

How to Set Preferred Languages in Windows

Setting preferred languages in Windows is an essential task for users who operate in multilingual environments or need to use applications in different languages. This guide will walk you through the steps to configure your preferred languages on a Windows system. This is particularly important for ensuring that your operating system and applications display content in your desired language, improving usability and productivity.

Examples:

1. Adding a Preferred Language:

- **Step 1:** Open the Settings app by pressing Win + I.
- **Step 2:** Navigate to "Time & Language" and then select "Language".
- **Step 3:** Click on "Add a language" and select the language you wish to add from the list.
- **Step 4:** Click "Next" and then "Install" to add the language pack.

```
# PowerShell script to add a language pack
$Language = "fr-FR"
Add-
WindowsPackage -Online -PackagePath "C:\LanguagePacks\$Language.cab"
```

2. Setting a Preferred Language:

- **Step 1:** After adding the language, go back to the "Language" settings.
- **Step 2:** Click on the newly added language and select "Set as default".
- **Step 3:** Restart your computer to apply the changes.

```
# PowerShell script to set the preferred language
$Language = "fr-FR"
Set-WinUILanguageOverride -Language $Language
Set-WinUserLanguageList -LanguageList $Language -Force
```

3. Changing the Display Language:

- **Step 1:** In the "Language" settings, click on the language you want to set as your display language.
- **Step 2:** Click on "Options" and then download the language pack if it is not already installed.
- **Step 3:** Once downloaded, go back and set it as the display language.

```
# PowerShell script to change the display language
$Language = "fr-FR"
```

```
Set-WinUILanguageOverride -Language $Language
```

4. Removing a Language:

- **Step 1:** Go to "Language" settings.
- **Step 2:** Click on the language you want to remove and select "Remove".

```
# PowerShell script to remove a language pack  
$Language = "fr-FR"  
Remove-  
WindowsPackage -Online -PackagePath "C:\LanguagePacks\$Language.cab"
```