

Re: Easily switching languages in Linux ?

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"G Dahler" <gd-nntp@spamex.com>,
In a message on Thu, 7 Apr 2005 15:12:50 -0400, wrote :

"D> For government regulations/administrative reasons we have to be able to run
"D> Linux (All software in fact) in our native language which is NOT english. I
"D> know I can install run linux in my native tongue, but I HATE that (error
"D> messages are cryptic at best, you can't search the internet for a particular
"D> error message in your native tongue because 99.999% of the planet uses
"D> english, etc...)
"D>
"D> The question is:
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"D> Is there an easy way to run linux in english for the administrator, and when
"D> the powers that be show up, easily change to the native language to stop
"D> them from complaining (and return to english as soon as they turn their
"D> back)
"D>
"D> I have no problem with enforcement of my native language in the applications
"D> that we run and develop, but from a sys admin point of view, I feel a lot
"D> more comfortable with the english language. It's hard enough to keep up with
"D> all the news terms and buzzwords in english, I don't need to manage
"D> translation as well.

In `~root/.bash_login` (or `~root/.profile`)

Include:

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export LANG=en_US (assumes USA English, there are several other  
en_??'s available, eg British, Canadien, etc. English)
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And in `/etc/sysconfig/i18n` have the line:

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LANG=<whatever the native language is>
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This way, generic non-privileged users will see their native language, but when you su root, you will get English. I think the 'SUPPORTED' variable needs to include both your native language setting and the

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English setting you want to use as root.

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"D> Thanks

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