# Guide to Locales - The Snowman Locale

## Introduction

The `i_cpanel_snowmen` locale allows you to quickly test localization. This locale translates every localized string in the interface into several Unicode snowman characters () . This allows you to easily find hardcoded strings (strings that do not exist inside a `locale. maketext()` wrapper) without the need to search code manually.

> ⚠️ **Notes:**
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> - We introduced this locale in cPanel & WHM version 11.46.
> - Because the `i_cpanel_snowmen` locale is a cPanel-provided locale, you **cannot** remove this locale from the server.

## Basic usage

You can use the `i_cpanel_snowmen` locale to test the localization in custom interfaces, or to ensure that your customizations did not cause problems in existing strings.

To do this, perform the following steps:

1. Navigate to cPanel's *Change Language* interface (*cPanel >> Home >> Preferences >> Change Language*).
2. Select the  *cPanel Snowmen  - i_cpanel_snowmen* locale from the *Select a Language* menu.
3. Click *Change*. The interface reloads with the new locale.

When the interface displays in the `i_cpanel_snowmen` locale, only the following types of text will continue to display in the default locale:

- Localized words that exist in `[asis]` bracket notation.
- The cPanel account's username.
- Filenames and other technical data that does not change when translated.
- Hardcoded strings, which do not exist inside a `locale.maketext()` wrapper.

## Help! I accidentally selected the snowmen locale.

If you accidentally selected the `i_cpanel_snowmen` locale, use one of the following methods to select the correct locale:

- If you did not navigate away from the *Change Language* interface, select the correct locale and click the button directly below the menu. In cPanel's Paper Lantern theme, this button will appear similar to the following example:



- If you navigated away from the *Change Language* interface, click the *Logout* button in the top right corner of the interface. The login interface allows you to select a different locale. In cPanel's Paper Lantern theme, this button appears similar to the following example: