

# Store Past or Future Date and Time

Want to use a future or past date dynamically in a survey? This script adds or subtracts time to/from the current date.

Check it out in an [example survey](#)

OR

[Add a survey](#) with this setup to your account!

## This script uses the following features and functions:

- [Hidden Value](#) to store date for later use
- [strtotime](#)
- [date](#)
- [setvalue](#)

Copy and paste the script in a Custom Script Action that precedes the Hidden Value you wish to set.

Once this is set up you'll be able to use the [merge code](#) for that hidden action later on in your survey!

```
format = "Y-m-d"
now = strtotime(date(format)) + 172800 -- change +/- and customize time
in seconds
twodays = date('Y-m-d',now)

setvalue(3,twodays) -- the ID of the Hidden Value
```

## Required Customizations

A couple elements above will need to be changed to match your survey:

- 1.** First, you will want to decide if you are adding or subtracting time. If you are subtracting, change the plus sign to a minus.
- 2.** Next decide how much time you'd like to add or subtract. Calculate that time into seconds and put that in place of 172800 (2 days in seconds).
- 3.** To finish, change the 3 to the ID of the hidden value or question you wish to set.

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