

Country Code Cross Reference Table

This table seeks to relate several country code systems. Note that not all the items mentioned are formal countries. The emphasis was to include the codes from the various systems rather than only use formal countries. Different code systems may view political entities differently. Following are descriptions of the columns:

Country – Name of country. This is not necessarily the formal name of the country but more often the common name. Note a few changes of country names during the last few years: Czech Republic to Czechia, Swaziland to Eswatini, Cape Verde to Cabo Verde.

ROG3 - Codes from GEC (Geopolitical Entities and Codes), which were formerly FIPS PUB 10-4. This code system is now maintained by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) an agency of the U.S. government. It uses two characters.

The following three country code sets are from International Standards Organization (ISO) 3166.

ISO3 – Alpha-3 code (3 letter code)

ISO2 - Alpha-2 code (2 letter code)

ISO_Numeric – Numeric code (3 digits)

InternetCtryCode - Internet country code. It is the ISO 3166 Alpha-2 code and used by the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority (IANA) to establish country-coded top-level domains (ccTLDs).

OWCountryCode – Country codes used by *Operation World*. This is not a formal code system. Usually the code is the first 4 letters of the country name.

EthnologueCountryCode – Country codes used by the *Ethnologue*. This is not a formal code system. In almost all cases it is the ISO 3166 Alpha-2 code.

Notes – Gives a little more detail on how the code may be different than codes in other code systems.

Sources mainly used: World Factbook, <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/appendix/appendix-d.html>, ISO Online browsing platform, <https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search>, work with Operation World and past work with Ethnologue. The World Factbook link is a good source for the ROG3 and ISO codes.

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