Internationalization and Ubuntu

Language Support in Ubuntu

The BitCurator environment is built using Ubuntu 16.04LTS, which has extensive support for a wide range of languages. However, language support packs are large. To keep the installation ISO and virtual environment small, we distribute BitCurator with only the English (US) language pack installed. Installing additional language packs is easy using the following steps. First, open the Ubuntu System Settings window by clicking on "System Settings" in the top right-hand icon in the menu bar at the top.

Starting the Language Support Tool

Once in the System Settings window, click on the "Language Support" icon to enter the Language Support tool. You will see a warning indicating "The language support is not installed completely." Click "Install", and you will be prompted for the password (which in the BitCurator environment is "bcadmin").
Figure 2: Opening the Language Support tool.
Figure 3: Authenticating to install.

Selecting a language to be installed

When language support has finished installing, you'll see a window that looks like Figure 4. Click on "Install/remove languages", and in the following window select your desired language(s) (in Figure 4, we've selected "German"). Click "Apply changes", and the language pack should be installed. Make sure you're connected to the internet - the language packs can't be downloaded, otherwise!
Figure 4: Main language settings window.
Selecting a system-wide application and menu language

Now that the language pack has been installed, you'll need to drag your language of choice above any entries for English. Here, we've pulled the new Deutscht up to the top. Now, you'll need to log out, log back in again, and the environment should appear natively in your language of choice.
Figure 6: Language dragged to top of list and selected.