

[Image: Language Switcher]

Language Switcher

A site with two languages used to mean rolling your own routing. Now it is a `languages:` declaration and an ordinary mirrored content folder.

```
language.en.label: English
language.en.default: true
language.hr.label: Hrvatski
```

That is the whole configuration. `code` is both the URL prefix and the content-tree folder name: the default language's content stays exactly where it already is (`content/index.md` publishes at `/`), and every other language gets a subtree named after its code (`content/hr/index.md` publishes at `/hr/`, `content/hr/about/index.md` at `/hr/about/`). There is no translation step or build-time machinery: each language's page is an ordinary, independently authored Markdown file, mirroring the folder-to-URL convention `TileDown` already uses for every page.

Two switchers, one header

The language switcher sits right next to the appearance toggle in both built-in layouts, the same corner of the header, the same visual weight. It links only to translations that actually exist: a page with no translation yet shows no link for that language, rather than a 404. `<html lang>` follows the current page's language automatically.

The top-nav and sidebar section lists are language-scoped too. A language's own root page is never a section (you reach it through the switcher, not the nav), and one language's pages never leak into another's section list.

`:::tile` callout title: Try it in this corner body: If this site ever ships a second language, its switcher will render right here, next to the dark-mode button, using exactly this mechanism. `:::`

See the [config reference on Codeberg](#) for the full key list, including what happens with zero, one, or many declared languages.