

**NAME**

locale-gen — generates localisation files from templates

**SYNOPSIS**

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**DESCRIPTION**

This manual page documents briefly the **locale-gen** command.

By default, the locale package which provides the base support for localisation of libc-based programs does not contain usable localisation files for every supported language. This limitation has become necessary because of the substantial size of such files and the large number of languages supported by libc. As a result, Debian uses a special mechanism where we prepare the actual localisation files on the target host and distribute only the templates for them.

**locale-gen** is a program that reads the file **/etc/locale.gen** and invokes **localedef** for the chosen localisation profiles. Run **locale-gen** after you have modified the **/etc/locale.gen** file.

**FILES**

**/etc/locale.gen**

The main configuration file, which has a simple format: every line that is not empty and does not begin with a # is treated as a locale definition that is to be built.

**SEE ALSO**

[localedef\(1\)](#), [locale\(1\)](#), [locale.gen\(5\)](#).

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