

## NAME

Locale::Language - standard codes for language identification

## SYNOPSIS

```
use Locale::Language;

$lang = code2language('en');      # $lang gets 'English'
$code = language2code('French');  # $code gets 'fr'

@codes = all_language_codes();
@names = all_language_names();
```

## DESCRIPTION

The `Locale::Language` module provides access to standard codes used for identifying languages, such as those as defined in ISO 639.

Most of the routines take an optional additional argument which specifies the code set to use. If not specified, the default ISO 639 two-letter codes will be used.

## SUPPORTED CODE SETS

There are several different code sets you can use for identifying languages. The ones currently supported are:

### alpha-2

This is the set of two-letter (lowercase) codes from ISO 639, such as 'he' for Hebrew.

This code set is identified with the symbol `LOCALE_LANG_ALPHA_2`.

This is the default code set.

### alpha-3

This is the set of three-letter (lowercase) bibliographic codes from ISO 639, such as 'heb' for Hebrew.

This code set is identified with the symbol `LOCALE_LANG_ALPHA_3`.

### term

This is the set of three-letter (lowercase) terminologic codes from ISO 639.

This code set is identified with the symbol `LOCALE_LANG_TERM`.

## ROUTINES

`code2language ( CODE [,CODESET] )`

`language2code ( NAME [,CODESET] )`

`language_code2code ( CODE ,CODESET ,CODESET2 )`

`all_language_codes ( [CODESET] )`

`all_language_names ( [CODESET] )`

`Locale::Language::rename_language ( CODE ,NEW_NAME [,CODESET] )`

`Locale::Language::add_language ( CODE ,NAME [,CODESET] )`

`Locale::Language::delete_language ( CODE [,CODESET] )`

`Locale::Language::add_language_alias ( NAME ,NEW_NAME )`

`Locale::Language::delete_language_alias ( NAME )`

`Locale::Language::rename_language_code ( CODE ,NEW_CODE [,CODESET] )`

`Locale::Language::add_language_code_alias ( CODE ,NEW_CODE [,CODESET] )`

**Locale::Language::delete\_language\_code\_alias ( CODE [,CODESET] )**

These routines are all documented in the Locale::Codes man page.

## SEE ALSO

**Locale::Codes**

**Locale::Constants**

**<http://www.loc.gov/standards/iso639-2/>**

Source of the ISO 639 codes.

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