

What are the location settings for Google Sheets?

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The location settings for Google Sheets refer to the user's preferred language, time zone, and date format within the application. These settings can be adjusted in the "File" menu under "Spreadsheet settings" and allow for customization of the user experience, such as displaying dates in a specific format or using a preferred language for functions and formulas. These settings are important for ensuring accuracy and ease of use when working with data in Google Sheets.

Google Sheets Location Settings

Location Settings

Google Sheets provides regional formatting settings for different languages and styles of presenting information.

Regional settings affects a number of things, like:

Calendar date formatting
Decimal numbers
Default currency formatting
Formula delimiters

Formula delimiters are the symbols used to separate arguments in a function.

The most common symbols are comma , and semicolon ;

For example, the **English** regional language setting uses commas:

`=AND(logical_expression1,)`

While **German** regional language settings uses semicolons:

`=AND(logical_expression1;)`

Note: Google sheets **automatically** converts between commas and semicolons in formulas so you don't have to worry about it.

Example Location Settings

Here are the date, decimal number, and formula delimiters shown with **United States** location settings:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Date		Number		Formula	
2		3/14/2021		3.14159		=IF(D2>3, "Yes", "No")	
3							

Here are the date, decimal number, and formula delimiters shown with **Germany** location settings:

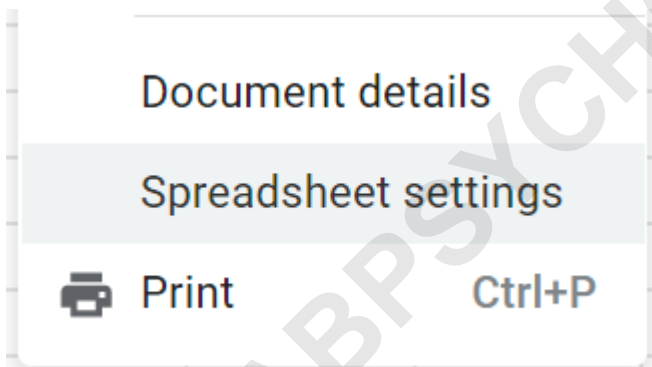
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		Date		Number		Formula	
2		14.03.2021		3,14159		=IF(D2>3; "Yes"; "No")	
3							

Notice that the United States location formatting uses month/day/year and the German formatting uses day.month.year for calendar dates.

The United States location formatting also uses a period (.) for the decimal symbol and the German formatting uses a comma (,).

Changing Spreadsheet Location Settings

Changing Spreadsheet Location Settings is accessed in the Spreadsheet settings part of the **File** menu:



Selecting this option will open a dialog box where you can choose your preferred location settings:

Settings for this spreadsheet ✕

General Calculation

Locale

 This affects formatting details such as functions, dates, and currency.

Time zone

 Your spreadsheet's history will be recorded in this time zone. This will affect all time-related functions.

Display language: [English](#)

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