may affect the match quality rating of matches retrieved from a translation memory system.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to modify.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Remove Initial/Trailing Spaces** option.

A progress dialog is displayed while spaces are removed.

### Results

The editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

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## Consolidate Translation Units

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### About this task

In files with three or more languages, it is possible that translations of a given source text into different languages appear in different translation units, as illustrated by the following image.

#	en - English	es - Spanish	fr - French
1	two	dos	
2	three	tres	
3	two		deux
4	one	uno	
5	one		une

Consolidating units puts all related translations in the same unit. The following image shows the consolidated version of the one above.

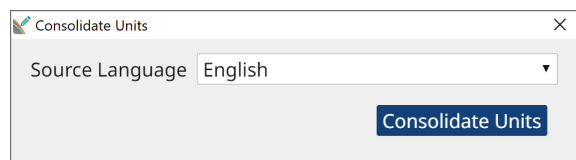
#	en - English	es - Spanish	fr - French
1	three	tres	
2	two	dos	deux
3	one	uno	une

Follow these steps to consolidate units in a TMX file with three or more languages.

## Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to consolidate.
2. In **Tasks** menu, select the **Consolidate Units...** option.

The following dialog appears:



3. Use the **Source Language** drop-down to select the language to be considered language for merging units (it may differ from the source language set at file level).
4. Click the **Consolidate Units** button.

A progress dialog is displayed while units are consolidated.

## Results

The editing window is refreshed to reflect the changes.

## Split TMX File

### About this task

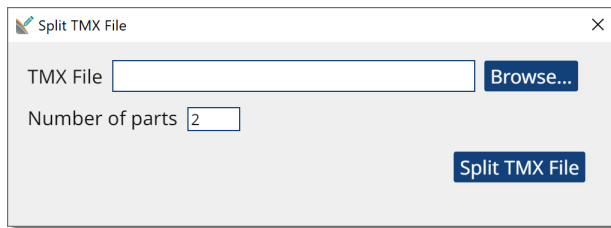
Sometimes a TMX file may be too big to be processed and splitting it into smaller pieces may help.

Follow these steps to split a TMX file in two or more parts.

## Procedure

1. In File menu, select the **Split TMX File...** option.

The following dialog appears:



2. Enter the full name of the file to split in the **TMX File** box or click the **Browse...** button to select the file from the file system.
3. Select the number of parts in which you want to split the file.
4. Click the **Split TMX File** button.

A progress dialog is displayed while the file is split.

## Results

The selected TMX file is split into the indicated number of smaller TMX files that are created in the same folder. The original document is left unchanged.

## Merge TMX Files

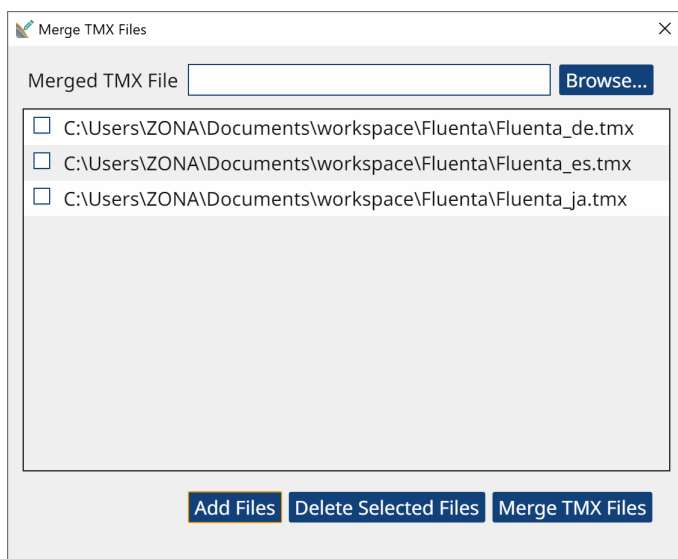
### About this task

Follow these steps to merge the content of two or more TMX files into a larger one.

### Procedure

1. In File menu, select the **Merge TMX Files...** option.

The following dialog appears:



2. Enter the full name of the file that will contain all merged data in the **Merged TMX File** box or click the **Browse...** button to select a file from the file system.
3. Use the **Add Files** button to select the files to be merged from the file system.

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4. If you need to remove files from the list, select them clicking the corresponding boxes in the leftmost column and then click the **Delete Selected Files** button.
  5. Click the **Merge TMX Files** button.

A progress dialog is displayed while the files are merged.

## Results

A TMX file containing data from all selected files is created in the indicated location.

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# Conversion Tasks

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## Export as TAB Delimited

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### About this task

Tab-delimited files are plain text files used for storing data in a tabular structure, e.g., database table or spreadsheet data, and a way of exchanging information between databases. Each record in the table is one line of the text file and entries are separated by a TAB character.

Follow these steps to convert a TMX file to TAB delimited format that can be reviewed using Microsoft Excel or similar applications.

### Procedure

1. Open the TMX file that you want to export.
2. In **File** menu, select the **Export as TAB Delimited...** option.
3. Use the dialog that appears to locate and select the file where to save the TAB delimited version.

A progress dialog is displayed while the file is exported.

### Results

The selected file is exported as TAB delimited using Microsoft Excel standard settings (UTF-16LE character set, TAB as column separator and no text delimiters).

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## Convert CSV/TAB Delimited to TMX

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### About this task

CSV (Comma Separated Values) are plain text files that contain text organized in tabular format, using commas to separate columns and quotes to delimit column content.

TAB delimited files are similar to CSV, but using TAB characters to separate columns and usually without column delimiters.

TMXEditor allows conversion to TMX of text files with different combinations of column separators and text delimiters.

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### Note

Text files exported from Microsoft Excel use these default settings:

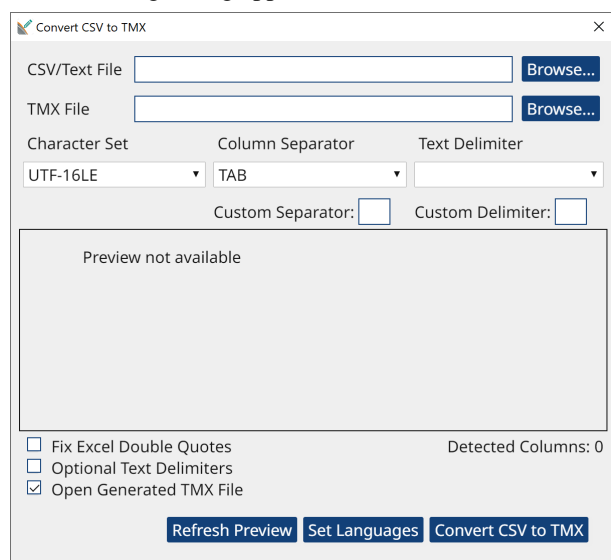
- Character Set: UTF-16LE
  - Column Separator: TAB
  - Text Delimiter: none
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Follow these steps to convert a CSV or TAB delimited file to TMX:

## Procedure

1. In **File** menu, select the **Convert CSV/TAB Delimited to TMX** option.

The following dialog appears:



2. Type the name of the file to be converted in the **CSV File** text field or use the associated **Browse...** button to select a file from the system.
3. Type the name of the TMX file to generate in the **TMX File** text field or use the associated **Browse...** button to select a file name and location.
4. Use the **Character Set**, **Column Separator** and **Text Delimiter** drop-down boxes to define the format of the file to be converted. Use the preview panel to check the correctness of the selected settings. Use **Custom Separator** and **Custom Delimiter** text boxes to enter values not included in the drop-down selectors.

On success, the preview panel displays the data in a tabular format. If language codes are included in the first row of the CSV file, they will be automatically detected and will also be displayed highlighted in the panel, as shown in this picture:

en	es
en	es
Wrong target language.	Idioma destino equivocado...
Missing Tag	Falta etiqueta
Different Tag	Etiqueta diferente
Tags in wrong order	Etiquetas en orden erróne...
There are segments with t...	Hay segmentos con errores...
Empty Target	Traducción Vacía
Extra Tag	Cabeza etiqueta

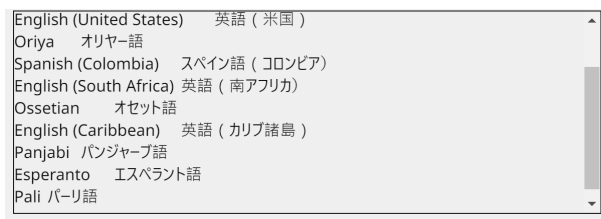
## Troubleshooting

Unexpected characters, like the ones shown in the picture below, indicate wrong character set selection.



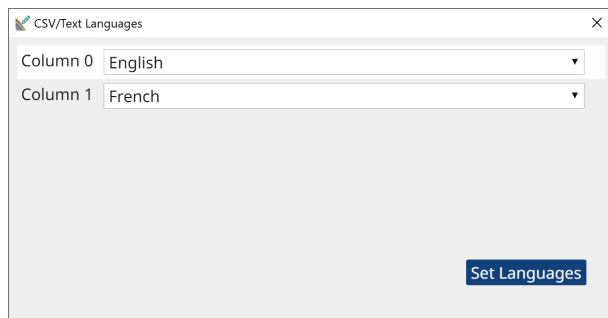
Readable text that is not displayed as a table, is a sign of incorrect selection of column separator or text delimiter. Use the preview panel to check the correct values.





5. Click the **Set Languages** button if language codes are not included in the file or you wish to change the automatically detected ones.

The following dialog appears:



6. Use the drop-down controls in the **CSV/Text Languages** dialog to select the languages in the CSV file. Click the **Set Languages** button to confirm your selection.
7. Check the **Fix Excel Double Quotes** box if the file was exported by Excel using double quote characters as text delimiter. This option ensures that quotes are not duplicated during conversion.
8. Check the **Optional Text Delimiters** box if the file does not use the selected text delimiter in all cases (some tools only surround text in delimiters when the de column separator is part of the exported text).
9. Finally, click the **Convert CSV to TMX** button to generate the TMX file.

The CSV file is converted to TMX and automatically opened in the editor if the **Open Generated TMX File** check box is selected.

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# TMX Validation

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## Validate TMX File

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### About this task

Most CAT (Computer Aided Translation) tools rely on TMX (Translation Memory eXchange) standard to exchange translation memory data. Unfortunately, some tools produce files that are not valid and others do not accept TMX documents that are correctly formatted.

TMXEditor checks the validity of TMX files against TMX DTD and also verifies if they follow the requirements described in TMX specifications.

### Procedure

1. In **File** menu, select the **Validate TMX File...** option.
2. Use the dialog that appears to locate and select the file that you want to validate.

A progress dialog is displayed while the file is analyzed.

### Results

After checking the TMX file, a dialog with validation results appears.

## Clean Invalid Characters

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### About this task

TMX is an XML-based vocabulary and thereafter a TMX file must not contain characters not allowed by the XML standard.

A TMX file that contains invalid characters cannot be edited without removing those characters first.

Follow these steps to remove invalid characters from a TMX file.

### Procedure

1. In **File** menu, select the **Clean Invalid Characters...** option.
2. Use the dialog that appears to locate and select the file that you want to repair.

A progress dialog is displayed while the file is fixed.

### Results

The selected file is cleaned and a backup of the original data is saved in the same folder.

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# Program Settings

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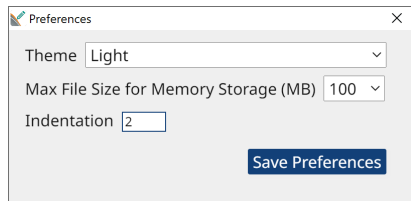
## User Preferences

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### Procedure

1. On Windows or Linux, select **Preferences** option from **Settings** menu. On macOS, select **Preferences...** and then **Settings** from **TMXEditor** menu.

The following dialog appears:



2. Use the **Theme** drop-down to select the colors used in the graphical user interface. Available options are:
  - **System Default:** automatically selects Dark or Light colors according to the preferences set in the operating system.
  - **Dark:** Uses dark background with white text.
  - **Light:** Uses light grey background with dark text
3. Use the **Max File Size for Memory Storage (MB)** drop-down to indicate the maximum size on disk of a TMX file to edit using memory. Files with disk size larger than the selected option are stored in a database while editing.

*Note:* To store a TMX file in memory requires approximately six times the size the file has on disk. If a TMX file uses 200MB of disk space, reading and storing it in memory may require approximately 1.2GB of RAM.
4. Select the number of spaces used to indent XML elements in the TMX file using the **Indentation** selector.

*Note:* Indentation helps in visually understanding the structure of an XML file when viewing it as plain text but is not required for processing TMX files with translation tools.
5. Click the **Save Preferences** button to save and activate selected settings.

### Results

Theme changes are adopted immediately. Memory usage settings are applied when a new TMX file is opened. Indentation is applied next time a file is saved.

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# TMXEditor Subscriptions

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## Open Source & Subscriptions

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### Open Source

TMXEditor is an open source application. Source code is hosted at <https://github.com/rmraya/TMXEditor>.

Anyone can download the source code, compile, modify and use it at no cost in compliance with the accompanying license terms.

### Subscriptions

Ready to use installers and technical support for TMXEditor are available as yearly subscriptions at [Maxprograms Online Store](#).

The version of TMXEditor included in the official installers can be used at no cost for 7 days requesting a free Evaluation Key.

Subscription Keys are issued to be used by one person in one computer. They cannot be shared or transferred to a different machine.

### Differences Summary

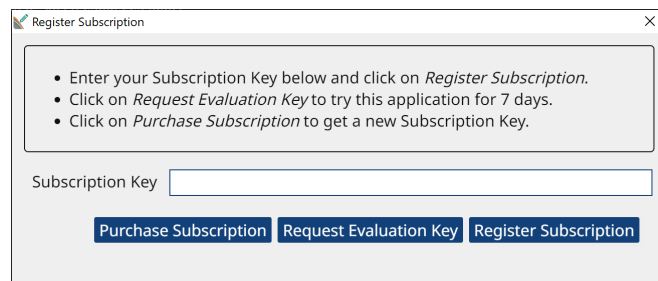
	Open Source	Subscription Based
Ready To Use Installers	No	Yes
Restricted Features	None	None
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## Subscription Registration - Evaluation Request

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### Procedure

1. When you open TMXEditor from subscription installers for the first time, or when the Subscription Key is not registered, the following dialog is displayed:

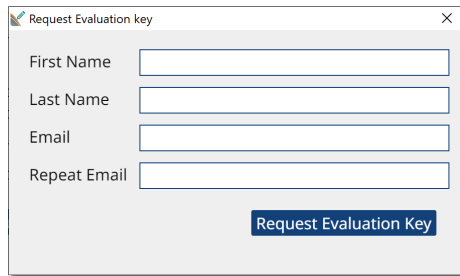


2. If you have a Subscription Key, type it in the **Subscription Key** text box and click the **Register Subscription** button.

On registration success, the main editing screen will be presented.

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3. If you don't have a Subscription Key and wish to test the program during 7 days, click the **Request Evaluation Key** button.

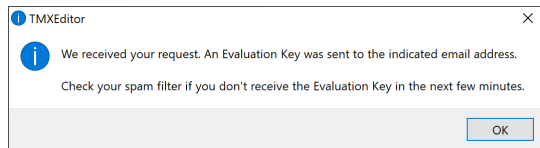
The following dialog appears:



A dialog box titled "Request Evaluation key" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains four text input fields labeled "First Name", "Last Name", "Email", and "Repeat Email". Below these fields is a blue button labeled "Request Evaluation Key".

4. Enter the requested data and click the **Request Evaluation Key** button.

On success, an email with the requested Evaluation Key will be sent to the indicated address and the following dialog will be displayed:



Check your email and register the Evaluation Key using the instructions shown above.

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# Glossary

## Language Code

A language code is a code that assigns letters or numbers as identifiers or classifiers for languages. Language codes used in TMX files must comply with the rules defined by [BCP 47 - Tags for Identifying Languages](#)

## TMX

Translation Memory eXchange (TMX) is an open standard originally published by LISA (Localization Industry Standards Association). The purpose of TMX is to allow easier exchange of translation memory data between tools and/or translation vendors with little or no loss of critical data during the process.

## Translation Memory

Translation Memory (TM) is a language technology that enables the translation of segments (paragraphs, sentences or phrases) of documents by searching for similar segments in a database and suggesting matches that are found in the databases as possible translations.

## Translation Unit

A translation unit (represented by the <tu> element in a TMX file) contains a piece of source text and optional translation and metadata related to that piece of text.