

# Enabling Arabic Support in Windows XP

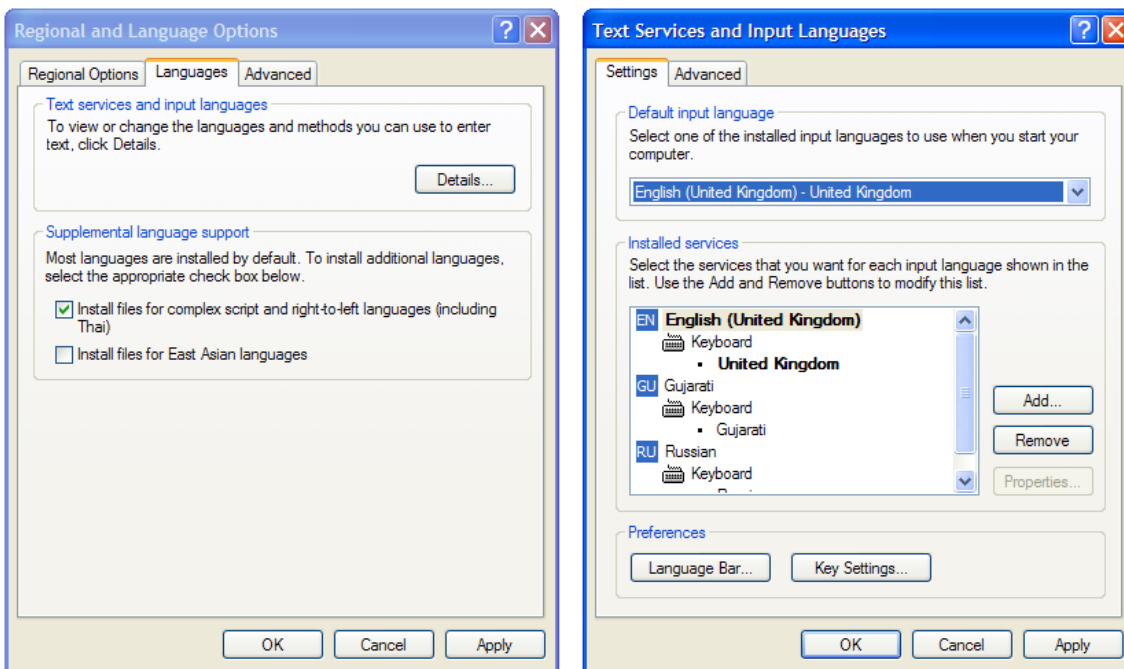
You will need Administrative privileges to enable the use of Arabic on your computer. This will not be a problem for your home computer, but will require the intervention of your network manager in an educational institution.



Regional and Language ...

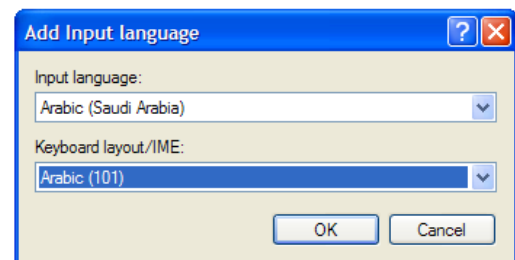
Go to **Start** then **Settings** then **Control Panel** and double-click on **Regional and Language Options**.

When the "Regional and Language Options" dialogue box appears, select the "Languages" tab at the top of the box and then select "Install files for complex script and right-to-left languages". If the files necessary for Arabic are not already installed, you will be asked to insert the "Windows XP" CD, which will allow you to install the missing files – simply follow the instructions which will come up automatically. When the necessary changes have been made and you have finished with the CD, press the "Details ..." button. A new dialogue box will appear entitled "Text Services and Input Languages".

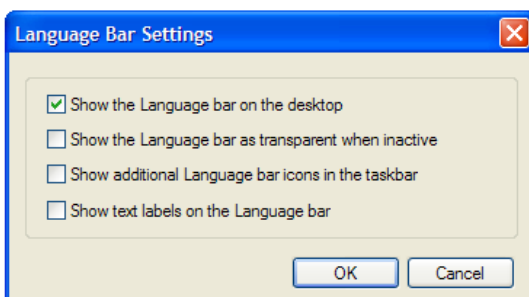


Now you need to add Arabic as an input language before your computer will accept typing in Arabic.

In the "Text Services and Input Languages" box, press the "Add" button. A box appears entitled "Add Input Language". Choose "Arabic" for "Input Language", it does not greatly matter which country you choose, the most common choice is "Saudi Arabia". Choose "Arabic (101)" for "Keyboard Layout / IME" and press OK.



Back in the "Text Services and Input Languages" box, you need to specify where you want your Language Bar to be, which will allow you to switch between typing in English and Arabic. Click on **Language Bar ...** and a dialogue box will appear entitled "Language Bar Settings".



Select "Show the Language bar on the desktop" and click OK. Click OK to exit all the dialogue boxes you have opened.

The "Language Bar" will appear somewhere on your desktop and you can move it to where you find it most convenient (probably the System Tray located in the bottom right hand corner of your screen.) When you want to input Arabic in a document, you simply need to click on EN (for English) to bring up the option AR (for Arabic.) Whichever you select, the keyboard will insert the characters of that language.



If the **Language Bar** option in the **Text Services and Input Languages** dialogue box, referred to above, is not available, click the **Advanced** tab at the top and ensure that the option marked **Turn off advanced text services** is not checked.

