

The DOS ASCII character set defines 256 characters to display or print. The first 32 are reserved for control codes. The remainder is far too little to display all international (non English) characters. So the last 128 characters were made variable, and are defined by a language specific code page.

Windows includes the most common code pages of DOS, but left out some. Three of those are here specified for use in vDos:

- C_442.txt Cyrillic MIK (Pravetz)
- C_711.txt Arabic Nafitha
- C_895.txt Czech Kamenický

To select one, copy the corresponding file to the vDos directory, and add this line to autoexec.txt:

CHCP 442, 711 or 895

If you have no use for these character sets, you can delete the EXTRA directory.

To create a code page of your own:

- The filename is C_<code page number>.txt
- Lines 1 to 256 correspond with the ASCII characters 0 to 255.
- You only have to specify the characters that don't match the active code page.
- If a line contains text, the eventual hexadecimal Unicode is processed.
- All other is considered comment and ignored.