

PHP Date

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PHP Date function is used to format a local time/date.

The PHP Date() Function

Syntax :

```
date(string $format, timestamp) ;
```

The PHP date() function have 2 Parameter. Parameter format specifies the format of the timestamp. We can get second parameter timestamp using time() function.

Date Format :

The PHP date() function have three format for day, month and year as below.

d (Lowercase) - Specify the day of the month from 01 to 31.

m (Lowercase) - Specify a month from 01 to 12

y (Lowercase) - Specify a year in two digits

D (uppercase) - Specify the day of week from Sun to Sat.

M (uppercase) - Specify a month from Jan to Dec

Y (uppercase) - Specify a year in four digits

l (lowercase) - Specify the day from Sunday to Saturday.

F (uppercase) - Specify a month like April

Time Format :

We can show time in hour, minute and second format using below characters.

H - Specify 24-hour format of an hour from 00 to 23

h - Specify 12-hour format of an hour with leading zeros from 01 to 12

i - Specify Minutes with leading zeros from 00 to 59

s - Specify Seconds with leading zeros from 00 to 59

a - Lowercase a specify Ante meridiem and Post meridiem such as am or pm

A - Uppercase a specify Ante meridiem and Post meridiem such as AM or PM in uppercase.

Learn php date() function using below examples.

Example :

```
<?php
//code by aryatechno
echo "<br><b>Get date in different date format</b>";
echo "<br>Today Date in D, d M Y format is " . date("D, d M Y");
echo "<br>Today Date in d.m.Y format is " . date("d.m.Y");
echo "<br>Today Date in Y-m-d format is " . date("Y-m-d");
echo "<br>Today Date in d-F-Y format is " . date("d-F-Y");
echo "<br><b>Get date with time in different time format</b>";
echo "<br>Current Time in h:i:s a format is " . date("h:i:s a");
echo "<br>Current Date & Time in D, d M Y h:i:s A format is " . date("D, d M Y h:i:s A");

?>
```

Output :

Get date in different date format

Today Date in D, d M Y format is Fri, 26 Jun 2026

Today Date in d.m.Y format is 26.06.2026

Today Date in Y-m-d format is 2026-06-26

Today Date in d-F-Y format is 26-June-2026

Get date with time in different time format

Current Time in h:i:s a format is 08:41:52 am

Current Date & Time in D, d M Y h:i:s A format is Fri, 26 Jun 2026 08:41:52 AM

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