

# 24. Creating multi-currency sites

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## Foreword

Although it is possible to display prices and accept payment in multiple currencies you must have a merchant account that enables you actually process the payment in the currencies that you have nominated.

For example, if you have a store that displays prices in USD, AUD, and EURO but your merchant account only enables you to actually process payments in AUD then the prices displayed for USD and EURO will only ever be an approximation as the charge will have to be calculated on the day of the transaction at prevailing exchange rates. This is further complicated as credit card companies will normally charge the customer a foreign currency transaction fee on top of the price of the goods purchased.

However, if you have a merchant account that enables you to process in multiple currencies then the price displayed in your store will be the actual amount that will appear on the customer's credit card statement.

iNETstore supports the payment gateway WorldPay (<http://www.worldpay.com>) which enables merchants to accept payment in several currencies of their choice.

## Modifying your template

Enabling your store to accept or display multiple currencies is achieved by creating a new user group for each currency that you would like to accept.

That is, you create additional price fields in the item (ITM) database, populate these fields with the denominations in the application currency, and create the store directories/templates for this new user group.

Merchants will often then display a flag or currency symbol in their store to indicate the currencies that their store accepts. When a customer clicks on the flag or currency symbol the user should be logged into the user group that calls the applicable pricing fields.

This process is explained fully in Ch 23 – Creating additional user groups.

For an example of linking between user groups to display difference currencies check out the iNETstore web site itself which at the time of printing displayed prices in USD, GBP, AUD, CAN, EURO ([www.inetstore.com](http://www.inetstore.com)).