How to connect to AWS WorkSpaces?

AWS Workspaces is a desktop in the cloud (DaaS – Desktop as a Service) which can be opened from any device when connected to the internet. Together with a secure site to site VPN (between DALDEWOLF office and AWS), it runs as if you are working at the office (no need to open a client VPN). The first time you start up you might experience some performance problems for halve an hour, this is normal as windows needs to perform some background tasks after first log in.
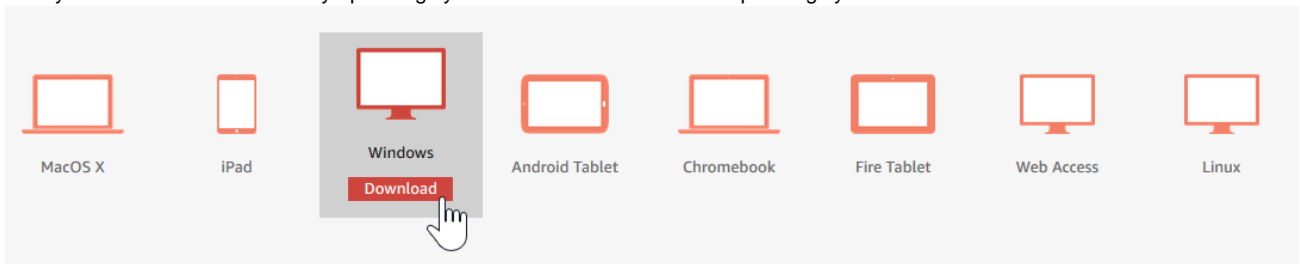
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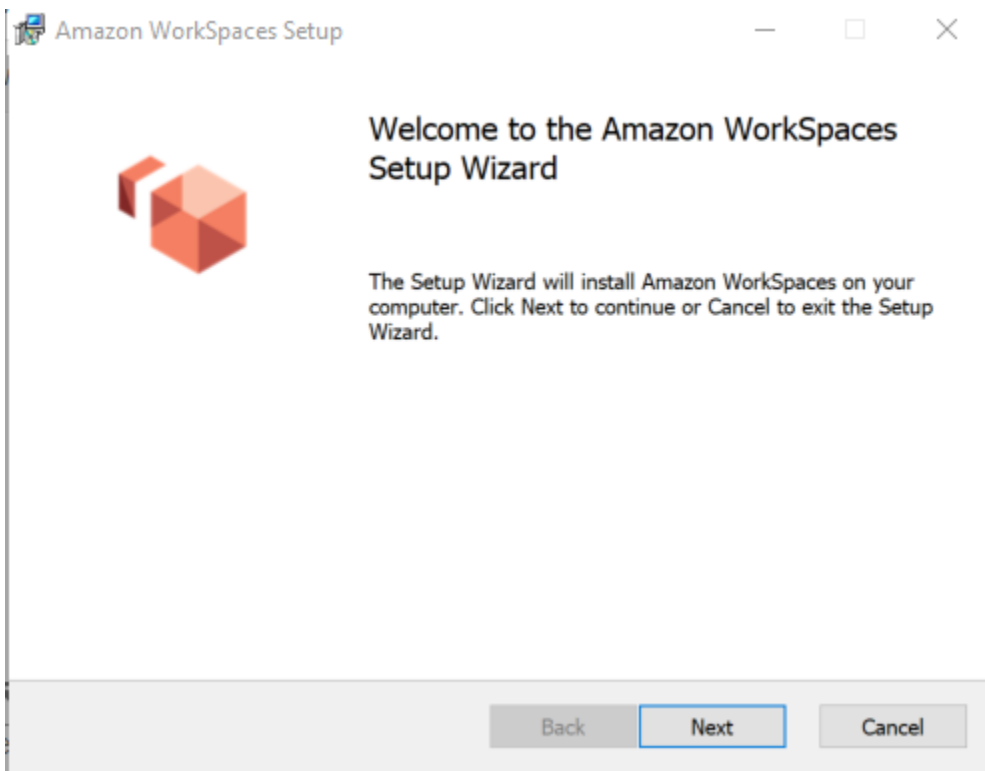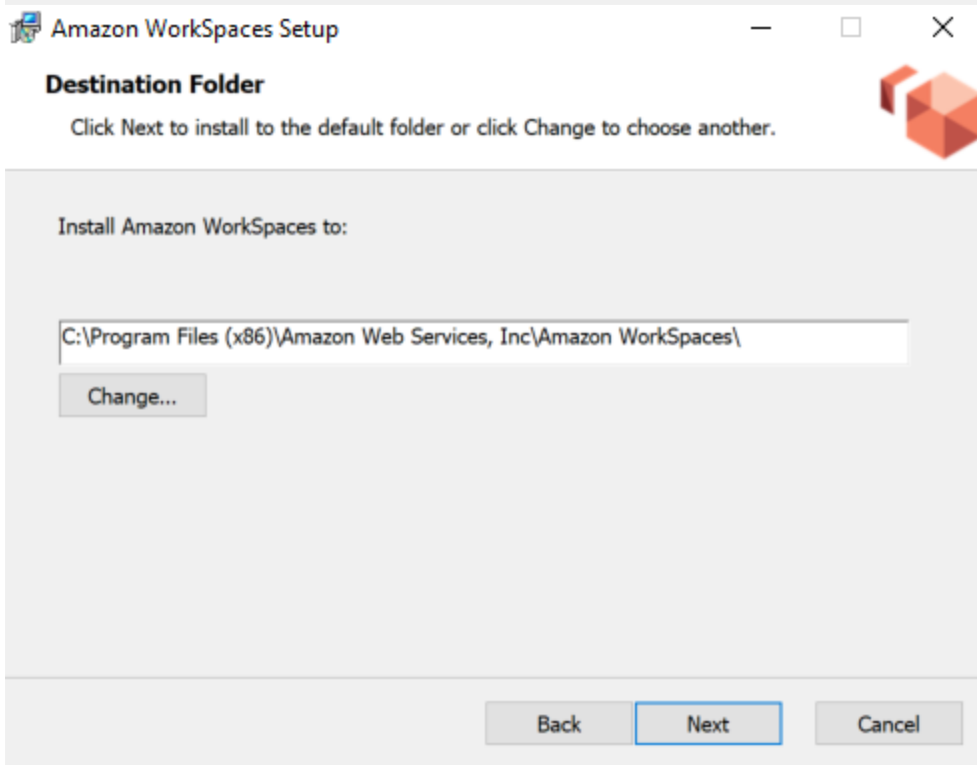 - Related articles

Instructions

Install client

First, we need to install a client to connect to the AWS WorkSpaces
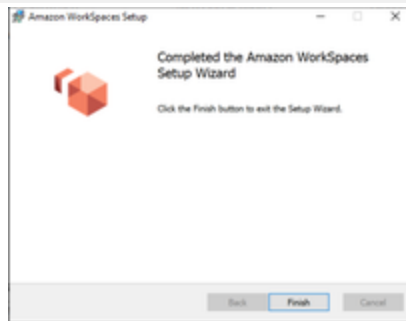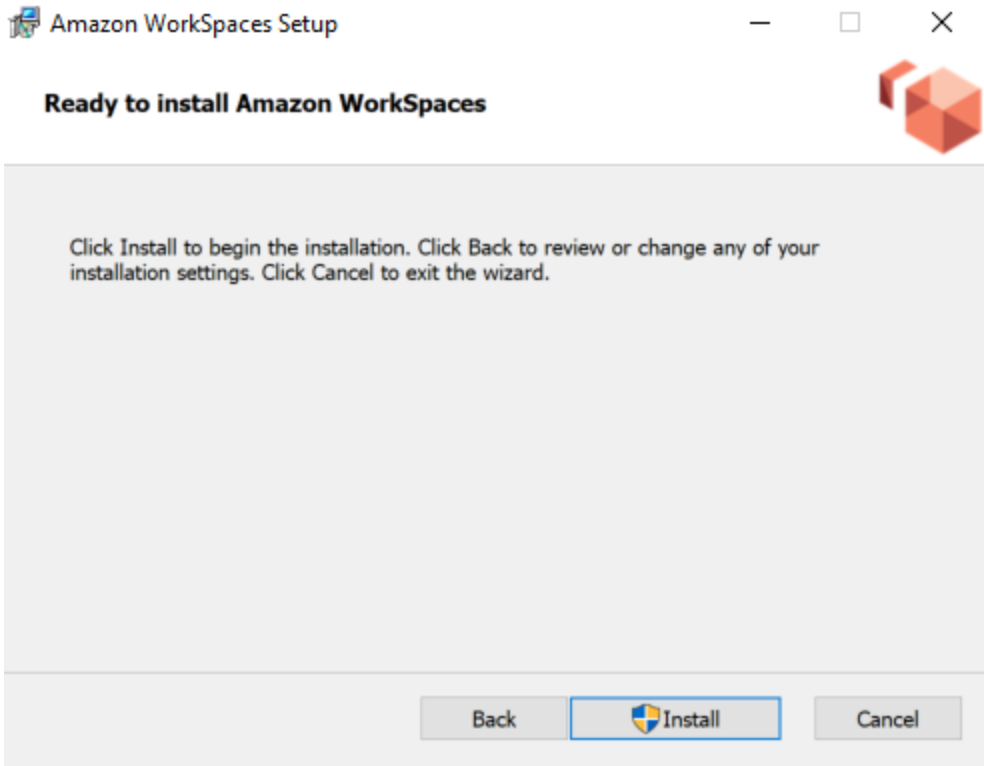
1. Open https://clients.amazonworkspaces.com/
2. Here you can find the client for any operating system. Hover over the correct operating system and choose download

3. Open the executable (for windows: Amazon+WorkSpaces.msi) and install the software: click 'Next' until you can click 'Finish'. No need to adapt values

Amazon WorkSpaces Setup

Installation Scope

Choose the installation scope and folder

○ **Install just for you (NicoCloostermans)**

Amazon WorkSpaces will be installed in a per-user folder and be available just for your user account. You do not need local Administrator privileges.

◉ **Install for all users of this machine**

Amazon WorkSpaces will be installed in a per-machine folder by default and be available for all users. You can change the default installation folder. You must have local Administrator privileges.

Back   Next   Cancel

Amazon WorkSpaces Setup

Destination Folder

Click Next to install to the default folder or click Change to choose another.

Install Amazon WorkSpaces to:

C:\Program Files (x86)\Amazon Web Services, Inc\Amazon WorkSpaces\

Change...

Back   Next   Cancel

Amazon WorkSpaces Setup

Ready to install Amazon WorkSpaces

Click Install to begin the installation. Click Back to review or change any of your installation settings. Click Cancel to exit the wizard.

Back   Install   Cancel

Amazon WorkSpaces Setup

Completed the Amazon WorkSpaces Setup Wizard

Click the Finish button to exit the Setup Wizard.

Back   Finish   Cancel

Using AWS WorkSpaces

1. When opening it could ask to update, just click 'install update' and follow the steps (similar to the above).
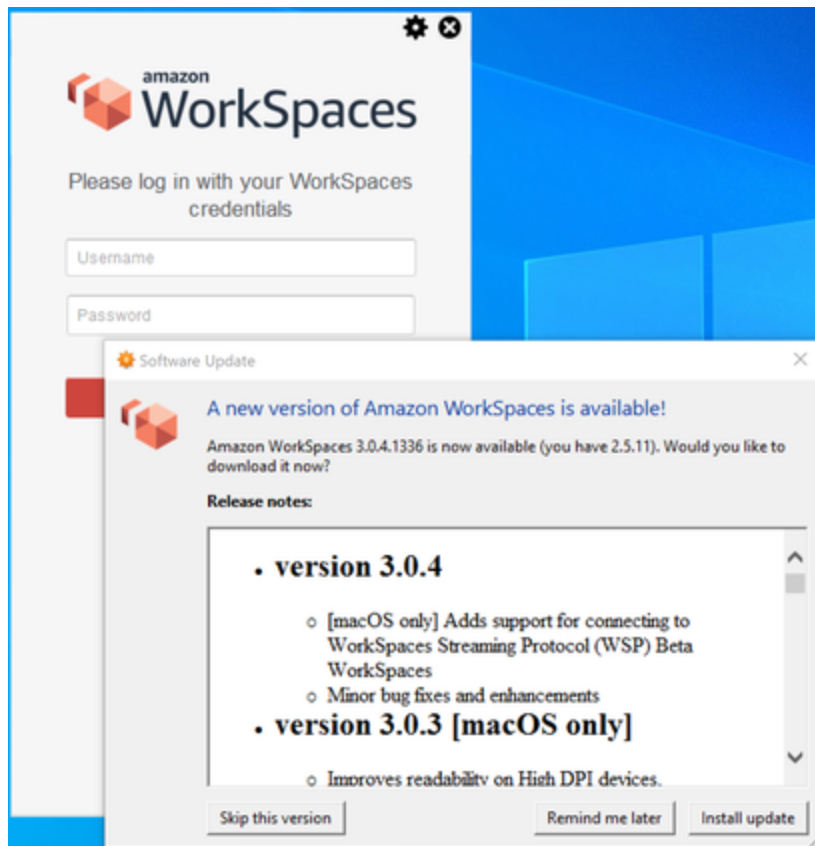
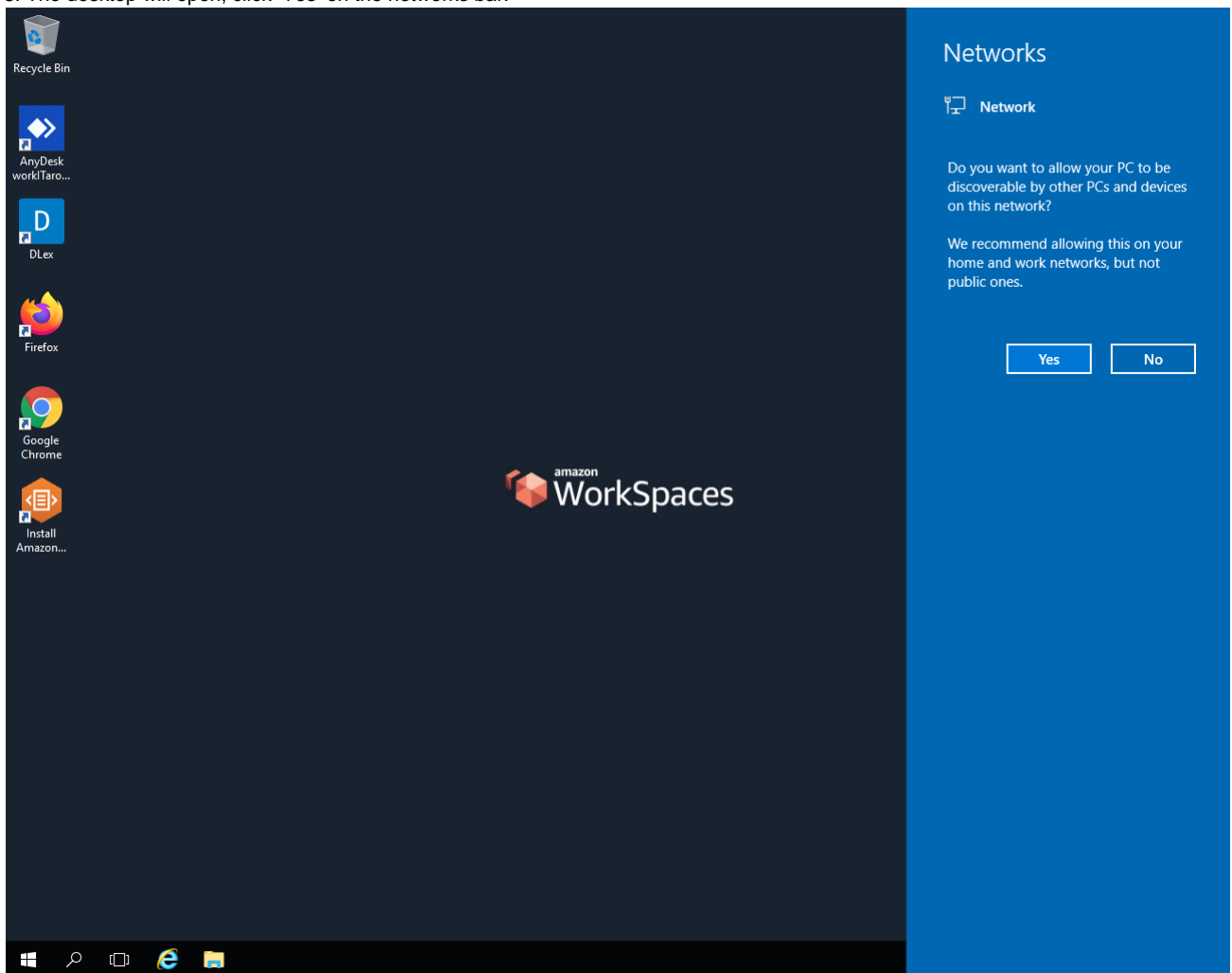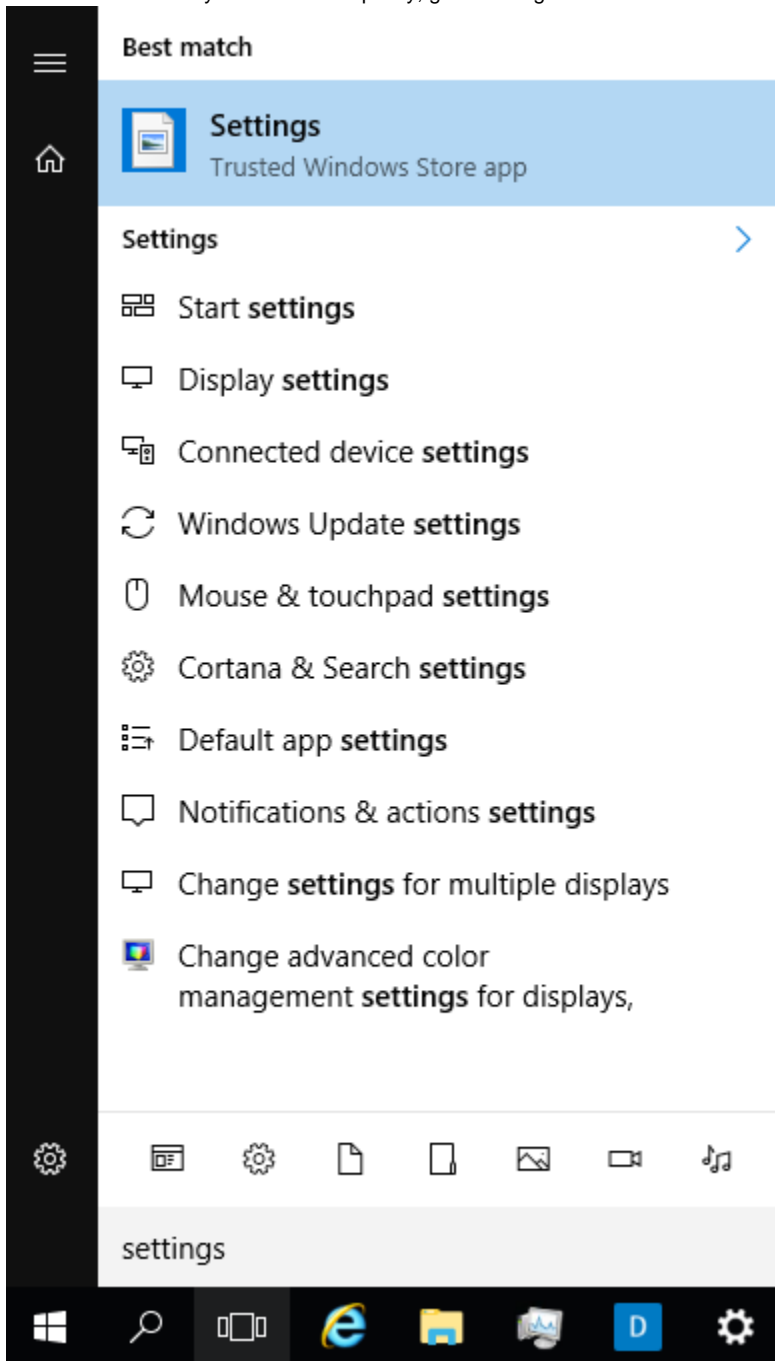2. When asked for a registration code please use: wsdub+N2FQZQ

3. In the login screen, you need to use your Windows user (short name) and password. We prefer you to uncheck the 'keep me logged in' checkbox (when checked everyone using your device can access all your/DALDEWOLF's files. Click 'Sign In'
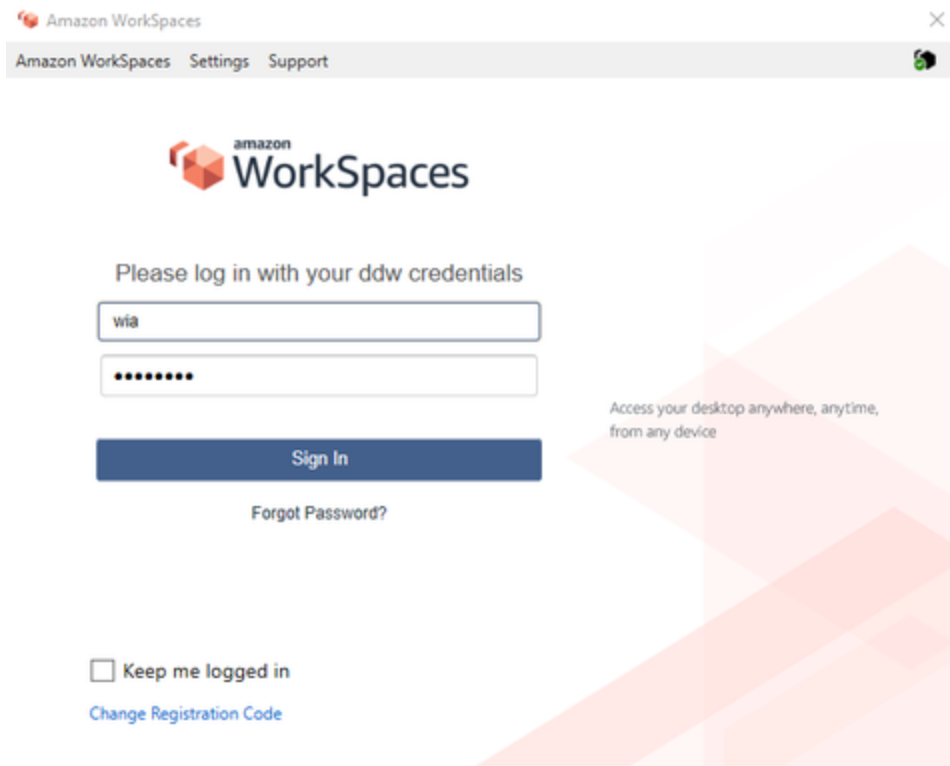
3. The desktop will open, click 'Yes' on the networks bar.

4. You will notice the keyboard is set to qwerty, go to settings and choose 'Time & Language'

5. Select: Region & Language - Change country to 'Belgium' - Select 'English (United States' - click on 'Options'

Home

Find a setting 🔍

Time & language

📅 Date & time

🅰 Region & language

🎤 Speech

Country or region

Windows and apps might use your country or region to give you local content

Belgium ⌄

Languages

You can type in any language you add to the list. Windows, apps and websites will appear in the first language in the list that they support

➕ Add a language

🕐🅰 English (United States)
Windows display language

Set as default   Options   Remove

Related settings

Additional date, time, & regional settings

6. Click 'Add a keyboard' and choose the keyboard you have, mostly if your keyboard is azerty using English words the layout is 'Belgian (Period)'. When the words are in French it's 'Belgian French'. The keyboard will add when clicked.
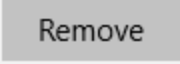
⌨ Belgian (Period)
AZERTY

⌨ Belgian French
AZERTY

⌨ Bulgarian (Latin)

➕ Add a keyboard

⌨ US
QWERTY
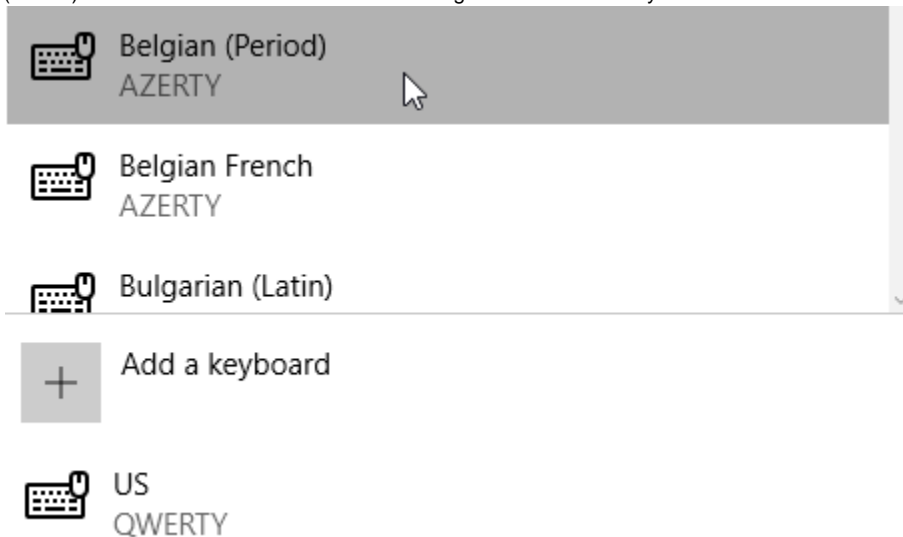
7. Select US keyboard and click 'Remove'

Keyboards

+ Add a keyboard

US
QWERTY

Remove

Belgian (Period)
AZERTY

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