

Module messages.properties Files

These files are used by Spring to internationalize all strings in your module. It is highly recommended you use these.

The files should be in /omod/src/main/resources.



You need to list your messages.properties file in your [config.xml](#) file in "messages" elements.

Prefixing with your module's id

Typically the keys you define in a module's messages.properties file should start with your module's id, and any keys that do not start with your module's id will have it prepended.

For example:

```
title = My Module # will be converted to mymodule.title = My Module
```

Starting in OpenMRS 1.9.3 you are allowed to override this behavior, and let your module define message keys outside of its namespace. To do this, you need to include a special entry in the properties file like:

```
openmrs.property.ALLOW_KEYS_OUTSIDE_OF_MODULE_NAMESPACE = true  
  
mymodule.title = My Module's Title # explicitly inside mymodule namespace  
othermodule.othercode = Some Other Value # defines a code in another module's namespace
```

Example

The main english file should be named messages.properties. Each other language will be messages_fr.properties (for French)

Example:

messages.properties:

```
mymodule.doSomething=You should do something here  
mymodule.somethingElse=Something else happens when you use this.
```

messages_fr.properties:

```
mymodule.doSomething=Vous devriez faire quelque chose ici  
mymodule.somethingElse=Quelque chose d'autre qui se passe quand vous l'utilisez.
```

Now in your jsp files you can use `<spring:message code="mymodule.doSomething"/>` and it will be translated when the user chooses to use the French locale.

What if I don't know another language?

Most developers only know a single language. It is acceptable to only fill out the english messages.properties file and wait for another language speaker to help you out.