

mod.lua and strings.lua - Explaining the content and requirements

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1 Official Format by Urban Games (mod.lua)

The basic format of the mod.lua file that is required for each mod in the root directory

Code: mod.lua

```
function data()
return {
    name = _("Sample mod"),
    description = _("modDesc"),
    minorVersion = 0,
    severityAdd = "WARNING",
    severityRemove = NONE,
    visible = true,
},
    -- options
    -- runFn
    -- checkActiveFn
}
end
```

Alles anzeigen

2 Additional Information for TPFMM

Basic Information

Code

```
tfnetId = 0, -- optional, transportfever
steamId = 0, -- optional, steam
url = "https://transportfever.net" -- optional, url to mod homepage
```

Authors

Code

```
authors = {
    {
        name = "Author 1",
        role = "CREATOR", -- CREATOR, CO_CREATOR, TESTER, BASED_ON, OTHER
        tfnetId = 00000, -- optional, id at transport
        steamId = 0000,
    },
},
```

Tags

Code

```
tags = { "tag1", "tag2", "tag3" }, --optional, list of tags
```

Dependencies

Define dependencies to other mods that are required in order for the mod to function as desired, not evaluated by the game but informs mod managers which other mods to download. For the download, at least one online source has to be defined

Code

```
dependencies = { "other_mod_1", "another_mod_1", "third_mod_1" },
```

3 Translations (strings.lua)

All strings put in `_( " " )` will be translated based on the strings.lua file:

Code

```
function data()
    ["my mod"] = "Mein Mod", -- call to _("my mod") will be
    ["the"]
end
```

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[box]Note:

If a variable is passed to the `_( )` function, the content of the variable, not the variable name itself is passed to the function. This, in combination with global variables in lua lead to the scenario in which description and name of multiple mods where overwritten by each other in a beta patch of Transport Fever. Although this is fixed by now, Urban Games and strongly advises to only use local variables. **Pesonally, I advice to not use**

<https://dev.transportfever.net/lexicon/entry/192-mod-lua-and-strings-lua-explaining-the-content-and-requirements/>

variables for the translation function.

4 Example Files

Very simple file with single author

Code: mod.lua

```
function data()
return {
    {
        name = "My first train mod",
        desc = "This is my first train mod. Have fun!",
        tags = "Train, Mod",
    },
    {
        name = "Das ist mein erster Zug Mod",
        desc = "Das ist mein erster Zug Mod. Viel Spaß!",
        tags = "Zug, Mod",
    },
}
end
```

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Code: strings.lua

```
function data()
return {
    {
        name = "My first train mod",
        desc = "This is my first train mod. Have fun!",
        tags = "Train, Mod",
    },
    {
        name = "Das ist mein erster Zug Mod",
        desc = "Das ist mein erster Zug Mod. Viel Spaß!",
        tags = "Zug, Mod",
    },
}
end
```

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A repaint mod, that requires the mod defined above

Code: mod.lua

```
function  
return
```

```
data()  
{  
info
```

```
{  
  
},  
{  
  
},  
},  
},  
}  
end
```

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Code: strings.lua

```
function  
  
  
},  
  
},  
}  
end
```

Alles anzeigen

```
tags      dependencies      =      "train", {  
          {"repaint",
```

```
data()  
  
["name"]  
["desc"]  
  
["name"]  
["desc"]      =
```