

## 1. Complete the translations

### Note.

The author of `at-prism` manages the French and English versions of the translations.

### Caution.

Although we're going to explain how to translate the documentation, it doesn't seem relevant to do so, as English should suffice these days.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>The existence of a French version is simply a consequence of the native language of the author of `at-prism`.

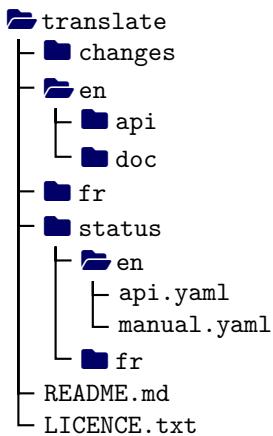


Figure 1: Simplified view of the translation folder

The translations are roughly organized as in figure 1 where just the important folders for the translations have been “*opened*”.<sup>1</sup> A little further down, the section e explains how to add new translations.

#### a. The `fr` and `en` folders

These two folders, managed by the author of `at-prism`, have the same organization; they contain files that are easy to translate even if you’re not a coder.

#### b. The `changes` folder

This folder is a communication tool where important changes are indicated without dwelling on minor modifications specific to one or more translations.

#### c. The `status` folder

This folder is used to keep track of translations from the project’s point of view. Everything is done via well-commented YAML files, readable by a non-coder.

#### d. The `README.md` and `LICENCE.txt` files

The `LICENCE.txt` file is aptly named, while the `README.md` file takes up in English the important points of what is said in this section about new translations.

<sup>1</sup>This was the organization on October 5, 2024.

## e. New translations

### 💡 Important.

The `api` folder contains translations relating to the functionalities of `at-prism`. Here you'll find `TXT` files for editing with a text or code editor, but not with a document processor. The content of these files uses commented lines in English to explain what `at-prism` will do; these lines begin with `//`. Here's an extract from such a file, where translations are made after each `= sign`, without touching the preceding, as this initial piece is used internally by the `at-prism` code.

```
// #1: year  in format YYYY like 2023.  
// #2: month in format MM  like 04.  
// #3: day   in format DD  like 29.  
date = #1-#2-#3  
  
// #1: the idea is to produce one text like  
//      "this word means #1 in English".  
in_EN = #1 in english
```

### ℹ Note.

The `doc` folder is reserved for documentation. It contains `TEX` files that can be compiled directly for real-time validation of translations.

### 💀 Warning.

Only start from one of the `fr` and `en` folders, as these are the responsibility of the `at-prism` author.

Let's say you want to add support for Italian from files written in English.<sup>2</sup>

#### Method 1 : use of Git.

1. Recover the entire project folder via <https://github.com/projetmbc/for-writing/tree/main/at-prism>. Do not use the `main` branch, which is used to freeze the latest stable versions of projects in the single <https://github.com/projetmbc/for-writing> repository.,
2. In the `tutodoc/contrib/translate` folder, create an `it` copy of the `en` folder, with the short name of the language documented in the page "*IETF language tag*" from Wikipedia.
3. Once the translation is complete in the `it` folder, share it via <https://github.com/projetmbc/for-writing/tree/main/at-prism> using a classic `git push`.

#### Method 2 : communicate by e-mail.

1. By e-mail with the subject "`at-prism - CONTRIB - en FOR italian`", request a version of the English translations (note the use of the English name for the new language). Be sure to respect the subject of the e-mail, as the author of `at-prism` automates the pre-processing of this type of e-mail.
2. You will receive a folder named `italian` containing the English version of the latest translations. This folder will be the place for your contribution.
3. Once the translation is complete, you will need to compress your `italian` file in `zip` or `rar` format before sending it by e-mail with the subject "`at-prism - CONTRIB - italian`".

<sup>2</sup>As mentioned above, there is no real need for the `doc` folder.