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Lab 6 Answers

1. Internationalization is the process of making an application independent from the region it will be going to. This involves moving the regional specific content out from the source code and putting it in a place that can be easily modified later. This makes it so the application does not have to be recompiled or distributed to add new localizations. Localization is the process of making the application usable in other regions by providing translations. This involves editing the region specific settings file and adding the correct translations where necessary.

2. Internationalization and localization are important in software since it makes an application maintainable and usable in many regions. If this did not take place an application would not be usable outside the region it was developed without a lot of work and effort. An example of the need for this would be any major companies software such as Microsoft or HP. Their software must work in multiple regions and sometimes in many languages in the same region. If they did not make their applications internationalized then it would be impossible to maintain and compile a new edition for each location.