

## COUNTRY-LANGUAGE INFORMATION

Are you having difficulties trying to figure out where your client is from or what language they may speak?

Please see below for listings of countries and the languages that are used in each one.

<b>Afghanistan</b>	Pashtu, Dari (Persian), other Turkic and minor languages
<b>Albania</b>	Albanian (Tosk is the official dialect), Greek
<b>Algeria</b>	Arabic (official), French, Berber dialects
<b>Andorra</b>	Catalán (official), French, Castilian, Portuguese
<b>Angola</b>	Portuguese (official), Bantu and other African languages
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	English (official), local dialects
<b>Argentina</b>	Spanish (official), English, Italian, German, French
<b>Armenia</b>	Armenian 96%, Russian 2%, other 2%
<b>Australia</b>	English, native languages
<b>Austria</b>	German 98% (official nationwide); Slovene, Croatian, Hungarian (each official in one region)
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	Azerbaijani Turkic 89%, Russian 3%, Armenian 2%, other 6% (1995 est.)
<b>Bahamas</b>	English (official), Creole (among Haitian immigrants)
<b>Bahrain</b>	Arabic, English, Farsi, Urdu
<b>Bangladesh</b>	Bangla (official), English
<b>Barbados</b>	English
<b>Belarus</b>	Belorussian (White Russian), Russian, other
<b>Belgium</b>	Dutch (Flemish) 60%, French 40%, German less than 1% (all official)
<b>Belize</b>	English (official), Spanish, Mayan, Garifuna (Carib), Creole
<b>Benin</b>	French (official), Fon, Yoruba, tribal languages
<b>Bhutan</b>	Dzongkha (official), Tibetan dialects (among

	Bhotes), Nepalese dialects (among Nepalese)
<b>Bolivia</b>	Spanish, Quechua, Aymara (all official)
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian (all official)
<b>Botswana</b>	English (official), Setswana
<b>Brazil</b>	Portuguese (official), Spanish, English, French
<b>Brunei</b>	Malay (official), English, Chinese
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Bulgarian; secondary languages strongly correspond to ethnic breakdown
<b>Burkina Faso</b>	French (official); native African (Sudanic) languages 90%
<b>Burundi</b>	Kirundi and French (official), Swahili
<b>Cambodia</b>	Khmer (official), French, English
<b>Cameroon</b>	French, English (both official); 24 major African language groups
<b>Canada</b>	English 59.3%, French 23.2% (both official); other 17.5%
<b>Cape Verde</b>	Portuguese, Criuolo
<b>Central African Republic</b>	French (official), Sangho (lingua franca, national), tribal languages
<b>Chad</b>	French, Arabic (both official); Sara; more than 120 languages and dialects
<b>Chile</b>	Spanish
<b>China</b>	Standard Chinese (Mandarin/Putonghua), Yue (Cantonese), Wu (Shanghaiese), Minbei (Fuzhou), Minnan (Hokkien-Taiwanese), Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects, minority languages
<b>Colombia</b>	Spanish
<b>Comoros</b>	Arabic and French (both official), Shikomoro (Swahili/Arabic blend)
<b>Congo, Democratic Republic of the</b>	French (official), Lingala, Kingwana, Kikongo, Tshiluba
<b>Congo, Republic of</b>	French (official), Lingala, Monokutuba, Kikongo, many local languages and dialects
<b>Costa Rica</b>	Spanish (official), English
<b>Côte d'Ivoire</b>	French (official) and African languages (Diala esp.)
<b>Croatia</b>	Croatian 96% (official), other 4% (including Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak, German)
<b>Cuba</b>	Spanish

Cyprus	Greek, Turkish (both official); English
Czech Republic	Czech
Denmark	Danish, Faroese, Greenlandic (Inuit dialect), German; English is the predominant second language
Djibouti	French and Arabic (both official), Somali, Afar
Dominica	English (official) and French patois
Dominican Republic	Spanish
East Timor	Tetum, Portuguese (official); Bahasa Indonesia, English; other indigenous languages, including Tetum, Galole, Mambae, and Kemak
Ecuador	Spanish (official), Quechua, other Amerindian languages
Egypt	Arabic (official), English and French widely understood by educated classes
El Salvador	Spanish, Nahua (among some Amerindians)
Equatorial Guinea	Spanish, French (both official); pidgin English, Fang, Bubi, Ibo
Eritrea	Afar, Arabic, Tigre and Kunama, Tigrinya, other Cushitic languages
Estonia	Estonian (official), Russian, Ukrainian, Finnish, other
Ethiopia	Amharic (official), Tigrigna, Orominga, Guaragigna, Somali, Arabic, English, over 70 others
Fiji	English (official), Fijian, Hindustani
Finland	Finnish 93.4%, Swedish 5.9% (both official); small Sami- (Lapp) and Russian-speaking minorities
France	French 100%, rapidly declining regional dialects (Provençal, Breton, Alsatian, Corsican, Catalan, Basque, Flemish)
Gabon	French (official), Fang, Myene, Bateke, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi
Gambia, The	English (official), Mandinka, Wolof, Fula, other indigenous
Georgia	Georgian 71% (official), Russian 9%, Armenian 7%, Azerbaijani 6%, other 7% (Abkhaz is the official language in Abkhazia)
Germany	German
Ghana	English (official), African languages (including Akan, Moshi-Dagomba, Ewe, and Ga)

Greece	Greek 99% (official), English, French
Grenada	English (official), French patois
Guatemala	Spanish 60%, Amerindian languages 40% (23 officially recognized Amerindian languages, including Quiche, Cakchiquel, Kekchi, Mam, Garifuna, and Xinca)
Guinea	French (official), native tongues (Malinké, Susu, Fulani)
Guinea-Bissau	Portuguese (official), Criolo, African languages
Guyana	English (official), Amerindian dialects, Creole, Hindi, Urdu
Haiti	Creole and French (both official)
Honduras	Spanish (official), Amerindian dialects; English widely spoken in business
Hungary	Magyar (Hungarian) 98.2%, other 1.8%
Iceland	Icelandic, English, Nordic languages, German widely spoken
India	Hindi (official), English (official), Bengali, Gujarati, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi, Tamil, Telugu, Urdu, Kannada, Assamese, Sanskrit, Sindhi (all recognized by the constitution). Dialects, 1,600+
Indonesia	Bahasa Indonesia (official), English, Dutch, Javanese, and more than 580 other languages and dialects
Iran	Persian and Persian dialects 58%, Turkic and Turkic dialects 26%, Kurdish 9%, Luri 2%, Balochi 1%, Arabic 1%, Turkish 1%, other 2%
Iraq	Arabic (official), Kurdish (official in Kurdish regions), Assyrian, Armenian
Ireland	English, Irish (Gaelic)
Israel	Hebrew (official), Arabic, English
Italy	Italian (official); German-, French-, and Slovene-speaking minorities
Jamaica	English, Jamaican Creole
Japan	Japanese
Jordan	Arabic (official), English
Kazakhstan	Kazak (Qazaq, state language) 64.4%; Russian (official, used in everyday business) 95% (2001 est.)

Kenya	English (official), Swahili (national), and several other languages spoken by 25 ethnic groups
Kiribati	English (official), I-Kiribati (Gilbertese)
Korea, North	Korean
Korea, South	Korean, English widely taught
Kuwait	Arabic (official), English
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz, Russian (both official)
Laos	Lao (official), French, English, various ethnic languages
Latvia	Latvian (official), Lithuanian, Russian, other
Lebanon	Arabic (official), French, English, Armenian
Lesotho	English, Sesotho (both official); Zulu, Xhosa
Liberia	English 20% (official), some 20 ethnic-group languages
Libya	Arabic, Italian, and English widely understood in major cities
Liechtenstein	German (official), Alemannic dialect
Lithuania	Lithuanian (official), Polish, Russian
Luxembourg	Luxembourgish (national) French, German (both administrative)
Macedonia	Macedonian 68%, Albanian 25% (both official); Turkish 3%, Serbo-Croatian 2%, other 2%
Madagascar	Malagasy and French (both official)
Malawi	English and Chichewa (both official), others important regionally
Malaysia	Bahasa Melayu (Malay, official), English, Chinese dialects (Cantonese, Mandarin, Hokkien, Hakka, Hainan, Foochow), Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Panjabi, Thai; several indigenous languages (including Iban, Kadazan) in East Malaysia
Maldives	Maldivian Dhivehi (official); English spoken by most government officials
Mali	French (official), Bambara 80%, numerous African languages
Malta	Maltese and English (both official)
Marshall Islands	Marshallese (two major dialects from the Malayo-Polynesian family), English (both official); Japanese
Mauritania	Hassaniya Arabic, Wolof (both official); Pulaar, Soninke, French

Mauritius	English, French (both official); Creole, Hindi, Urdu, Hakka, Bojpoori
Mexico	Spanish, various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional indigenous languages
Micronesia	English (official, common), Chukese, Pohnpeian, Yapase, Kosrean, Ulithian, Woleaian, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi
Moldova	Moldovan (official; virtually the same as Romanian), Russian, Gagauz (a Turkish dialect)
Monaco	French (official), English, Italian, Monégasque
Mongolia	Mongolian, 90%; also Turkic and Russian (1999)
Morocco	Arabic (official), Berber dialects, French often used for business, government, and diplomacy
Mozambique	Portuguese (official), Bantu languages
Myanmar	Burmese, minority languages
Namibia	English 7% (official), Afrikaans common language of most of the population and about 60% of the white population, German 32%, indigenous languages: Oshivambo, Herero, Nama
Nauru	Nauruan (official), English
Nepal	Nepali 90% (official), over 40 other languages and major dialects, English (1995)
The Netherlands	Dutch, Frisian (both official)
New Zealand	English, Maori (both official)
Nicaragua	Spanish (official); English and indigenous languages on Atlantic coast
Niger	French (official), Hausa, Djerma
Nigeria	English (official), Hausa, Yoruba, Ibo, Fulani, and more than 200 others
Norway	Bokmål Norwegian, Nynorsk Norwegian (both official); small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities
Oman	Arabic (official), English, Baluchi, Urdu, Indian dialects
Pakistan	Punjabi 48%, Sindhi 12%, Siraiki (a Punjabi variant) 10%, Pashtu 8%, Urdu (official) 8%, Balochi 3%, Hindko 2%, Brahui 1%, English, Burushaski, and others 8%
Palau	Palauan, English, Sonsoralese, Tobi, Angaur (all official), Filipino, Chinese, Carolinian, Japanese,

	and other Asian languages.
Palestinian State	Arabic, Hebrew, English
Panama	Spanish (official), English 14%, many bilingual
Papua New Guinea	Tok Pisin (Melanesian Pidgin, the lingua franca), Hiri Motu (in Papua region), English 1-2%; 715 indigenous languages
Paraguay	Spanish, Guaraní (both official)
Peru	Spanish, Quéchua (both official); Aymara; many minor Amazonian languages
The Philippines	Filipino (based on Tagalog), English (both official); eight major dialects: Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Hiligaynon or Ilonggo, Bicol, Waray, Pampango, and Pangasinense
Poland	Polish
Portugal	Portuguese (official), Mirandese (official, but locally used)
Qatar	Arabic (official); English a common second language
Romania	Romanian (official), Hungarian, German
Russia	Russian, others
Rwanda	Kinyarwanda, French, and English (all official); Kiswahili in commercial centers
St. Kitts and Nevis	English
St. Lucia	English (official), French patois
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	English, French patois
Samoa	Samoan, English
San Marino	Italian
São Tomé and Príncipe	Portuguese (official)
Saudi Arabia	Arabic
Senegal	French (official); Wolof, Pulaar, Jola, Mandinka
Serbia and Montenegro	Serbian (official) 95%, Albanian 5%
Seychelles	Seselwa Creole, English, French (all official)
Sierra Leone	English (official), Mende (southern vernacular), Temne (northern vernacular), Krio (lingua franca)
Singapore	Malay (national), Mandarin Chinese, Tamil, English (all official)
Slovakia	Slovak (official), Hungarian
Slovenia	Slovenian 92%, Serbo-Croatian 6.2%, other 1.8%

Solomon Islands	English 1%-2% (official), Melanesian pidgin (lingua franca), 120 indigenous languages
Somalia	Somali (official), Arabic, English, Italian
South Africa	Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Pedi, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa, Zulu (all 11 official)
Spain	Castilian Spanish 74% (official nationwide); Catalan 17%, Galician 7%, Basque 2% (each official regionally)
Sri Lanka	Sinhala 74% (official and national), Tamil 18% (national), other 8%; English is commonly used in government and spoken competently by about 10%
Sudan	Arabic (official), Nubian, Ta Bedawie, diverse dialects of Nilotic, Nilo-Hamitic, Sudanic languages, English
Suriname	Dutch (official), Surinamese (lingua franca), English widely spoken, Hindustani, Javanese
Swaziland	English, siSwati (both official)
Sweden	Swedish, small Sami- and Finnish-speaking minorities
Switzerland	German 63.7%, French 12.9%, Italian 7.6%, Romansch 0.6% (all official); other 8.9%
Syria	Arabic (official); Kurdish, Armenian, Aramaic, Circassian widely understood; French, English somewhat understood
Taiwan	Chinese (Mandarin, official), Taiwanese (Min), Hakka dialects
Tajikistan	Tajik (official), Russian widely used in government and business
Tanzania	Swahili, English (both official); Arabic; many local languages
Thailand	Thai (Siamese), English (secondary language of the elite), ethnic and regional dialects
Togo	French (official, commerce); Ewé, Mina (south); Kabyé, Cotocoli (north); and many dialects
Tonga	Tongan (an Austronesian language), English
Trinidad and Tobago	English (official), Hindi, French, Spanish, Chinese
Tunisia	Arabic (official, commerce), French (commerce)
Turkey	Turkish (official), Kurdish, Arabic, Armenian, Greek

Turkmenistan	Turkmen 72%; Russian 12%; Uzbek 9%, other 7%
Tuvalu	Tuvaluan, English, Samoan, Kiribati (on the island of Nui)
Uganda	English (official), Ganda or Luganda, other Niger-Congo languages, Nilo-Saharan languages, Swahili, Arabic
Ukraine	Ukrainian, Russian, Romanian, Polish, Hungarian
United Arab Emirates	Arabic (official), Persian, English, Hindi, Urdu
United Kingdom	English, Welsh, Scots Gaelic
United States	English, sizable Spanish-speaking minority
Uruguay	Spanish, Portunol, or Brazilero
Uzbekistan	Uzbek 74.3%, Russian 14.2%, Tajik 4.4%, other 7.1%
Vanuatu	Bislama (a Melanesian pidgin English), English, French (all 3 official); more than 100 local languages
Vatican City (Holy See)	Italian, Latin, French, various other languages
Venezuela	Spanish (official), numerous indigenous dialects
Vietnam	Vietnamese (official); English (increasingly favored as a second language); some French, Chinese, Khmer; mountain area languages (Mon-Khmer and Malayo-Polynesian)
Western Sahara (proposed state)	Hassaniya Arabic, Moroccan Arabic
Yemen	Arabic
Zambia	English (official); major vernaculars: Bemba, Kaonda, Lozi, Lunda, Luvale, Nyanja, Tonga; about 70 other indigenous languages
Zimbabwe	English (official), Shona, Ndebele (Sindebele), numerous minor tribal dialects

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