

Updating Language Files

1. Log into ADMIN.
2. Click on LANGUAGES.

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Introduction

Your online shop looks good, but you'd like some of the text to be in your own words.

This guide shows you how to change the text of headings, links and messages in your cart.

Quick Guide

1. Log into ADMIN.
2. Click on LANGUAGES.
3. Make sure the correct language is selected.
4. Click the Details button.
5. Click the link to the file you want to change.
6. Find the text you want to replace.
7. Make any text changes you need.
8. Click the SAVE button to save your changes.



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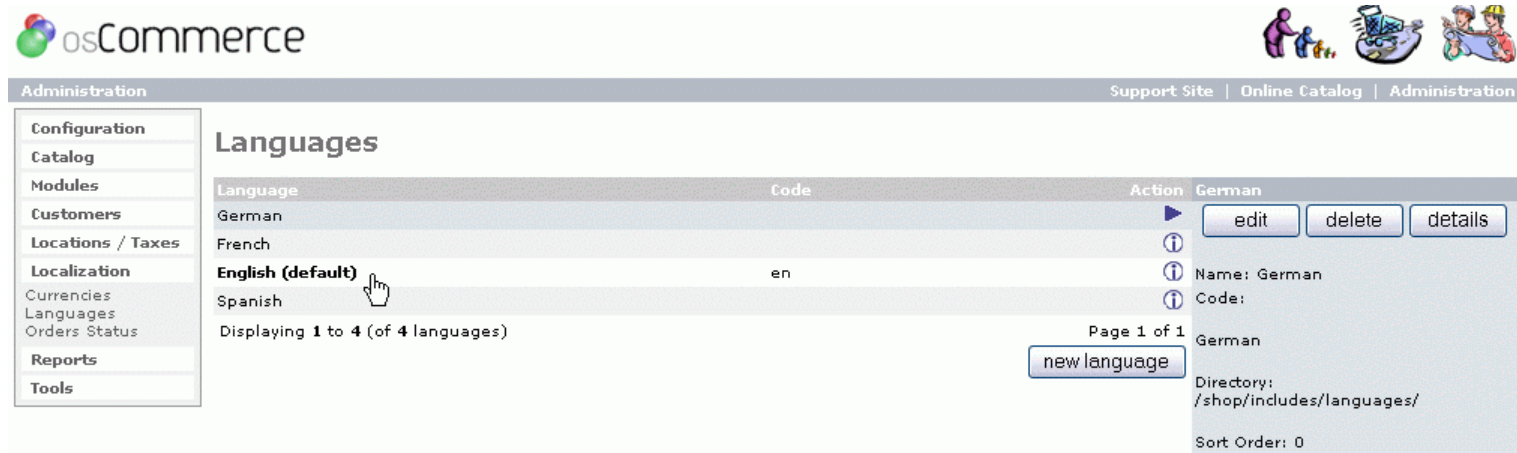
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3. Make sure the correct language is selected.

If only one language is listed, go to step 4.

If more than one language is displayed in the list, click the language you wish to change.



The screenshot shows the osCommerce Administration interface. The 'Languages' section is active, displaying a table with columns for Language, Code, and Action. The 'English (default)' language is selected, with a mouse cursor pointing to it. The table lists German, French, and Spanish. A 'new language' button is visible. On the right, details for the selected language (German) are shown, including Name, Code, Directory, and Sort Order.

Language	Code	Action
German		edit delete details
French		i
English (default)	en	i ▶
Spanish		i

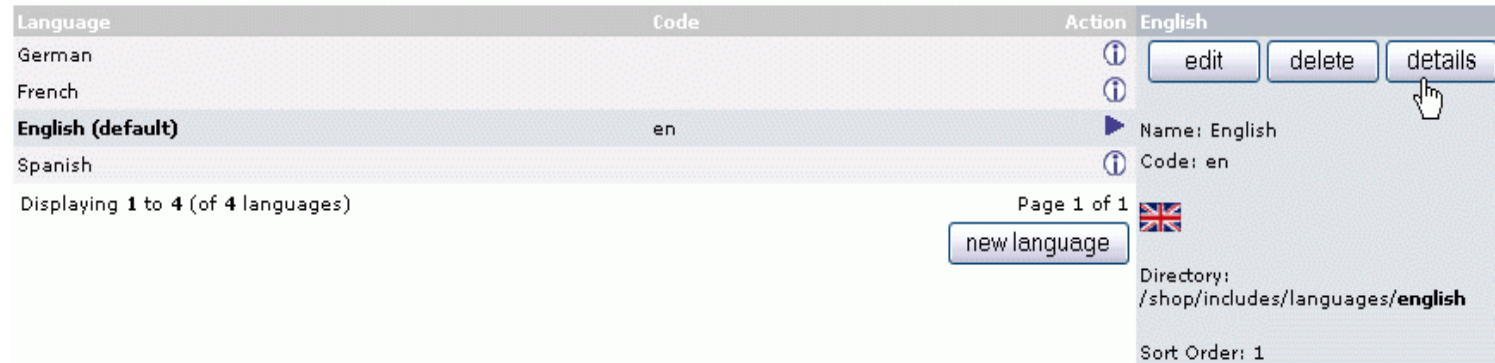
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Name: German
Code:
German
Directory: /shop/includes/languages/
Sort Order: 0

NOTE: it is a good idea to delete any languages you are not using.

4. Click the DETAILS button.




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Language	Code	Action
German		i edit delete details
French		i
English (default)	en	▶ i
Spanish		i

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Name: English
Code: en

Directory: /shop/includes/languages/**english**
Sort Order: 1

5. Click the link to the file you want to change.

The screenshot shows the 'Define Language' page in a Magento admin interface. On the left, a sidebar menu has 'Localization' expanded to 'Languages'. The main area is titled 'Define Language' and shows a list of files for the 'english.php' language. The file 'shipping.php' is highlighted. A 'file manager' button is visible at the bottom right.

Clicking on the link opens the file and displays the PHP code.

NOTE: When the file opens you may see a warning about files not being writable, like the error message below.

 Error: I can not write to this file. Please set the right user permissions on: /home/internet/public_html/shop/includes/languages/english/shipping.php

If you see a warning like this, you won't be able to edit text until either you or your developer updates permissions on the file.



6. Find the text you want to change.

Look for lines of code that start with the word 'define'. Don't try to change text in the first set of quotes. Only change text in the second set of quotes on these lines.

```
shipping.php
<?php
/*
 $Id: shipping.php,v 1.4 2002/11/19 01:48:08 dgw_ Exp $

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 */

define('NAVBAR_TITLE', 'Shipping & Returns');
define('HEADING_TITLE', 'Shipping & Returns');

define('TEXT_INFORMATION', 'Put here your Shipping & Returns information.');
```

save cancel

NOTE: For more information about the PHP define() function, go to <http://www.php.net/define>.

7. Make any text changes you require.

Use your mouse to select and edit the text you want to change.

```
define('TEXT_INFORMATION', 'Put here your Shipping & Returns information.');
```

NOTE: If you use any word containing an apostrophe (such as "don't"), you will need to 'escape' it by adding a backslash (\). For example, **don't** becomes **don\'t**. You will need to do this every time you have an apostrophe, otherwise the PHP code will not work.

8. Click the **SAVE** button to save your changes.

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define('HEADING_TITLE', 'Shipping & Returns');

define('TEXT_INFORMATION', 'Enter your Shipping & Returns information here!');
?>
```