

Cent (currency)

The **cent** is a monetary unit of many national currencies that equals $\frac{1}{100}$ of the basic monetary unit.

Etymologically, the word 'cent' derives from the Latin word *centum* meaning hundred.

The **cent sign** is commonly a simple minuscule (lower case) letter ¢. In North America, the c is crossed by a diagonal stroke or a vertical line (depending on typeface), yielding the character ¢.

The United States one cent coin is generally known by the nickname "penny", alluding to the British coin and unit of that name. Canada ended production of their 1¢ coin in 2012.



A United States one-cent coin, also known as a penny

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Symbol

The cent may be represented by the cent sign, written in various ways according to the national convention and font choice. Most commonly seen forms are a minuscule letter *c* crossed by a diagonal stroke or a vertical line or by a simple *c*, depending on the currency (*see below*). Cent amounts from 1 to 99 can be represented as one or two digits followed by the appropriate abbreviation (2¢, 5c, 75¢, 99c), or as a subdivision of the base unit (\$0.75, €0.99) In some countries, longer abbreviations like "ct." are used. Languages that use other alphabets have their own abbreviations and conventions.

North American cent sign

The cent sign appeared as the shift of the 6 key on American manual typewriters, but that position has been taken over by the freestanding circumflex on computer keyboards. The character (offset 162) can still

¢ C	
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In <u>Unicode</u>	U+00A2 ¢ CENT SIGN (HTML &#162; · &cent;)
	U+0063 C LATIN SMALL LETTER C (HTML &#99;)
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be created in most common code pages, including Unicode and Windows-1252:

- On DOS- or Windows-based computers with a numeric keypad, **Alt** can be held while typing **0 1 6 2** or **1 5 5** on the keypad. See Unicode input § In Microsoft Windows for techniques involving the hexadecimal code point A2 that can be used when there is no numeric keypad, as on many laptops. For the US International keyboard **Right Alt** **↑ Shift** **C** can be typed.
- On Macintosh systems, **⌥ Option** can be held and **4** on the number row pressed.
- On Unix/Linux systems with a compose key, **Compose** + **|** + **C** and **Compose** + **/** + **C** are typical sequences.

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Orthography


When written in English, the cent sign (¢ or c) follows the amount (with no space between)—for example, 2¢ and \$0.02, or 2c and €0.02. Conventions in other languages may vary.

Usage

Minor currency units called *cent* or similar names

Examples of currencies around the world featuring centesimal ($\frac{1}{100}$) units called *cent*, or related words from the same root such as *céntimo*, *centésimo*, *centavo* or *sen*, are:

- Argentine peso (as *centavo*)
- Aruban florin
- Australian dollar
- Barbadian dollar
- Bahamian dollar
- Belize dollar
- Bermudian dollar
- Bolivian boliviano (as *centavo*)
- Brazilian real (as *centavo*)
- Brunei dollar (as *sen*)
- Canadian dollar
- Cayman Islands dollar
- Chilean peso (as *centavo*). Centavos officially exist and are considered in financial transactions; however, there are no current centavo-denominated coins.
- Colombian peso (as *centavo*)
- Cook Islands dollar (*cent*, although some 50 cent coins are marked "50 *tene*")
- Cuban peso (as *centavo*)
- East Caribbean dollar

East India Company half cent (1845).	
	
Obverse: Crowned head left with lettering <u>Queen Victoria</u>	Reverse: Face value, year and " <u>East India Company</u> " inscribed inside wreath.
18,737,498 coins minted in 1845.	



A Russian one-kopek coin

- Eritrean nakfa
- Estonian kroon (as *sent*)
- Euro – the coins bear the text "Euro cent". Greek coins have ΛΕΠΤΟ ("lepto") on the obverse of the one-cent coin and ΛΕΠΤΑ ("lepta") on the obverse of the others. The actual usage varies depending on the language.
- Fijian dollar
- Guyanese dollar
- Hong Kong dollar, however all circulating coins are in multiples of 10 cents.
- Indonesian rupiah (as *sen*)
- Jamaican dollar
- Kenyan shilling
- Lesotho loti (as *sente*)
- Liberian dollar
- Macau pataca (as *avo*), however all circulating coins are in multiples of 10 Avos.
- Malaysian ringgit (as *sen*)
- Mauritian rupee
- Mexican peso (as *centavo*)
- Moroccan dirham (as *santim*)
- Namibian dollar
- Netherlands Antillean gulden
- New Zealand dollar
- Panamanian balboa (as *centésimo*)
- Peruvian nuevo sol (as *céntimo*)
- Philippine peso (as *sentimo* or *centavo*)
- Seychellois rupee
- Sierra Leonean leone
- Singapore dollar
- South African rand
- Sri Lankan rupee
- Surinamese dollar
- Swazi lilangeni
- New Taiwan dollar, however all circulating coins are in multiples of 50 cents.
- Tanzanian shilling
- Tongan pa'anga (as *seniti*)
- Trinidad and Tobago dollar
- United States dollar
- Uruguayan peso (as *centésimo*)
- Zimbabwean dollar

Minor currency units with other names

Examples of currencies featuring centesimal ($\frac{1}{100}$) units not called *cent*

Major unit	Divided into
<u>Bhutanese ngultrum</u>	100 <u>chhertum</u>
<u>Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible mark</u>	100 <u>pfeniga</u>
<u>Botswanan pula</u>	100 <u>thebe</u>
<u>British pound</u>	100 <u>pence</u> (singular: penny) since 1971
<u>Bulgarian lev</u>	100 <i>stotinki</i> Cyrillic: <i>стотинки</i> ("hundredths")
<u>Chinese yuan</u>	100 <u>fēn</u> (分); in general usage, divided into 10 <u>jiǎo</u> (角).
<u>Croatian kuna</u>	100 <u>lipa</u>
<u>Danish krone</u>	100 <u>øre</u>
<u>Egyptian pound</u>	100 <u>piastres</u>
<u>Estonian mark</u>	100 <u>penni</u> (singular: penn)
<u>Gambian dalasi</u>	100 <u>bututs</u>
<u>Ghanaian cedi</u>	100 <u>pesewas</u>
<u>Indian rupee</u>	100 <u>paise</u>
<u>Israeli new shekel</u>	100 <u>agorot</u>
<u>Macau pataca</u>	100 <u>avos</u> ; circulating coins are 10, 20, and 50 avos.
<u>Macedonian denar</u>	100 <u>deni</u>
<u>Malawian kwacha</u>	100 <u>tambala</u>
<u>Mongolian tögrög</u>	100 <u>möngö</u>
<u>Nepalese rupee</u>	100 <u>paisa</u>
<u>Pakistani rupee</u>	100 <u>paise</u>
<u>Papua New Guinean kina</u>	100 <u>toea</u>
<u>Polish złoty</u>	100 <u>groszy</u> (singular: grosz)
<u>Qatari riyal</u>	100 <u>dirhams</u>
<u>Romanian and Moldovan leu</u>	100 <u>bani</u>
<u>Russian ruble</u>	100 <u>kopeks</u>
<u>Saudi riyal</u>	100 <u>halalas</u>
<u>Serbian dinar</u>	100 <u>paras</u>
<u>Swedish krona</u>	100 <u>öre</u>
<u>Swiss franc</u>	German: 100 <u>Rappen</u> French: 100 <u>centimes</u> Italian: 100 <u>centesimi</u> Romansch: 100 <u>rap</u> s
<u>Thai baht</u>	100 <u>satang</u>
<u>Turkish Lira</u>	100 <u>kuruş</u>
<u>United Arab Emirates dirham</u>	100 <u>fils</u>
<u>Ukrainian hryvnia</u>	100 <u>kopiykas</u>

Obsolete centesimal currency units

Examples of currencies which formerly featured centesimal ($\frac{1}{100}$) units but now have no fractional denomination in circulation:

Major unit	Formerly divided into
<u>Costa Rican colón</u>	(until the 1980s) 100 céntimos
<u>Czech koruna</u>	100 <u>haléřů</u>
<u>Hungarian forint</u>	(until 1999) 100 <u>fillér</u>
<u>Icelandic króna</u>	100 eyrir (singular <i>aurar</i>)
<u>Japanese yen</u>	100 sen
<u>Norwegian krone</u>	100 <u>øre</u>
<u>South Korean won</u>	100 jeon
<u>Swedish krona</u>	(until 2010) 100 <u>öre</u>
<u>Ugandan shilling</u>	(until 2013) 100 cents.

Examples of currencies which use the cent symbol for other purposes:

- Costa Rican colón – The common symbol '¢' is frequently used locally to represent '₡', the proper colón designation
- Ghanaian cedi – The common symbol '¢' is sometimes used to represent '₵', the proper cedi designation

See also

- Cent (music)

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