When using either of the following two programs developed by the FASDPN:

1. FAS Facial Photographic Analysis Software
   http://depts.washington.edu/fasdpn/htmls/face-software.htm

2. Palpebral Fissure Length Z-score Calculator
   (http://depts.washington.edu/fasdpn/htmls/diagnostic-tools.htm#pfl)

Your computer's "Regional Date Setting" needs to be set to the English (United States) format as presented below in Figure 1. Instructions for how to do this are presented below.
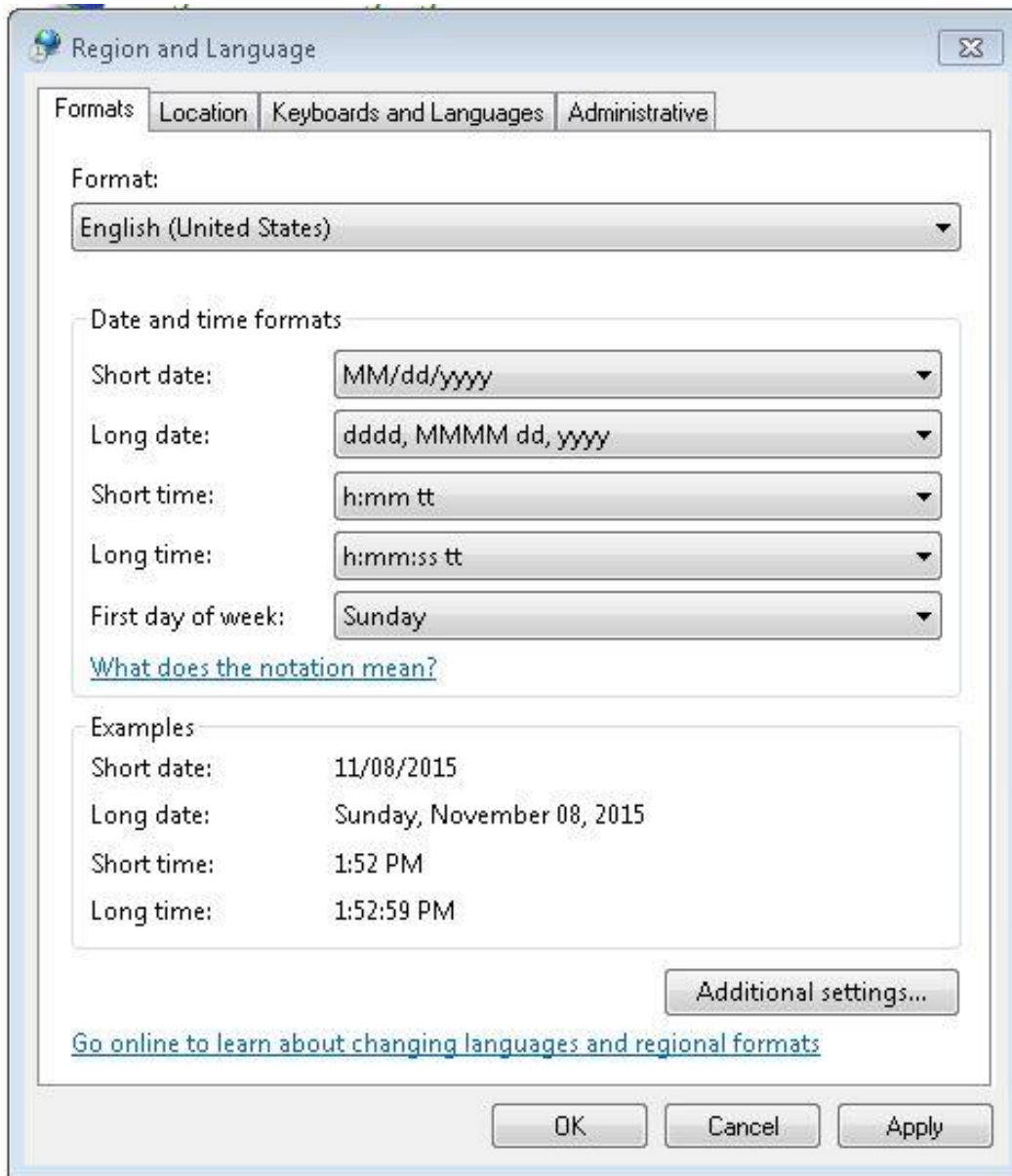

Fig 1. English (United States) format for dates

In the U.S. we typically report dates in the order month/day/year. Some countries have different conventions for reporting dates. For example, the UK and Australia typically report dates in the order (day/month/year).

For example: the date November 8, 2015 is typically reported as:

- 11/08/2015 in the U.S. (MM/dd/yyyy) (Fig 1) and
- 08/11/2015 in Australia, Canada or the UK (d/MM/yyyy) (Fig 2)
  In the U.S. 08/11/2015 is August 11, 2015.

This can cause confusion for computer programs (like our facial software and our Microsoft Excel PFL calculator) that use dates to calculate age.

If you are from Australia, you will likely discover your Region and Language Format is set to **English (Australian) Fig 2**. If you are from Canada or the UK you will find your Region and Language Format is set to English (Canada) or English (United Kingdom). All three of these countries have a short date format of d/MM/yyyy.
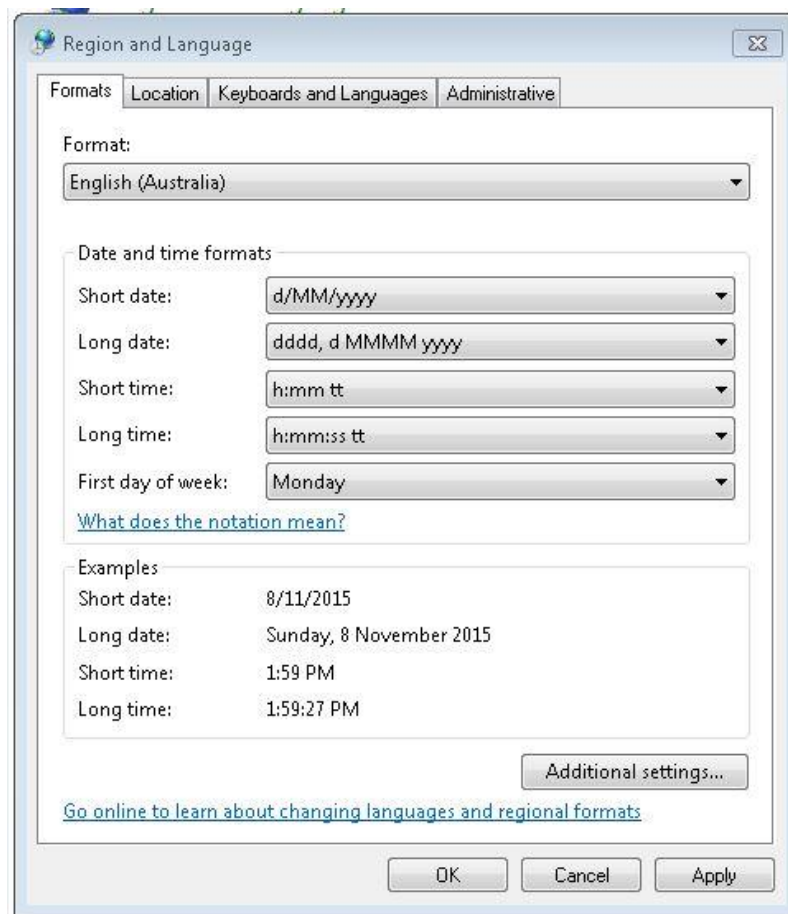

Fig 2.

If you are using either of our programs (the FAS Facial Photographic Analysis Software or our PFL Z-score Calculator) and you reside outside the United States, you need to confirm you computer's Regional Date Setting is set to English (United States).

To switch your computer's Regional Date Setting to **English (United States)** follow the directions below. You can easily toggle your computer back and forth between the different Regional Date Settings. So do not worry, this will not permanently change your Regional Date Setting.

To view and change your computer's Regional Date Setting

Follow these steps:

1. Left mouse click on the **Windows Start** button located in the lower left margin of your computer screen.

2. Select **Control Panel** from the menu that pops up**.**

3. Left mouse clinic on the **Clock, Language, and Region** menu option (Fig 3).

 Fig. 3

4. Next, left mouse click the link for **Change the date, time, or number format** in the **Region and Language** menu option (Fig. 4).

 Fig. 4

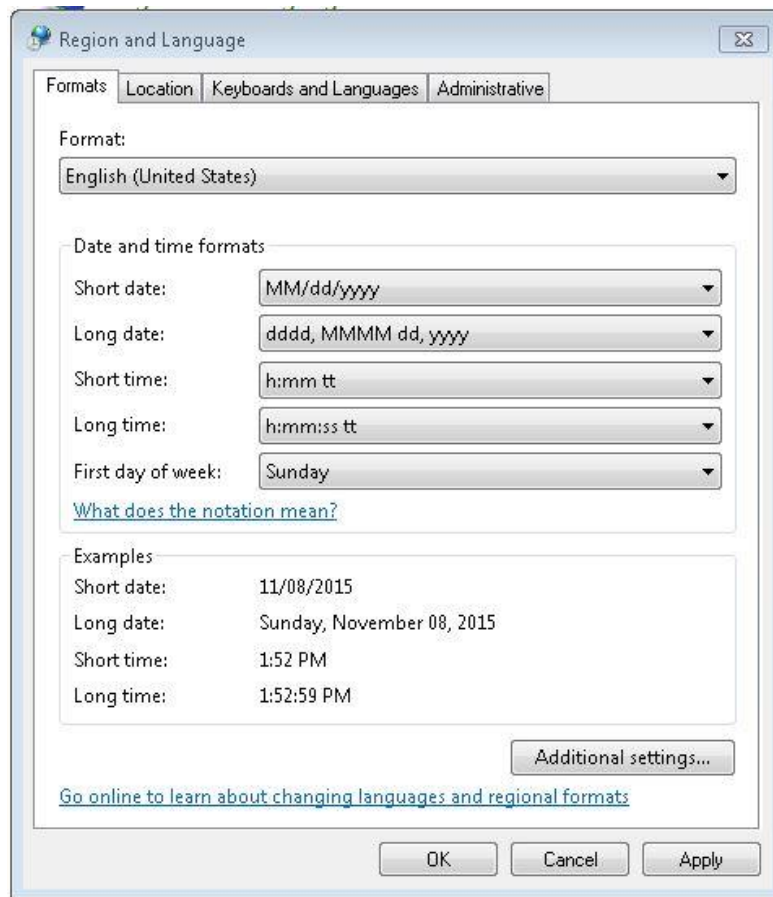5. From the **Region and Language** dialog box, click the **Formats** tab (Fig 5).

 Fig 5

6. Select the ==English (United States)== option from the Format drop-down menu. Note that when you do this, the short date format will be expressed in the U.S. convention of MM/dd/yyyy.

7. Click on the Apply button in the lower right corner of the dialog box. Then click the OK button.

You are done.

When you are not using our FAS Facial Software or the PFL Zscore calculator, switch your computer back to the Regional Date Setting it was originally set on .