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Lab 6: Questions

1. Localization is the reverse process of Internationalization. Localization takes a program that has been internationalized and adapts it to a specific locale, changing all words, numbers, dates, and other information based on the selected language/country.
2. Internationalization and localization are important in software because if we only allow one specific group to use our software, it will limit the market for our applications, discourage international cooperation to build upon our software, and limit the flexibility of our code. Internationalization is a way of making our code even more adaptable, while localization is important when we want all users to experience the optimal product. If we were to design an application to handle international trade, if the application only supported English and American dollars, how could we trade internationally? We would need to localize the application so that users in Germany could use it and make transactions in their own currency and communicate in their own language.