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date – print and set the date

SYNOPSIS

date [*yymmddhhmm* [*.ss*]]

DESCRIPTION

If no argument is given, the current date and time are printed. If an argument is given, the current date is set. *yy* is the last two digits of the year; 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; *.ss* is optional and is the seconds. For example:

date 10080045

sets the date to Oct 8, 12:45 AM. The year, month and day may be omitted, the current values being the defaults. The system operates in GMT. *Date* takes care of the conversion to and from local standard and daylight time.

FILES

/usr/adm/wtmp to record time-setting

SEE ALSO

utmp(5)

DIAGNOSTICS

'No permission' if you aren't the super-user and you try to change the date; 'bad conversion' if the date set is syntactically incorrect.