

# Customize date and time in Windows

This is likely one of very few tips in Windows.

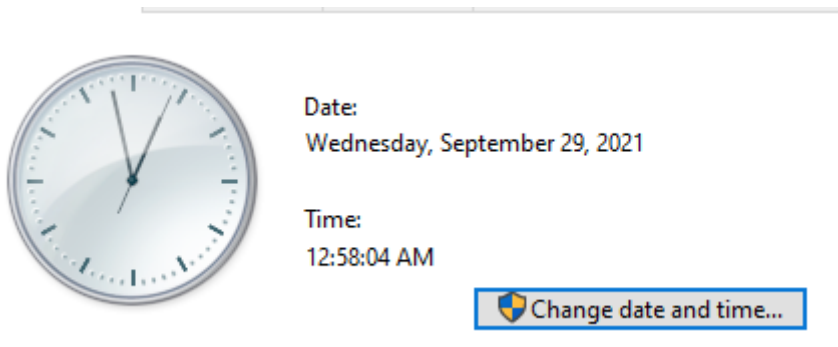
Since Windows 8, Windows is stuck in a phase of migrating settings from the old *Control Panel* to the new *Settings*. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, until you realize that these migrations like dropping features along the way. Then you end up with fractured and incomplete settings. This is the case for *Date & Time* setting section as well. I have Windows in English, but want date/time in a different format, that isn't available under the locale. Fortunately, the old *Control Panel* allows you to define your own date and time formats. This tip works as of Windows 10 version 20H2, you never know when Microsoft decides to break this.

Navigate to *Control Panel* --> *Date and Time*



Date and Time


*Change date and time*



*Change calendar settings*

Date: Time:

September 2021						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



12:58:28 AM

[Change calendar settings](#)

OK Cancel

### Additional settings

Examples

Short date: 2021-09-29

Long date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Short time: 00:58

Long time: 12:58:38 AM

Additional settings...

Here you will find four tabs regarding Numbers, Currency, Time and Date. Click on Date for example and you can define you own date formats with y, m and d.

Customize Format

Numbers Currency Time Date

Example

Short date: 2021-09-29

Long date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Date formats

Short date: yyyy-MM-dd

Long date: dddd, MMMM d, yyyy

What the notations mean:  
d, dd = day; ddd, dddd = day of week; M = month; y = year

Calendar

When a two-digit year is entered, interpret it as a year between:

1950 and 2049

First day of week: Monday

Click Reset to restore the system default settings for numbers, currency, time, and date.

Reset

OK Cancel Apply

For the classic ISO style date `2021-09-29`, type `yyyy-MM-dd` into the `Short date` field.

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