

Time Zone & Locale

Time zone

Use `timedatectl` to check which time zone your system is currently set to:

```
Local time: Tue 2025-09-23 20:04:39 UTC
Universal time: Tue 2025-09-23 20:04:39 UTC
RTC time: Tue 2025-09-23 20:04:39
Time zone: UTC (UTC, +0000)
System clock synchronized: yes
NTP service: active
RTC in local TZ: no
```

If the time zone doesn't match with the one you live in (e.g. if it says UTC), use the `set-timezone` command to change it:

NOTE: To list all available time zones, use the `list-timezones` command. Search for town names with `/` (search is case-sensitive). Alternatively, there's a [website](#) to help you pick the correct one by country.

```
timedatectl set-timezone Europe/Berlin
```

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
```

Revision #5

Created 2022-02-12 00:55:43 UTC by Sebin

Updated 2025-12-21 15:32:15 UTC by Sebin