

Introduction

There are several stages in a translation project. In this first stage you will use many of the resources to ensure that you understand the source text, then you will draft and keyboard the text of the translation along with other materials and also begin the preliminary checks.

The following modules will help you in this stage:

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2: OD – Organising your desktop

Introduction

As you work with your text in Paratext 9 you will want to see a variety of resources. In this module, you will learn how to open resources and organise your desktop.

Where we are

We are getting ready to type text into an existing project. Before you can do this, someone must have already installed the program, created a project for your data and installed resources for you.

Why this is important






The translator who organises his/her desktop well has all the resources necessary for his/her work.




What are you going to do?

You will start the Paratext 9 program and open a previously saved layout (text combination). If needed you will open other resources, change the arrangement of the windows and resave the text combination.

There are a number of videos available to help you with the different types of resources and arranging the windows. E.g. 0.2.1b-0.2.1d, 0.2.2a

Changes in Paratext 9

The menus have changed in Paratext 9. To see the menu, you now need to click on the menu icon . There are now two types of menus. The main Paratext menu is on the title bar (  Paratext 9.0) and each window (or tab) has its own menu ( ). When you click on one of these menu icons all the menus are displayed and you just need to click on the command.

In the manual, when it says  **Paratext**, under **Menu > Command**. It means click on the Paratext menu icon , then under the menu (e.g. File) choose the command (e.g. Open). And when it says  **Tab**, under **Menu > Command** it means click on the tab menu icon, then under the menu (e.g. Tools) click on the command (e.g. Wordlist)

2.1: Load the program

- Double-click on Paratext 9 icon on the **desktop**



OR

- (From the **Start** menu, choose Paratext 9)

2.2: Open a saved layout

- Click the **≡ Paratext** menu, then under the **Window** menu
- Choose a saved layout (text combination).

Your screen should look like the picture below (if not, see below).

A screenshot of the Paratext 9.0 software interface. The main window displays a multi-pane view of a Bible text (Luke 1:11). The left pane shows the NIV84 translation, the middle pane shows the PTP (Paratext Text Project) translation, and the right pane shows the HEB/GRK (Hebrew/Greek) text. A search window is open at the bottom, displaying a list of terms and their definitions. The search results are as follows:

Term	Category	English
ἄγγελος	Beings	angel
θυμίαμα	Realia	incense
θουαστήριον	Realia	altar
κύριος	Beings	master, ov

2.3: Create a new text layout

If you haven't already saved a layout, then we recommend you do the following:

2.3.1: Open and arrange the windows

- Open 5 windows as follows:
 - 5 = your project
 - ≡ **Paratext** menu, under (**Paratext** > **Open**, Projects)
 - 1 = Renderings
 - ≡ **Tab** menu, under (Tools > **Biblical Terms renderings**)
 - 2 = Source text
 - ≡ **Paratext** menu, under (**Paratext** > **Open** > **Source language text**)
 - 3 = Dictionary
 - ≡ **Paratext** menu, under (**Paratext** > **Open** > **source language dictionary**)
 - 4 = Text collection
 - ≡ **Paratext** menu, under (**Paratext** > **Open**, select several resources, choose to open as Text collection. See 2.5)
- Arrange the windows as desired. See Paratext video 0.2.1b, c, and d.

2.3.2: Save the layout

Once the windows are arranged as desired:

- ≡ **Paratext**, under **Layout** > **Saved current layout**
 - Type a name
[or to replace an existing combination, choose the existing name]
 - Click **OK**
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2.4: Delete a text combination

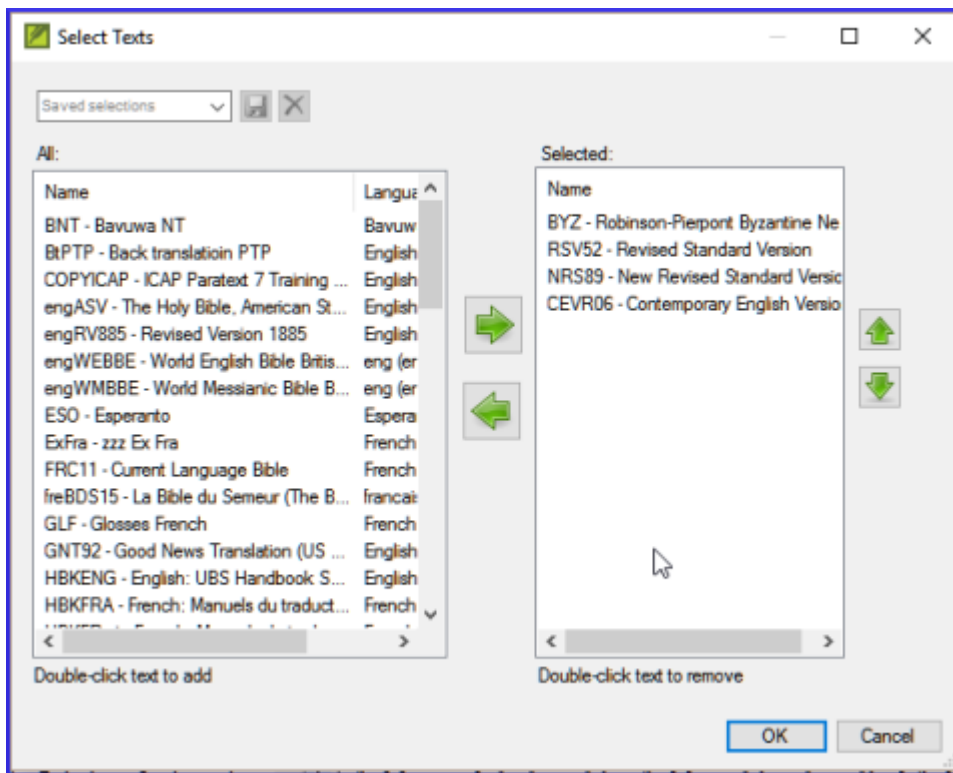
If you want to delete a saved combination,

- ≡ **Paratext** menu, under **Layout** > **Delete layout**
 - Choose the name of the saved combination.
 - Click **Delete**
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2.5: Open resources in a Text collection

With Paratext, it is possible to have several project/resources open at the same time. However, rather than having too many windows, it is better to have several texts in one window.

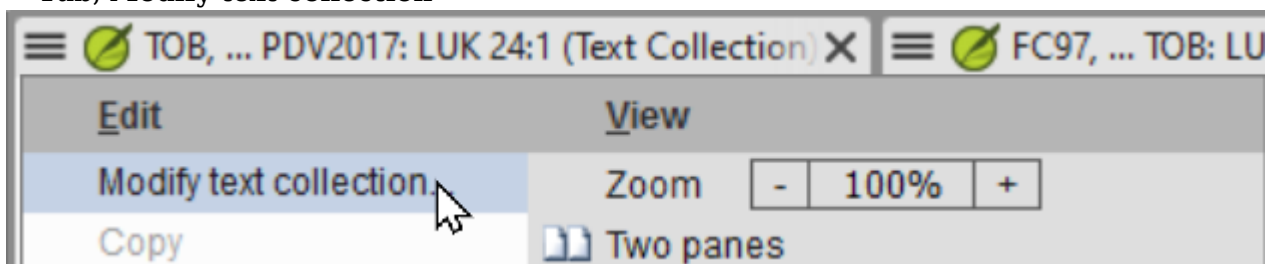
- ≡ **Paratext** menu, under **Paratext** > **Open**



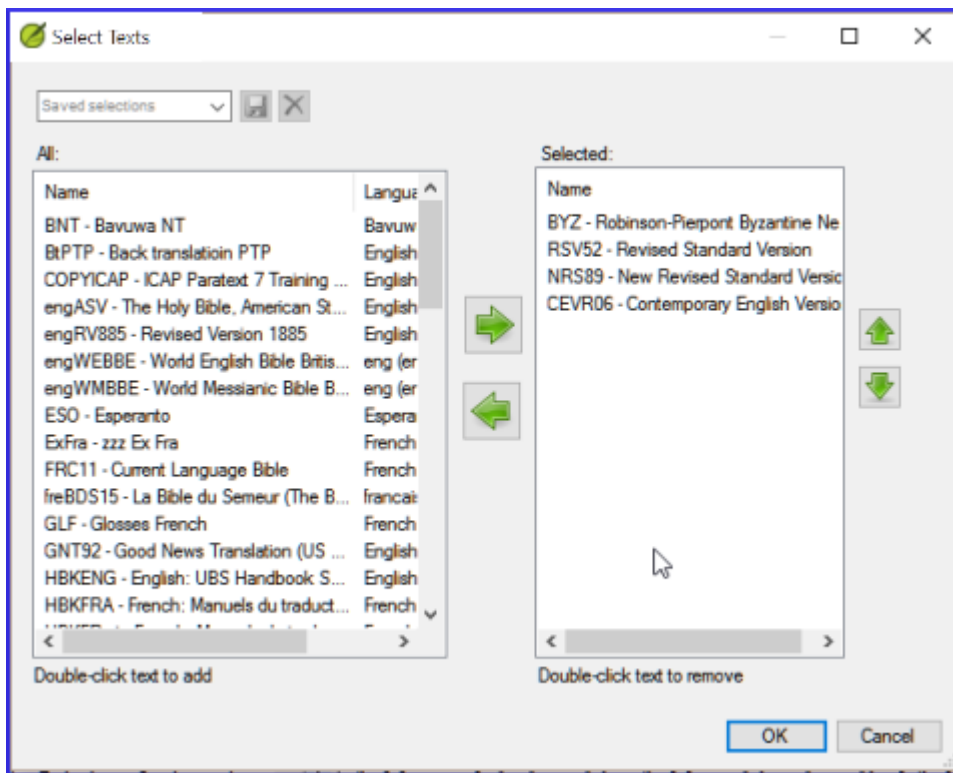
- Click on the resource button (at the top).
- Select several resources using the Ctrl key when you click on the resource.
- Repeat as necessary.
- Click on the **Open as** dropdown list.
- Choose **Text collection**
- Click **OK**

N.B. It is suggested that resources be presented in the order of more literal to less literal (to focus on the texts that are most faithful to the source texts). For French resources, the following order is suggested: TOB, NVSR78Col, NBS, BDS, FC97, PDV11. For English resources: ESV, RSV, NIV, NLT.

- To change the order of texts in the collection
- ≡ **Tab, Modify text collection**



- Use the arrow buttons to change the order as necessary

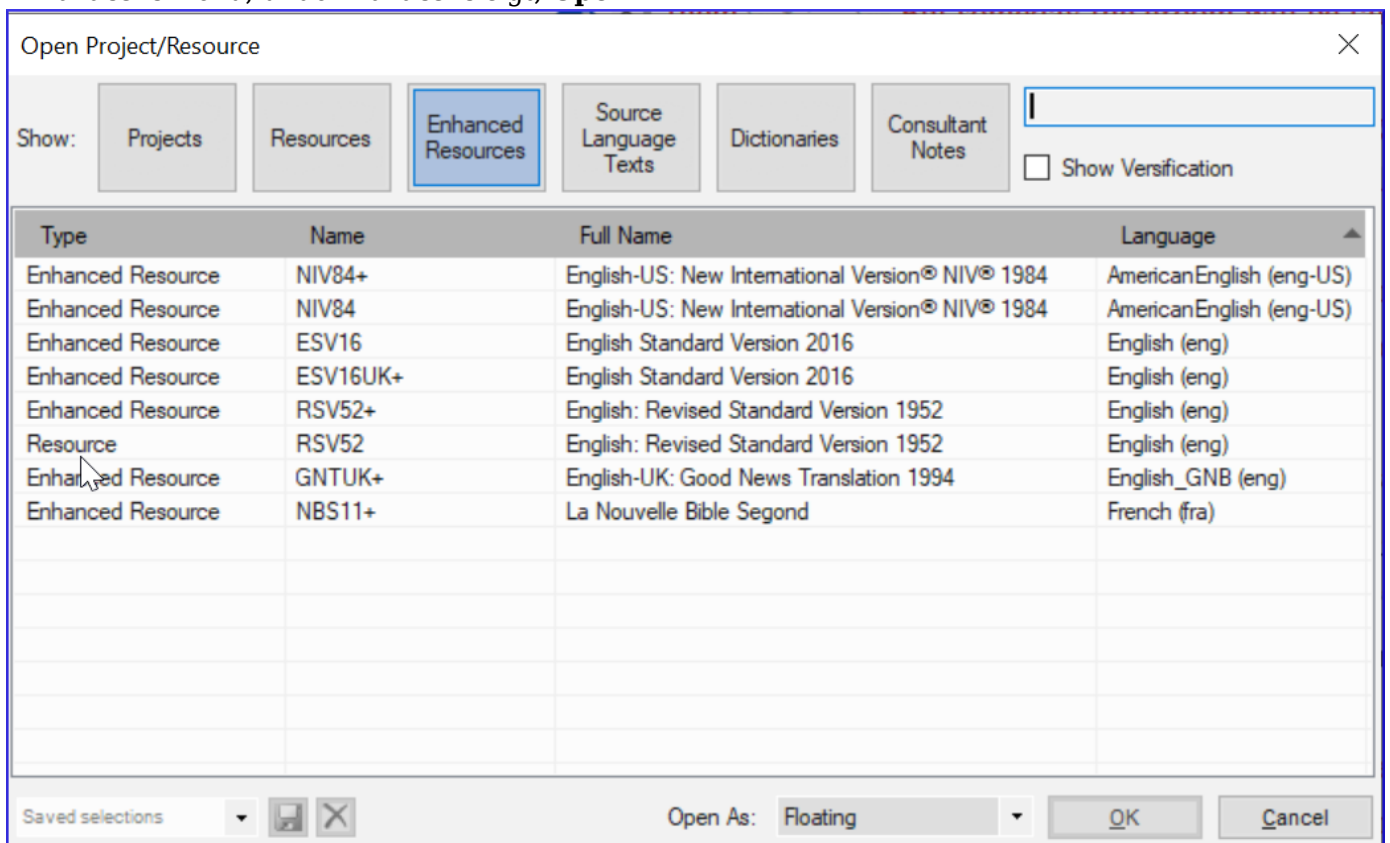


- Make any other changes
- Click **OK**

You can change the text in the second pane by clicking on the blue link of the abbreviation for the text. You can also change the view (preview, unformatted or standard).

2.6: Open an Enhanced Resource

- ≡ **Paratext** menu, under **Paratext > Open**



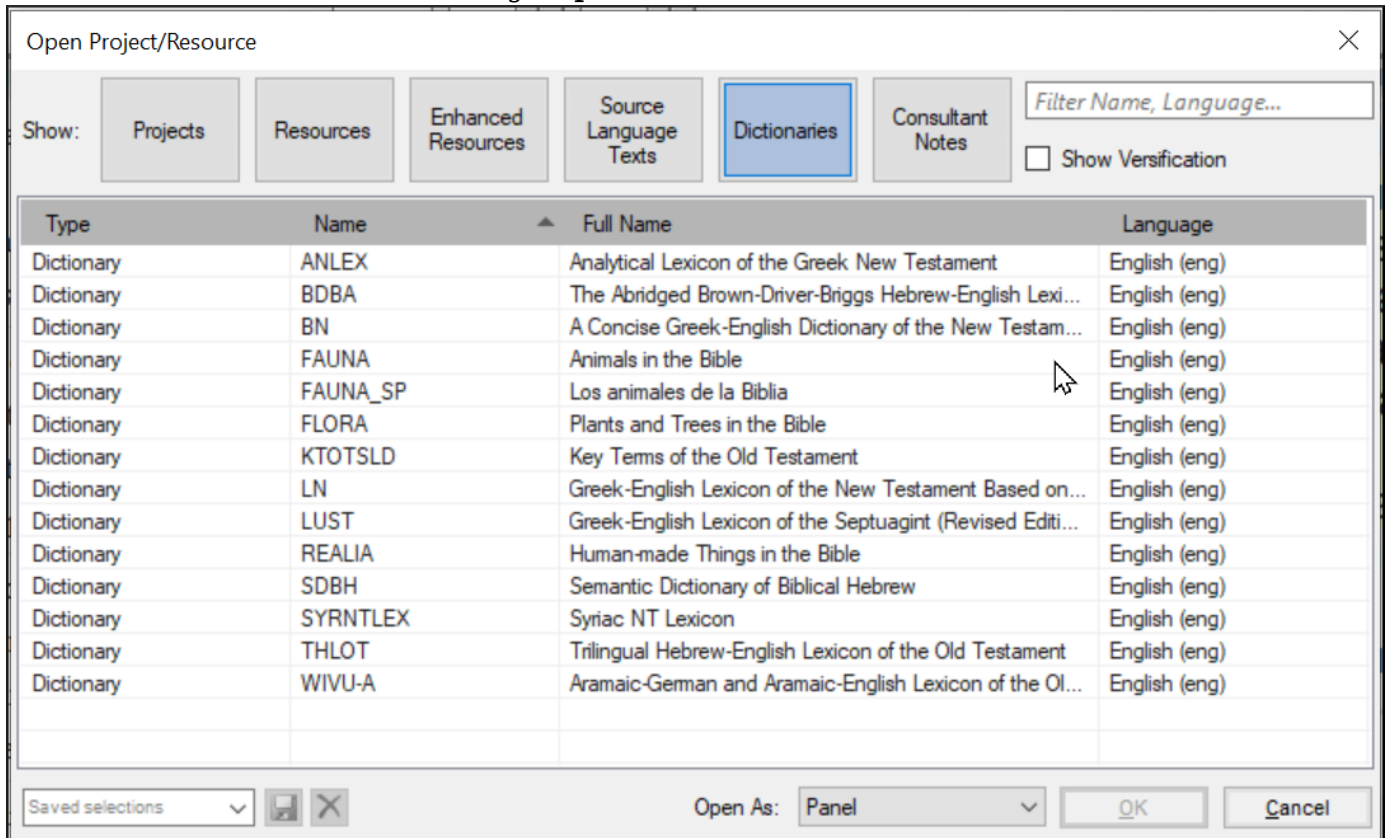
- Click on **Enhanced Resources**

Enhanced resources also contain a dictionary, images, maps etc. When you open an Enhanced Resource, a guide opens as well.

2.7: Open a dictionary

If you do not use an enhanced resource, you can open a source language dictionary with glosses in other languages.

- ≡ **Paratext** menu, under **Paratext > Open**



- Click **Dictionaries**
- Choose « A Concise Greek-English Dictionary of the New Testament » OR "Trilingual Hebrew-English Lexicon of the Old Testament"
- Click **OK**
- **View >**; choose a language (e.g. **French**)

Hint: It is useful to add dictionary windows to the autohide, (right-click on the tab name).

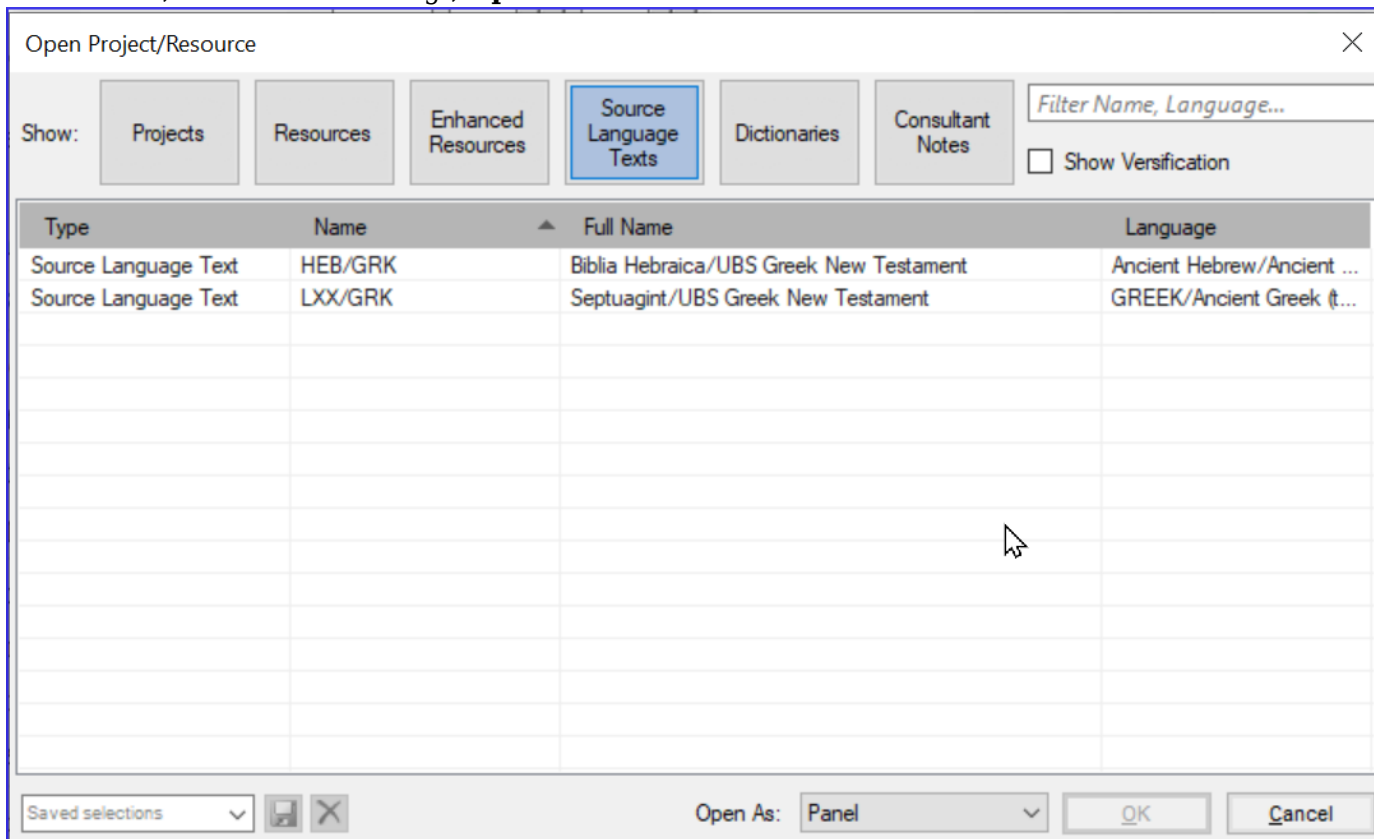
Other dictionaries (in English but with photos)

- "Plants and Trees in the Bible"
- "Animals in the Bible"

2.8: Working with the Source language text

You can open the source language text with glosses in an alternative language than English, e.g. French.

- ≡ **Paratext**, under **Paratext > Open**



- Click **Source Language Texts**
- Choose HEB/GRK
- Click **OK**
- ≡ **Tab** under **View > Additional glosses**
- Choose the project which has the glosses
- Click **OK**

3: **PP1 - Project plan and progress**

Introduction

You use the Project Plan to help organise your work and to see which tasks to do next. Once you have finished the task, you should mark it as completed so that you can report on what has been achieved. [If you have used an earlier version, you will see that it has dramatically improved in Paratext 9.]

Where are we?

Before you can use the plan, it must have been configured. [This is usually done by your project administrator who will add the appropriate organisational plan and configure it for your team.]

Why is this important?

There are so many tasks to be done in a translation project. It is important to have a system to make sure these are all done. Now that your plan has been configured, you can use the plan to see what tasks have been assigned to you to be done next. Then when you finish the task, you can mark the task as completed and see the next task to do. You can use this information to generate reports for supervisors and donors (see PP2: Project plan reporting).

What are we going to do?

You will mark a variety of tasks as complete. The exact steps will vary slightly depending on whether the task is set to once per project, once per book, or by chapter. The place to mark progress for all types of tasks is the Status column.

3.1: View tasks that need to be done

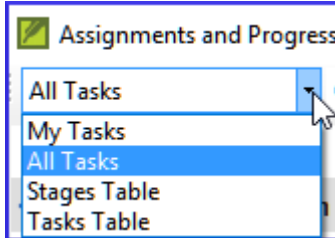
- In your project, click "Assignments and Progress" button



OR

[≡ Tab under Project menu, select Assignments and progress]

- From the first dropdown menu, choose either My tasks or All tasks



- A list of the various tasks and checks are displayed.

You can see more details on any task by clicking on the name of the task.

3.2: Identify the next task

The list of tasks shows the uncompleted tasks, each with a colored bar beside it.

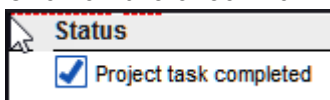
- Identify the next task for you need to do. It will have either a green or slashed green bar.
- Check that it is not waiting for another task. In this case it will have a red slash bar.
- Do the task (see other modules if necessary).

When the task is finished, see the instructions below to mark it as completed. (A check is completed when there are 0 issues.)

3.3: Mark a task as complete

3.3.1: Mark a book task as completed

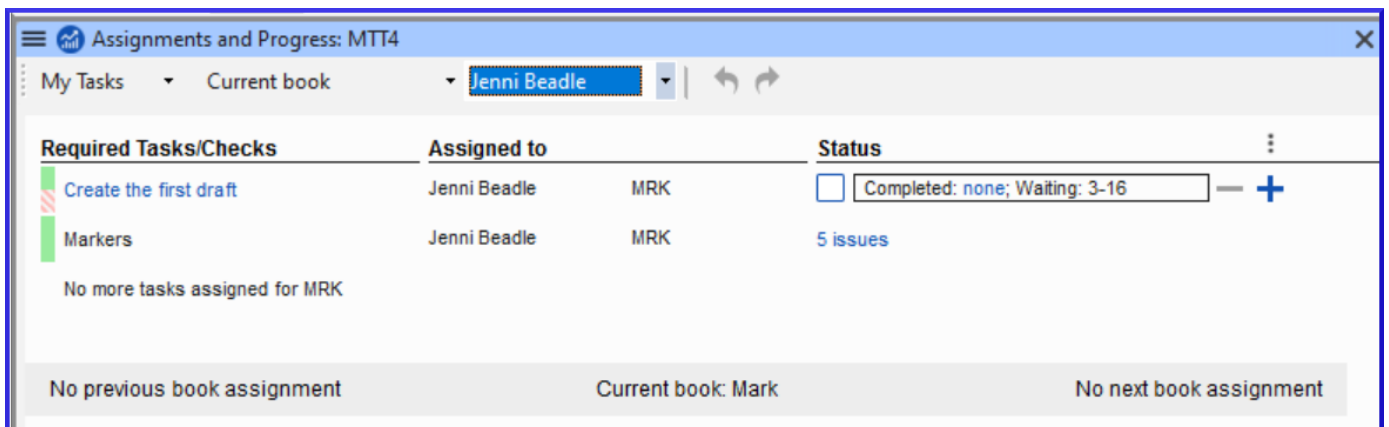
- Click on the checkmark to the left of the status.



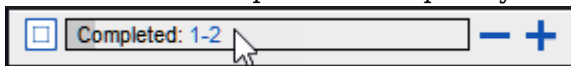
It should turn solid to show it is completed.

3.3.2: Mark a chapter task as completed

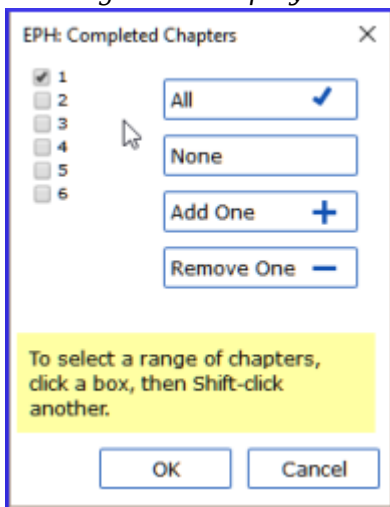
- Click + to mark the next chapter as complete



- To mark other chapters as complete you can click on the word **Completed**



A dialog box is displayed with a list of the chapters.



- Check the chapters that have been completed.

3.4: Checks

- If the task is a check, the status of the check will either say Setup required or it will show number of remaining issues.
- A check is complete when there are **No issues**.

3.4.1: Checks - setup required (Administrator)

- Click the blue link "Setup required"
Paratext 9 will run the appropriate inventory or open the settings for that check.
- Complete the setup as appropriate.
- Close the window when finished.

If there is more than one inventory required for a check (e.g. capitalization) you will need to set them up manually from the Checking menu.

3.4.2: Checks - issues

- Click on the blue link " issues"
A list of errors is displayed.
- Make the necessary corrections.
- Close the list result.
- ≡ **Paratext** under **Paratext** > **Save all** (or **Ctrl+s**).

- Return to the Project plan.

The check is considered complete with there are 0 issues. If you are unable to complete a check, it is possible to postpone the check to the next stage.

3.4.3: Postpone check

- ≡ **Tab**, under **Project** menu, select **Assignments and Progress**
- Change to **All tasks** view
- Hover over a check that has issues
- Click **Postpone** (which appears to the right of the Status column),
- Choose which stage you want to postpone the check
- Type the reason for postponing the check.
the check will move to that stage.

4: **KD - Keyboarding your draft**

Introduction

This module explains how to keyboard your draft translations into a project in Paratext 9.

Where we are

We are about to keyboard text into an existing project. Before you can do that, someone must have already installed the program and created a project for your data.

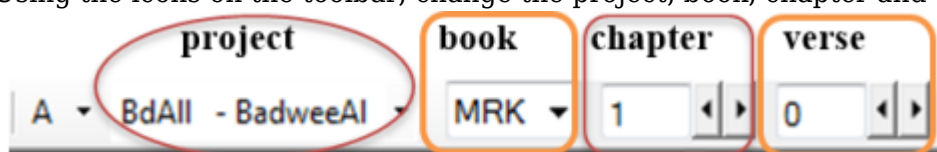
Why this is important

This is the first stage of entering your translation into the computer. Once the text has been typed, you can run various checks on the content and format of the text.

4.1: Go to a Biblical verse

Before you can start typing your text, you need to move your cursor to the right book, chapter and verse. You use the toolbar to do this.

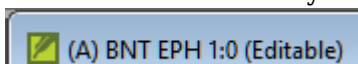
- Using the icons on the toolbar, change the project, book, chapter and verse as needed.



If you don't know the verse reference, you could use the **Find** feature to look for a word. Ctrl+F.

4.2: Check that the project is editable

- Look at the titlebar of your project.



The titlebar should have the word (Editable).

- If the book is not editable, and you need to edit it, you should talk with your project administrator.
- If it is not editable, try changing the view (see below).

4.3: Changing the view

Paratext 9 has five views. All but the Preview view are editable.

- **Ctrl + E** -or-
- **≡ Tab** under **View** menu, choose the view (usually Standard).

4.4: Typing special characters

Some orthographic characters are not found on the keyboard. To type these characters, you need to press more than one key.

- Change your keyboard system as needed on your computer.
- If you are using Keyman then choose your keyboard (e.g. Tchad Unicode (or for MS-Keyboards choose AF or TR/SQ/TZ/AF...))
- Type the keys as in the table in Appendix .

Note: You can use **≡ Tab** under **View > Highlight Invalid Characters** to quickly see if you have typed any invalid characters.

4.5: Adding text in another marker - title or introduction

Each piece of text needs to have a marker. The markers for the chapters and verses are already in your project. When you want to add text such as headings, or introductions etc you need to also add the appropriate marker as follows:

- Move your cursor to the end of the previous paragraph:
- Type **Enter** or type « ` ` »
- Type the marker (e.g. `s1` or `ip`) « **Enter** » (or select it from the list).
- Type the text
- Add a paragraph marker after the text (for example: `p`)

You must always have a USFM marker after a title and before the verse. This is usually `p` (paragraph), but it can be different (for example `q1`).

4.6: Add paragraph breaks

Dividing the text into paragraphs:

- Move the cursor to where you want to break the paragraph.
- Press **Enter**
- Type `p`, then **Enter**.

4.7: Saving your work

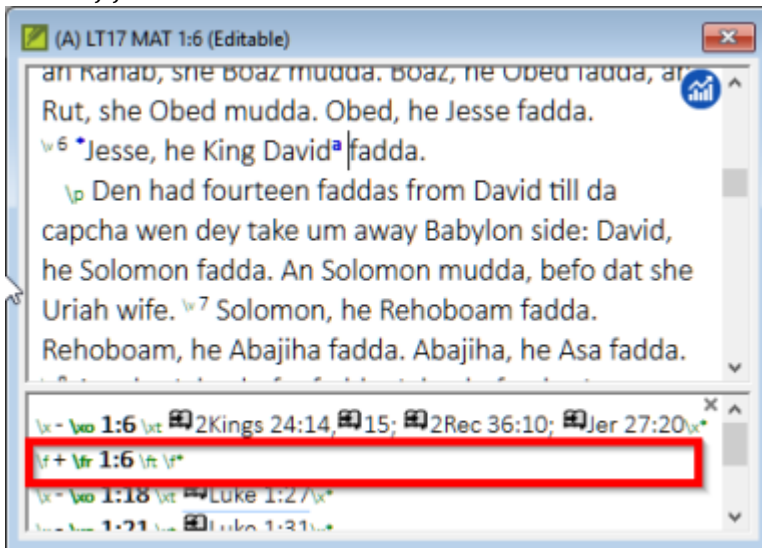
It is important to save your work regularly.

- ≡ **Paratext** under **Paratext** > **Save All**
- -or- **Ctrl + S**

4.8: Insert Footnotes

You can add footnotes in the text at the place where you want the reference to appear.

- Move the cursor to where you want to insert the footnote.
- ≡ **Tab**, under **Insert** > **Footnote**
- *A set of footnote markers is added in the box below the text*



- Type the text after the `\ft``

If you hover your mouse over the superscript letter the text of the footnote will be displayed in a tip box.

To change the footnote, click the superscript letter in the text.

To delete the footnote, you can delete the superscript letter.

4.9: Send/receive

It is essential to have a second copy of your translation and to share your work with others in your team. This is done by doing a send/receive as follows:

4.9.1: Send/receive this project to the Internet

- Make sure your computer is connected to the Internet.
- ≡ **Tab** under **Project**, > **Send/Receive this project**
- *Paratext will immediately send/Receive i.e. without offering the different options.*

4.9.2: Send/receive to the Internet

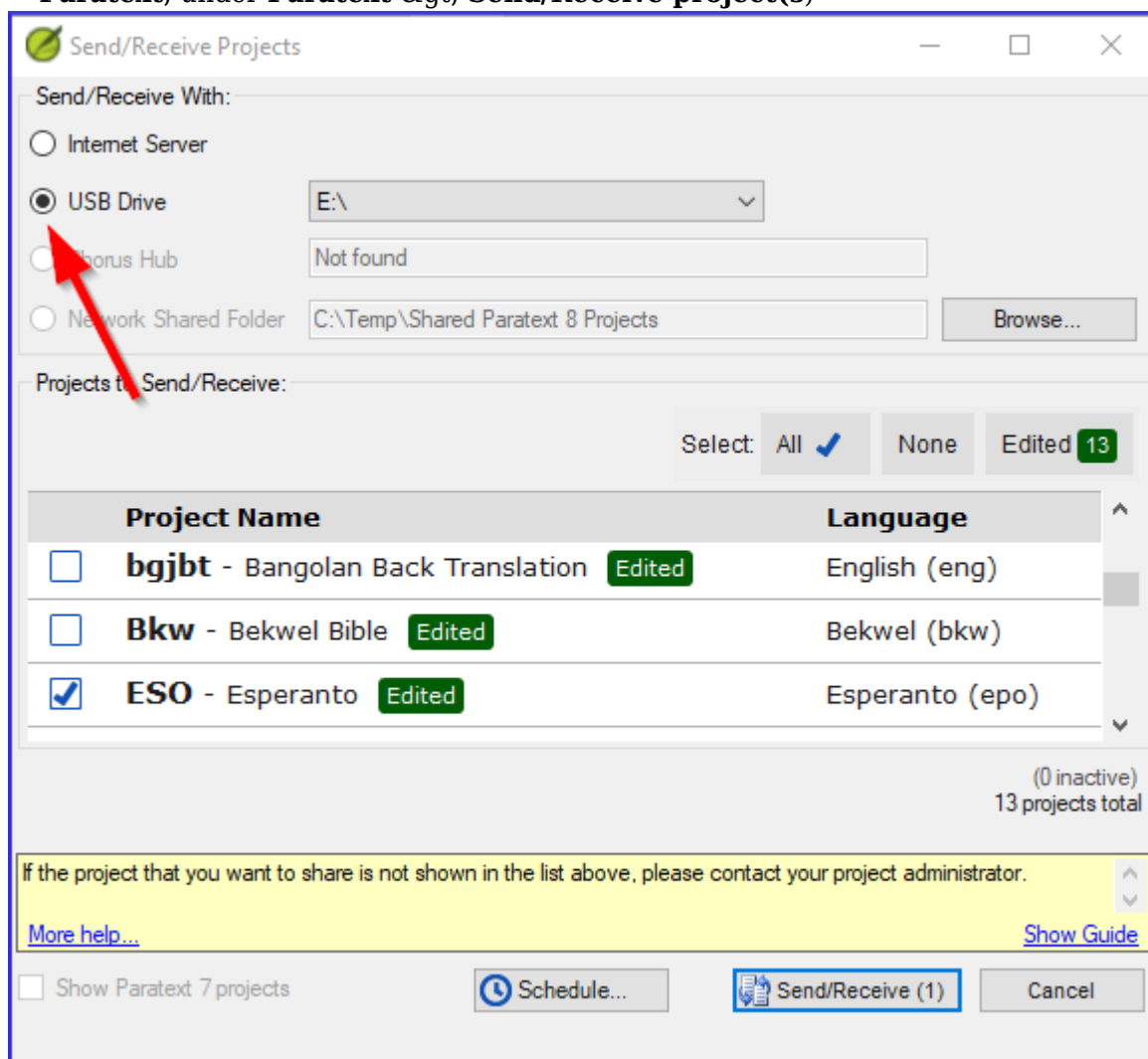
- Make sure your computer is connected to the Internet.
- If you want to send/receive other projects, or change the way to send/receive
- ≡ **Paratext** under **Paratext**, > **Send/Receive projects**
- Choose **Internet Server**
- Check the box next to the projects to Send/Receive.
- Click **Send/Receive**.

The computer will make a copy of your files. A progress meter will be displayed. A message box will appear if there are any problems.

4.9.3: Send/receive to a USB stick to backup your data

It is essential to have a second copy of your translation. If you don't have access to the Internet, then you can use a USB stick. To backup your data to a USB stick you do a send/receive as follows:

- Insert your USB key into your computer.
- ≡ **Paratext**, under **Paratext** > **Send/Receive project(s)**




- Choose **USB drive**.
- Check the box next to the projects to Send/Receive.
- Click **Send/Receive**.

The computer will make a copy of your files. A progress meter will be displayed. A message box will appear if there are any problems.

4.9.4: Send/Receive Again

The next time you want to send/receive you can use the toolbar to send/receive using the same settings as the previous time. This option does not allow you to choose a different method or different projects.

- Insert your USB stick into your computer or connect to the Internet.
- Click the Send/Receive icon .
Paratext will immediately send/Receive.

4.10: Moving your cursor efficiently

A lot of time is spent moving your cursor to the place where you need to add text or make corrections. Here are some useful keystrokes to move your cursor quickly.

- The arrow keys, ← ↑ → ↓
Home, **End**, **PgUp**, et **PgDn**,
F8 (chapter), **F9** (book)
- or **Ctrl** + any of those keys

4.11: Recall:

If the titlebar doesn't say `Editable` (or your name), you should try changing the __.

To add a different marker (such as section heading) you press __.

To add paragraph marker you type .

To insert a footnote, you use the **_ menu and choose** .

To send/receive, you use the menu then .

[Answers: view, enter or \, enter, Insert, Footnote, File, Send/receive]

5: **BC1 - Basic checks**

Introduction

In this module, you will check the chapters/verses and the markers using two methods: The Project plan and the project menus (Checking).

Where we are

You have typed your text in Paratext 9. Now you want to start checking. In this module we start with the first two basic checks. The remaining checks are covered in [12: BC2 - Basic Checks](#) and

Why this is important


These checks allow you to be sure that you have all the chapters and verses and that the other markers are correct. It is important to run the chapter/verse check first because all the other checks depend on it. Doing these checks allows you to complete the Drafting stage.



What you are going to do

You are going to run the first two basic checks using two different methods. The easiest way is to run the checks from the project plan. However, you can also do the checks from the project menu (**Tools**) if you need to check more than one book at a time.

5.1: Running checks from the project plan

It is easier to run the checks from the project plan.

- View the project plan by clicking on the icon (at the top right of your project window). 
- If there are any "issues" (errors), click the blue link to the right

Chapter/Verse Numbers	 (Unassigned) ▾	MAT 1-28	12 issues
Markers	 (Unassigned) ▾	MAT 1-28	20 issues

A windows appears with a list of the errors.


- Double-click a line in the list.
- Correct the error in your project.
- Double-click the next line in the list.
- Continue for each error.
- Click "**Rerun**" button to check that all the errors have been corrected.
- Close the results list window.
- Return to the project plan, and click on the link to show the issues from the markers check.

Video: See 'How to use Checking Tools (9.1 1.4).mp4' for examples of how to correct some common errors.

5.2: Running the checks from the menu

If you want to check more than one book at a time, you can run the checks from the project menu **Tools** menu.

5.2.1: « Chapter/ Verse »

- Click in your project window
-  **Tab**, under **Tools** > **Run Basic Checks**
- Check only **Chapter/verse numbers**
- Uncheck any other checks
- If necessary, click **Choose...** and choose the book you want to check
- Click **OK**

A windows appears with a list of the errors.

- Double-click a line in the list.
- Correct the error in your project.
- Double-click the next line in the list.
- Continue for all the errors.
- Click "**Rerun**" button to check that all the errors have been corrected.
- Close the results list window.

5.2.2: Markers check

- **≡ Tab**, under **Tools > Checking Inventories** then **Markers Inventory**
The list shows an overview of the markers in your text. You cannot change anything but you can look for markers which may be errors.
- Close the marker inventory.
- **≡ Tab**, under **Tools > Run Basic Checks**
- Check the **Markers**
- Click **OK**
- Correct any errors.

6: PP2 - Project progress

Introduction

In this module, you will learn how to update your progress by marking tasks as completed. You will also create a progress report.

Where we are

You have been working on your translation and have finished a task. You now want to update your progress.

Why this is important

For the project plan to work well, you need to mark the tasks you have finished. This allows Paratext 9 to make the next task available for the other team members. It also gives Paratext accurate information on your progress for the reports. Creating a progress reports helps you prepare a report for your supervisors and funders.


What you are going to do

You will open the assignments and progress window and update the progress made. You will then produce a report.

6.1: Make sure the progress of the plan is up to date

- Open the project plan (using the button)
- Update the progress on all tasks (see PP1 for instructions on each type of task).

6.2: Change an assignment

 This can only be done if you have progress permissions.

- From the **≡ Tab**, under **Project** menu, select **Assignments and Progress....**
- From the first drop-down list at the top left of the dialog, select **All Tasks**.
- In the "**Assigned to**" column, use the drop-down list to choose who will have responsibility for the task or check (listed in the "**Task/Check**" column at the far left).


6.3: Produce a progress report

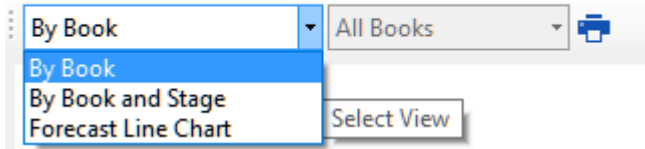
- From the **Tools** menu, select **Project Health Report....**
- Choose the project(s) to report
- Click **OK**.

The report will contain a column for each project you selected.

6.4: View team progress charts

- From the ≡ **Tab**, under **Project** menu, select **Progress charts....**

 Team Progress Charts: PTP



- Use the first dropdown box to choose the type of chart
- Choose the books as necessary.
- Click the print icon
A window opens
- Click the **Print** icon
- Choose your printer (or PDF printer)
- Click **OK**.

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