For example, the following command displays the current date in mm/dd/yy format.

date "+%D"

Here are some of the popular format specifiers that you can try out:

| **Specifier** | **Explanation** |
| --- | --- |
| %d | Display the day of the month (01 to 31) |
| %h | Displays the abbreviated month name (Jan to Dec) |
| %m | Displays the month of year (01 to 12) |
| %Y | Displays the four-digit year |
| %T | Displays the time in 24 hour format as HH:MM:SS |
| %H | Displays the hour |

date "+%"