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**NAME**

date – print and set the date

**SYNOPSIS**

**date** [ mmddhhmm[yy] ]

**DESCRIPTION**

If no argument is given, the current date is printed to the second. If an argument is given, the current date is set. The first *mm* is the month number; *dd* is the day number in the month; *hh* is the hour number (24 hour system); the second *mm* is the minute number; *yy* is the last 2 digits of the year number and is optional. For example:

**date 10080045**

sets the date to Oct 8, 12:45 AM. The current year is the default if no year is mentioned. The system operates in GMT. *Date* takes care of the conversion to and from local standard and daylight time.

**DIAGNOSTICS**

'bad conversion' if the argument is syntactically incorrect.

**BUGS**