

How do you get PHP to return the timezone abbreviation AEST?

Asked 15 years, 9 months ago Modified 12 years, 2 months ago

Viewed 3k times  Part of [PHP](#) Collective



0



I can't seem to find a way to get Pear's Date class (or PHP's date function) to return AEST as the timezone abbreviation for the timezone Australia/Melbourne. It always returns EST. I tried all the ways of printing out the timezone available in `Date::format`, `format2`, `format3`. Anyone know how to fix this? I'm running PHP 5.1.6, Pear Date 1.5.0a1, and the latest PECL timezonedb.

PHP

php

timezone

Share

Improve this question

Follow

edited Aug 7, 2011 at 9:42



[skaffman](#)

403k ● 96 ● 824 ● 774

asked Mar 11, 2009 at 4:13



[user76481](#)

1 Answer

Sorted by:

Highest score (default)





4



Have you checked what it says in the time zone database for Australia/Melbourne? It is probably based on the [Olson](#) database, and when I last looked (2009a edition), it was still saying EST is the abbreviation for Australia/Melbourne. So, unless you have fixed the time zone database to say AEST, it is likely to continue to say EST. This has been debated on the TZ mailing list a few times; there isn't a settled answer, so the abbreviation remains unchanged.

Share Improve this answer

answered Mar 11, 2009 at 4:27

Follow



[Jonathan Leffler](#)

752k ● 145 ● 946 ● 1.3k

Thanks for the detailed answer. I read through the comments in the Olson tzdata2009b file and see what you mean about the debate. It looks like I do have EST in my timezone db, so I'll just stick with that. – user76481 Mar 11, 2009 at 4:49
