



Translate Koha using Weblate

Overview of how Weblate is used to translate Koha



Who am I?

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BibLibre (France)

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Why Weblate?

- Replacement of Pootle
- High activity, well maintained
- Free software

The screenshot shows the Weblate web interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with the Weblate logo, a search bar, and links for Dashboard, Projects, Languages, and Checks. Below the navigation is a toolbar with icons for search, add project, and more. The main area displays a project named 'koha'. It has a sidebar with 'Components' (selected), Languages, Info, Search, Insights, Files, Tools, Manage, and Watching dropdowns. The Components table lists several components with their status: 23.05 (34% translated, 1,696,588 unfinished, 7,859,461 words, 306,774 checks, 71 suggestions); 22.11 (34%, 1,683,896, 7,791,311, 286,481, 3); 22.05 (34%, 1,580,565, 7,375,488, 282,555, 5); 21.11 (34%, 1,399,979, 7,002,056, 214,068, 13); master (32%, 1,823,166, 8,212,569, 309,277, 483); 23.11 (32%, 1,824,320, 8,212,280, 311,348, 14); and Glossary Terminology (73%, 18,616, 35,655, 1, 8). At the bottom, it says 'Powered by Weblate 5.4-dev' and provides links for About Weblate, Contact, Documentation, and Donate to Weblate.

Component	Translated	Unfinished	Unfinished words	Checks	Suggestions
23.05	34%	1,696,588	7,859,461	306,774	71
22.11	34%	1,683,896	7,791,311	286,481	3
22.05	34%	1,580,565	7,375,488	282,555	5
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master	32%	1,823,166	8,212,569	309,277	483
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Glossary Terminology	73%	18,616	35,655	1	8



The main changes

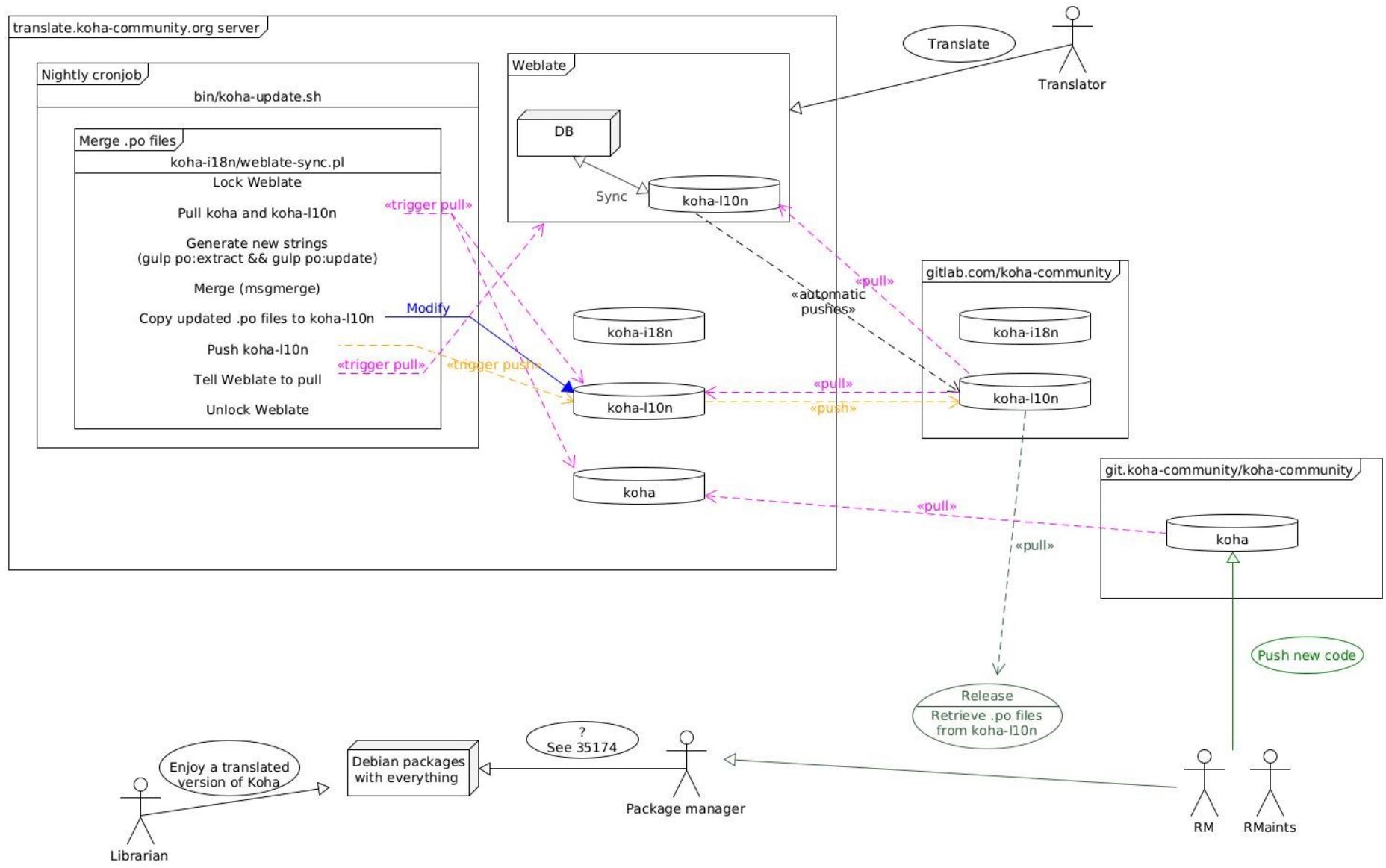
- New server hosted by BibLibre (4 CPU cores, 8Gio of RAM)
- Translation files (.po) removed from Koha (moved to koha-i10n)
- Scripts used by the synchronization steps are public (koha-i18n)
- Structure of the the UI is different



Koha-i18n & koha-l10n

- 2 main git repositories are used to handle the translation files:
 - koha-i18n for the scripts
 - koha-l10n for the .po files
- koha-l10n debian package (embed the translation files)

Synchronisation





Structure of projects and components

Project (Koha)

category (version: master, 23.11)

component (installer, messages, staff-prog, etc.)



Structure of projects and components

The projects - <https://translate.koha-community.org/projects>

Weblate Search Dashboard Projects ▾ Languages ▾ Checks ▾

Projects

+ Project	Translated	Unfinished	Unfinished words	Checks	Suggestions
koha	34%	10,027,118	46,488,778	1,710,511	597
koha-manual	27%	220,890	2,814,251	24,223	9

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Structure of projects and components

The categories (the versions) -

<https://translate.koha-community.org/projects/koha/>

The screenshot shows the Weblate web interface for the 'koha' project. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Weblate', 'Search', 'Dashboard', 'Projects', 'Languages', and 'Checks'. Below the navigation is a toolbar with icons for search, add component, refresh, and more. The main area displays a table of components with their status metrics.

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Glossary Terminology	73%	18,612	35,648	1	8

At the bottom of the page, there are links for 'Powered by Weblate 5.4-dev', 'About Weblate', 'Contact', 'Documentation', and 'Donate to Weblate'.



Structure of projects and components

The components (for master)

<https://translate.koha-community.org/projects/koha/master/>

The screenshot shows the Weblate interface for the 'koha / master' project. The top navigation bar includes 'Weblate', a search bar, and links for 'Dashboard', 'Projects', 'Languages', and 'Checks'. Below the navigation is a toolbar with icons for search, add component, refresh, and more. The main area displays a table of components with the following data:

Component	Translated	Unfinished	Unfinished words	Checks	Suggestions
installer	24%	138,329	462,546	7,729	125
installer-MARC21	25%	124,732	467,297	9,048	10
installer-UNIMARC	21%	85,002	371,673	8,028	
marc-MARC21	39%	178,163	621,976	23,446	12
marc-UNIMARC	40%	118,900	349,272	16,965	2
messages	19%	128,169	323,320	5,307	18
messages-js	27%	58,652	262,458	4,572	7
opac-bootstrap	42%	124,337	669,120	29,195	13
pref	30%	196,517	1,495,099	20,758	53
staff-prog	33%	670,363	3,189,780	184,232	243

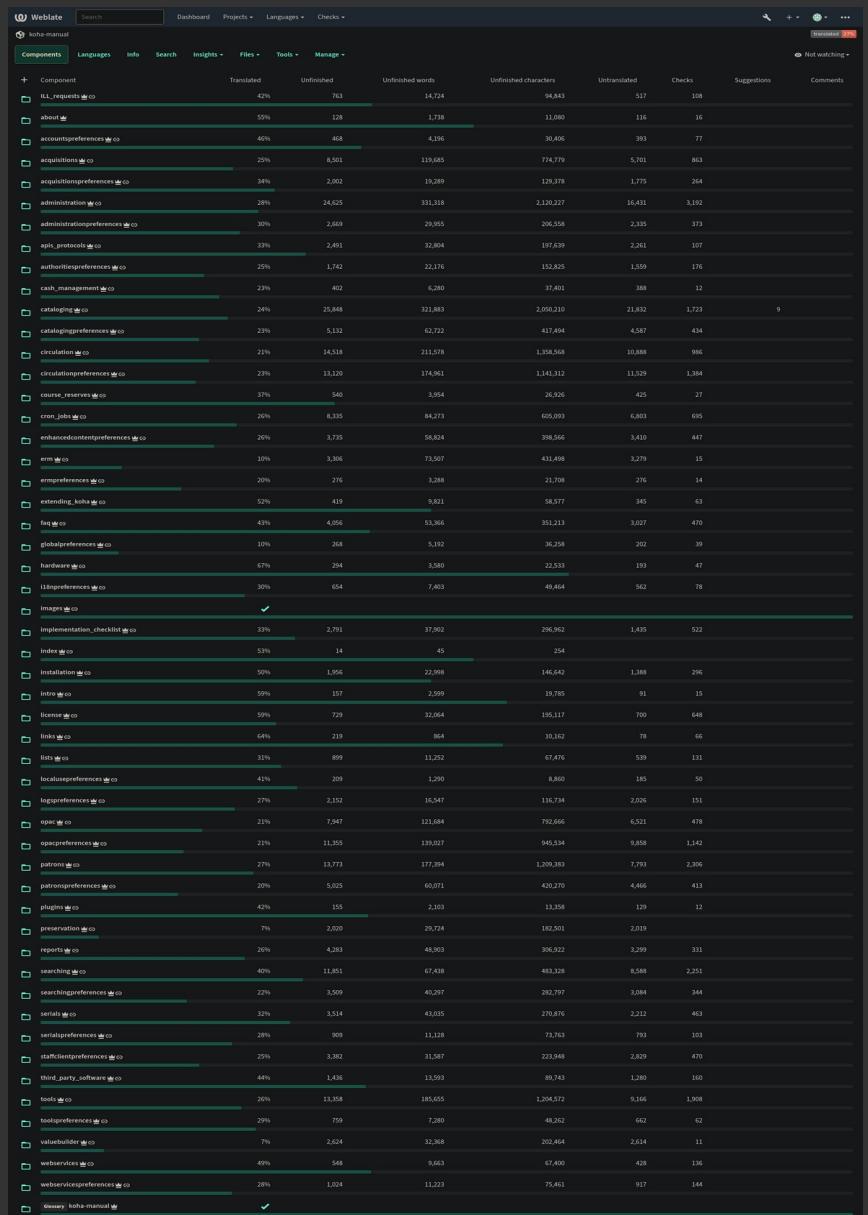
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Structure of projects and components

The manual

<https://translate.koha-community.org/projects/koha-manual/>



New features

Automatic suggestions

- Using LibreTranslate (self-hosted and free software)
- <https://translate.koha-community.org/translate/koha/master/staff-prog/sv/?q=state%3Aempty&offset=5>

Translation

English
Prefill the OPAC catalog concern form with this content as a template for the user's submission.

Swedish
Fyll i OPAC-katalogen med detta innehåll som en mall för användarens inlämning.

Needs editing ⓘ 0/970 · 97

[Save and continue](#) [Save and stay](#) [Suggest](#) [Skip](#)

Nearby strings 31 Other occurrences 1 Comments Automatic suggestions Other languages 92 History

Translation memory Search

Translation	Suggested change	Source	Origin	Similarity
Fyll i OPAC-katalogen med detta innehåll som en mall för användarens inlämning.	Fyll i OPAC-katalogen med detta innehåll som en mall för användarens inlämning.	Prefill the OPAC catalog concern form with this content as a template for the user's submission.	LibreTranslate	Clone to translation Accept



New features

Translation propagation

The translations are propagated to other versions automatically!

New features

Quality checks

- "Things to check"

<https://translate.koha-community.org/translate/koha/master/messages-js/sv/?q=has%3Acheck&offset=7>

The screenshot shows the Koha Translate interface with several panels:

- Translation Panel:** Shows a comparison between English ("Agreement license %s") and Swedish ("Ta bort denna licens"). A red box highlights the Swedish text. A checkbox "Needs editing" is checked. Buttons include "Save and continue", "Save and stay", "Suggest", and "Skip".
- Things to check Panel:** An orange header says "Things to check". It lists a single item: "JavaScript format [1]" with the message "The following format strings are missing: %s". A "Dismiss" button and a "For all languages" checkbox are present.
- Glossary Panel:** Shows tabs for "English" and "Swedish". The message "No related strings found in the glossary." is displayed.
- String information Panel:** Shows tabs for "Screenshot context" (with the message "No screenshot currently associated.") and "Explanation" (with the message "No explanation currently provided."). Buttons for "Add screenshot" and "Edit" are shown.
- Bottom Navigation:** Includes tabs for "Nearby strings", "Other occurrences", "Comments", "Automatic suggestions" (which is selected), "Other languages", and "History". It also shows "Translation memory" with a search bar and a table with columns: Translation, Suggested change, Source, Origin, and Similarity. A row shows "Avtalslicens %s" and "Ta bort denna licens" with "Avtalslicens %s" highlighted in red. Buttons "Clone to translation" and "Accept" are at the bottom.

New features

Quality checks

- Possible problem with Swedish (correct?)

<https://translate.koha-community.org/translate/koha/master/messages/sv/?checksum=aaab73a88576db5d>

The screenshot shows the Koha Translate interface with the following sections:

- Translation:** Shows English and Swedish translations for plural forms. The English section includes "Singular" and "Plural" entries. The Swedish section includes "Swedish, Singular (1)" and "Swedish, Plural (0, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, ...)" with exemplar strings "Paket med {count} exemplar".
 - Plural formula: $n != 1$
 - Needs editing
- Things to check:** A red box containing an alert for "Same plurals" (1). It states: "Some plural forms are translated in the same way".
 - Dismiss** button
 - For all languages
- Glossary:** Shows English and Swedish columns with the message: "No related strings found in the glossary."
- String information:** Shows "Screenshot context" (No screenshot currently associated) and a "Add screenshot" button.
- Buttons at the bottom:** Save and continue, Save and stay, Suggest, Skip.

New features

Advanced search

<https://docs.weblate.org/en/latest/user/search.html>

The screenshot shows the Weblate search interface with a dark theme. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Components', 'Info', 'Search' (which is highlighted), 'Insights', 'Files', 'Tools', and 'Watching'. Below the navigation bar is a search input field with dropdown menus for 'All strings' and 'Sort By'. Underneath the search bar is the 'Advanced query builder' section, which includes fields for 'Source strings', 'Search for...', 'Exact', 'Add', 'Strings with suggestions', and 'Add'. There are also filters for 'String changed after' and a date picker. Below the query builder is a section titled 'Query examples' containing eight entries, each with a query string and an 'Add' button:

- Review strings changed by other users: `changed:>=2023-12-24 AND NOT changed_by:joubu`
- Translated strings: `state:>=translated`
- Strings with comments: `has:comment`
- Strings with any failing checks: `has:check`
- Strings with suggestions from others: `has:suggestion AND NOT suggestion_author:joubu`
- Approved strings with suggestions: `state:approved AND has:suggestion`
- All untranslated strings added the past month: `added:>=2023-12-24 AND state:<=needs-editing`

At the bottom of the search interface is a large blue 'Search' button.

Other features

Location of a translation

String information	
Screenshot context	
<i>No screenshot currently associated.</i>	
 Add screenshot	
Explanation	
<i>No explanation currently provided.</i>	
Labels	
<i>No labels currently set.</i>	
Flags	
c-format	
Source string location	
koha-tmpl/intranet-tmpl/prog/en/includes/html-customization-help.inc:9	
String age	
2 months ago	
Last updated	
2 months ago	
Source string age	
2 months ago	
Translation file	
sv-SE-staff-prog.po, string 975	

Other features

Comments section

Translation

English
Microform, microfilm cartridge

Swedish
Mikroform, mikrofilmsmagasin

Needs editing ⓘ 29/310 · 31

Save and continue **Save and stay** **Suggest** **Skip**

Nearby strings 31 Other occurrences 5 **Comments 2** Automatic suggestions Other languages 92 History

 **marie.hedbom**
Translation comment
Är "patron" verkligen ordet vi vill använda för "cartridge"?  
2 months ago

 **plumflower**
Resolved comment
@marie.hedbom Nja, "microfilm cartridge" motsvaras av "mikrofilmsmagasin" i KBs formathandbok (007b): <https://katalogverk.kb.se/katalogisering/Formathandboken/Bibliografiska-formatet/007/Mikromedia/index.html> 
2 months ago

New comment

Comment on this string for fellow translators and developers to read.

Scope
Translation comment, discussions with other translators

Is your comment specific to this translation, or generic for all of them?

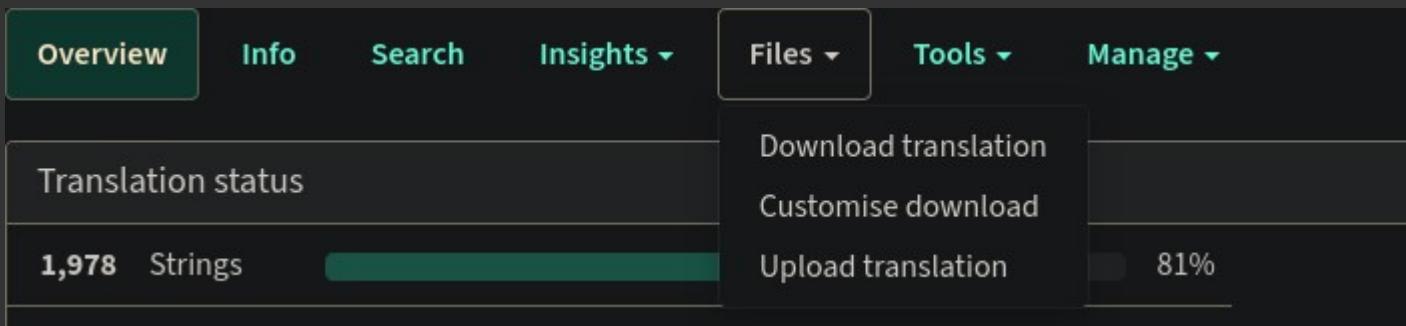
New comment

You can use Markdown and mention users by @username.

Save

Other features

Download and upload





What's next?

- Use “real-time” translations on sandboxes
- One debian package per language
- Glossary/Terminology for Swedish?
- Use a stable version of Weblate (...)



Want more?

- Official Weblate documentation <https://docs.weblate.org/>
- REST API - <https://docs.weblate.org/en/latest/api.html>
- Client (command line) - <https://docs.weblate.org/en/latest/wlc.html>
- More about the migration on the Koha wiki - https://wiki.koha-community.org/wiki/Translation_server_migration_weblate



Thank you!

Question ?