

How to Configure International Settings on Windows

International settings on Windows are crucial for users who work in multilingual environments or need to adjust their system settings to match regional preferences. These settings include language, date and time formats, currency, and keyboard layouts. Proper configuration ensures that the system behaves as expected and meets the user's regional requirements. This article will guide you through the steps to configure international settings on a Windows machine, using both graphical interfaces and command-line tools.

Examples:

1. Using the Control Panel:

- Open the Control Panel by typing Control Panel in the Start menu search bar and pressing Enter.
- Navigate to "Clock and Region" and then click on "Region."
- In the "Formats" tab, you can select the format for date, time, and currency.
- Switch to the "Location" tab to set your home location.
- Go to the "Administrative" tab and click on "Copy settings" to apply the settings to the welcome screen and new user accounts.
- Click "OK" to save the changes.

2. Using Windows Settings:

- Open the Settings app by pressing Windows + I.
- Go to "Time & Language."
- Select "Language" from the left pane.
- Under "Preferred languages," click "Add a language" to install a new language pack.
- Set the newly added language as the display language by clicking on it and selecting "Set as default."
- Navigate to "Region" to adjust the regional format and location settings.

3. Using PowerShell:

- Open PowerShell as an administrator.
- To list all available languages, use the command:

```
Get-WinUserLanguageList
```

- To add a new language, use:

```
Set-WinUILanguageOverride -Language "fr-FR"
```

Replace "fr-FR" with the desired language code.

- To set the system locale, use:

```
Set-WinSystemLocale -SystemLocale "fr-FR"
```

- To set the input method, use:

```
Set-WinUserLanguageList -LanguageList "fr-FR" -Force
```

4. Using Command Prompt:

- Open Command Prompt as an administrator.
- To change the system locale, use:

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control intl.cpl,, /f:"C:\path\to\your\locale.xml"
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Create an XML file with the desired locale settings and replace "C:\path\to\your\locale.xml" with the path to your XML file.