

DFOUT - Date Format for Output

This Natural profile and session parameter determines the format in which the settings of date variables are displayed by INPUT, DISPLAY, PRINT and WRITE statements.

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

Possible settings	S	Date variables are displayed with a 2-digit year component, and delimiters as determined by the profile parameter DTFORM. For example: <i>yy-mm-dd</i> .	
	I	Date variables are displayed with a full 4-digit year component and no delimiters. For example: <i>yyyymmdd</i> .	
Default setting	S		
Dynamic specification	yes		
Specification within session	yes	Applicable Statements:	SET GLOBALS
		Applicable Command:	GLOBALS
Application Programming Interface	USR1005N	See <i>SYSEXT - Natural Application Programming Interfaces</i> in the <i>Utilities</i> documentation.	

Notes:

1. The *profile parameter* DFOUT is evaluated at runtime. It applies to date fields in INPUT, DISPLAY, PRINT and WRITE statements for which no explicit edit mask is specified and for which the *session parameter* DF is not set.
2. The sequence of the day, month and year components in the date settings is determined by the DTFORM profile parameter.

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