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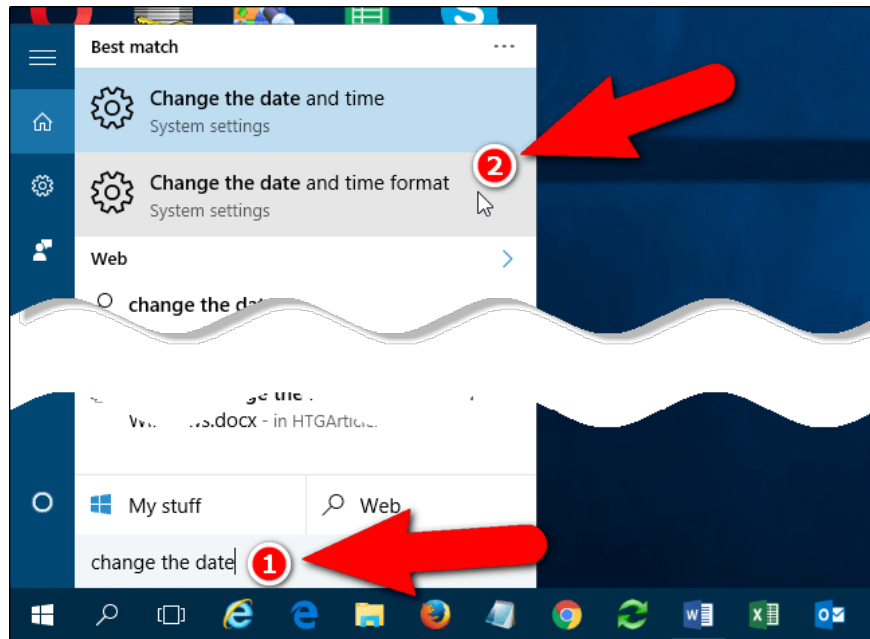
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See also: [Change the slash to a dot in Excel format](#)

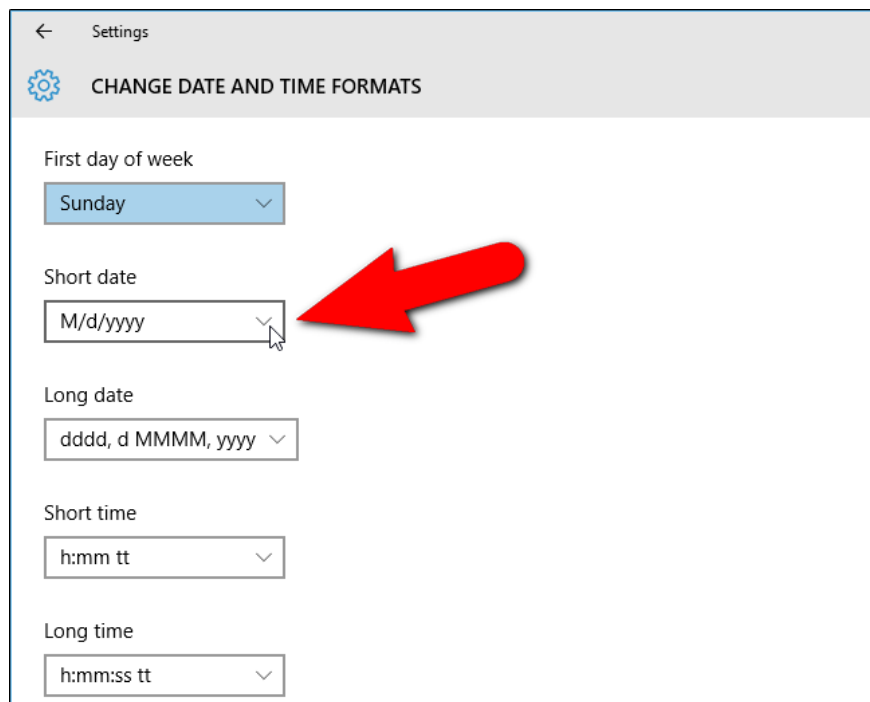


1. How to access date and time format settings on Windows 10?

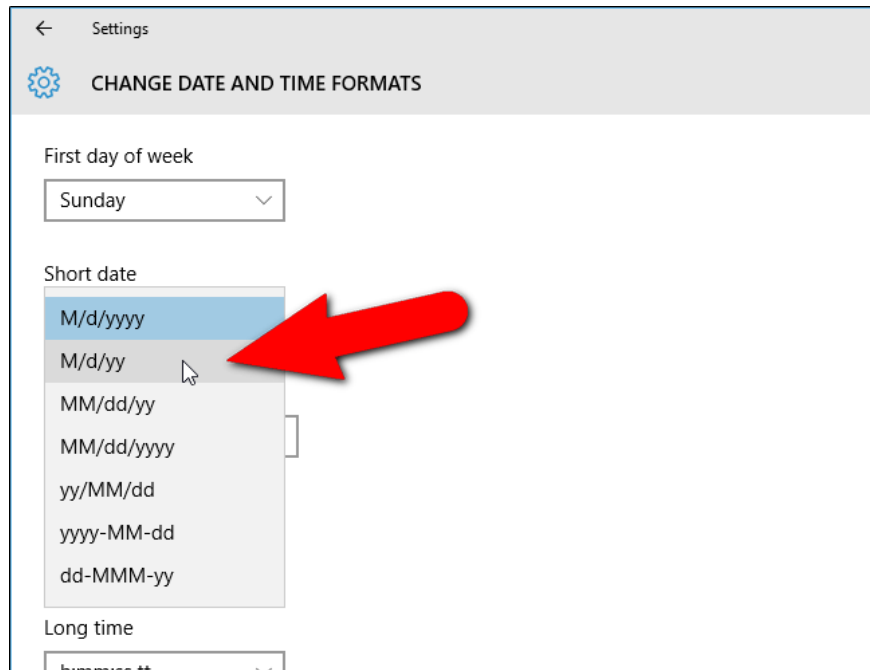
First enter the keyword **change the date** in the Search box on Windows 10. Then click **Change the date and time format** on the list of search results.



On the date and time format interface, you can select different formats in Short date, Long date, Short time and Long time.

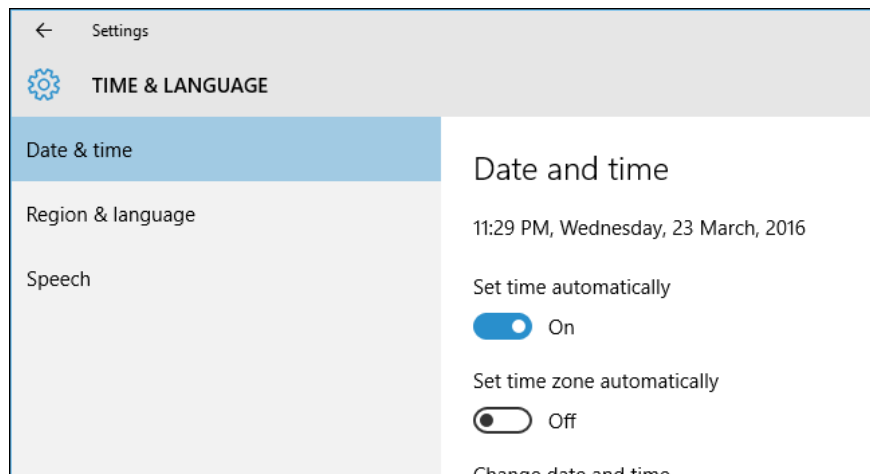


Also if you can't find the date and time format you want on the options list. For example, on the options list, only the date and time format use the slash that you want to use the date and time format as a dot. In this case you can access the Control Panel interface to set the date and time format you want.

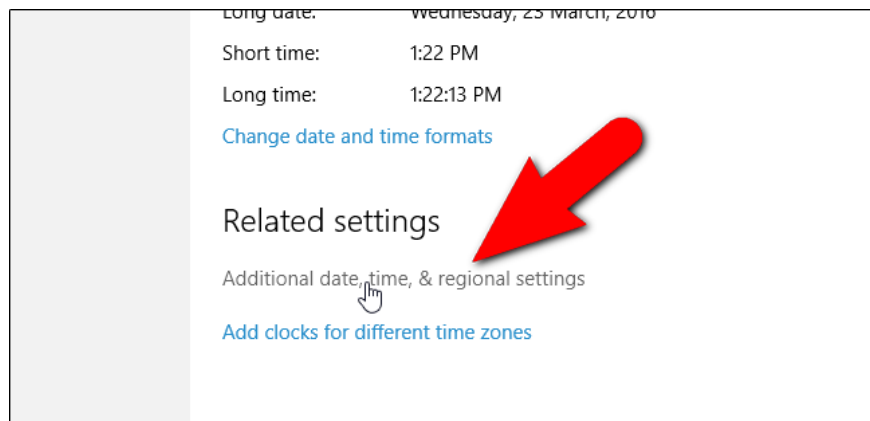


To access the Control Panel interface, click the return arrow at the top left corner of the Setting interface.

You will now return to the Date & Time interface in Time and Language Settings (Time & Language).

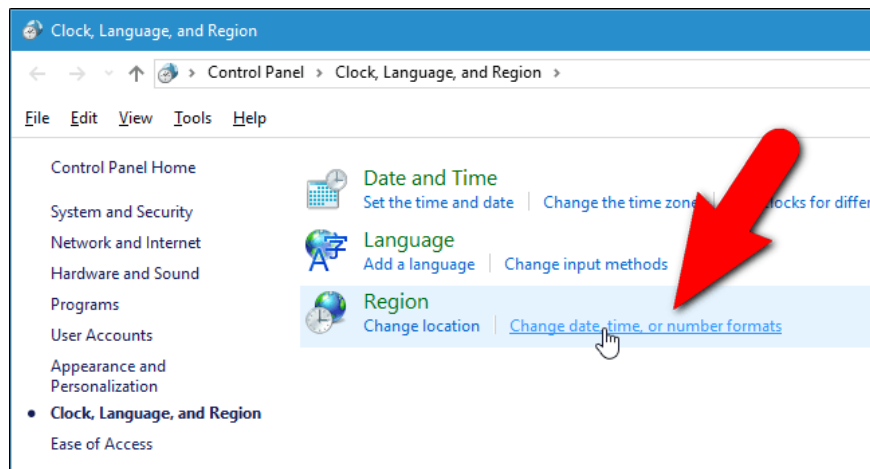


On the Date & Time interface in the right pane, scroll down to find and click the **Additional date, time, and regional settings link** under Related settings.



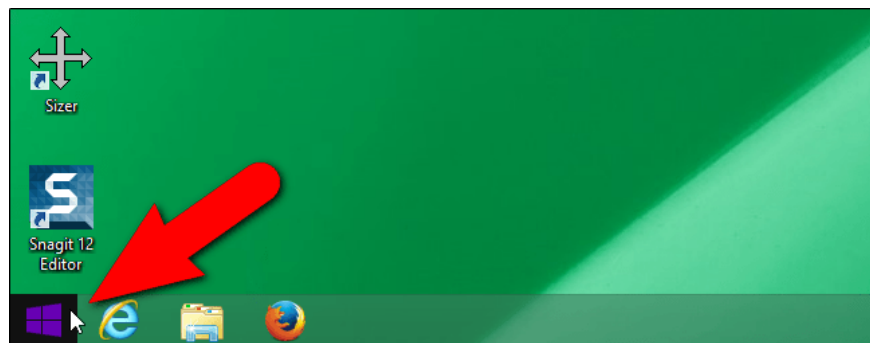
This time the screen will display the Clock, Language, and Region interface.

Here in the Region section in the right pane, click the **Change date link , time, or number formats** to open the Region dialog box.

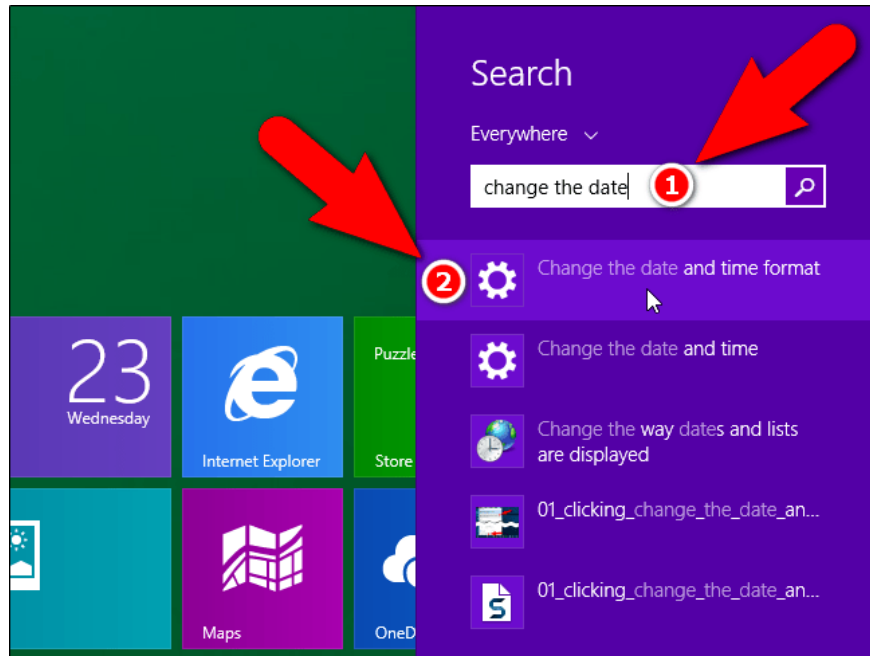


2. How to access date and time format settings on Windows 8.1?

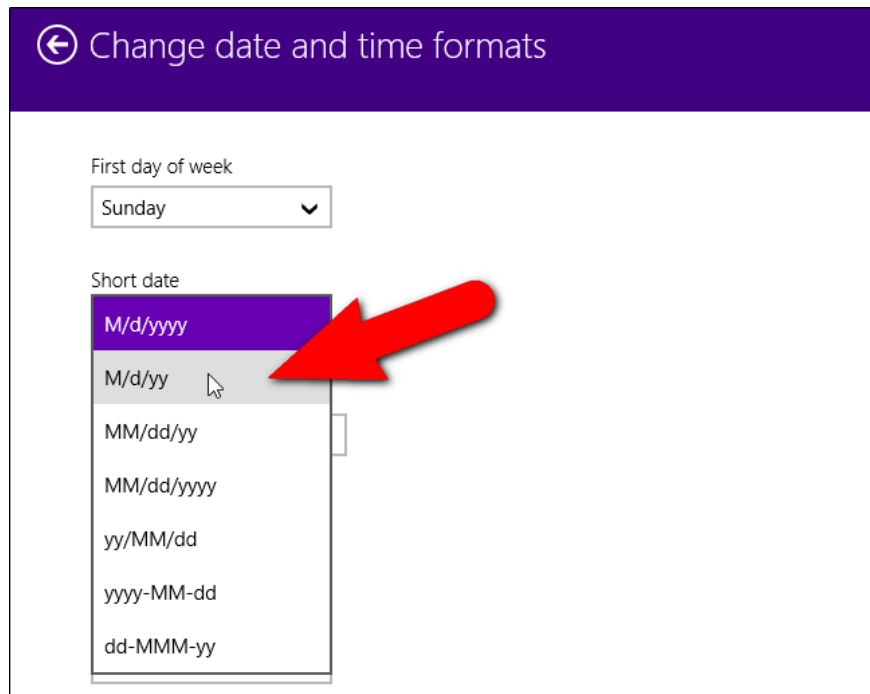
On the Desktop screen, click the **Start** button in the bottom left corner of the screen.



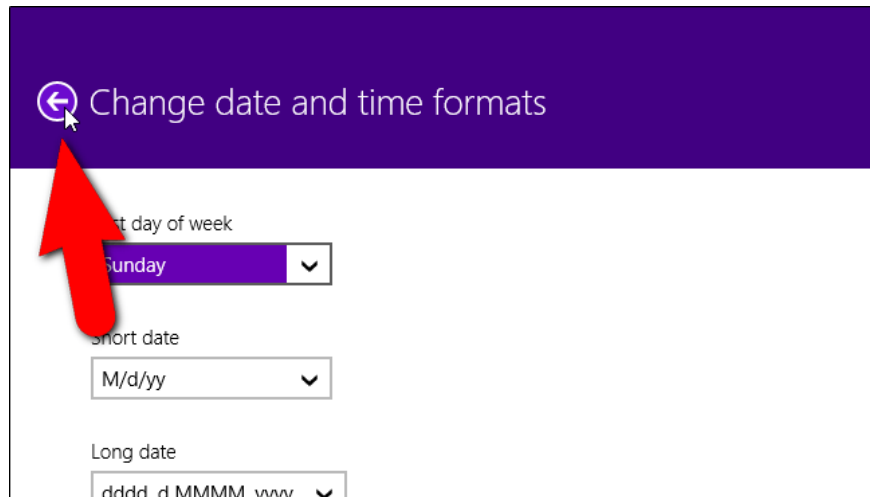
Or on the Start Screen screen, you enter the keyword **change the date** into the Search frame and then select **Change the date and time format** in the list of search results.



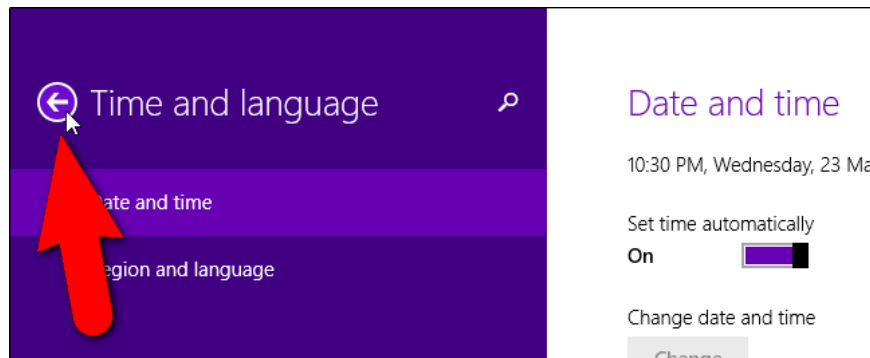
On the Change date and time formats interface, you can select different date and time formats. However, if you want to change the slash to a dot in date and time format, you must also set up the Control Panel as in Windows 10.



To access Control Panel on Windows 8.1, click the back arrow icon in the top left corner of the Change date and time formats interface.



Then click the back arrow on the Time and Language interface again.

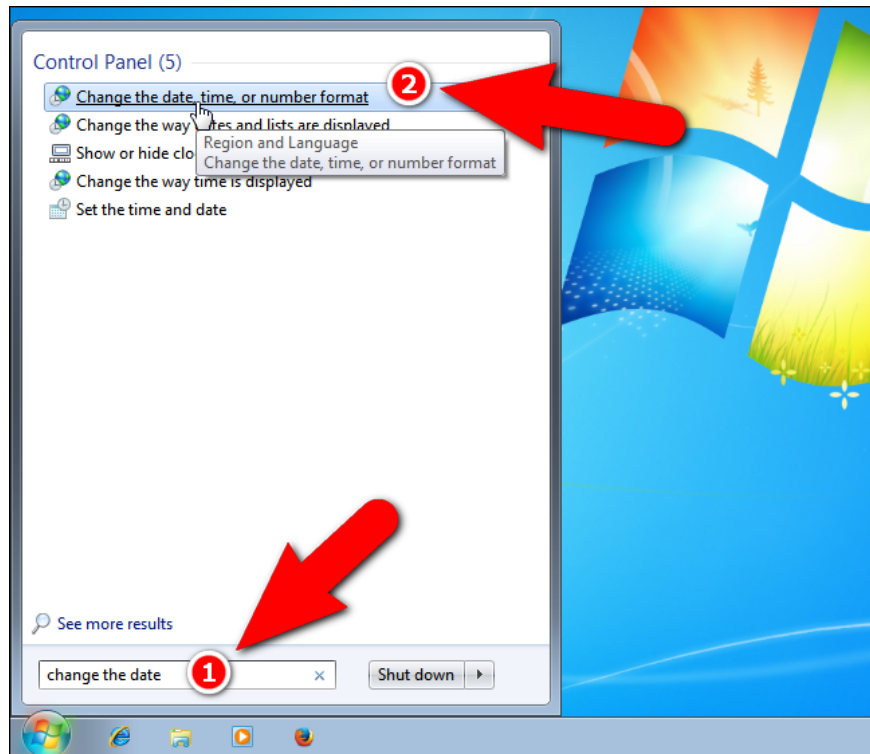


In the bottom left corner of the Computer settings interface.

On the Control Panel interface, click the **Change date** link , **time**, or **number formats** under the Clock, Language, and Region section to open the Region dialog box. In the Region dialog box you can set custom date and time formats.

3. How to access the Date and Time installation interface on Windows 7?

To access the Date and Time installation interface on Windows 7, first click the Start Menu button and enter the keyword **change the date** into the Search frame.

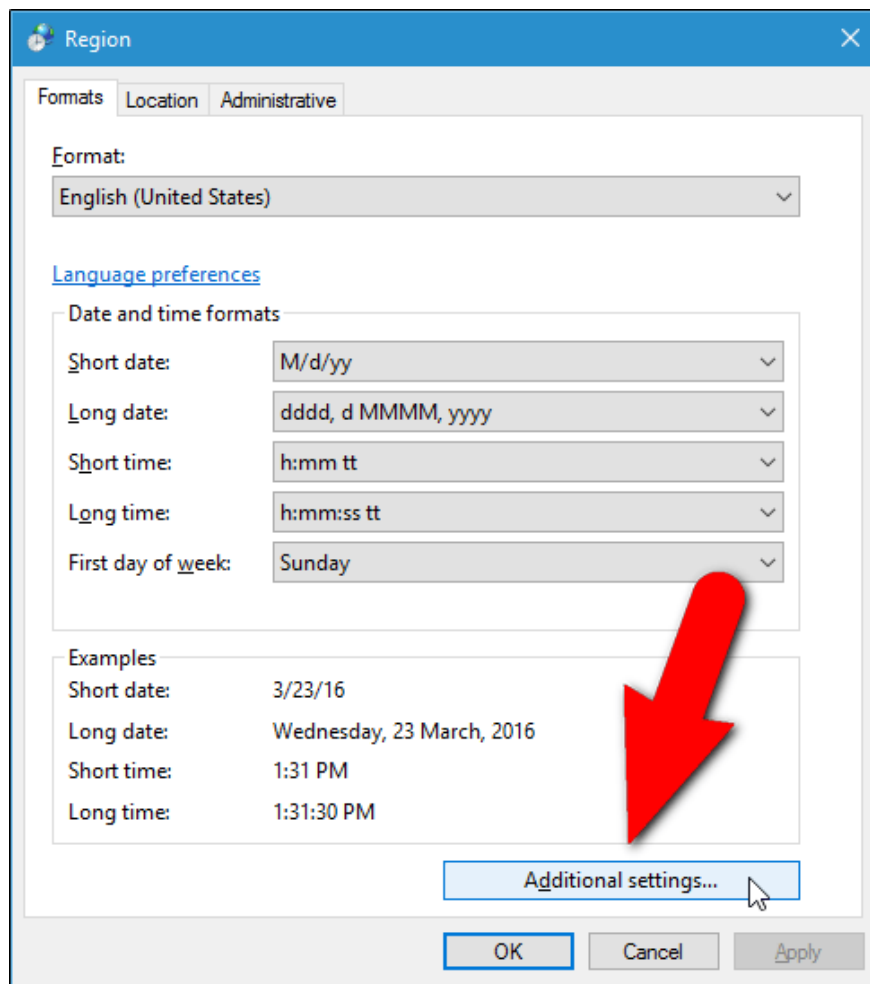


Next click on the link **Change the date, time, or number format** in the search results list to open the Region dialog box.

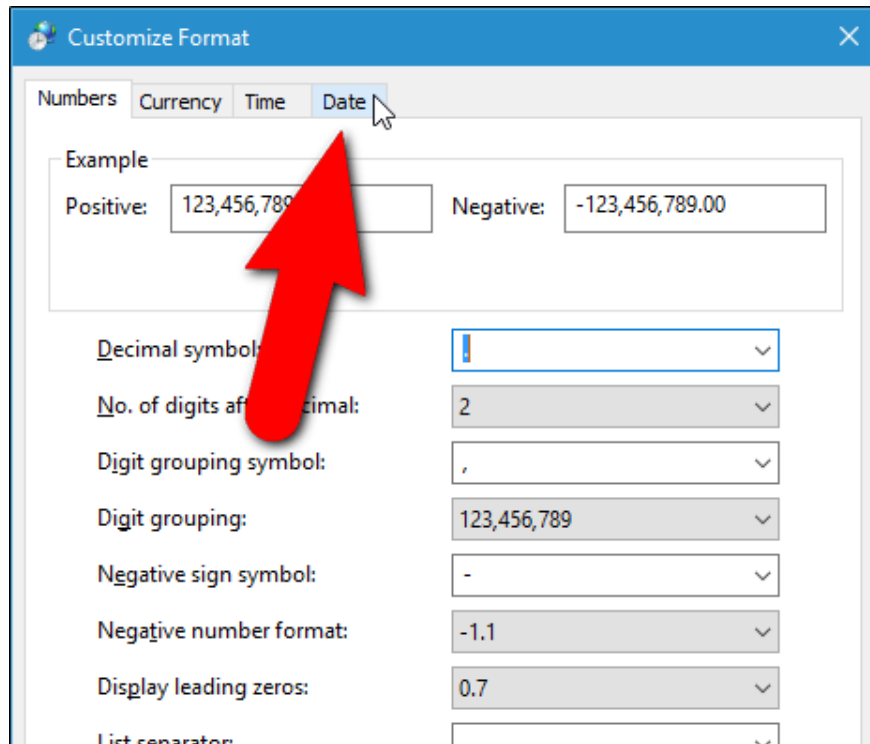
4. Customize date and time format on Windows 10, 8.1 and 7

If you are using Windows 10 and 8.1, in the Region dialog box, proceed to check if the Format card is enabled.

If not, click the Format tab to activate it. Then click select **Additional settings** at the bottom of the card.



On the Customize Format dialog box, click the **Date** tab.

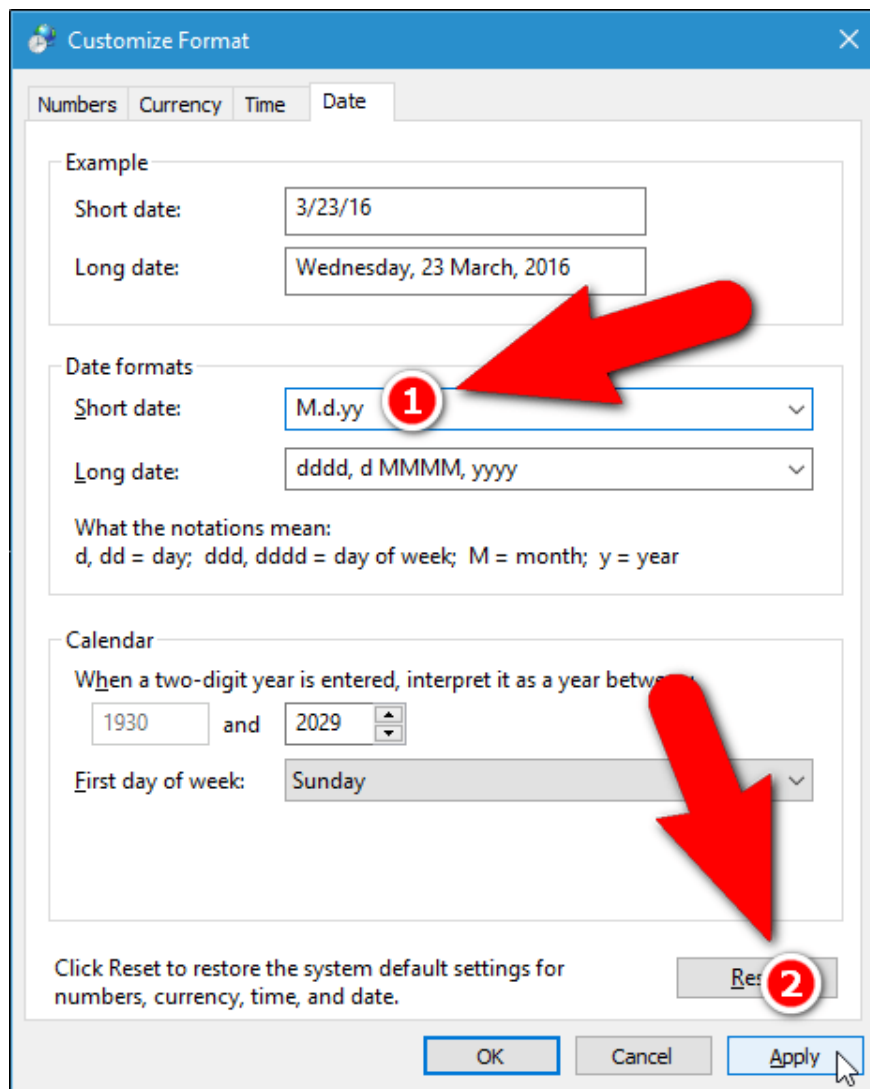


In the Date format section, in the Short Date drop-down menu, you can select different formats, and can edit the date formats here.

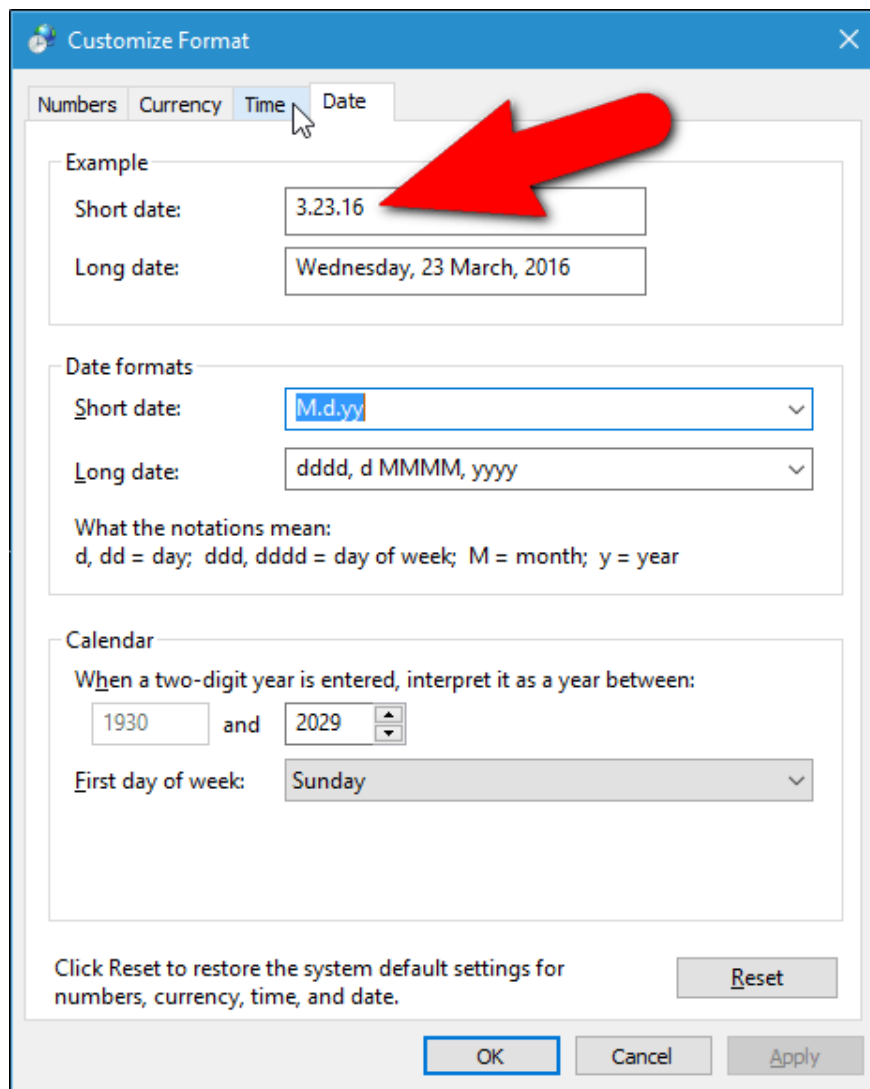
Just enter the date format you want to use in the Short Date box. Such as the month.year.year format.

Click on the downward arrow to select different formats such as MM.dd.yyyy, . Example 03.09.2016, .

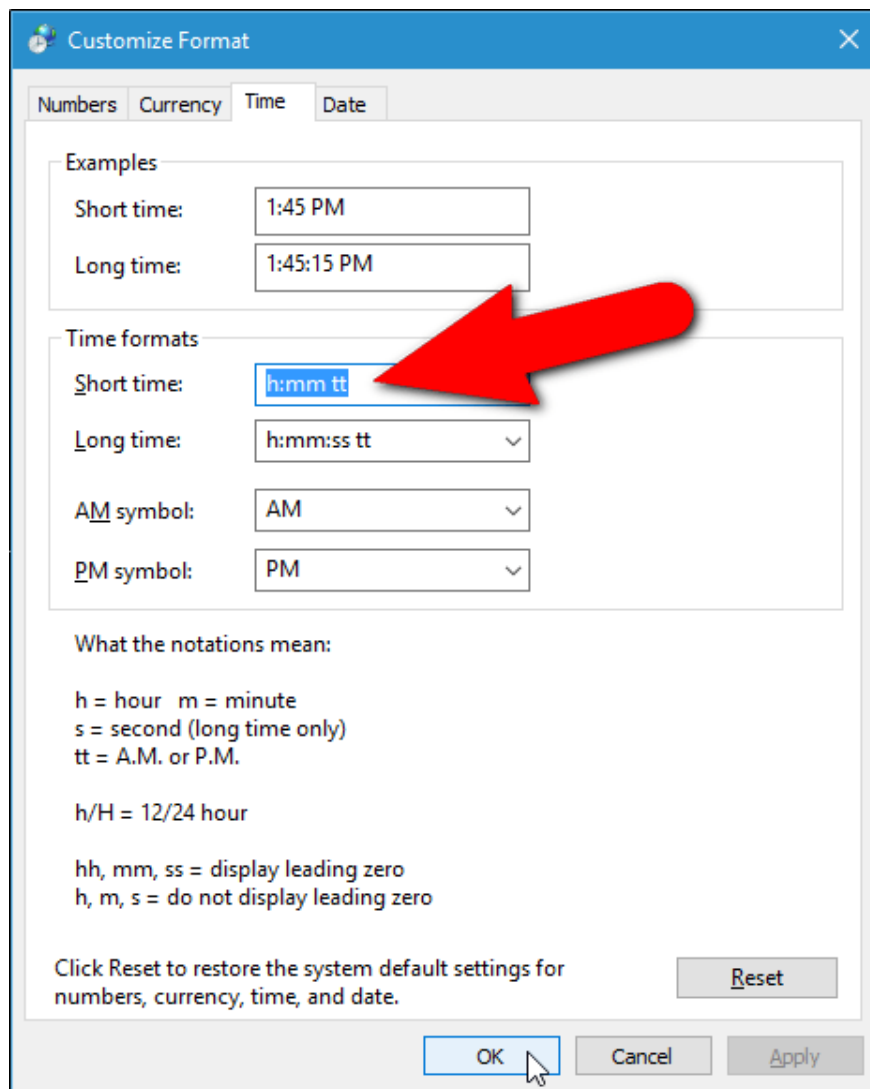
After entering the format you want to use in the Short date frame, click **Apply** .



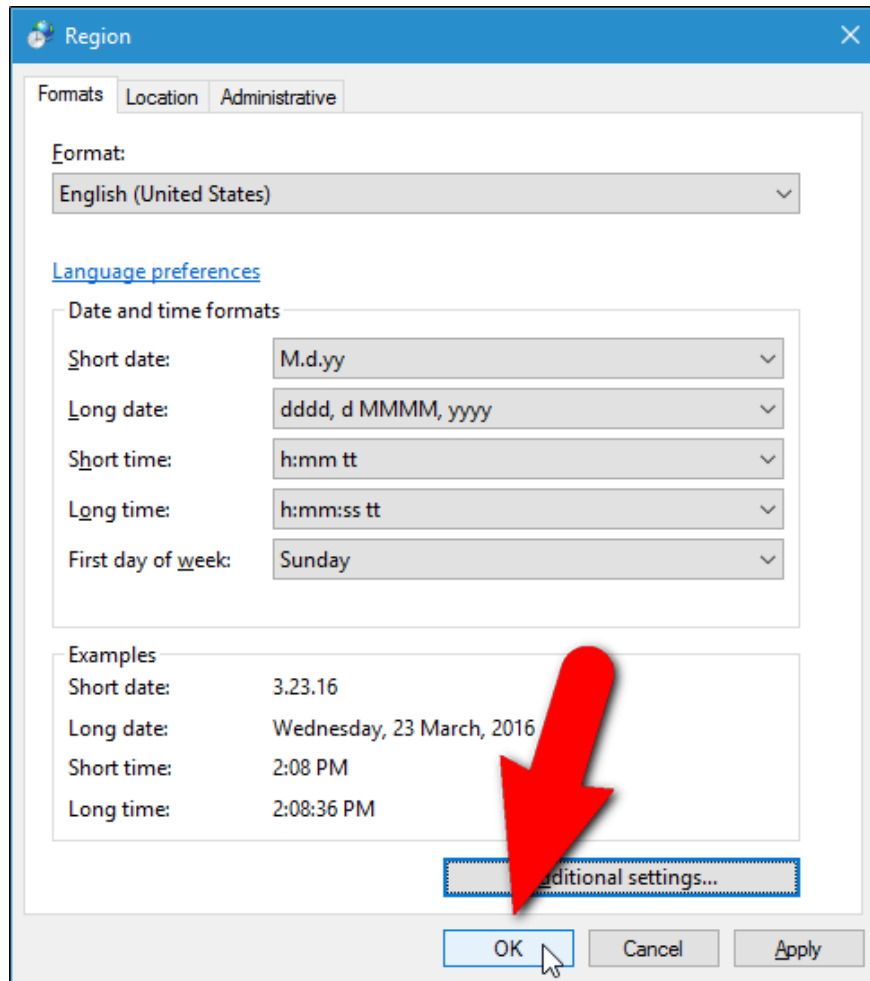
You can also change the time format by clicking the **Time** tab. Enter the format you want to use in the Short Time frame.



After setting the custom date and time, click **OK** to close the Customize Format dialog box.



Click **OK** to close the Region dialog box.



Click the **X** icon in the top right corner to close the Control Panel and Settings window.

Now in the system tray on the Taskbar you can see the date format has been changed.



Refer to some of the following articles:

1. **Instructions for setting up and managing Network Bridge on Windows 10**
2. **Change the slash to a dot in Excel format**
3. **Use Simgm to extend the Windows license**

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