Userlane Language Detection

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About Userlane Language Detection

Userlane automatically detects the language of your application and of the user's browser to match a user's language preferences.

Language Detection Priorities

Userlane detects languages based on a priority list. You can find that below:

Priority 1: Language is taken from the settings of the application (lang Command)
Priority 2: Language is taken based on your language settings in the Userlane Portal
Priority 3: Based on the HTML tag
Priority 4: Based on Meta information
Priority 5: Based on the browser language
Priority 6: The language falls back to the default language defined in the Userlane Portal

i In case the application has the language tag hard-coded in the app's HTML, please contact your Customer Value Manager. As in those cases, we can adjust the language detection from our side, which will prioritize the end user's browser language over the application's language.

Defining a specific Language

If you want to make sure that Userlane always uses the same language as your application, you can explicitly define the language that Userlane should use with the language command.

This is especially useful if your application offers a language setting and does not define its language in the standard html lang-Attribute:

```
// set the language of userlane
Userlane('lang', 'language_code');
```

Your language_code might be a 2 letters code (like 'en' or 'de') or a 5 letters code (like 'en-us' or 'en-gb').

Best Practices

Set up the correct Language Codes

The language code used in the command should exactly match the language key that was used when the language was created in the Portal.

Ensure the Language is published

Keep in mind, that the language you pass via the language command must exist and be public in the Userlane

Portal. Otherwise, Userlane will take the defined default language instead.

Check which language is shown when opening the Editor

Userlane opens the Editor in the last language you worked in. This helps you continue editing seamlessly without needing to reselect a language. Keep this in mind when switching between languages to avoid unintentional edits in the wrong language and to understand why the Assistant is displayed to you in a specific language.