

# Customize date and time in Windows

This is likely one of very few tips in Windows.

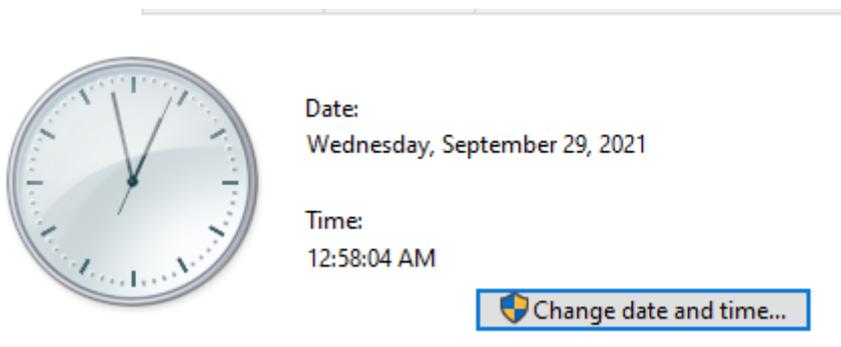
Since Windows 8, Windows is stuck in a phase of migrating settings from the old *Control Panel* to the new *Settings*. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, until you realize that these migrations like dropping features along the way. Then you end up with fractured and incomplete settings. This is the 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*

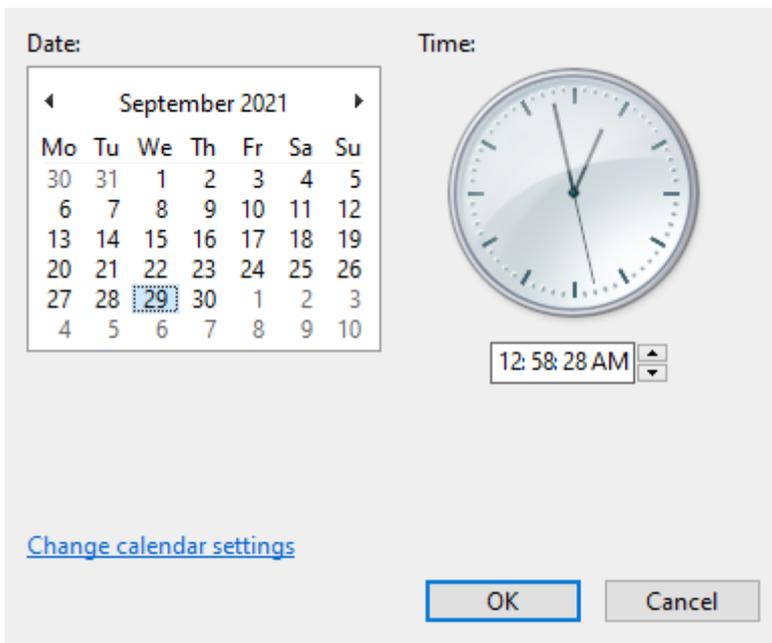


Date and Time

*Change date and time*



*Change calendar settings*



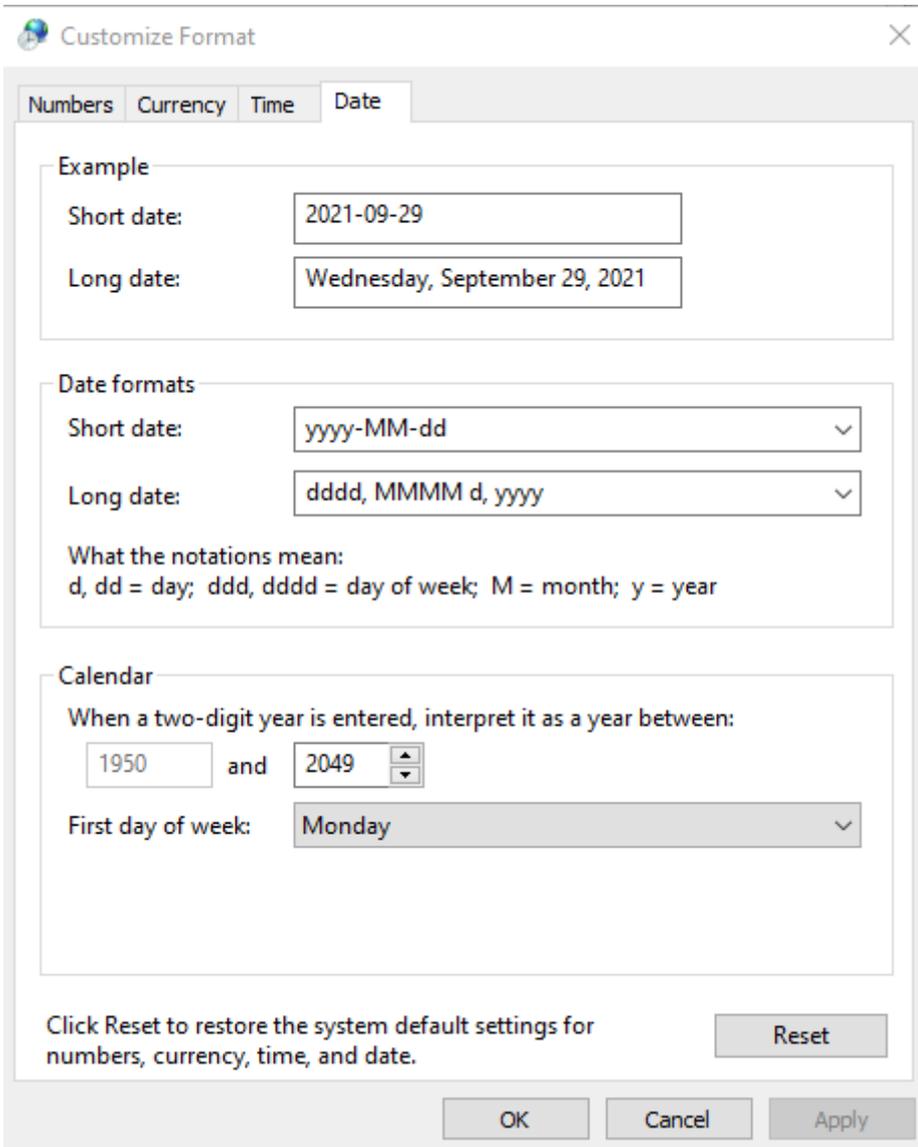
### Additional settings

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`.



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

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