

# DFOUT - Date Format for Output

This Natural profile parameter is for:

- mainframes
- UNIX/OpenVMS and Windows

It determines the format in which the settings of date variables are displayed by INPUT, DISPLAY, PRINT and WRITE statements.

<b>Possible settings</b>	S	Date variables are displayed with a 2-digit year component, and delimiters as determined by the profile parameter DTFORM. For example: <i>yy-mm-dd</i> .
	I	Date variables are displayed with a full 4-digit year component and no delimiters. For example: <i>yyyymmdd</i> .
<b>Default setting</b>	S	
<b>Dynamic specification</b>	YES	
<b>Specification within session</b>	YES	Within a Natural session, the profile parameter DFOUT can be overridden by the <b>session parameter</b> DFOUT.

The DFOUT parameter is evaluated at runtime. It applies to date fields in INPUT, DISPLAY, PRINT and WRITE statements for which no explicit edit mask is specified and for which the **session parameter** DF is not set.

For either DFOUT setting, the sequence of the day, month and year components in the date settings is determined by the DTFORM profile parameter.

See also the section Processing of Date Information in the Natural Programming Guide documentation.