

# Time Zone & Locale

## Time zone

Create a symbolic link to your local time zone at `/etc/localtime` and sync the time with the local hardware clock:

```
In -sf /usr/share/zoneinfo/Europe/Berlin /etc/localtime  
hwclock --systohc
```

## Localization

Edit `/etc/locale.gen` and uncomment `en_US.UTF-8 UTF-8` and other desired locales (prefer UTF-8):

```
nano /etc/locale.gen
```

**NOTE:** You can search in `nano` using CTRL + W.

Generate the locales by running:

```
locale-gen
```

Set which locales and keyboard layout the system should use for messages and documentation (`man` pages):

```
echo "LANG=de_DE.UTF-8" > /etc/locale.conf  
echo "KEYMAP=de-latin1" > /etc/vconsole.conf
```

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