

How To Type Chinese Characters in Windows XP

Microsoft Windows XP has some build-in support for foreign languages, including Chinese. You do not need special software. Here is the step:

1. Open 'Control Panel' and select 'Regional and Language Options'
2. Click 'Languages' tab in the middle, then click 'Details...' button
3. By default you only have 'English (United States)' inside the 'Installed Services' box
4. To add Chinese character input, click 'Add...' button
5. From the Input Language pull down list, select 'Chinese (PRC)'

After this procedure, you should see the language selection toolbar on the bottom of your screen. It normally display as 'EN' for English. When you click on that it will display the input options you have on the computer. Choose 'Chinese (PRC)' will enable you to use PingYing 拼音 input (see picture below).

