

Translating automatically (scheduled task)

After the initial translation, TranslatePilot can take over the daily routine: the bundled task plugin translates new and changed articles on a schedule through Joomla's task scheduler — with exactly the same safeguards as the backend.

Creating the task

1. *System* → *Scheduled Tasks* → *New* and pick the type "**TranslatePilot: Translate articles**".
2. Set an execution rule — say hourly, or nightly.
3. Fill in the task parameters (below) and save.

The task runs the way Joomla intends: through the built-in web trigger, a cron call of `cli/joomla.php scheduler:run`, or the "Test run" button in the task list.

The task parameters

- **User for scheduled runs** (required). Translations are saved under this user when no backend user is logged in. The user needs the permission to create and edit articles.
- **"Regular automatic backups are in place."** The backup confirmation, given per click in the backend, becomes a standing declaration for scheduled runs: as long as this is not consciously set to "Yes", the task does not run.
- **Backup file** (optional) with **maximum age**. When you enter the path of the most recent backup file, the task checks before every run that the file exists, is not empty and is young enough. A silently failed backup job then also stops the translation — instead of writing without a net for weeks.

What the automation does not lower

- **The approval.** Without a reviewed sample of the current profile, provider and model, the task aborts with a clear message. Change the profile and the cron stops until a human approves again.
- **Cost and batch limit** apply per run as in the backend.
- **The mirroring steps** (menu, footer, templates) deliberately never run on a schedule — they are rare structural interventions with a preview, not continuous operation.

Behaviour with large stocks

Every run translates at most one batch and respects a time budget. What no longer fits into the run is taken over by the next one — the state is recorded per article. A large stock is worked off over several runs without anything getting lost.

You find each run's log in the task list at the respective entry; additionally TranslatePilot writes its own log into the Joomla log directory.

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