

# The history of the path separator in Japanese and Korean Windows

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Why is the path separator on Japanese Windows the ¥ character? And why is it the ₩ character on Korean Windows? I've been prodding [Michael Kaplan](#) to delve into the history of this quirk, and [he finally gave in to my repeated badgering](#). (Additional discussion on the [Korean Won sign](#), the [Japanese Yen sign](#), and [currency symbols in general](#).)

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