

# Any way to turn off daylight savings time in PHP5?

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Is there anyway to get PHP (v5.1.6) to use the OS time for date functions as PHP4 did?

phpinfo() lists something called "Timezone Database: internal" under the date section, so I'm guessing that's where the data is originating.

Here's the background:

We have a LAMP server that has a special rule created that ignores daylight savings time, and MySQL will 'defer' to system time so that:

```
shell> date
Thu Sep 13 11:52:43 CST 2007
```

and

```
mysql> select now();
+-----+
| now() |
+-----+
| 2007-09-13 11:52:43 |
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```

give the same result.

However, `echo date('Y-m-d H:i:s')` produces the time in Daylight Savings time, i.e., an hour ahead.

I've resorted to testing whether we are in DST with `date('I')`, then adjusting displays for the hour difference, but PHP4 just pulled the date/time straight from the OS.

Seems like being able to set `date.timezone=system` so that PHP will follow the OS rule would be a good idea. But doing this, or leaving `date.timezone` blank in `php.ini`, causes PHP to grab the correct timezone data from the OS, but it adds the hour for DST.

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Just wondering... I've spent half a day trying different approaches and nothing has worked.

Thanks,

David