



# RingCentral Localization Style Guide

## French (France)

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## ***What's New?***

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About curly apostrophes, use curly ones always, even if the one in source are escaped.

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Apostrophes are now curved in order to meet FR convention.

Reminder: Translations should be consistent between OS.

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## Overview

The purpose of this Localization Style Guide for RingCentral is to set basic style, grammar, punctuation and terminology guidelines to ensure top language quality content in (French).

In general, your main goal as a translator is to produce the most natural sounding translation. It is important you capture RingCentral content's intended meaning and transfer it into natural language that is best suited to a wide French-speaking audience. Avoid literal transposition of the English syntax in French: most of the times, sentences need to be rewritten with an adapted syntax. Try to balance faithfulness to the source and readability in the target language.

As a rule, please use a clear and precise style. The translation should be easily understood and should not read like a translation. Put yourself in the reader's place, and determine whether the output is clear and fluent, as well as consistent and accurate.

Avoid heaviness, ambiguities, repetitions and Anglicism. Also, avoid enriching the text excessively.

***Important:*** *If any of the topics developed in this style guide conflict with RingCentral approved terminology lists, instructions or reference material provided, the client's specific instructions should take precedence over this document.*

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## **Style Guide Conventions**

Throughout RingCentral Localization Style Guide, the main subjects will be illustrated with examples (the incorrect translation in red and the correct option in green).

This is the example in source language.

This is the example of the incorrect translation.

This is the example of the correct translation.

## Software Localization

### ***Reference material***

Use the reference material provided (this style guide, as well as the glossary and the DNT list), and follow this priority order:

1. DNT list
2. Style guide
3. Glossary
4. Translation memory

### ***UI options***

In regards to UI option translation for software projects, instructions may vary based on RingCentral project-specific guidelines. However, in general, please adhere to the following:

- If software has been translated, please match the relevant translation in the resources provided.
- If software has not been translated, please use bilingual format, i.e. English first, followed by target in brackets.

UI options should typically be translated as verbs; generally, the infinitive form is used. Be concise, avoid using articles or prepositions and go straight to the point. Depending on the project-specific requirements, pay particular attention to possible character/space limitations. Write the first letter of the option with an uppercase.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
Insert	Insérez/Insertion	Insérer
Add User	Ajoutez/ Ajout Utilisateur	Ajouter un utilisateur
Save & Close	Enregistrer & Fermer Sauvegarde et fermeture	Enregistrer et quitter

When necessary, please refer to Microsoft approved terminology for French on the MS Portal: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/language>

## ***Names of RingCentral Products, Applications and Features***

In many cases, product/application names are trademarked, thus not localizable: however, it is paramount that before translating any product, application, third party or feature names you check your reference material and linguistic instructions, including terminology and DNT lists.

## ***Adaptation to French Market***

Sometimes you may need to replace English examples by French equivalents. The explanation about the use of wildcards is a good example of text in need of localization/adaptation:

*Two wildcard operators are supported:*

*\* will match any combination of characters*

*? will match any single character*

*For example, searching on '\*ing' will select any knowledge base items that contain 'fishing', 'hunting', 'ring' or 'drinking'. Searching on '?ing' will return knowledge base items containing the word 'ring'.*

*In addition, there is an implicit '\*' added to the end of all keywords so that searching on 'print' will also select 'printer' and 'printing'.*

## **Linguistic Overview**

### ***Target audience***

Understand who the audience is (end users, partners, etc.) before translating.

### ***Style and Tone***

Be precise and clear, consistent and natural. Rephrase sentences that are not clear enough, and rework sentences that sound like a translation. Do not hesitate to break up long English sentences into smaller friendlier parts in order to provide better understanding.

Please use an appropriate style for technical texts and documents:



- **Accurate and concise (exact)**: no ambiguities or mistranslations •
- Clear and coherent (readable)**: target reader should understand the text easily
- **Objective**: neutral, do not insert your own opinion, avoid colloquial or slang words, be always politically correct
- **Correct**: content and numbers should be free of mistakes •
- Idiomatically correct**: use of correct verbs, metaphors, expressions, etc. so that text does not sound like a translation
- **Complete**: do not leave out content (words, phrases, whole paragraphs)
- **Keep an eye on the target reader**: use an appropriate tone •
- Be consistent**: use same structure and translate the same way between two files, even if they are different (*i.e* operating systems)

## ***Cross-references***

You might encounter cross-references in some technical document.

Cross-references mention other parts of text or other documents, and can be either “internal” or “external”:

### **Internal Cross-references**

References to chapters, sections, headings or titles within the file or within the document you are translating. (Do not forget that one document might be part of a larger translation kit.)

### **External Cross-references**

References to titles of other documents that you are not translating or have been already translated in a previous project. In these instances, please check whether this text or document has been localized before, and match the relevant translations, unless otherwise specified by project-specific instructions.

**Tip:** Cross-references shall be referenced consistently throughout your translation as well as throughout all files. Translation of document titles (external cross-reference) might be included in the terminology list or the reference material. If you are unable to retrieve this information, please contact the Project Management team or the French Language Lead; if, on the other hand, the document has not been translated before, please leave as in source language.

Cross-references normally include the following standard or similar phrases: Key phrases for internal cross-references:

- Refer to section [...]
- For more information see chapter [...] in this document
- See also table [...] below.
- See graphic 12.1 “[*title of graphic*]”

Examples of a key phrase for external cross-references:

- o For more information, see user manual “[*title*]” of previous product.
- o See also previously published user guide “[*title*]”

## Politeness

While in general English is more informal than French, it may sometimes tend to be “over polite”. Instructions given to the user often begin with “Please”.

French does not often use the equivalent expression “S’il vous plaît”. Do not hesitate to be more direct and use the imperative form or similar constructions where appropriate.

English	Incorrect translations	Correct translation
Please enter your user name.	S’il vous plaît, entrez votre nom d’utilisateur.	Veuillez entrer votre nom d’utilisateur.

## Gender

Gender is also a sensitive matter as shown in the examples. As far as gender is concerned, French usually gives priority to masculine forms, unless differently needed based on a specific context.

To avoid issues in front of country tags for ex, use a workaround like in 2<sup>nd</sup> ex.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
The service team will contact the customer and inform him/her.	Le service contactera le client/la cliente pour l'informer.	Le service contactera le client pour l'informer.
Domestic outbound rates apply when making calls to countries within the {CountryName}.	Les tarifs sortants locaux s'appliquent lors des appels émis vers le/la/les/l'/{CountryName}	Les tarifs sortants locaux s'appliquent lors des appels émis vers le pays suivant : {CountryName}

## Passive voice

Whenever possible, avoid the passive voice, which is too formal and wordy, and use the active form, to improve readability. Passive voice is only advised in specific texts like legal and official documents (e.g. privacy policies, terms of a contract, NDAs, etc.)

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
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All files are saved in the directory by the software.	Tous les fichiers sont sauvegardés dans le répertoire par le logiciel.	Le logiciel sauvegarde tous les fichiers dans le répertoire.
This white paper highlights some new features.	Certaines fonctionnalités nouvelles sont présentées dans ce livre blanc.	Ce livre blanc présente certaines fonctionnalités nouvelles.

## Use of Possessives

Use of possessives is quite common in English. Do not transfer the extensive use of English possessive adjectives to target. When translating them, be aware of the following:

- In some cases, “your” refers to a subject in the third person.
- Simple articles can often replace possessive adjectives.
- Rather use the second translation:

English	Translation 1	Translation 2
You can edit <i>your</i> files on either <i>your</i> computer, or <i>your</i> mobile device.	<i>Vous pouvez éditer vos fichiers sur votre ordinateur ou votre appareil mobile.</i>	<i>Vous pouvez éditer les fichiers sur un ordinateur ou appareil mobile.</i>

## Articles

For the proper use of articles, please refer to standard (French) grammar rules.

Here are some particular cases, involving the use of foreign

words: • (les attaques DDoS)

• (la Süddeutsche Zeitung)

• (les Big Data)

**Translation of the****-ing form**

The -ing form can be translated in different ways, based on context, such as a verb, a noun, an infinitive clause, a subordinate clause, a gerund etc.

You should use the most appropriate option among those suggested in the following table.

English	Suggestion
Our controllers come with a cache protecting your data integrity	Nos contrôleurs sont livrés avec une mémoire cache qui protège l'intégrité de vos données
These services can assist with implementations from initial site architecture to implementing a complete farm.	Ces services peuvent faciliter la mise en œuvre d'un parc de serveurs complet à partir de l'architecture du site initial
By accessing this web site, you agree to the terms and conditions (...)	En accédant à ce site Web, vous acceptez les conditions générales (...)

**Conciseness**

English sometimes uses additional words to express concepts. Check the context, concentrate on the meaning and render it as clearly as you can.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
Your Name, Your Email Address, Your Company Name	Votre nom, votre adresse électronique, votre nom de société	Nom, adresse électronique, nom de société
This means you can now...	Ceci signifie que vous pouvez désormais...	Vous pouvez donc désormais...

**Repetitions**

Besides standard grammar rules, when localizing software or documentation

you should consider that repetitions are acceptable in English, but it is not the case in French. Do not hesitate to use pronouns or other "tricks" in order to avoid them.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
To delete a <i>file</i> from your computer, select the <i>file</i> from the right pane and click Delete	Pour supprimer un <i>fichier</i> sur votre ordinateur, sélectionnez le <i>fichier</i> dans le volet de droite, puis cliquez sur Supprimer...	Pour supprimer un <i>fichier</i> sur votre ordinateur, sélectionnez-le dans le volet de droite, puis cliquez sur Supprimer...

## False friends

Please be careful with the so-called "false friends" and with literal translations that can have a different meaning from the source. Here are some of the most common examples:

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
actually	actuellement	en réalité
support, to	supporter	soutenir, prendre en charge
comprehensive	compréhensif	complet
demand, to	demander	exiger
issue	issue	problème
surname	surnom	nom (de famille)
pass exams, to	passer des examens	réussir des examens
balance	balance	équilibre

## Capitalization

French capitalization differs from the English one, so please follow the French rules.

These are some examples where capital letter is necessary:

- Proper names, product names, geographical names.

- The first word after a period, an exclamation mark, a question mark, ellipsis.
- In title case, nouns and adjectives of organizations (Nations Unies), bodies, departments (Ministère de l'Intérieur), awards, and events.

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English makes extensive use of capitalization. The same might not apply in French, where only the first word should be capitalized.

In addition, contrary to English, lower case is needed for nationalities, languages, religions, days of the week, months, season names, currencies, job titles in French.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
Tuesday	Le Mardi	Le mardi
July	En Juillet	En juillet
1 US Dollar	1 Dollar Américain	1 dollar américain
Users who speak French	Utilisateurs parlant le Français	Utilisateurs parlant le français
Our friend is Spanish	Notre ami est Espagnol	Notre ami est espagnol

In titles, headings, UI options, etc., only the first word of the string should be capitalized:

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
XXX Terms And Conditions	Termes Et Conditions De XXX	Termes et conditions de XXX
Page Layout	Mise en Page	Mise en page
Model Name	Nom de Modèle	Nom de modèle

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An exception to this are legal texts, where capitalization conveys a specific meaning and must be retained in the translation.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
This agreement (the "Agreement") is a binding agreement	Le présent accord (l'« accord ») est un accord contraignant)	Le présent accord (l'« Accord ») est un accord contraignant
Install and use a copy of the Software.	Installez et utilisez une copie du logiciel.	Installez et utilisez une copie du Logiciel.

Note: Sometimes whole paragraphs are written with all upper case, and that formatting must be preserved as these conventions may have legal implications.

## ***Accented Capital Letters***

Here is a list of the main ASCII codes for accented letters used in French.

Code	Character
Alt+0192	À
Alt+0201	É
Alt+0200	È
Alt+0206	Î
Alt+0212	Ô

## ***Spelling***

Do not forget to run the spell-checker when you have completed your translation.



**Spacing**

Brand name tags need to be separated from the preceding or following text with a space.

In French, a non-breaking space is needed before double punctuation signs; colons, semicolons, question, exclamation marks and quotation marks.

Also use non-breaking spaces to prevent certain expressions to be separated at the end of a line, such as people's names, numbers, software names and versions, etc. To obtain such a space, press Ctrl + Shift + Space bar in MS Word or use Alt+0160.

English documents often include double spaces after full stops. Run a controlled search and replace them by single spaces in French.

No space is needed between a word and a round bracket.

**Use of punctuation****Comma**

A comma is used when a natural pause is heard, but use of comma is quite subjective. There are, though, some guidelines to be followed in French

- Comma must only be inserted before the word "et" when it is absolutely required and at the end of an enumeration, in order to avoid any ambiguity.
- A comma may be needed before "et", "ou" or "ni" if the coordinated elements have different subjects.
- No comma is needed when the coordinates are simple.
- A comma is generally inserted between elements coordinated by another conjunction than "et", "ou" or "ni".
- The typical mistake originated by some CAT tools is to add a comma before subordinate clauses, please give a special care to those unnecessary commas. Example of an incorrect sentence:  
\*Le service clientèle m'a informé, que j'avais droit à une remise sur mon forfait téléphonique.

**Examples**

L'appel est signalé à l'utilisateur par une sonnerie, et celui-ci peut décrocher son combiné pour établir la conversation.

La fin de communication n'est signalée ni par une sonnerie ni par un affichage sur l'écran.

J'ai changé d'opérateur, car je n'étais pas satisfait de ses services.

### ***Period***

A period is used to end a sentence, a paragraph or an abbreviated word. When a sentence is placed between brackets or quotes, the period is placed outside. Do not use full stops after headings and titles, after columns in a table, or after captions used with illustrations, tables etc., unless the expression considered is a full sentence. Do not use full stops if a sentence ends with an abbreviation, an interrogation or exclamation mark, ellipsis, or colon.

### ***Colon***

As a rule, try to avoid using colons, as English makes a wider use of them. Prefer commas or period wherever possible, or to use an expression to avoid the use of colon. A colon must be preceded by a non-breaking space.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
Open the Create Package wizard: click the Package tab.	Ouvrez l'assistant Créer un module : cliquez sur l'onglet Module.	Ouvrez l'assistant Créer un module et cliquez sur l'onglet Module.
The Category column displays two entries: Status and Configuration.	La colonne Catégorie contient les deux entrées Statut et Configuration.	La colonne Catégorie contient deux entrées : Statut et Configuration.  OU :  La colonne Catégorie contient les entrées Statut et Configuration.
Example: a compressed file.	Exemple : Un fichier compressé.	Exemple : un fichier compressé.

### ***Semi-colon***

Semi-colons are used less in French than in English: they are mainly used to

separate items in an enumeration, when using only commas would be confusing. As a rule, avoid the use of semi-colons. Start a new sentence instead. A semi-colon must be preceded by a non-breaking space.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
Categories include: computers, laptops, and mobile devices; operating systems, applications, and mobile	Les catégories incluent : les ordinateurs, ordinateurs portables et appareils mobiles ; les systèmes d'exploitation,	Les catégories incluent les ordinateurs, ordinateurs portables et appareils mobiles, les systèmes d'exploitation,

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apps; network, routers, and firewalls.	applications et applications mobiles ; les réseaux, routeurs et pare-feu.	applications et applications mobiles, ainsi que les réseaux, routeurs et pare-feu.
Note the information in the Username and Password fields; you will need them later for logging in.	Notez les informations contenues dans les champs Nom d'utilisateur et Mot de passe ; vous en aurez besoin plus tard pour vous connecter.	Notez les informations contenues dans les champs Nom d'utilisateur et Mot de passe, vous en aurez besoin plus tard pour vous connecter.  OU :  Notez les informations contenues dans les champs Nom d'utilisateur et Mot de passe. Vous en aurez besoin plus tard pour vous connecter.

#### Question mark

As a rule, avoid question marks, as they are much less used in French than in English. A question mark must be preceded by a non-breaking space.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
What do you want to do? [heading]	Que souhaitez-vous faire ?	Objectif
What is RingCentral?	Qu'est-ce que RingCentral ?	À propos de RingCentral

### **Exclamation mark**

Exclamation marks are not as common in French as they are in English. Sometimes it is better to remove them. When they appear in groups (!!!), you may keep only one. An interrogation mark must be preceded by a non breaking space.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
File not found!	Fichier introuvable !	Fichier introuvable.
Be careful!!!	Attention !!!	Attention !

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#### **Hyphen/En dash (-), Em dash (—), and minus sign (–)**

Hyphen/en dash is used in compound terms and for page ranges. Don't use the en dash as a minus sign, use the minus symbol instead

Incorrect use	Correct use	Note
6-2=4 6 -2 = 4	6 – 2 = 4	use the minus symbol. Use spaces around it.
RingCentral–La solution idéale !	RingCentral : la solution idéale !	use a colon or comma where to replace an en dash
Lun.–Ven., 8-16 h Pages 1-4	Du lun. Au ven. de 8 h à 16 h Pages 1 à 4	replace an en dash with “à” for indicating ranges

Activer — Cliquez sur cette option pour activer le serveur.	Activer : cliquez sur cette option pour activer le serveur.	rather use a colon than a dash here
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### **Round and square brackets**

Use round brackets for further explications which would otherwise disrupt the sentence, for spelling out acronyms, for indicating singular/plural forms or for translations of UI items in cases where the UI has not been localized.

Square brackets are sometimes used for indicating variables or for indicating additional information within round brackets.

<b>Examples</b>
Indiquez l'adresse (UNC ou URL), puis cliquez sur Valider.
Les fichiers volumineux peuvent être transférés par FTP (File Transfer Protocol, ou protocole de transfert de données).
Veuillez enregistrer le(s) fichier(s).
Cliquez sur Open File (Ouvrir un fichier).
L'adresse du serveur est spécifiée suivant le format \\[Serveur]\\[Domaine].
Indiquez l'adresse (adresse UNC [interne] ou adresse URL [externe]), puis cliquez sur Valider.

### **Quotation marks**

Quotation marks are used to quote sentences taken from other sources, or to quote titles of other documents. Single quotes should be avoided, unless software requirements or other constraints force you to use them in order

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not to break builds or cause other technical issues. Generally, double quotes are to be used in French. Punctuation should be placed outside the quotes.

French uses the angle quotation marks (or guillemets). A non-breaking space must follow the opening mark (« ) and precede the closing mark ( »).

### **Apostrophe**

Please use curly apostrophe as per FR convention.

Please escape apostrophes before tags like this : `'/{1}`

Please note that curly apostrophes does not need to be escaped before a tag, only straight one as they can break the code. If the source escapes the apostrophes, there is no need to do it in FR, use curly apostrophes.

## ***Style to use in bulleted lists***

### **Example 1 – complete sentences**

If the bulleted items are complete sentences (with a conjugated verb), each begins with a capital and ends with a period.

### **Example 2 – phrases/words**

If the bulleted items are phrases or single words, each begins with a capital letter and shall not be followed by a period.

### **Example 3 – continued sentences**

If the list items are not full sentences and depend syntactically on the introductory sentence, each element should start with a lower case letter and end with a semicolon. End the last item with a period.

## ***Abbreviations***

Abbreviations should be avoided whenever possible, but you may need to abbreviate words in item such as UI options.

- Shorten a word by at least two letters, abbreviation should end with a consonant and end with a period.
- If the word has a double consonant, abbreviate after the second consonant.

## ***Acronyms***

Translation of acronyms depends on RingCentral project-related requirements, and should always be investigated to confirm their localizability.

Here are some examples of how to approach the translation of

acronyms: **Description English French Guidelines**

The acronym does not have a common translation and is before the spelled-out version.	common translation. CSV (Comma Separated Values)	par des virgules)	English spelled-out version with the translated version between brackets.
	HPFS (High Performance File System)	HPFS (High Performance File System)	If there is no commonly used spelled-out translation, keep the spelled-out term in English between brackets.
The acronym has a common translation and is before the spelled-out version.	CAD (Computer-aided design)	CAO (conception assistée par ordinateur)	Translate the acronym with its translated equivalent, along with the spelled-out version between brackets.
		Publication assistée par ordinateur (PAO)	If there is a commonly used translated acronym and spelled out translation, insert the translated version and the acronym between brackets.
The spelled-out term is followed by an acronym between brackets and has a	Desktop Publishing (DTP)	If there is a commonly used spelled-out translation, replace the	OLE Keep the acronym in English only.
	CSV (valeurs séparées		
The acronym is not spelled out and has no common translated equivalent.			
The acronym is not spelled out and has a common translated equivalent.		NATO OTAN	Use the translated acronym only.

## Numbers

Numbers should be written in full:

- When used as nouns
- When at the beginning of a sentence
- When appearing alone and representing simple quantities, usually the numbers up to 9.
- In expressions like “in the 80s”.

Dates, large numbers, ages, document references (paragraph, page, etc.) should be written as numbers.

Remember to replace the decimal point by a comma and the thousand separator by a dot.

English	Incorrect translation	Correct translation
0.25	0.25	0,25
1,254.28	1,254.28	1 254,28
18,567	18,567	18 567
8,990,500	8,990,500	8 990 500

Note: Avoid mixing numerical and alphabetical forms.

## ***Units of Measure***

Units of measure should be separated from the preceding number by a non breaking space, e.g. 533 MHz.

If the content includes units of measures that do not apply to French, for example imperial system ones, you might be instructed to either add converted value of the system that applies to French first and leave the original one in brackets, or to convert the value into its metric equivalent, based on the project requirements. Use the following table for reference.

Imperial	Metric
1 inch (" , in)	2,54 cm
1 foot (ft.)	30,48 cm
1 yard (yd.)	91,44 cm
1 mile (m, ml)	1,609 km
1 pint (pt.)	0,57 l
1 quart (qtr.)	1,136 l
1 gallon (g, gal)	4,546 l
1 ounce (oz.)	28,349 g



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1 pound (lb.)	453,59 g
1 stone (st)	6,348 kg
1 ton (t)	1 016 kg

Note: monitor sizes are always expressed in inches and represent, therefore, one of the few exceptions.

Here is a list of some current units of measure and their French equivalents:

English	Translation	Abbreviation
kilometer (Km)	kilomètre	km
meter	mètre	m
decimeter	décimètre	dm
centimeter	centimètre	cm
millimeter	millimètre	mm
liter	litre	l, L
deciliter	décilitre	dl
centiliter	centilitre	cl
milliliter	millilitre	ml
ton	tonne	t
kilogram	kilogramme	kg
pound	livre	£
gram	gramme	g
decigram	décigramme	dg

centigram	centigramme	cg
milligram	milligramme	mg
kilobyte	kilo-octet	Ko
megabyte	mégaoctet	Mo
gigabyte	gigaoctet	Go
gigabit	gigabit	Gbit
inch	pouce	po
feet	pied	pi
mile	mile	mi
gallon	gallon	gal

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millisecond	milliseconde	ms
second	seconde	s
minute	minute	min
Volt	Volt, volt	V
Watt	Watt, watt	W
Hertz	Hertz, hertz	Hz
Megahertz	mégahertz	MHz
Celsius degree	degré Celsius	°C
bits per second	bits par seconde	bit/s
points	points	pt

## Percentages

Percentages are usually written in figures followed by the symbol %. A non breaking space is used between the figure and the symbol, e.g.: 37 %.

## Date and time

Adapt date and time formats to French standards.

Date format, for example, should follow day-month, and not month-day.

The short format can be separated either by a slash and less frequently by a hyphen.

Recommended formats:

Short date: DD/MM/YYYY. Example: 18/08/2015

Long date: dddd MMMM yyyy. Example: Mar. 18 août 2015

The standard time format is hh:mm:ss. The 24-hour clock format should be used. A non-breaking space is used in dates and times.

English format	French format
11:30 PM	23h30, 23 h 30
8AM to 8PM	De 8 h à 20 h
8-June-2014	8 juin 2014
2000-04-05	05/04/2000

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The name of the months, in extended and abbreviated forms should be as follows:

janvier	janv.
février	févr.
mars	mars
avril	avr.

mai	mai
juin	juin
juillet	juill.
août	août
septembre	sept.
octobre	oct.
novembre	nov.
décembre	déc.

## ***Currency***

Currency symbols are placed after the numeral and preceded by a non breaking space, with two decimal figures.

145,80 €

To make a distinction between US dollars and CA dollars, use the ISO abbreviation in parentheses.

100 \$ (USD)

## ***Ellipsis (...)***

- An ellipsis indicates omitted words in a direct quote—not a thought that’s trailing off.
- Don’t capitalize the first word after an ellipsis (unless it’s a proper noun).
- Don’t begin a sentence with an ellipsis.
- Don’t use spaces before or after an ellipsis.
- If ending a complete sentence with an ellipsis, no period is needed.
- To create an ellipsis on a Mac, press opt + [ ; ]. In Windows, hold alt and type 0133.

- An ellipsis is one character, not three periods. However, if an ellipsis is

needed in plain-text format, use three periods: Four score and seven years...  
a new nation.

Here are some examples and suggestions on how to translate some recurrent expressions:

English	French
about	à propos de
as shown in figure xx	comme illustré à la figure xx
For more information on xxx, see xxx.	Pour plus d'informations sur xxx, voir xxx.
N/A (Non Available)	S/O (sans objet)
Please note that	Il est à noter que/Notez que
Refer to xxx for instructions on xxx.	Pour obtenir des instructions sur xxx, reportez-vous à xxx.
registered trademark	marque déposée
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User's Guide	Guide de l'utilisateur, guide d'utilisation
want (to), would like	souhaiter
we recommend...	il est conseillé de...
Follow these steps to xxx	Pour xxx, procédez comme suit :

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EXTREME FAX United States 09; 38 6/29/2004 78443081 8/15/2006  
3130779 Registered

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China 09 2/23/2012 10525948 4/14/2013 10525948

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