Description
This is related to the Custom Site Header section of Look & Feel on our Web site. We put a top navigation bar which is expected to be shown in different languages depending on the visitor's language (look at http://www.daav.cn/cms/tiki-list_file_gallery.php ). The code in Custom Site Header is like this:

```html
<div style=...> <ul>
{if $prefs.language eq "cn"}
<li>link1 in Chinese</li>
...
<li>linkN in Chinese</li>
{elseif $prefs.language eq "fr"}
<li>link1 in French</li>
...
<li>linkN in French</li>
{elseif $prefs.language eq "de"}
```
however, it seems the top navigation bar is always shown in Chinese even when I set the default browser language to English only. At that time, our php-based language detector works correctly to identify the user/browser language as English (example: our homepage at [http://www.daav.cn/](http://www.daav.cn/)) but tikiwiki remains in Chinese unchanged.

Is there anything wrong with the code or it's just because my Windows XP is in Chinese? Then how to get around this in Tikiwiki? What language do you get on the linked page that I included above?

Thanks for any hints.

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Demonstrate Bug

Please demonstrate your bug on show2.tikiwiki.org

Version: trunk ▼ Create show2.tikiwiki.org instance

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Comments

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Is "Detect browser language" enabled? What is the actual content of the various if/else cases? Or what is their language?
Marc Laporte 24 Mar 10 20:15 GMT-0000
http://themes.tikiwiki.org/Template+Tricks#Display_content_conditional_to_current_language

daav 25 Mar 10 07:16 GMT-0000

"Detect browser language" is definitely enabled. The actual content of the various if/else cases is in cn/fr/de/en respectively, exactly copied from the top bar of our php-based homepage. Please have a look at the screenshot of our i18n settings attached to see if there should be any change. Are there other modules or their settings that could have influences on this? Thanks!

Philippe Cloutier 25 Mar 10 07:25 GMT-0000

Please investigate the value of prefs.language. It can be output using {prefs.language}.

If the value is cn, see what happens in lib/setup/language.php

daav 25 Mar 10 12:14 GMT-0000

of {prefs.language} was checked before, always 'cn'.

I modified language.php to see the debug info. Now you can see "U_INFO: S_PREFS:cn PREFS:cn" at the top-left corner, though in black with a dark background. Select the topmost line to reveal them. Why both the S_PREFS and PREFS are 'cn' even when I access our tikiwiki as an un-logged in anonymous user? Cookies are cleaned already.

It seems the "S_PREFS:cn" thing prevents the block

    } elseif ( $prefs['feature_multilingual'] == 'y' && $prefs['change_language'] == 'y' && $prefs['feature_detect_language'] == 'y' and !isset($u_info['prefs']['language']) and !isset($_SESSION['s_prefs']['language'])) {
        $browser_language = detect_browser_language();
        echo "browser_language:" . $browser_language;
        if ( ! empty($browser_language) ) {
            $prefs['language'] = $browser_language;
        }
    }

from being executed. See? I added the (echo browser_language) line and nothing was shown. So why and where is this ($_SESSION['s_prefs']['language']) set to 'cn' for all anonymous visitors? And how can I disable it?
Philippe Cloutier 25 Mar 10 20:38 GMT-0000

I see the problem, yes. Which version do you use?

daav 26 Mar 10 03:52 GMT-0000

not yet upgraded to the newly released 4.2. Thanks for your attention.

Philippe Cloutier 26 Mar 10 06:02 GMT-0000

Please report if you experience this issue in Tiki 4.2 or in a development branch (5 or trunk). I couldn't reproduce in trunk.

The problematic variable is probably set in tikilib, but I don't know where.

sylvie 26 Mar 10 13:13 GMT-0000

$prefs.language is the default site language. To have the user language, try {$lang}

daav 27 Mar 10 13:48 GMT-0000

Thank you Sylvie. But {$lang} is always empty, no matter 1) i login as admin 2) visit as anonymous, setting browser language to en 3) visit as anonymous, setting browser language to fr 4) ...

I tried {$language} too. Since {$lang} is always empty, we always get the English top navigation bar now since the {else} statement in our customized header section is always matched.

I will see when I get more time if version 4.2 will solve this problem. Thank you guys/gals all, Sylvie, Chealer9, and Marc Laporte!

sylvie 29 Mar 10 12:06 GMT-0000

Sorry I was wrong. The prefs.language is working for me (see attached img) not lang
as shown in the upper-left corner, your "langue du site" is already "FranÃ§ais", no? It
might be yet another example confirming our case: our site language is Chinese, and
then the \{{$prefs.language}\} always returns ‘cn’. You may set your browser language
to en/de/cn etc. and try again? Also what is your installed version?

My site lang is en.
I changed my lang with switch lang to fr ok.
I logged out, closed my browser.
The top Hello is in French.
It is the same if you log-out? clear the browser cache? restart browser? Which browser
by the way?

firefox 3/seamonkey 2/ie 8
yes it is the same, as i described earlier

the article sub-system detects the browser language correctly (when i set to a non-zh
test lang), while the effect of the header section remains unchanged.