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Examples

Word Origin

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**verb (used with object), configured, configuring.**

1. to design or adapt to form a specific configuration or for some specific purpose:

*The planes are being configured to hold more passengers in each row.*

2. *Computers.*

a. to put together (a computer or computer system) by supplying, arranging, or connecting a specific set of internal or external components:

*My next laptop will be configured for gaming with a fast processor and lots of memory.*

b. to set up (a software program or device) for a particular computer, computer system, or task:

*to configure the printer for a wireless network.*

## Origin of configure

back formation from configuration (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/configuration>)

## Related forms

**configurable**, adjective

**preconfigure**, verb (used with object), **preconfigured**, **preconfiguring**.

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Winston Ross (<http://www.thedailybeast.com/contributors/winston-ross.html?source=dictionary>)  
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## British Dictionary definitions for configure

# configure

/ˌkənˈfɪɡə/

verb (**transitive**)

1. to arrange or organize
2. (**computing**) to set up (a piece of hardware or software) as required

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## Word Origin and History for configure

v.

late 14c., from Latin *configurare* "to fashion after a pattern," from *con-* "together" (see *com-* (/browse/com-)) + *figurare* "to form, shape," from *figura* "a shape, form, figure" (see *figure* (/browse/figure) (n.)).

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software

A program by Richard Stallman (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/richard-stallman>) to discover properties of the current platform (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/platform>) and to set up *make* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/make>) to compile and install *gcc* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/gcc>).

*Cygnus configure* was a similar system developed by K. Richard Pixley in collaboration with Richard Stallman. In 1994, David MacKenzie and others modified *autoconf* (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/autoconf>) to incorporate all the features of *Cygnus configure* and many GNU (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/gnu>) programs, including *gcc* now use *autoconf*.

*Metaconfig* is a similar program used in building Perl (<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/perl>).

(<http://airs.com/ian/configure>).

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