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***What's New?***

Last Updated:

*(This section will contain detailed update changes for further versions)*

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RingCentral Localization Style Guide **General 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 (Canada).

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 based in Canada. Avoid literal transposition of the English syntax in French (Canada): 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.

Do not forget to always read the instructions specific to your project as well as all the references such as ***RingCentral\_Term List\_FR\_CA.xlsx***.

| ***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.

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***Buttons***

Buttons 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.

| **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 |

***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 lists.

***Adaptation to French Market***

Sometimes you may need to replace English examples by French Canadian 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'.* |
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**Linguistic Overview**

***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

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***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 your 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*]”

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RingCentral Localization Style Guide ***Political Correctness***

**Politeness**

While in general English is more informal than French Canadian, 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 Canadian usually gives priority to masculine forms, unless differently needed based on a specific context.

| **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. |

***Passive voice***

Whenever possible, avoid the passive voice, which is too 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** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 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 nouvelles  fonctionnalités. |

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***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, “our” refers to a subject in the third person. ● Simple articles can often replace possessive adjectives.

| **English** | **Incorrect translation** | **Correct translation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| You can edit *your* files on either *your*  computer, or *your*  mobile device. | Vous pouvez éditer *vos* fichiers sur *votre*  ordinateur ou *votre*  appareil mobile. | Vous pouvez éditer *les* fichiers sur *un*  ordinateur ou appareil mobile. |

***Articles***

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

Here are some particular cases, involving the use of foreign words: ● (les attaques DDoS)

● (la Süddeutsche Zeitung)

● (les Big Data)

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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... |

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***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 Canadian. Do not hesitate to use pronouns or other “tricks” in order to avoid them.

| **English** | **Incorrect translation** | **Correct translation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| To delete a *file* from your computer, select the *file* from the right pane and click Delete | Pour supprimer un  *fichier* de votre  ordinateur, sélectionnez le *fichier* dans le volet de droite, puis cliquez sur Supprimer. | Pour supprimer un  *fichier* de 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 à des examens |
| balance | balance | équilibre |

***Capitalization***

French (Canada) capitalization differs from the English one, so please follow the French Canadian 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 Canadian, where only the first word should be capitalized.

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

| **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 |

On the other hand, some words are not capitalized in English, but should be in French Canadian.

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

| **English** | **Incorrect translation** | **Correct translation** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Privacy Policy | Politique de  Confidentialité | Politique de  confidentialité |
| Page Layout | Mise en Page | Mise en page |
| Model Name | Nom de Modèle | Nom de modèle |

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An exception to this is 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.

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**Spacing**

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

In French (Canada), no space is needed before the following punctuation signs: semicolons, question marks and exclamation marks.

Use non-breaking spaces before colons and with quotation marks. Use spaces to prevent certain expressions to be separated at the end of a line, such as people’s names, numbers, dates, 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 (Canada).

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 Canadian:

● 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 or to emphasis the last item.

● 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. |

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| 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 complete sentence is placed between brackets or quotes, the period is placed inside. When only a part of the 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, puis 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 (Canada) 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 is not preceded by any space.

| **English** | **Incorrect translation** | **Correct translation** |
| --- | --- | --- |

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| Categories include:  computers, laptops, and mobile devices;  operating systems,  applications, and mobile apps; network, routers, and firewalls. | Les catégories incluent : les ordinateurs,  ordinateurs portables et appareils mobiles ; les systèmes d'exploitation, applications et  applications mobiles ; les réseaux, routeurs et pare-feu. | Les catégories incluent les ordinateurs,  ordinateurs portables et appareils mobiles, les systèmes d'exploitation, 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 (Canada) than in English. A question mark is not preceded by any 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 (Canada) as they are in English. Sometimes it is better to remove them. When they appear in groups (!!!), you may keep only one. An exclamation mark is not preceded by any space.

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

***Hyphen/En dash (-), Em dash (—)***

Hyphen/en dash is used in compound terms, for page ranges and as minus sign.

| **Incorrect use** | **Correct use** | **Note** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 6-2=4  6 -2 = 4 | 6 – 2 = 4 | use an en dash as  minus sign |
| RingCentral – La  solution idéale ! | RingCentral : la solution idéale ! | use an en dash where it replaces a colon or  comma |
| Lun.-Ven., 8-16 h  Pages 1-4 | Du lun. Au ven. De 8 h à 16 h  Pages 1 à 4 | use an en dash 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 |

***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.

| **Examples** |
| --- |
| 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. |

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

French Canadian 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 consistently in the translations, instead of straight apostrophe.

***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, items 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.

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● If the word has a double consonant, abbreviate after the second consonant.

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***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 is before the spelled out

version.

The spelled out term is followed by an acronym in brackets.

CSV (Comma

Separated Values)

HPFS (High

Performance File System)

Desktop Publishing (DTP)

CSV (valeurs séparées par des virgules)

HPFS (High

Performance File System)

Publication assistée par ordinateur (PAO)

If there is an existing translation, it must be inserted before the English term.

If there is no

translation, keep the spelled out term

between brackets.

If there is a

translation, insert the developed version and the acronym between brackets.

The acronym is not spelled out.

OLE Objet OLE Use the acronym only.

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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.

| **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 your locale, for example imperial system ones, you might be instructed to either add converted value of the system that applies to your locale 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, sec |
| 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 (Canada) standards. Date format, for example, should follow day-month, and not month-day.

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

Recommended formats:

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

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

The standard time format is hh:mm:ss. The 24-hour clock format should be used.

| **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 $ CA

***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.

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• 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.

***Specific expressions***

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 en savoir sur xxx, consultez xxx. |
| N/A (Non Available) | S/O (sans objet) |
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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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- SkypeMC

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- Dr PepperMD

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**Target:**

RingCentral, Inc. (Belmont/HQ) 20 Davis Drive, Belmont, California 94402 Phone: 1 888 528-RING (7464) or +**1** 650 472-4100

Correct examples for French (Canada):

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Cellulaire : 705 995-8901

Numéro sans frais : 1 800 234-5678

Télécopieur : 819 952-9620

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Site Web : www.en2fr.com

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• Minimum of 512 MB of RAM • 200 MB of hard drive space

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• Intel® processor

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