
SIS and Date format with "Z" in User XSD

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Question

The SIS XSD version 2 has "Z" at the end of the dates, e.g.:

```
<start_date>2014-10-26Z</start_date>
```

What's the 'Z' for?

Answer

To specify a time zone, the date is indicated in UTC time by adding a "Z" after the date - like this:

```
<start>2002-09-24Z</start>
```

or it is possible to specify an offset from the UTC time by adding a positive or negative time behind the date - like this:

```
<start>2002-09-24-06:00</start>
```

or

```
<start>2002-09-24+06:00</start>
```

Quoted from:

http://www.w3schools.com/xml/schema_dtypes_date.asp

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