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**Translations for an online environment:
a concise introduction to web internationalization**

As the internet increasingly becomes a medium for dissemination of translated government information, there is an increasing need for translators to understand the basics of web and language technologies. Within the Australian context, there are limited opportunities to gain the necessary skills and knowledge, with each translator left to their own explorations.

The W3C has been documenting best practice techniques and providing valuable tutorial material on various aspects of web internationalization. This paper will briefly introduce basic concepts and issues in web internationalization and multilingual web development.