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PHP script to find and print the current date and time

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Q. I would like to know what the current date or time is via my php script? Can you provide me the sample php code?

A. PHP has inbuilt functions to display current date and time. [1]

PHP date/time functions

[a] **strftime()**: Format a local time/date according to locale settings

[b] **date** : Format a local time/date

Examples

Consider following simple example:

```
<?php
print strftime('%c');
?>
```

Output:

```
Mon Apr 23 01:22:58 2007
```

You need to pass format such as **%c** to strftime() to print date and time representation for the current system. You can use following format characters:

- **%m** - month as a decimal number (range 01 to 12)
- **%d** - day of the month as a decimal number (range 01 to 31)
- **%Y** - year as a decimal number including the century
- You can see the complete format conversion specifiers online here [2]

You can also use date() as follows:

```
<?php
 print date('r');
 print "\\n";
 print date('D, d M Y H:i:s T');
 print "\\n";
?>
```

Output:

```
Mon, 23 Apr 2007 01:29:56 +0530
Mon, 23 Apr 2007 01:35:14 IST
```

You need to pass r format conversion to print formatted date. See the complete format conversion specifiers online here [3]

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