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## SIP2 due date-time format (AH field)

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### Question

Can we change the date format of the AH field in SIP2 without changing the format in all of the Aleph GUI modules?

### Answer

\* As delivered, the format of AH field in SIP2 is configured by `setenv date_style_f` in `$alephe_root/aleph_start` and there is no way to set it to different value in SIP2 than in GUI.

\* However, a `date_style_f` parameter can be added to the SIP2-server start script (`$aleph_proc/sip2_server`) and set to a different value....

```
source $aleph_proc/def_local_env
setenv date_style_f 36 <-----
setenv item_schedule_preview_period 00:30
....
```

\* Since this setting may be overwritten during SP or version upgrades, the altered `sip2_server` file should be saved somewhere other than the a-tree.

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### Additional Information

Format might be "YYYYMMDDhhmm" or others (formatted with the ANSI standard X3.30 for date and X3.43 for time)

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