

# DFSTACK - Date Format for Stack

This Natural profile and session parameter determines the format in which the settings of date variables are placed on the stack via a `STACK`, `RUN` or `FETCH` statement.

Within a Natural session, the profile parameter `DFSTACK` can be overridden by the session parameter `DFSTACK`.

<b>Possible settings</b>	S	Date variables are placed on the stack with a 2-digit year component, and delimiters as determined by the profile parameter <code>DTFORM</code> . For example: <code>yy-mm-dd</code> .	
	C	Same as <code>DFSTACK=S</code> . In addition, if the century used when the setting is read from the stack is not the same as that of the original date setting, Natural will issue a runtime error.	
	I	Date variables are placed on the stack with a full 4-digit year component and no delimiters. For example: <code>yyyymmdd</code> .	
<b>Default setting</b>	S		
<b>Dynamic specification</b>	yes		
<b>Specification within session</b>	yes	Applicable Statements:	SET GLOBALS
		Applicable Command:	GLOBALS
<b>Application Programming Interface</b>	USR1005N	See <i>SYSEXT - Natural Application Programming Interfaces</i> in the <i>Utilities</i> documentation.	

The profile parameter `DFSTACK` does not apply to `STACK`, `RUN` or `FETCH` statements for which the session parameter `DF` is set.

See also *Processing of Date Information* in the *Programming Guide*.