

OHDSI ATLAS localization code enablement to support international adoption

INTRO:

The success of adoption of tools and platforms is directly linked to the ability of the users to understand terminology used. Till today, it required all ATLAS users to understand quite complex terminology in English language. This is especially an issue in those countries where English does not have a deep footprint within the local population, including in South Korea, China, and Japan.

To enable wider adoption of ATLAS across the world, it was proposed to develop code to support local languages.

METHODS:

ATLAS localization support was enabled by removing text directly embedded into the HTML labels and moving it into a standardized JSON based structure. All labels were given a unique identifier. This label identifier - together with a language specific code as per ISO 639-2(1) standard - was associated with a translation into that language:

- LABEL_ID, ISO LANGUAGE CODE, TRANSLATION

For example, the label for the Home page title is stored like this

- PAGE_HOME_TITLE1, en, "Welcome to ATLAS"
- PAGE_HOME_TITLE1, zh, "欢迎使用ATLAS"
- PAGE_HOME_TITLE1, ko, "ATLAS에 오신 것을 환영합니다"
- PAGE_HOME_TITLE1, ru, "Добро пожаловать в Атлас"

RESULTS:

The team has successfully implemented the ATLAS localization, including code framework translation into 3 languages, including Chinese, Korean and Russian. The translations were provided by Ajou University, EvidNet, IQVIA and Odysseus.

Localization is the process of adapting internationalized software for a specific region or language.



Fig. 1: Home page in Korean

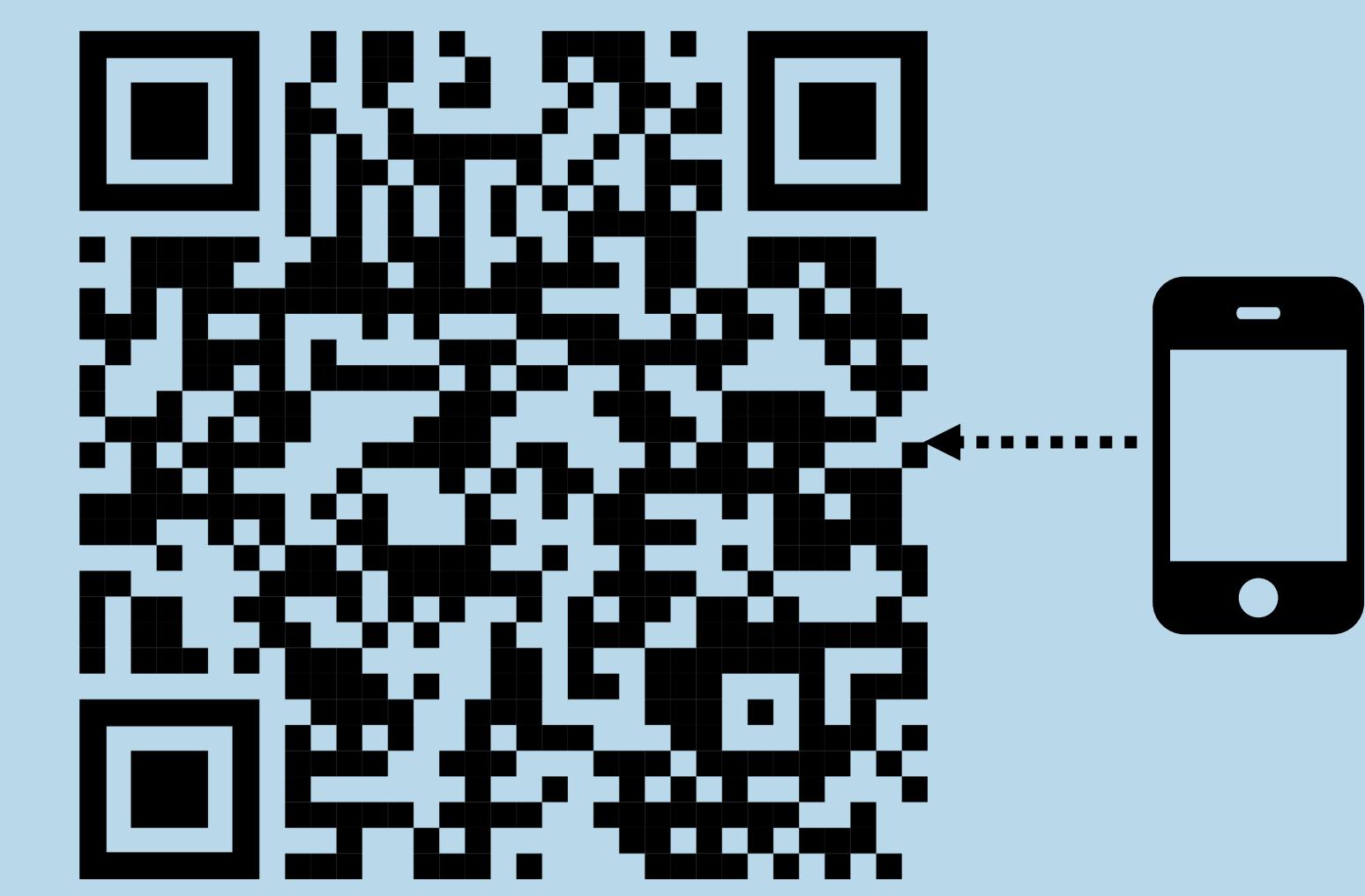
Fig. 2: Characterization page in Russian

Fig. 3: Cohort definition page in Chinese

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