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For an example of how to use this command, please see the **Example** below.

Chcp command syntax

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chcp [ ]
```

Parameters

Parameters Description Specifies the code page. /? Show help at the command prompt.

The following table lists each supported code page and its country / region or language:

Code page	Country / region or language	437 United States	850 Multilingual (Latin I)	852 Slavic (Latin II)	855 Cyrillic (Russian)	857 Turkish	860 Portuguese	861 Iceland	863 Canadian-French	865 Northern European	866 Russia	869 Greece	936 China
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Note

1. Only the original device manufacturer's (OEM) code page installed with Windows will appear correctly in the Command Prompt window using Raster fonts. Other code pages appear correctly in full screen mode or in the Command Prompt window using TrueType fonts.
2. You do not need to prepare code pages (as in MS-DOS).
3. Programs that you start after you specify a new code page will use the new code page. However, the programs (except **Cmd.exe**) that you start before you specify the new code page use the original code page.

For example

To see the active code page settings, enter:

```
chcp
```

A message similar to the following appears:

Active code page: 437

To change the active code page to **850** (Multilingual), enter:

```
CHCP 850
```

If the specified code page is invalid, the following error message appears:

```
Invalid code page
```

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