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## Linux or FreeBSD command to display system time and date

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Q. How do I display system time and date? How do I make changes to Linux or FreeBSD date?

A. Use date command display or set the system date and time under Linux, FreeBSD or other UNIX like operating systems.

### Task: To display date and time

Type date command:

```
$ date
```

Output:

```
Thu Nov 9 08:05:34 IST 2006
```

### Task: Change date or time

Just follow instruction mentioned in previous article for changing date and time under [Linux](#) <sup>[1]</sup> or [FreeBSD](#) <sup>[2]</sup>

### Task: How to stay upto date with network time server

Please see previous articles for time synchronization under [Linux](#) <sup>[3]</sup> or [FreeBSD](#) <sup>[4]</sup>

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