# Set your knowledge base time zone, date, and language

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In your knowledge base, you can localize your knowledge base to set:

- **The time zone your dates will display in**
- **The format for dates**
- **The default language (sets the underlyingHTML "lang" attribute, which helps screen readers know what the primary language you're using is)**

**To do so:**

1. **Go to Settings > Basic.**

2. **In Basic Settings, use the Timezone dropdown to select the time zone of your choice.**

3. **In the same section, you can choose an appropriate Date Format. The default is American: MM/DD/YYYY. You can also choose a pre-built European format: DD/MM/YYYY or define your own Custom format. For the custom format, you can see some samples with their output in the official PHP documentation, in the date() Formatting section.**

   - **For example, to use a format of YYYY-DD-MM, use:** `Y-m-d`

   - **Or, to use MM.DD.YY, use** `m.d.y`

4. **Also in the same section, be sure to set your knowledge base's Default Language.**

5. **Be sure to Save your changes once you're done.**

Here, for example, we've set our knowledge base to use the US & Canada's Mountain Time zone, a Custom date format of month.day.year, and English as our Default Language:

## Basic Settings

**Knowledge base name**     KnowledgeOwl Demo

**Timezone**     (GMT-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)

**Date Format**     ○ American - MM/DD/YYYY

○ European - DD/MM/YYYY

● Custom -     m.d.y

For a full list of custom formats and options please refer to http://php.net/manual/en/function.date.php.

**Default Language**     English

Sets the HTML lang attribute