



Internationalization of UniTime

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# Agenda

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- Internationalization in UniTime
  - A few technical details
- Providing translations
  - Using Zanata
  - Build using different / multiple languages
- Other considerations

This presentation is available at www.unitime.org/present/apereo18-internationalization.pdf



### Internationalization

- Mixture of GWT / JSP pages, with backend services (solver, etc.)
- Bundles are using the Constant / Messages interfaces
- Translations are plain old .properties files

#### GwtMessages.java

```
public interface GwtMessages extends Messages {
    @DefaultMessage("Version {0} built on {1}")
    String pageVersion(String version, String buildDate);
```

```
@DefaultMessage("Sort by {0}")
String opSortBy(String column);
```

```
@DefaultMessage("Showing all lines {0} -- {1}.")
String infoShowingLines(int firstLine, int lastLine);
```

```
@DefaultMessage("{0,number,#0.0###}, {1,number,#0.0###}")
String coordinates(Double x, Double y);
```

```
}
```

#### GwtMessages\_cs.properties (in UTF-8)

```
# Default: Sort by {0}
opSortBy=Se\u0159adit dle {0}
```

```
# Default: Showing all lines {0} -- {1}.
infoShowingLines=Z\u00E1znamy {0} -- {1} zobrazeny.
```

```
public interface GwtConstants extends Constants {
    @DefaultStringValue("4.3")
    @DoNotTranslate
    String version();
```

```
@DefaultBooleanValue(true)
boolean useAmPm();
```

```
@DefaultStringArrayValue({"Mon", "Tue", "Wed",
        "Thu", "Fri", "Sat", "Sun"})
String[] days();
```

```
@DefaultStringValue("MM/dd/yyyy")
String eventDateFormat();
```

```
@DefaultStringArrayValue({
    "Pending", "Approved", "Rejected", "Cancelled"
})
String[] eventApprovalStatus();
```

```
@DefaultStringValue("red")
@DoNotTranslate
String freeTimeColor();
```

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# GWT client code

- GWT Constant / Messages Interfaces for the GWT client code static final GwtMessages MESSAGES = GWT.create(GwtMessages.class);
- Methods of the created interface return the appropriate language

return MESSAGES.opSortBy(MESSAGES.colCurriculum());

• A permutation is compiled for each browser and language/country

### Configured in UniTime.gwt.xml

```
<extend-property name="locale" values="en"/>
<extend-property name="locale" values="en_UK"/>
<extend-property name="locale" values="cs"/>
<set-property-fallback name="locale" value="en"/>
```

- Default locale in Application Configuration (unitime.locale)
  - Can take browser's settings, user preferences, or locale=XX URL parameter

For example https://demo.unitime.org/UniTime/login.do?locale=cs



### Server code

- Same approach, but using Localization class to create an instance of the Messages / Constants interface
- Implemented using Java proxies

final static CourseMessages MSG = Localization.create(CourseMessages.class);

// Throw a localized exception if the user is not logged in
if (!context.isAuthenticated())
 throw new Exception(MSG.exceptionAccessDenied());

// Localized message
MSG.listInstructors(department.getDeptCode(), department.getName());



Credit: Photo by Tourisme Montréal, Stéphan Poulin

### JSP code

- Using localization tags, or calling the interface methods directly
- Both Constants and Messages can be used

<%@ taglib uri="http://www.unitime.org/tags-localization" prefix="loc" %>
<loc:bundle name="CourseMessages">

<%-- translated message, using loc:message, e.g., titleRemoveRoomPreferences=Remove Room Preferences --%>
<loc:message name="titleRemoveRoomPreference"/>

<%-- translated message with one argument, e.g., labelConfiguration=Configuration {0}) --%>
<loc:message name="labelConfiguration"><bean:write property='configName'/></loc:message>

<%-- translated message, using MSG property --%> <%=MSG.confirmRoomSizeDifferentFromCapacity()%>



# Using Zanata

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- Different UniTime versions, one "document" for each class
- Translations can be provided online or offline
- Integrates with Maven
- Permissions (users are associated with one or more languages)
- Czech, French, Polish, Turkish, and a few other (less complete)

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See https://translate.zanata.org/project/view/unitime for more details.



# Making a build

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- Clone UniTime git repository
- Add language in UniTime.gwt.xml

<extend-property name="locale" values="cs"/>

- Pull the translations from Zanata
- Import translations (makes sure they are UTF-8 encoded)

#### • Build UniTime

```
git clone https://github.com/UniTime/unitime.git
mvn zanata:pull -Dzanata.locales=cs
ant -Dlocale=cs import-translations
ant build
```

#### • Push to Zanata

#### • Needs user name and an API key

```
ant -Dlocale=cs export-translation
mvn zanata:push -Dzanata.user=jan.novak -Dzanata.key=12345
mvn zanata:push -Dzanata.locales=cs -Dzanata.pushType=trans
```

# Terminology

# **Translation and Terminology**

- There is a set of terms that express the core concepts in UniTime, such as
  - Instructional Offerings vs. Course Offerings
  - Subject Areas vs. Academic Areas
  - Scheduling Subparts
  - Classes
  - ...

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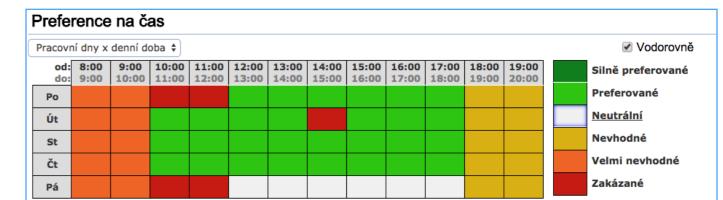
Use UniTime in English before translating it



# Other Considerations

### **Other Considerations**

- Date format (d.m.y vs m/d/y), time format (12/24 hours)
- Time grid (start time, end time, increments)
- First day of the week
- Horizontal / Vertical



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# Other Considerations

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- Constants for the language-dependent properties (e.g., en\_UK)
- Custom properties for the rest (we have over 450 properties)
  - Defaults in the ApplicationProperty enum
  - Custom properties file
  - Application Configuration page
  - May be different for each term/campus

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# Contributions

### **Outside Contributions to Internationalization**

- Sponsoring a feature
  - (e.g., week starting on Sunday)
- Testing localization
- Translations into other languages using Zanata (e.g. Polish, Turkish, ...)
- Minimum contributions of code





### More things to do...

- More languages
- Deal with inflations in other languages
- Internationalization of older pages
- Documentation, manuals, online help
- Text direction (right-to-left)
- Other calendars
  - E.g., Hijri



# Lessons Learned

### Lessons Learned

- Terminology is very important (and hard to change later)
  - Subject vs Course vs Offering
  - Professors do not like being called instructors (teachers is fine)
- Write code with localization in mind
- Use type-safe techniques that rely on strongly-typed Java interfaces



# Conclusion

### Internationalization

- Started with all the texts hard-coded (not a good approach)
- All the new (GWT-based) code is localizable
- Some of the older pages still need to be localized
- Using GWT-like approach all across the application
- Zanata makes it easier to let others translate and share the translations
- Terminology needs good care and consideration

### For more details, please see us at the conference

- Getting Started with UniTime (Sunday, 9 am in Liszt)
- UniTime: State of the Project (Monday, 2:30 pm in Debussy)
- UniTime Introduction (Monday, 5:30 pm, Showcase Reception)
- Student Scheduling at Purdue University (Tuesday, 11:15am in Debussy)
- Internationalization of UniTime (Wednesday 11:00 am in Debussy)

See http://help.unitime.org/Localization for more details.