

NAME

locale - Perl pragma to use and avoid POSIX locales for built-in operations

SYNOPSIS

```
@x = sort @y; # ASCII sorting order
{
    use locale;
    @x = sort @y; # Locale-defined sorting order
}
@x = sort @y; # ASCII sorting order again
```

DESCRIPTION

This pragma tells the compiler to enable (or disable) the use of POSIX locales for built-in operations (LC_CTYPE for regular expressions, and LC_COLLATE for string comparison). Each "use locale" or "no locale" affects statements to the end of the enclosing BLOCK.

See *perllocale* for more detailed information on how Perl supports locales.