Termbase instructions

for external translators

Studio 2019

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Getting the termbases

If available in IATE or on any specific EP platform/website, the relevant termbase files can be downloaded and copied in the respective project folder.

Using the termbases

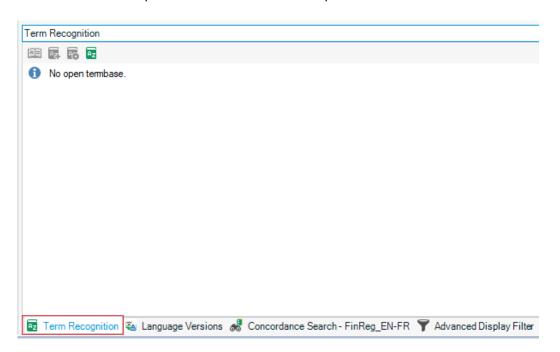
Activating the term recognition function

In Studio, open the project, select the View tab and click on Term Recognition.



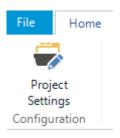
A window opens, where the term recognition results will be displayed.

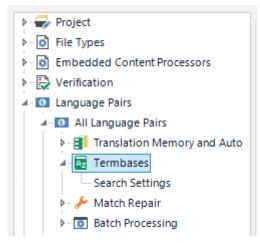
As with other windows in Studio, you can adjust its size and stack it onto another window. It will be in the same place the next time Studio is opened.



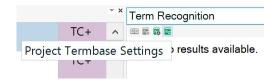
Adding a termbase to a project

1. In Studio, open the project, then go to **Project Settings** and click on **Termbases** (Language Pairs > All Language Pairs > Termbases).

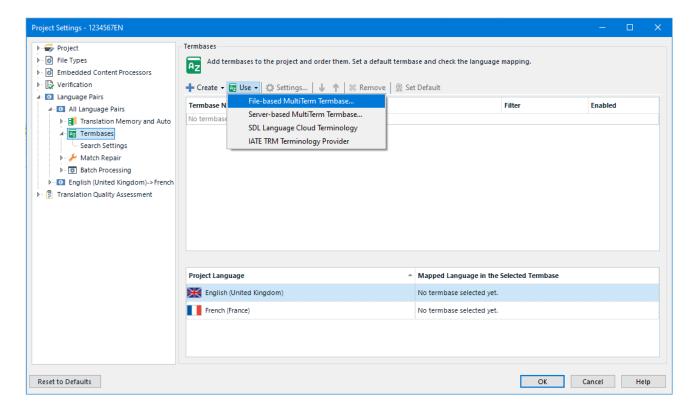




Alternatively, click the **green icon** on the **Term Recognition window** (the last on the right - Project Termbase Settings) to go straight to the Termbases section.

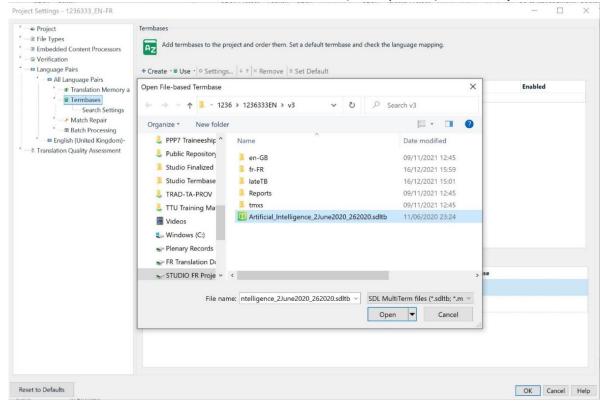


2. Click on Use > File-based MultiTerm Termbase



3. Browse to the folder where the **termbase** is saved. Select the termbase and click **Open**. (Use > File-based MultiTerm Termbase > Browse > Select + Open)

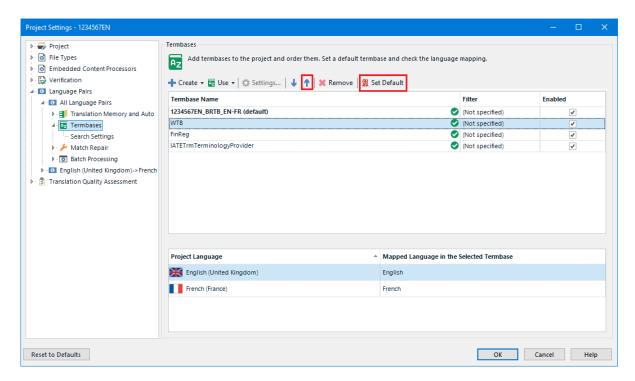
If there is more than one termbase, select all termbases (Ctrl key + click) and click Open.



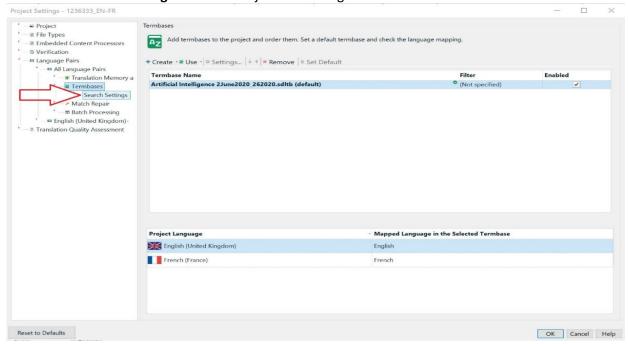
Note that the first termbase attached to the project will be automatically set as **Default**.

To change it, click the desired termbase, then click **Set Default**.

Alternatively, click the desired termbase and move it to the first position by clicking the arrow up.



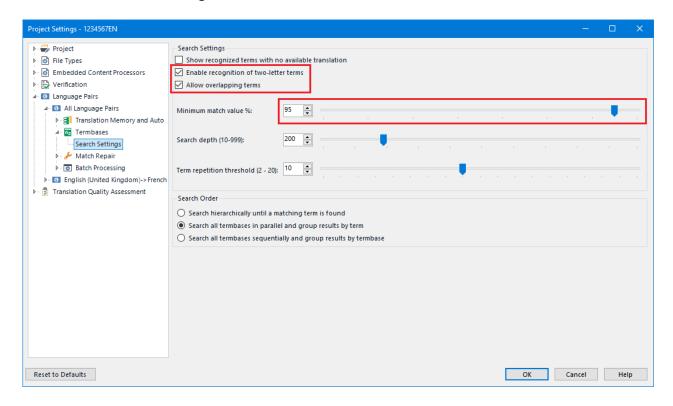
4. Go to the **Search Settings** menu and adjust the settings.



These changes have to be made the first time you add a termbase to the project, since they apply only to that specific project:

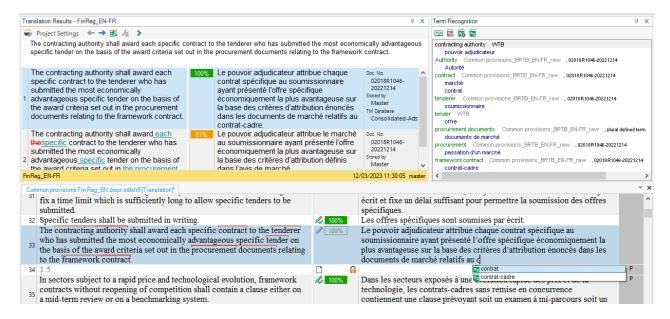
- enable the recognition of two-letter terms
- allow overlapping terms
- increase the minimum match value to 95%

Click on **OK** to save the settings and close the window.

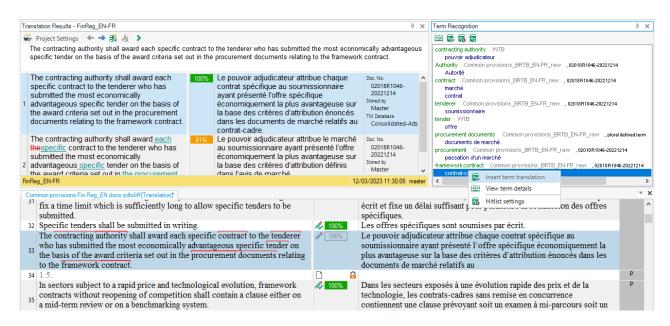


5. Now that there is a termbase attached to the project, the terms on the termbase are **recognized and marked** with a **red** line above them on the active segment.

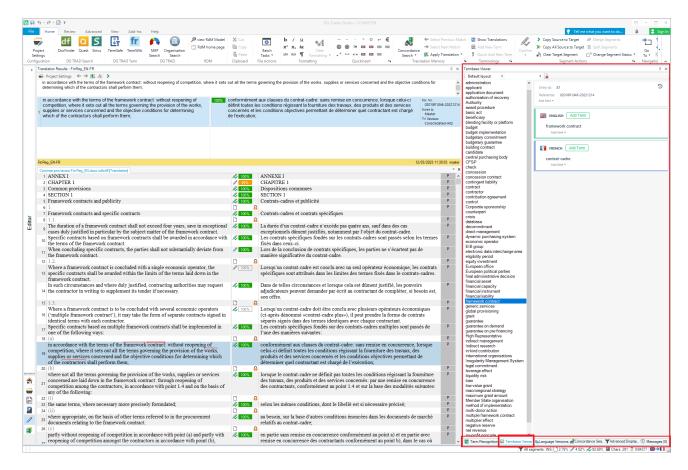
When you type the first letter of the translation for an identified term the complete word or phrase is suggested, which you can accept by pressing **Enter** (works the same way as Autosuggest).



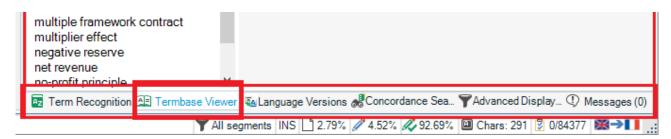
Alternatively, you can go to the **Term Recognition** window, right-click on the target term and choose **Insert term translation**.



From the **Term Recognition** window, by right-clicking the source or target term, it is possible to have access to the metadata of the entry in the **Termbase Viewer** (with also a link to open the entry directly in IATE, if the term originally comes from a IATE termbase).



To save space, you can stack these windows together with others and click the respective tab to bring it to the front when needed.

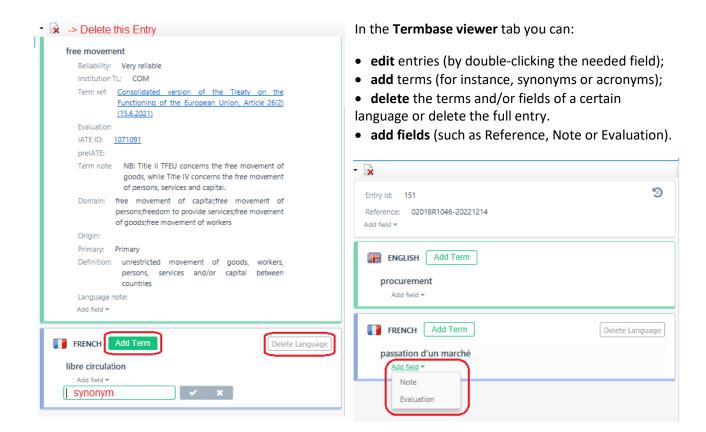


Adding terms to the termbase during translation

- 1. Select the original term on the left column and the corresponding translation on the right column.
- 2. Right-click on one of the terms and select Quick Add New Term (Ctrl + Shift + F2) or Add New Term (Ctrl + F2)¹.



That term pair is added to the termbase which is marked as **Default** without need for further intervention, and is displayed on the **Termbase viewer** tab, in alphabetical order among the other terms.



¹ In the *Default* layout, there is no difference in practice between *Add* and *Quick Add*. In other older layouts, like the *Flags* layout, the option *Add* creates an entry and keeps it open for edition until the user clicks *Save*, whereas the option *Quick Add* creates an entry and saves it, without any intervention by the user.

Recommended settings

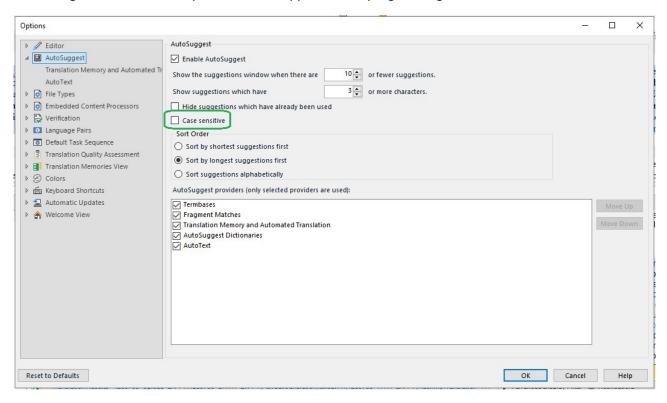
The most important settings are indicated below, in green. The remaining settings are a matter of personal preference.

General settings

Go to File > Options > AutoSuggest

Disable the option **Case sensitive** so that suggestions are presented whether you write with a capital letter or not.

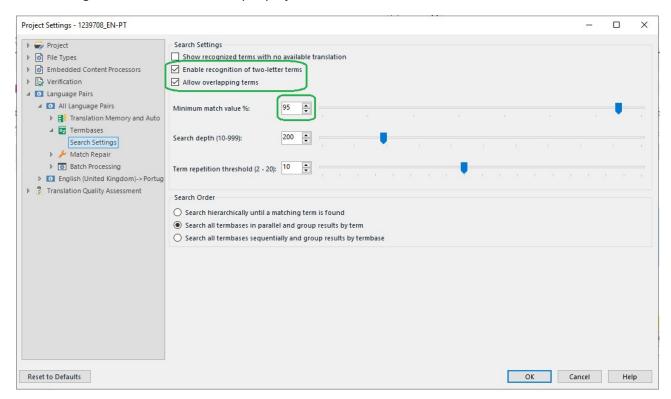
This change must be done only once, since it applies to the program in general.



Project-specific settings

Go to **Project Settings > Termbases > Search settings**

These changes have to be made once per project.



Enable recognition of two-letter terms

Because of acronyms such as EU, UN, etc.

Allow overlapping terms

Show separately terms that are also part of a longer expression.



Minimum match value

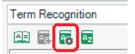
Increase the minimum match value in order to avoid false positives with similar words but still allow to match with slightly different words (like singular/plural or masculine/feminine variations).

An ideal match value seems to be 90-95%, maybe lower, depending on the language.

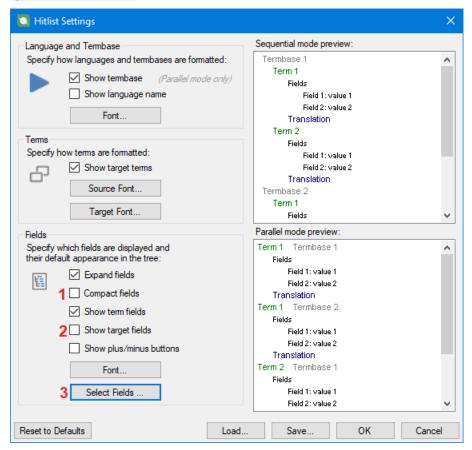
If you increase the value to 100%, terms will only be recognised if they correspond exactly to the term in the termbase.

Hitlist Settings for the Term Recognition window

Termbases may include extra information, registered in specific fields that are not displayed by default. To make those fields visible in the **Term Recognition** window, change the **Hitlist Settings** as follows.

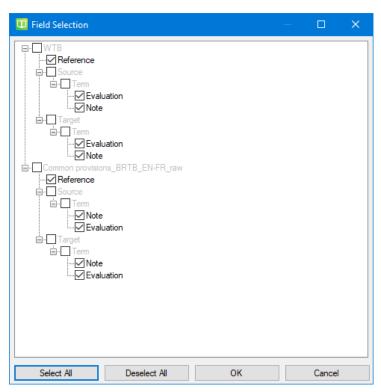


Open the Hitlist Settings by clicking the third icon on the Term Recognition window.



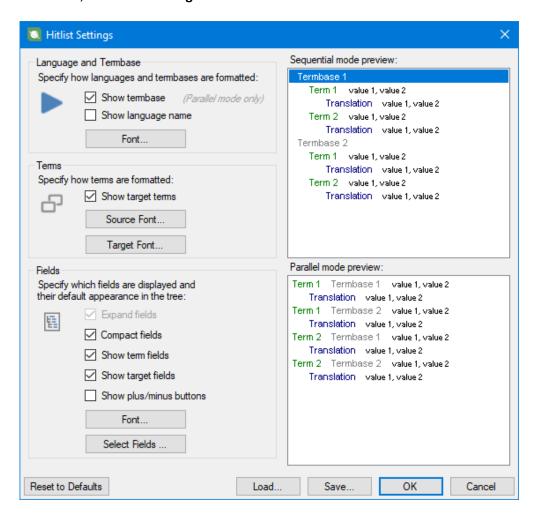
1. Tick Compact fields

2. Tick **Show target fields**.



3. Click on **Select Fields.**Choose **Select all** and click **OK**.

In the end, the Hitlist Settings should look like this:



By default, the extra fields are displayed in the colour silver, which does not stand out a lot. To make them more readable, it is advisable to change the **font colour** to black.

