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Quite possibly the most painful thing you will ever do.

Really, it just plain sucks. Well, it <u>used</u> to.

## WHAT IS INTERNATIONALIZATION?



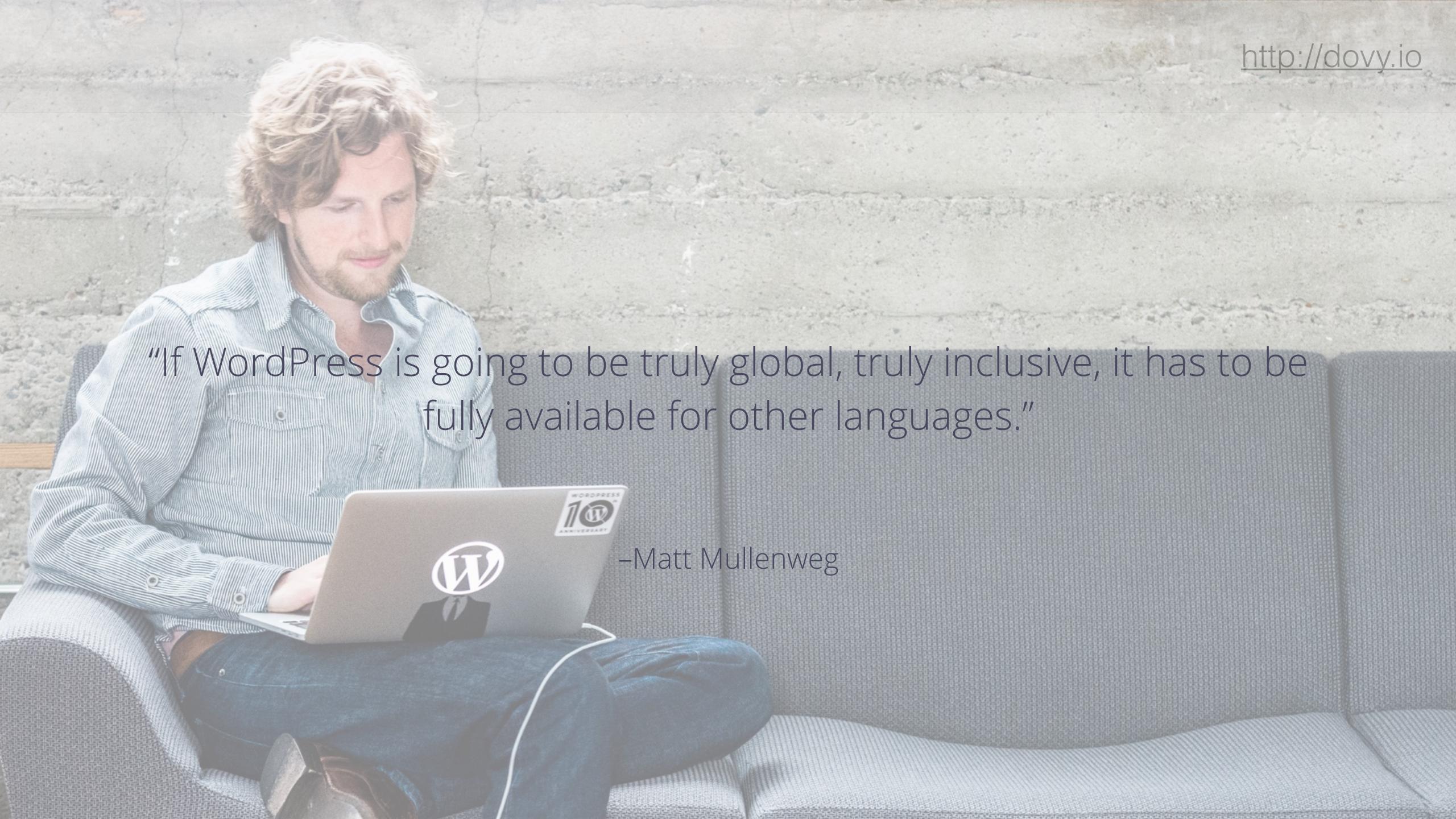
Turning this: "My name is Dovy."

To this: "Mi nombre es Dovy."

Or this: "Το όνομά μου είναι Dovy."

Or even this: "私の名前はDovyです。"

Ooo, how about this: "اسىمىي دوفىي."



# DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH? Does your user base?



#### FOR WORDPRESS.ORG DEVS

The WordPress.org repo is now offering free translations for themes, and is slowly rolling the same offering out to all plugin developers. This will be coming out in 2015.

If you do any premium offering, or want more control over your translations, then this presentation is pertinent to you.

#### POEDIT

Poedit is the best translations editor for translating apps and sites (that use gettext). Thanks to its distraction-free approach, you'll translate faster and easier with it.

GREAT app for editing language files.

PAINFUL to manage many different translations.

http://poedit.net

#### GLOTPRESS

Open Source

Weak (Improving) Theme

Painful to Setup

Difficult to maintain?

https://github.com/GlotPress/GlotPress

#### TRANSIFEX

Basis of this presentation.

Free to Open Source

Affordable

https://www.transifex.com/











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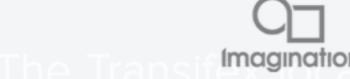
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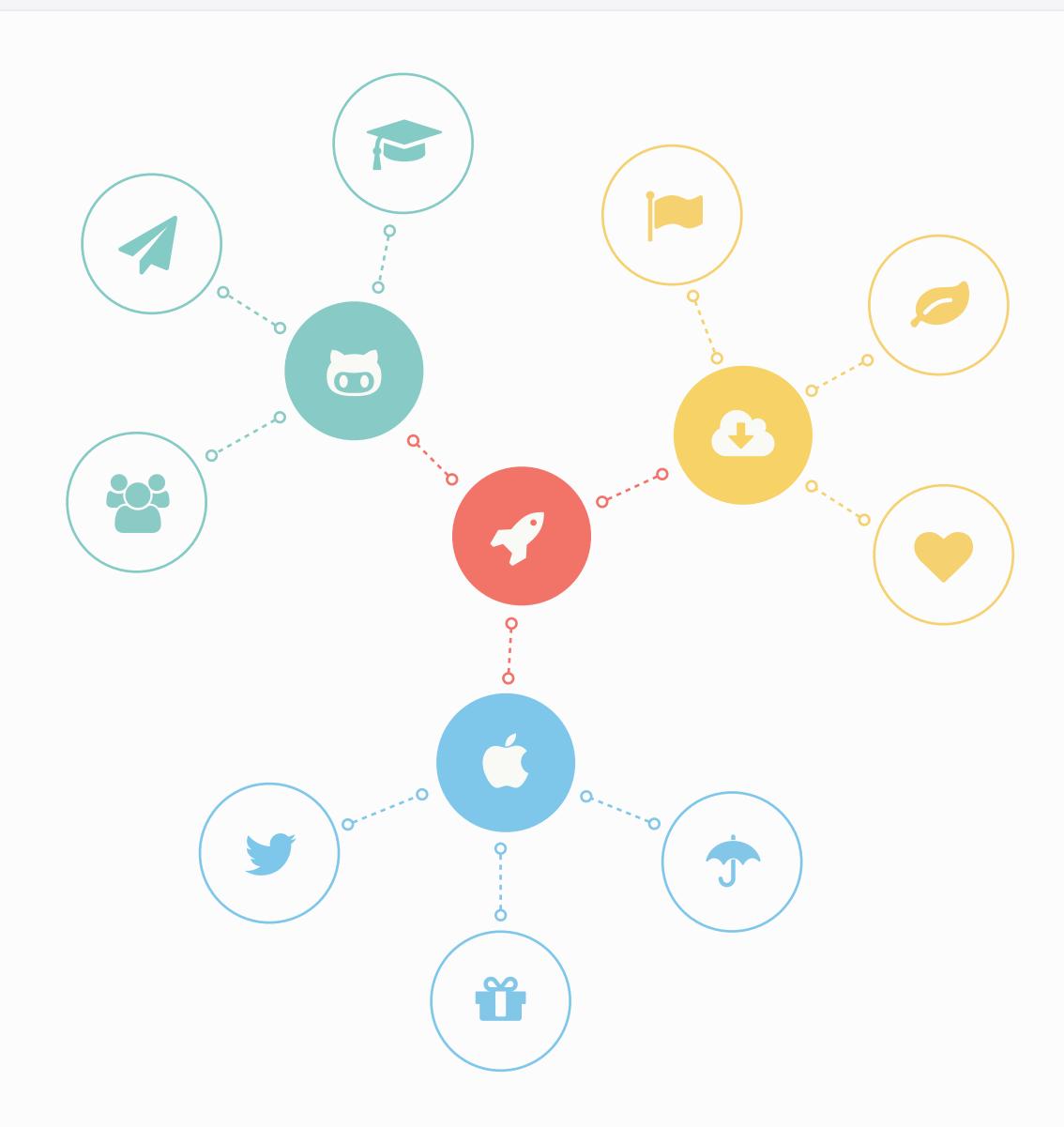






Some useful tips to help you get started.

#### > What you must know



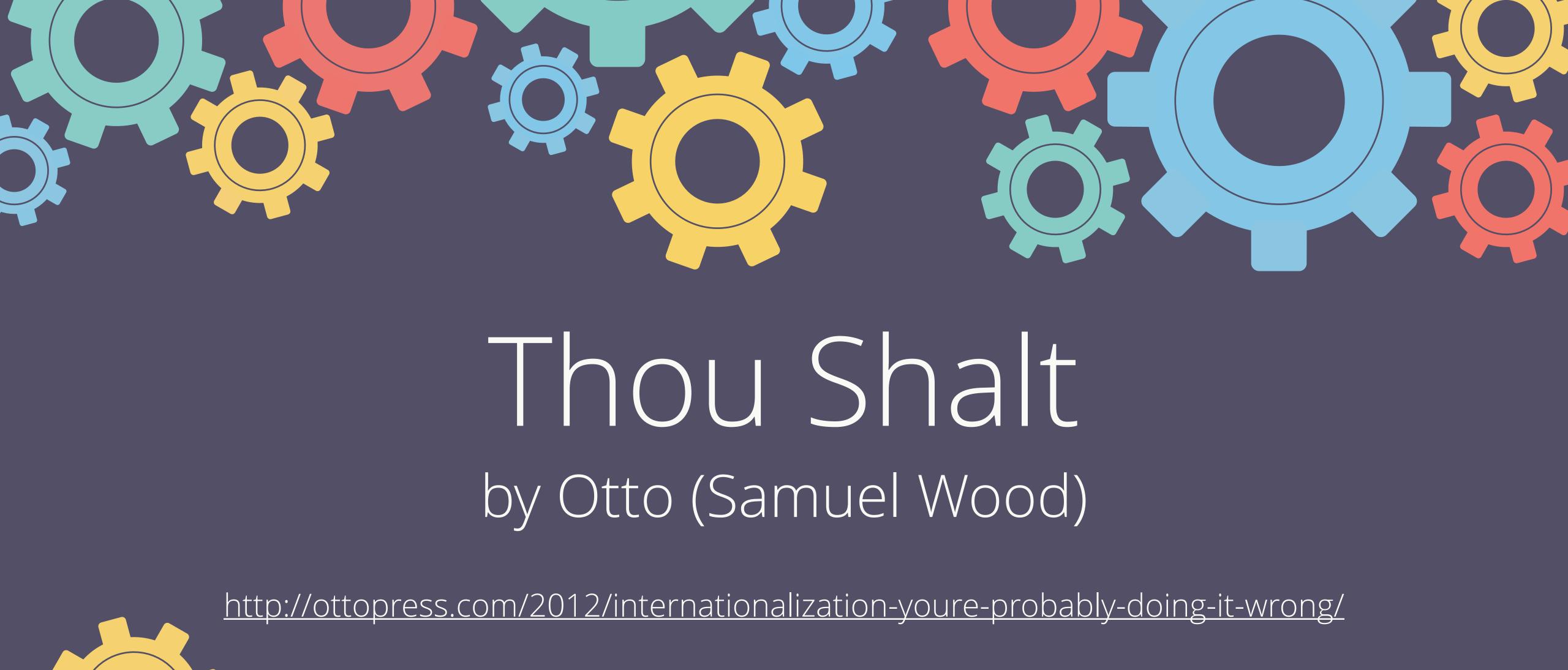
- \_\_() Return string translation.
- \_e() Same as \_\_() but echo's immedately.
- \_x() Differentiate identical strings in different contexts.
- \_ex() Same as \_x() with instant echo.
- \_n() Retrieving the plural or single form based on an amount.
- esc\_attr\_() return translated string escaped to be an attribute
- esc\_attr\_e() echo translated string escaped to be an attribute
- esc\_attr\_x() return translated string with context escaped to be an attribute
- esc\_html\_() return translated string escaped to be HTML
- esc\_html\_e() echo translated string escaped to be HTML
- esc\_html\_x() return translated string with context escaped to be HTML
- n\_noop() Register plural strings in POT file, but don't translate them.
- \_nx\_noop() Register plural strings with context in POT file, but don't translate them.
- translate\_nooped\_plural() Translate the result of \_n\_noop() or \_nx\_noop()



there's a repo for that.

http://dovy.io/





http://ottopress.com/2012/internationalization-youre-probably-doing-it-wrong/

## THOUSHALT#1

NOT use PHP variables of any kind inside a translation function's strings.

```
$string = __( $string, 'plugin-domain' );
$string = __( "You have $number tacos", 'plugin-domain' );
$string = __( 'You have 12 tacos', $plugin_domain );
$string = __( 'You have 12 tacos', PLUGIN_DOMAIN );
```

## THOUSHALT#2

Always translate phrases and not words.

```
$string = __( 'You have ', 'plugin' ) . $number . __( ' tacos.', 'plugin-domain' );

$string = __( 'You have ', 'plugin' ) . '<a href="#">3</a> '. __( ' tacos', 'plugin-domain' );
```

```
$string = sprintf( __( 'You have %d tacos', 'plugin-domain' ), $number );
$string = sprintf( _n( 'You have %d taco.', 'You have %d tacos.', $number, 'plugin-domain' ), $number );
```

## THOUSHALT#3

Disambiguate when needed.

```
$string = _x( 'Buffalo', 'an animal', 'plugin-domain' );
$string = _x( 'Buffalo', 'a city in New York', 'plugin-domain' );
$string = _x( 'Buffalo', 'a verb meaning to confuse somebody', 'plugin-domain' );
```

Each string is given a context, so treated as 3 different strings, not the same one. Context gives way to better translations.

## THOUSHALT (4)

**NOT** put unnecessary HTML markup into the translated string.

```
$string = sprintf( __( '<h3>You have %d tacos</h3>', 'plugin-domain' ), $number );
```

```
$string = '<h3>' . sprintf( __('You have %d tacos', 'plugin-domain'), $number ) . '</h3>';
$string = sprintf( __( 'You have %s tacos', 'plugin-domain'), '<strong>' . $number . '</strong>' );
```

### GET STARTED NOW

#### This example GitHub repo will:

Guide you through the setup of Transifex.

Generate your translation file (.pot).

Automatically push your language file to Transifex.

Automatically pull from Transifex in the proper format.

Check for missing textdomains.

Generate your project zip for you.



https://github.com/reduxframework/grunt-transifex-wordpress/



A Great open-source initiative to help translate WordPress plugins. Excellent resource.

http://wp-translations.org/developers-wp-translations/



I worked with FX Bernard to create the first instance of this flow, but he has since taken it to a new level.



## Let's Dig In

https://github.com/reduxframework/grunt-transifex-wordpress/





