

**NAME**

validlocale – Test if a given locale is available

**SYNTAX**

validlocale <locale>

**DESCRIPTION**

Test if the locale given as argument is a valid locale. If it isn't, print on stdout the string to add to /etc/locale.gen to make locale-gen generate the locale (if it exists at all).

**FILES**

/usr/sbin/validlocale

/usr/share/i18n/SUPPORTED

**ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES****DEFAULTCHARSET**

Which charset to assume if the given locale is missing from the list of supported locales.

**EXAMPLES**

If you give a valid locale as parameter, it outputs a string specifying this on stderr:

```
% validlocale C
locale 'C' valid and available
```

When given a invalid (not generated or just nonexistent), it outputs a string on stderr telling that this is an invalid locale, and a string to stdout with the string to add to /etc/locale.gen to have this locale generated:

```
% validlocale de_AU@euro
locale 'de_AU@euro' not available
de_AU@euro ISO-8859-15
```

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**SEE ALSO**

locale-gen(8), localedef(1), locale(1)