

Steps involved in the process of translate an Ionic App

1. Translation Language
 - a. Detect the language you want to translate into.
 - b. It can either be done automatically by detecting phone or browser's language (Globalization)
 - c. It can be done with user actions(dropwon, buttons,...)
 - d. For this case, we will detect device's language using both:
 - i. Cordova globalization plugin
 - ii. Browser's internationalization API
2. Prepare Language Text
 - a. We need to have a pre-translated dictionary (Json file) which stores the translations
 - b. We can use this url to translate our json files
 - i. <https://www.logisticinfotech.com/translate-language-files-online-json/>
3. Translate
 - a. We will use ngx-translate library for translating our texts

Development

1. **Create a starter Ionic 5 tab app**
 - a. ionic start ionicTranslate tabs --type=angular --cordova
 - i. with --cordova we tell the CLI to integrate cordova in the app
2. **Prepare multiple language Json files in assets**
 - a. We will create these Json files in "src/assets/i18n" folder
 - b. Note for the json files for the example:
 - i. The {{ value }} and {{ name_value }} are kind of variable/constants we can pass from our component.
3. **Implement ngx-transtale library and Cordova Globalization Plugin**
 - a. Cordova plugin is used to detect device's default language/locale, Unfortunately, this plugin is deprecated, but still supported by Ionic
 - b. However, the latest way of detecting the language / locale of the browser is by using browser's default internationalization API
 - i. <https://cordova.apache.org/news/2017/11/20/migrate-from-cordova-globalization-plugin.html>
 - c. We install Cordova globalization plugin using
 - i. ionic cordova plugin add cordova-plugin-globalization
 - ii. npm install @ionic-native/globalization
 - d. We install ngx-translate library
 - i. npm install --save @ngx-translate/core
 - ii. npm install @ngx-translate/http-loader --save
 1. http-loader is used for loading the translation json files via Angular's HttpClient module.
 - e. We need to define a function that loads the external json files to the app using http-loader. It is in the app.module.ts

- i. export function HttpLoaderFactory(http: HttpClient) { return new TranslateHttpLoader(http, "./assets/i18n/", ".json"); }
 - ii. Pay attention to TranslateModule.forRoot() , is defined in case of a Tabbed application, or general non lazy-loaded module. For a tab child, however, we will have to use TranslateModule.forChild().
- f. Import and setup the translate library in child component.
 - i. in "src/app/tab1"

4. The Directive

- a. to use the directive like this
 - i. `<h1 translate>TITLE</h1><p [translate]="description"></p>`
- b. we need to import the translation module in child modules as well for everything to work correctly.
- c. It will be in "tab1.module.ts"

5. Setup stand alone translations

- a. The process of setting up separate language files in "assets" for each language is the standard way of translation in Angular. But sometimes it becomes a little cumbersome, especially when don't have that much data to translate
- b. Quick translation in tab2.page
 - i. We can declare the variables in the component itself instead of reading from the JSON files from "assets"
 - ii. tab2.html is similar to tab2.html and the same to tab2.scss and
 - iii. We make changes in tab2.ts constructor

Source:

<https://enappd.com/blog/how-to-translate-in-ionic-internationalization-and-localization/143/>