

Release of xlanguage 3.0 - Modules

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"/global.php") ) {
    include_once XOOPS_ROOT_PATH."/language/".$xoopsConfig['language'].
"/global.php";
} else {
    include_once XOOPS_ROOT_PATH."/language/english/global.php";
}
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3 modify language/LocalLanguage/global.php, take "schinese" as example

```
%%%%%%%% LANGUAGE SPECIFIC SETTINGS %%%%%%%%%
//define('_CHARSET', 'GB2312');
//define('_LANGCODE', 'zh-CN');
define('_CHARSET', empty($xlanguage["charset"])?'GB2312':$xlanguage["charset"]);
define('_LANGCODE', empty($xlanguage["code"])?'zh-CN':$xlanguage["code"]);
$xlanguage['charset_base'] = "gb2312";
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4 select basic languages (from an available language list) and add extended languages (upon a selected basic language) from module admin page for instance, to make language switch between: English, Simplified Chinese (gb2312), Traditional Chinese (big5) and UTF-8 Chinese: base 1: name: english; description(optional): English; charset: iso-8859-1; code: en (or anyother like "xen", not a true language code, just the tag for indicating English content) base 2: name: schinese; description(optional): Simplified Chinese; charset: gb2312; code: zh (or anyother like "sc", not a true language code, just the tag for indicating Chinese content) extended lang of schinese 1: name: tchinese; description(optional): Traditional Chinese; charset: big5 code: zh-TW (the true language code of Traditional Chinese) base: schinese extended lang of schinese

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