

# DFOUT - Date Format for Output

Parameter	Possible Values	Default Value	Applicable Statements
DFOUT	S, I	S	SET GLOBALS

This parameter determines the format in which the values of date variables are displayed by INPUT, DISPLAY, PRINT and WRITE statements.

<b>DFOUT=S</b>	Date variables are displayed with a 2-digit year component, and delimiters as determined by the <b>profile parameter</b> DTFORM. For example: yy-mm-dd.
<b>DFOUT=I</b>	Date variables are displayed with a full 4-digit year component and no delimiters. For example: yyyyymmdd.

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 values is determined by the **profile parameter** DTFORM .

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

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