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How to change the JVM default locale?

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In Java, we can use `Locale.setDefault()` to change the JVM default locale.

`JavaLocaleExample.java`

```
package com.mkyong.locale;

import java.util.Locale;

public class JavaLocaleExample {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        // get jvm default locale
        Locale defaultLocale = Locale.getDefault();

        System.out.println(defaultLocale);

        // set jvm locale to china
        Locale.setDefault(Locale.CHINA);

        // or like this
        //Locale.setDefault(new Locale("zh", "cn"));

        Locale chinaLocale = Locale.getDefault();

        System.out.println(chinaLocale);

    }
```

```
}
```

Output

```
en_US  
zh_CN
```

Alternatively, in the command line, we can configure the `user.country` and `user.language` system property to change the JVM locale.

```
$ java -Duser.country=cn -Duser.language=zh abc
```

References

- [Understanding Locale in the Java Platform](#)



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