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OpenBSD Set Date and Time

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Q. How do I set new date and time under OpenBSD UNIX server?

A. You can set date and time using date command. **OpenBSD date command** uses following syntax:

date **yyyymmddhhss**

where,

=> **yyyy** - Year

=> **mm** - Month

=> **dd** - Day

=> **HHSS** - Hour Second in 24 clock format



WARNING! These examples requires root level privileges (you must login as root).

Set the date to April 23, 1979, 4:27 PM, enter:

```
# date 197904231627
```

Set the time to 2:32 PM, without modifying the date, enter

```
# date 1432
```

To display current date and time, enter date command without option:

```
$ date
```

Output:

```
Sat Apr 3 11:06:51 IST 2008
```

Display the date using the specified format string:

```
$ date "+DATE: %Y-%m-%d%nTIME: %H:%M:%S"
```

Output:

```
DATE: 2008-05-03
TIME: 11:07:55
```

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