#### [DATE](DATE.docx)

Syntax:

[DATE](DATE.docx) [ switches ]

Description: Retrieves the current date and time. By default, the Gregorian [calendar](calendar.docx) is used, and the date-and-time-formatting-switch used is implementation-defined.

Field Value: The current date and time.

Switches: Zero or one date-and-time-formatting-switch and zero or one of the following field-specific-switches.

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| \h | Use the Hijri/Lunar calendar. |
| \l | If no date-and-time-formatting-switch is used, the date shall use the date [format](format.docx) last used by the hosting application when inserting a new [DATE](DATE.docx) field. |
| \s | Use the Saka Era calendar. |

[Example: Consider the case in which the following fields are updated in a US-English context on the given date and time:

[DATE](DATE.docx)  
[DATE](DATE.docx) \@ "dddd, MMMM dd, yyyy HH:mm:ss"  
[DATE](DATE.docx) \@ "dddd, MMMM dd, yyyy HH:mm:ss" \h  
[DATE](DATE.docx) \@ "dddd, MMMM dd, yyyy HH:mm:ss" \s

the results are:

1/5/2006  
Thursday, January 05, 2006 19:09:01  
AlKhamis, Thoul Hijjah 05, 1426 19:09:01   
Bruhaspathivara, Pausa 15, 1927 19:09:01

end example]

[Note: For some date-and-time-formatting-switches, the [DATE](DATE.docx) and [TIME](TIME.docx) (§) fields can produce the same result. end note]