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## po.vim : ftplugin for easier editing of GNU gettext PO files

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### script type

ftplugin

### description

This file is a Vim ftplugin for editing PO files (GNU gettext -- the GNU i18n and l10n system). It automates over a dozen frequent tasks that occur while editing files of this type.

Action (Insert mode)	Key mappings	
	GUI Vim	Vim
Move to an untransl. string forward	<S-F1>	\m
Move to an untransl. string backward	<S-F2>	\p
Copy the msgid string to msgstr	<S-F3>	\c
Delete the msgstr string	<S-F4>	\d
Move to the next fuzzy translation	<S-F5>	\f
Move to the previous fuzzy translation	<S-F6>	\b
Label the translation fuzzy	<S-F7>	\z
Remove the fuzzy label	<S-F8>	\r
Show msgfmt statistics for the file(*)	<S-F11>	\s
Browse through msgfmt errors for the file(*)	<S-F12>	\e
Put the translator info in the header	\t	\t
Put the lang. team info in the header	\l	\l

(\*) Only available on UNIX computers.

Action (Normal mode)	Key mappings	
	GUI Vim	Vim
Move to an untransl. string forward	<S-F1>	\m
Move to an untransl. string backward	<S-F2>	\p
Move to the next fuzzy translation	<S-F5>	\f
Move to the previous fuzzy translation	<S-F6>	\b
Label the translation fuzzy	<S-F7>	\z
Remove the fuzzy label	<S-F8>	\r
Split-open the file under cursor	gf	gf
Show msgfmt statistics for the file(*)	<S-F11>	\s
Browse through msgfmt errors for the file(*)	<S-F12>	\e
Put the translator info in the header	\t	\t
Put the lang. team info in the header	\l	\l

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**Remarks:**

- "S" in the above key mappings stands for the <Shift> key and "\" in fact means "<LocalLeader>" (:help <LocalLeader>), which is "\" by Vim's default.
- Information about the translator and language team is supplied by two global variables: 'g:po\_translator' and 'g:po\_lang\_team'. They should be defined in the ".vimrc" (UNIX) or "\_vimrc" (Windows) file. If they are not defined, the default values (descriptive strings) are put instead.
- Vim's "gf" Normal mode command is remapped (local to the PO buffer, of course). It will only function on lines starting with "#: ". Search for the file is performed in the directories specified by the 'path' option. The user can supply its own addition to this option via the 'g:po\_path' global variable. Its default value for PO files can be found by typing ":set path?" from within a PO buffer. For the correct format please see ":help 'path'". Warning messages are printed if no or more than one file is found.
- Vim's Quickfix mode (see ":help quickfix") is used for browsing through msgfmt-reported errors for the file. No MO file is created when running the msgfmt program since its output is directed to "/dev/null". The user can supply command-line arguments to the msgfmt program via the global variable 'g:po\_msgfmt\_args'. All arguments are allowed except the "-o" for output file. The default value is "-vv -c".

But there's even more!

Every time the PO file is saved, a PO-formatted time stamp is automatically added to the file header.

**install details**

Put this file in a Vim ftplugin directory. On UNIX computers it is usually either "~/.vim/ftplugin" or "~/.vim/after/ftplugin". On Windows computers, the defaults are "\$VIM\vimfiles\ftplugin" or "\$VIM\vimfiles\after\ftplugin". For more information consult the Vim help, ":help 'ftplugin'" and ":help 'runtimepath'".

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package	script version	date	Vim version	user	release notes
<a href="#">po.vim</a>	1.2	2005-04-13	6.0	<a href="#">Aleksandar Jelenak</a>	No major new features, mainly work under the hood to strengthen current functionality.

Changes:

- Smarter handling of fuzzy translation marks
- New key mappings for some commands in Normal mode
- More commands available in Normal mode
- gf mapping should hopefully be more useful now

[po.vim](#)**1.11**

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Minor update to ver. 1.1:  
Running msgfmt statistics for the PO file does not produce a 'message' output file anymore.

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