Preparing DITA code for localization

Learn how to prepare your DITA code for localization using the `xml:lang` and `translate` attributes.

Setting the language of topics and maps

It's a best practice to specify the language of your DITA files, even if you're not planning localization. To specify the language and country of a topic or map, set the `xml:lang` attribute of its root element:

```
<concept id="c_magic" xml:lang="en-US">
```

> **ⓘ Tip:**
> To set an attribute of an element in , select the element, press **Alt + Enter** and type the name of the attribute you want to set.

> **✎ Note:**
> You should apply a new language code *after* translation.

Identifying content that you don't want to translate

To identify an element that you don't want to translate, set its `translate` attribute to "no":

```
<codeblock id="codeblock_spells" translate="no">

  let spellsLeft = 7;

</codeblock>
```