

About this guide

This document describes OneLink® API. The API enables real-time querying of Translation Memory content so you can use it for other purposes — such as email content, browsers, and third-party products or data that may require translation.

Note: this is a temporary location.

This document is available on GitHub at OneLink-API.

What is the OneLink API?

The OneLink Platform can be configured as a proxy service to provide a translated version of a website or invoked programmatically as an API to provide translations. You can use these services independently or together.

This document shows how the API can be used to return translations of submitted content.

For example,

1. A Spanish page request is made by the browser.
2. The origin host responds by composing an English page, built using normal processes (i.e., CMS, API, Static Page, etc.).
3. The composed page is sent to the OneLink API application code.
4. The OneLink API code makes the appropriate requests from Translation Memory and the Parsing Engine to swap Spanish for English content.
5. The OneLink® Platform composes the Spanish page, and returns it to the origin server.
6. The origin server returns the Spanish page back to the browser that requested it.

This model achieves anonymity from the typical proxy relationship since it is not connected to the exchange between browser and server. The server itself appears in every way as the source of the translated site. When content is requested from the server it is served directly to the client's browser with no interim contact with a OneLink® proxy. Of course, to implement this you would host the OneLink® Platform directly inside your IT architecture. This is just one example, and you can use the API without hosting the platform yourself.

Getting Started

Why would you use the OneLink API?

Translation needs are diverse within most companies. Requirements may come from a variety of sources and go to various target applications. Typically, clients' website content and external applications like email are considered separately, yet both require translated content to function in a global environment. Website content, once translated, seems to span a company's entire ERP cycle from marketing and sales through to training and support.

Examples:

- You can translate selected content that can then be merged with your customers' personal data. The customer data never leaves your site.
- You can translate internal emails.
- Use the API to translate selected portions of a page (instead of running the whole website through the OneLink proxy service).

- Build a translation interface to a custom CMS.
- Submit pre-published pages to the API. The pages are translated completely. When publishing the English content (and using the OneLink proxy), the target language sites will already have the translated content.
- Capture unpublished content for translation by submitting it to the API.

Solution

Translations.com's OneLink® offers both proxy-based website translation and an API for general purpose real-time translation. Translations can be sourced through the API and delivered either to a website or to any number of external applications, if that content has been captured, translated, and resides in Translation Memory. The OneLink® Platform is required to implement the API. There are various flexible ways to set up that platform to fulfill our clients' needs, requirements, and goals.

The OneLink® API leverages the following components of the OneLink® Platform:

- Real-time parsing of web related mime-types (HTML, XML, JS, JSON, etc.)
- Real-time translation memory (TM) lookups for segment/sentence-level replacements from source to target language
- Ability to mark-up source content with OneLink® classes to prevent certain content from being translated
- Ability to capture segments that are missing from the TM and/or backfill with real-time machine translation
- Sub-second response time

About the OneLink Proxy

The OneLink Proxy is a special proxy that localizes websites virtually. A traditional localization process requires that you maintain your original web content and synchronize changes with the localized content (in multiple languages). The OneLink proxy simplifies this process by applying translation on-the-fly.

The proxy server sits in between the end-user's browser and the client's servers.

1. The user visits es.acme.com. The user's browser sends a request that will go to the OL proxy server.
2. The OL proxy server in turn passes a request to the origin server requesting the source file.
3. The origin server responds with the requested file.
4. The OL server "localizes" the file.
5. The OL server responds to the browser with the localized version of the requested file.

Note that steps 3 through 5 are not "seen" by the end-user's browser. Rather, the browser is requesting a file from the OL server and the OL server is responding with that file just as any other server would. OneLink steps happen with almost zero negative effect on performance for the end-user.

OneLink API Implementation

POST Request

Your application code sends POST requests to the OneLink® API using parameters that are specified on the next page. Note that you will need to understand where the OneLink API server lives. If the OneLink API server is installed on your LAN, the request may look like this:

```
https://10.20.30.40/OneLinkOTX/page/requesting/data.html
```

If the OneLink API server is installed in one of our colocation facilities, the request may look like this:

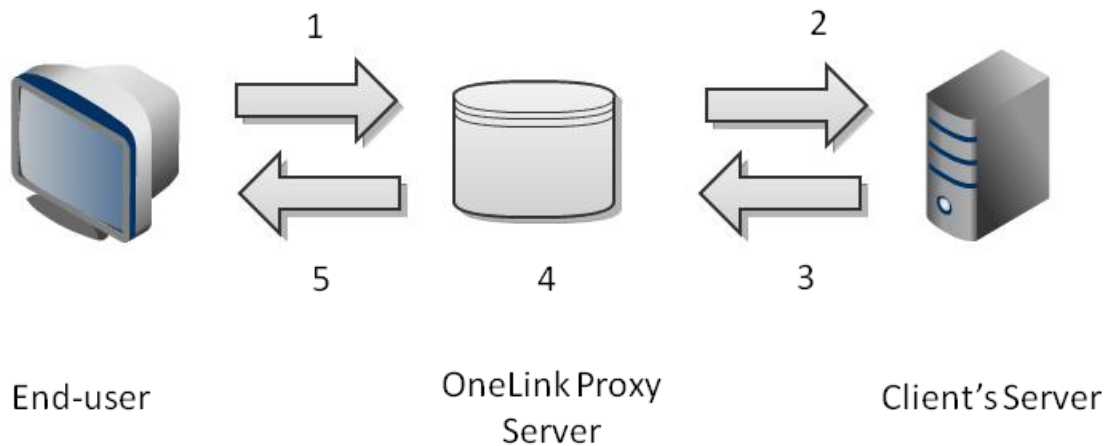


Figure 1: OneLink Proxy Workflow

<https://es.acme.com/OneLink0TX/page/requesting/data.html>

Using your application code, you should create a POST request with the following request headers and post parameters:

Required Request Headers

Host: *your-virtual-host* (see below)

Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded (all POST requests have this header)

Required Post Parameters

otx_account=account number, account password. This contains the account number and password for the OneLink API.

otx_mimetype: The mime-type of the content being uploaded. This tells the OneLink® Proxy how to interpret the incoming information. The only supported types as of right now are the following:

- **text/html:** This page will be parsed as a normal HTML page by the rules defined for the virtual host.
- **text/xml:** This data will be parsed normally as XML content following the logic defined for the virtual host.
- **text/javascript:** Incoming data will have our custom JavaScript parser applied.
- **text/json** or **text/plain:** The JSON data will be filtered through our custom JSON parser logic.
- **text/segment** or **application/json:** This refers to a single segment of text that will not be parsed with rules, it will only be translated.

Note: any foreign mimetype not listed above will cause the OneLink API to respond with HTTP-205 and the original document untouched. The same thing will happen if the mimetype is not set.

otx_service: *Optional. Defaults to "tx".* Values are as follows:

- **tx:** Performs normal translation as defined for the virtual host.
- **smt:** Performs SMT (simple machine translation).

- **wmt:** Performs WebMT (WorldLingo machine translation).
- **tx+smt:** Performs normal translation, but any segments not found in the TM are translated using simple machine translation
- **tx+wmt:** Performs normal translation, but any segments not found in the TM are translated using WorldLingo machine translation
- **parse:** Parses and outputs segmentation and token logic (used primarily for debugging)

otx_content: the content to be translated. Note that in the event that the content contains non-ASCII characters, the base encoding must be UTF-8 (not Windows-1252, nor ISO-8859). In order to be passed as POST data, the content must also be "form-url-encoding." Most application frameworks will automatically form-encode data if they know you are sending a POST request.

OneLink API Responses

The response is a standard HTTP response and the status code is any one of the following:

HTTP-200: Success

HTTP-205: The mime type not supported, original document is returned untouched

HTTP-401: Protocol error: missing or malformed required header

HTTP-402: Feature is not enabled for specified host

HTTP-403: Invalid account number or invalid account password

HTTP-404: Translation Memory (TM) is not started or service is not available

HTTP-405: Attempted to use HTTP instead of HTTPS from a public IP address

Following an HTTP-200 response, the rest of the response header will look like the following:

Content-Type: The mime type of the response (usually the same as the mime type that came in)

Content-Length: Number of bytes in the translated document

Encoding: gzip, etc. (based on site configuration rules)

The following response headers are included whenever the request includes **X-OneLink-Headers** and "translation" is in the comma-delimited list of flags:

X-OneLinkSegments: *nn* (the number of translatable text segments in the content)

X-OneLinkTranslated: *nn* (the number of text segments translated)

X-OneLinkTxPercent: *nn* (percentage of text segments translated)

Sent to the OneLink API:

```
Host: es-otx.onelink-poc.com'
Content-Type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded
Content-Length: 123
```

```
otx_account=otx,otxpass&otx_mimetype=text/plain&otx_service=tx&otx_content=Hello%20World
```

Received from the OneLink API:

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Length: 12
Encoding: utf8
```

Hola Mundial

The following example shows how to send a request to the OneLink API via curl.

```
% curl -k --header 'Host: es-otx.onelink-poc.com' --request POST 'https://es-otx.onelink-poc.com/One
```

The expected result is

```
¡hola Mundo
```

Appendix: Code Samples

The following examples show you some basic examples of the OneLink API in Python, Java, and PHP.

Python example:

```
#!/usr/bin/env python
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*- # Import extensible library for opening URLs
import urllib2, urllib
# Segment for translation
contentForTx = "Acme Corp has the largest selection of dynamite and anvils on the market."
# The hostname of the project that contains the TM and OTX account
virtualHostName = "es-otx.onelink-poc.com"
# The hostname of the server the project is contained on
physicalHostName = "es-otx.onelink-poc.com"
# Set the parameters of the request, encode with url encoding.
params = urllib.urlencode({'otx_mimetype': 'text/html',
    'otx_account' : 'otx,otxpass', 'otx_service' : 'smt', 'otx_content' : contentForTx})
# Set the host header
headers = {"Host": virtualHostName}
# Make the request object passing in the parameters and headers
req = urllib2.Request("https://" + physicalHostName + "/OneLinkOTX/", params, headers)
# Execute the request
response = urllib2.urlopen(req)
# Read the response
htmlData = response.read()
print ":: Content for translation : "+contentForTx
print ":: Received translated content: "+htmlData
```

See example.py

Use the following command:

```
./example.py
```

The expected result is:

```
:: Content for translation : Acme Corp has the largest selection of dynamite and anvils on the market.
:: Received translated content: Cumbre Corp tiene la más grande selección de dinamita y yunques en la m
```

PHP example:

```
<?php
if($argc<2){
```

```

    echo "\n usage: php getOTX.php content service\n";
    exit;
}

// Setup Defaults
$otx_account = 'otx,otxpass';
$otx_mimetype = "text/html";

// Fill from cli
$otx_content = $argv[1];
$otx_service = ( isset($argv[2])) ? $argv[2] : "smt";

// Setup data for http query
$url = 'https://es-otx.onelink-poc.com/OneLinkOTX/';
$data = array(
    'otx_account' => $otx_account
    , 'otx_service' => $otx_service
    , 'otx_mimetype' => $otx_mimetype
    , 'otx_content' => $otx_content
);
// Setup stream options
$options = array(
    'http' => array(
        'header' => "Content-type: application/x-www-form-urlencoded\r\n",
        'method' => 'POST',
        'content' => http_build_query($data),
    ),
);

// Create stream , get contents
$context = stream_context_create($options);
$result = file_get_contents($url, false, $context);

// Results
echo "\n    content:" . $otx_content;
echo "\n translated:" . $result . "\n";
?>

```

See example.php

Usage: php example.php "<p>I am going for a long walk</p>" smt

The expected result is:

```

content:<p>I am going for a long walk</p>
translated:<p>Voy para una caminata larga</p>

```

Appendix: OneLink API Testing

There is a OneLink API service you can test with Spanish. It uses Machine Translation so be cautioned that the translation is not reliable and is used only for testing purposes.

The domain is: es-otx.onelink-poc.com

The username is: otx and password is: otxpass

Rather than make separate calls for each segment you want to translate you can send the server JSON or XML.

A simple Curl test to the OneLink API Service:

```
curl -k --header 'Host: es-otx.onelink-poc.com' --request POST 'https://es-otx.onelink-poc.com/OneLinkOTX/'
```

This is expected to return the translated segment:

```
<p>Yo soy va para un largo caminar</p>
```

You can also send several segments to the service for translation by using JSON or HTML

In this case the server must be configured to translate specific data. This is done because most servers use JSON and XML to transmit not only translatable segments but code and tag information.

For testing we have added a global 'otxttest' tag to the OneLink translation stack. Anytime it finds this in the tag stack, it will translate the content inside it.

For example, the command passes JSON with 3 elements to the server. Because these are contained within an otxttest element it will translate:

```
curl -k --header 'Host:es-otx.onelink-poc.com'\
--request POST 'https://es-otx.onelink-poc.com/OneLinkOTX/' \
--data 'otx_mimetype=text/json&otx_account=otx,otxpass&otx_service=tx&\
otx_content={ otxttest: { "data1":"i see the cat","data2":"chasing the dog",\
data3:"in the yard" } }' ; echo
```

This is the expected response:

```
{ "otxttest": { "data1": "veo el gato", "data2": "persecuimiento del perro", "data3": "en la yarda" } }
```

The same is true for XML (Note modified mime type)

```
curl -k --header 'Host:es-otx.onelink-poc.com'\
--request POST 'https://es-otx.onelink-poc.com/OneLinkOTX/' \
--data 'otx_mimetype=text/xml&otx_account=otx,otxpass&\
otx_service=tx&otx_content=<otxttest>\
<foo>You have to learn the rules of the game.</foo>\
<bar>And then you have to play better than anyone else.</bar></otxttest>' ; echo
```

This is the expected result:

```
<otxttest>
<foo>Usted tiene que aprender las reglas del juego.</foo>
<bar>Y entonces usted tiene que jugar mejor que cualquier persona.</bar></otxttest>
```