

## Time Zone Editor



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The Time Zone Editor creates and edits the time zone entries that appear in the Date/Time properties dialog box in Control Panel. Any changes, additions, or deletions made with Time Zone Editor affect the stored data for time zones in the following registry key:

```
HKEYLOCALMACHINE\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\TimeZones
```

Since some of the information stored in this key is binary, it is not advisable to edit them with Registry Editor. Time Zone Editor is the ideal tool for editing this information.

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## Creating a new time zone entry



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You can use the Time Zone Editor to create new time zone entries for the Date/Time icon. You can create an unlimited number of customized time zones.

### To Create a new time zone

- 1 In the **Time Zone Editor** dialog box, click **New**.
- 2 In the **Time Zone Name** box, type the name for the new time zone entry.  
**Note** The name should follow the form: (GMT+\- 0x:00) *time zone name*. It cannot exceed 63 characters.
- 3 In the first **Abbreviation** box, type a name for the Standard time zone name abbreviation, not exceeding 31 characters.  
**Note** The abbreviation is a short string name passed back to applications, such as Mail applications, that use this information. The first **Abbreviation** box should contain the abbreviation for the Standard (non-daylight) version of this time zone.
- 4 In the **Offset From GMT** box, select the time difference from Greenwich Mean Time. This value is the actual number that will be used in data fields to calculate the time for this time zone.
- 5 If the new time zone uses daylight savings time, check the **Automatically Set Daylight Saving Time** check box. Then, in the boxes below, set the dates and times on which daylight savings time will stop and start. The **Abbreviation** box is an optional entry. Type a short name for the daylight savings time version of this time zone (for example, Pacific Daylight).
- 6 In the **Daylight Bias** box, select the time change from the Standard time for daylight savings time. In most cases this value should stay at the default value of +1:00 hour. This will cause the time to move forward one hour on the DST start day/time and fall back one hour on the DST end day/time.

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You can edit a time zone name or adjust the start and end dates for daylight saving time. All time zone information changed will affect every user of the system.

### To Edit a time zone

- 1 In the **Time Zone Editor** dialog box, select a time zone and then click **Edit**.
- 2 Edit the time zone name, abbreviation, or the difference from Greenwich Mean Time.  
**Note** The abbreviation is a short string name passed back to applications, such as Mail applications, that ask for more information about this time zone. The first **Abbreviation** box should contain the abbreviation for the Standard (non-daylight) version of this time zone.
- 3 If you want daylight saving time to be automatically enabled for the time zone, check the **Automatically Set Daylight Saving Time** check box. Then, in the boxes below, set the dates and times on which daylight savings time will stop and start.

In the second **Abbreviation** box, optionally type a name to be used for the time zone when daylight savings time is in effect (for example, Pacific Daylight).

In the **Daylight Bias** box, select the time change from the Standard time for daylight savings time. In most cases this value should stay at the default value of +1:00 hour. This will cause the time to move forward one hour on the DST start day/time and fall back one hour on the DST end day/time.

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Data for the current time zone is saved in a different location in the registry than the data for the time zone entries in the Date/Time Icon. Therefore, if you change the settings for the current time zone, the changes will not immediately take effect. In order for the new information to be used by the system, use the following procedure.

### To edit the time zone entry for the current time zone

- 1 Use the Time Zone Editor to [edit the time zone entry](#).
- 2 Open **Control Panel** and click the **Date/Time** icon.
- 3 Click the **Time Zone** tab.
- 4 Select or re-select the time zone you have changed.
- 5 Click **OK**.

The system clock will be reset to take into account the changes you have made.

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