# Language & Locale


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# Default language

In normal cases Nextcloud will automatically detect the language of the Web-GUI. If this does not work properly or you want to make sure that Nextcloud always starts with a given language, you can set a **default_language** parameter in the `config/config.php`.

> The `default_language` parameter only applies when the browser sends no language preference and the user has not set their own. Accepts ISO 639-1 codes such as `en` (English), `fr` (French), `de` (informal German), or `de_DE` (formal German).

```
"default_language" => "en",
```

# Force language

If you want to force a specific language, users will no longer be able to change their language in the personal settings. You can set a **force_language** parameter in the `config/config.php`.

```
"force_language" => "en",
```

If users shall be unable to change their language, but users have different languages, this value can be set to `true` instead of a language code.

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> Please check Transifex language codes for the list of valid language codes.

# Default locale

The locale is used to define how dates and other formats are displayed. Nextcloud should automatically pick an appropriate locale based on your current language. Users can modify their locale inside their settings panel. If that does not work properly or if you want to make sure that Nextcloud always starts with a given locale, you can set a **default_locale** parameter in the `config/config.php`.

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> The default_locale parameter is only used when the user hasn't configured own locale preferences.

```
"default_locale" => "en_US",
```

# Force locale

If you want to force a specific locale, users will no longer be able to change their locale in the personal settings. You can set a **force_locale** parameter in the `config/config.php`.

```
"force_locale" => "en_US",
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> Please check the list of MomentJS supported locales for the list of valid locales.

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