



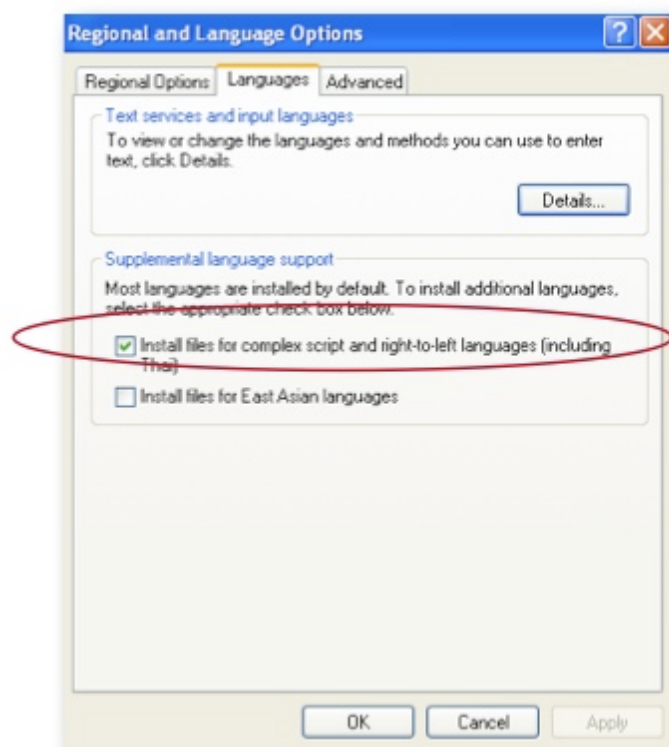
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Installation of Arabic Language Support in Windows XP

These instructions will help you install Arabic language support and add Arabic as an input language for your PC running Windows XP. The screenshots were taken from Windows XP Professional. While the display on your own machine may differ slightly, the steps are very similar in nearly all versions of Windows.

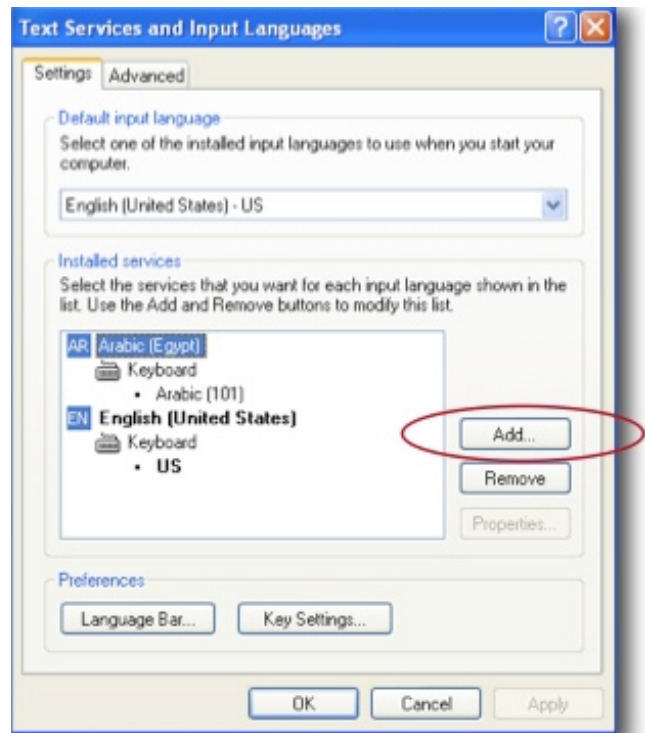
You will need your Windows XP Installation CD in order to install the Arabic files.

1. Install files for complex and right-to-left languages
 - From the Start Menu, open the Control Panel and select **Regional and Language Options**.
 - Choose the **Languages** Tab and check the box for **Install files for complex script and right-to-left languages (including Thai)**.
 - Then click **Apply** and wait while the files install. It will require approximately 10MB of disk space.
 - You will be prompted to restart the computer. Click **Restart** and return to the Regional and Language Options control panel.

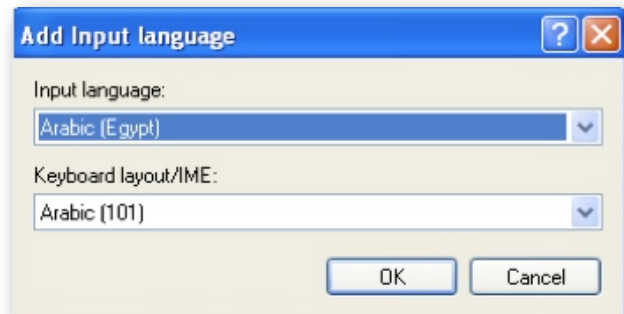


2. Add Arabic as an Input Language to your computer.

- Click on the **Details** button in order to open the Text Services and Input Languages window.
- On the Settings tab, click on the **Add** button.



- In the **Add Input language** dialog box, select **Arabic (Egypt)** and the **Arabic (101)** keyboard. The Arabic (101) keyboard should be selected automatically when choosing Arabic (Egypt).
- Then click **OK** and close the box.



3. Key Settings (Optional)

- You may choose the **Key Settings...** button which allows you to specify shortcut keys for switching between English and Arabic when using your computer.
- As a default, the key combination is **ALT + Shift**. If you have more than two languages installed, you may want to specify key strokes for switching to particular languages.

4. You may close the Text Services and language window.

5. Language Bar

- You should now notice an **EN** in your taskbar.
- When you click and hold this icon, the input languages for your computer should be displayed.
- Since you have added Arabic as an additional input language, an **AR** for Arabic should appear in this list..
- You may switch between languages by clicking on the language in this list. You may also use **ALT + Shift** or the keystrokes you specified earlier in step 4.



6. On Screen-Keyboard

An additional tool that may be helpful is the **On-Screen Keyboard**. It is a utility that displays a virtual keyboard on the screen and allows users to type letters in applications by selecting the virtual keys.

- To open On-Screen Keyboard, click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, point to **Accessibility**, and then click **On-Screen Keyboard**.
- The screenshot below is the On-Screen Keyboard with Arabic selected as the input language.

