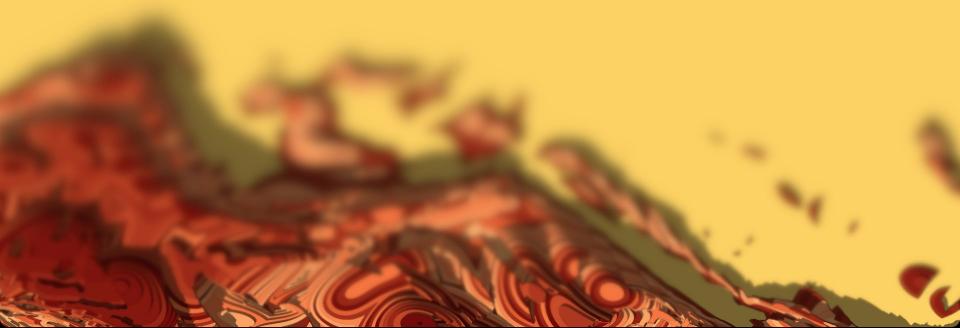
# Building Bilingual Bridges with Multilingual Manuals





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types \leftarrow c("text", "html", "pdf")
help_type ← if(!length(help_type)) "text"
else match.arg(tolower(help_type), types)
  if (interactive() & help_type = "html") {
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help ← function(topic, package = NULL, lib.loc = NULL,
              verbose = getOption("verbose"),
              try.all.packages =
getOption("help.try.all.packages"),
              help type = getOption("help type")){
  types \leftarrow c("text", "html", "pdf")
  help type ← if(!length(help type)) "text"
  else match.arg(tolower(help_type), types)
  if(!missing(package)) # Don't check for NULL; may be
    if(is.name(y ← substitute(package)))
    package \leftarrow as.character(y)
  if(missing(topic)) {
    if(!is.null(package)) {  # "Help" on package.
    if (interactive() & help_type = "html") {
    port ← tools::startDynamicHelp(NA)
    if (port ≤ 0L) # fallback to text help
         return(library(help = package, lib.loc =
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### Lo que aprendí en LatinR 2019

Octubre 10, 2019 en R

Hace unas semanas volví de Santiago de Chile luego de ir a Latinr 2019. Igual que el año pasado, fue una experiencia divertida. Estas son algunas de las cosas que me llamaron la atención.

### Fuera de programa

Como en toda conferencia, los eventos principales son las conversaciones informales durante el coffee break, el almuerzo y las salidas nocturnas con cerveza. 🔟

Tuve la oportunidad de hablar con Hadley sobre algunos proyectos que tengo en mente. Entre otras cosas, hablamos sobre cómo tener documentación multilingüe. Hace rato que la comunidad reconoce la falta de recursos en idiomas distintos al inglés y existen varios proyectos para rellenar este bache. Están los esfuerzos de traducción de libros como R para ciencias de datos, lecciones de The Carpentries y #DatosDeMiércoles. Pero algo que falta es traducir la documentación técnica de los diversos paquetes del ecosistema de R. ¿Cómo hacerlo? ¿Cómo implementarlo dentro de R?



#### Elio Campitelli

to Hadley -

Mon, 21 Sept 2020, 01:24





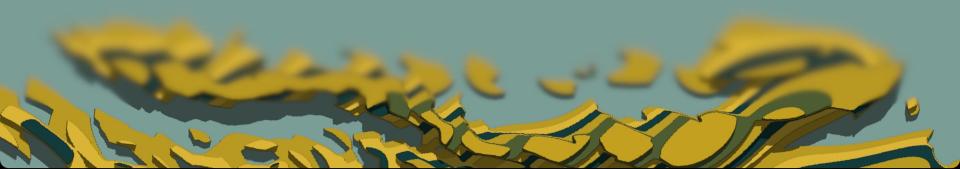


In my experimentation, adding '\alias{function-lang}' makes it so that 'lang?function' leads to the correct help page. Also, it may be helpful to also add '\keyword{internal}' so that the help index is not duplicated in length.

To figure out if a translation is up-to-date, the roclet could read the "needs-uptate" field in the yaml tanslation file.

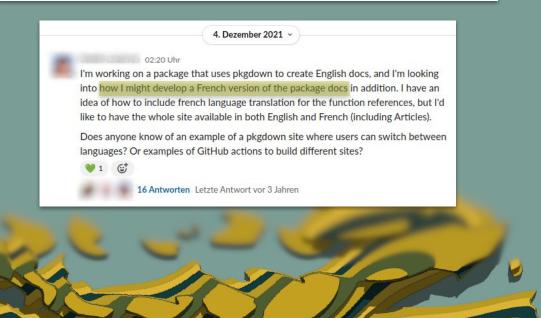
Maybe there should be an utility, similar to 'vdiffr::manage\_cases()', which goes through the documentation, compares the text in the roxygen blocks vs in the yaml file and flags any mismatch. Then it shows them to the user so they can judge if a change is important enough to warrant a new translation (e.g. it is not just fixing a typo or such) or otherwise "validate" the new cases.

When generating the rd files, 'roclet process, roclet translate()' should also check for cases of mismatched strings that are









#### 12. November 2022 >

#### 10:11 Uhr

Alright, another question. Thanks everyone for your help on previous questions. There's an old SackOverflow question about writing documentation in multiple languages. I was wondering if there's an update to R/ROxygen that would support multi-lingual help documentation, or if anyone has a guide they could point me to.







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12. November 2022

I am currently writing a blog post for rOpenSci at the moment on my experience localising <code>dabefixm</code>. Unfortunately, multilingual support in R is limited to messages/warnings/errors etc. given via the console and there is no support for multilingual documentation. I think if there was a package which did somehow allow multilingual documentation, packages using it would get a CRAN check warning as languages in the .Rd file wouldn't match the description file. I think I remember there being a suggestion at one point of having <code>pkydown</code> pages in different languages, but that is a bit hacky and won't be generated from R source files.





### Elio (they) vor 2 Jahren

Unfortunately, not. I was working on trying to make something work, though. I need to go back to it.

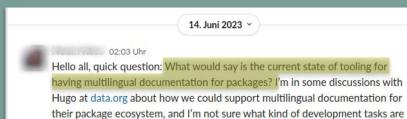
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15. November 2022 V

Hi all, I've heard and seen here and there that you are currently working on a project about translations. I'm currently collaborating with a team of developers who would like to publish a package in Spanish & English and I'm guessing your work could be very relevant to them.

Are there public resources like a blog post about the end goals of the project? I seem to understand you are building guidance around building a multilingual package, are you also planning to develop tools for this? Some things seem clunky with the current set of tools. For example, to have the documentation in two languages without putting both languages in the same page. (bearbeitet)

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needed to do that.

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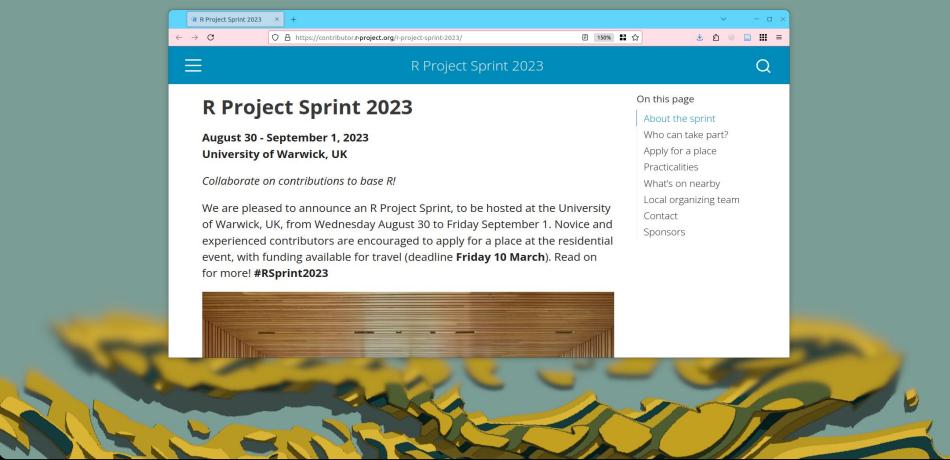
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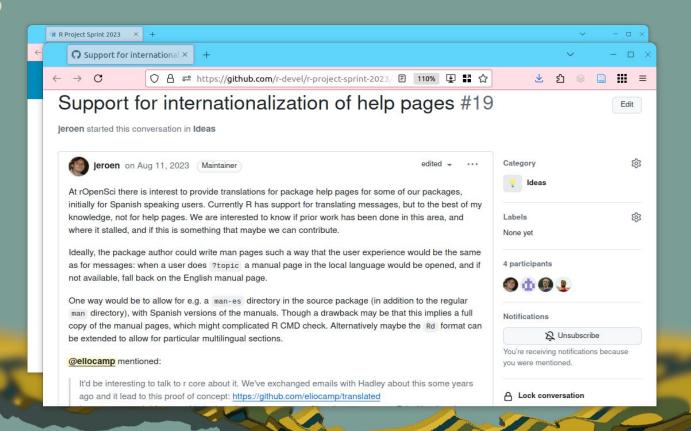
Almost nonexistent. I tinkered with something a while ago but eventually needed to learn a lot about roxygen2 internals and didn't have the time. I'd love to work on something like that but for now I have zero time for such a project.

Hadley and I exchanged a few emails and got to some good ideas on how the workflow would be and how it would be store in the R documentation.

Here's what I got so far:

https://github.com/eliocamp/translated







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started this conversation in Ideas

Jeroen on Aug 11, 2023 Maintainer

DpenSci there is interest to provide translations for package help pages for some of our packages, Illy for Spanish speaking users. Currently R has support for translating messages, but to the best of my wledge, not for help pages. We are interested to know if prior work has been done in this area, and re it stalled, and if this is something that maybe we can contribute.

lly, the package author could write man pages such a way that the user experience would be the same or messages: when a user does ?topic a manual page in the local language would be opened, and if not available, fall back on the English manual page.

One way would be to allow for e.a. a man-es directory in the source package (in addition to the regular

man directory), copy of the man be extended to

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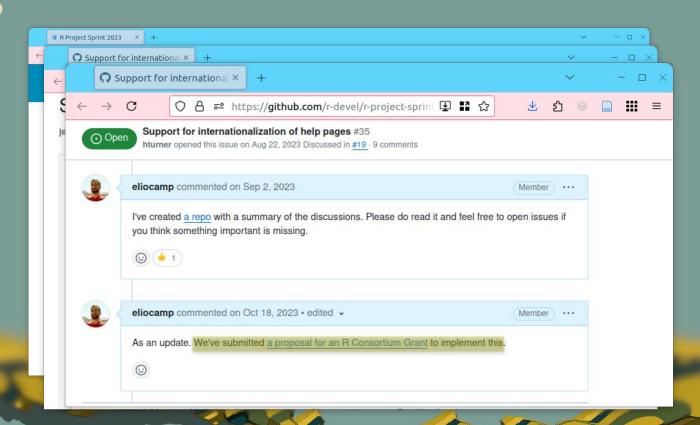


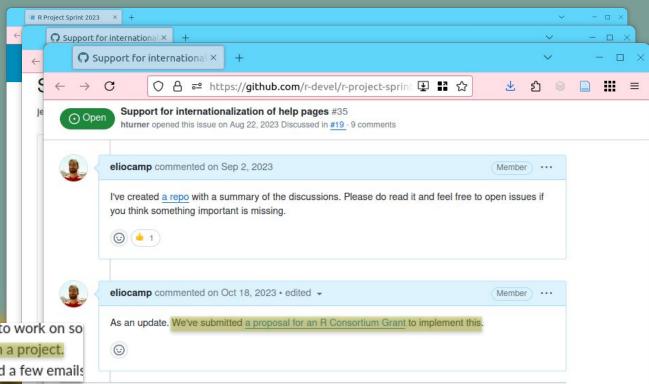




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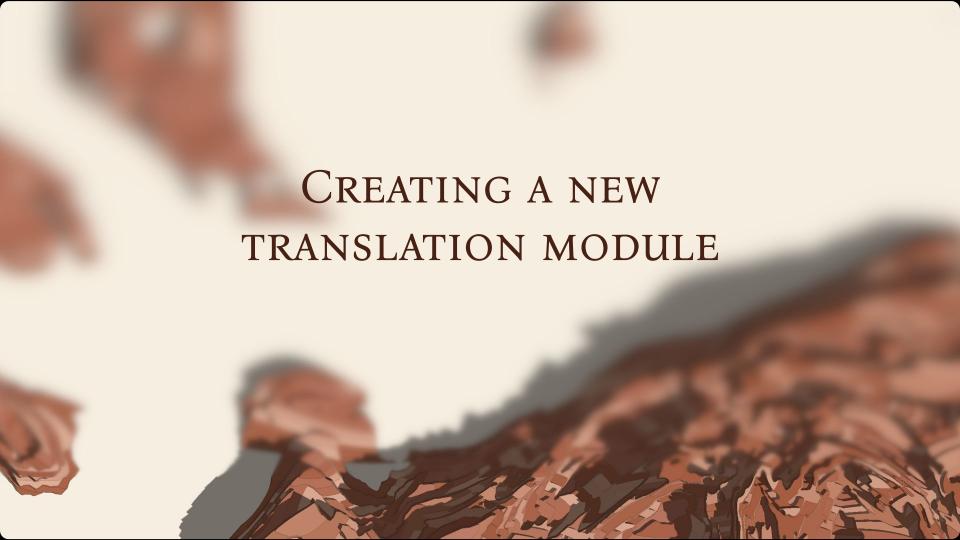




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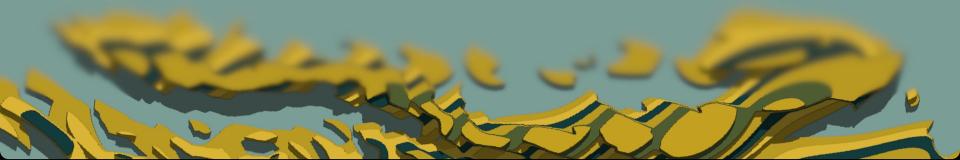


1. Grab a copy of the package you want to translate, 2. rhelpi18n::i18n\_module\_create(), 3. translate strings in translation/, 5. profit!



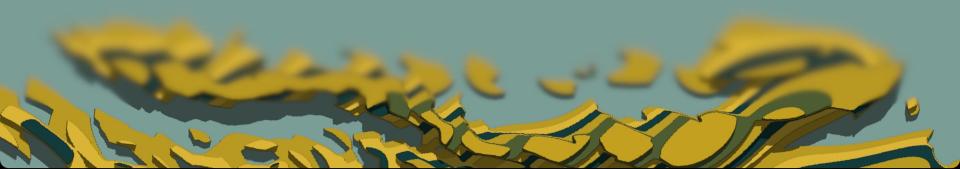


- More iteration (maybe po files?)
- More testing (try to translate documentation in the wild)
- Add indication that this is a translation
- Enable reading the original
- Adding tags for unreviewed/likely outdated translations
- Translating vignettes



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  - https://art.djnavarro.net/gallery/broken-lands/

