

Show The Day of A Week in Linux

```
greys@xps:~ $ date '+%A' -d 2019-09-15
Sunday
greys@xps:~ $ date '+%A' -d 2020-09-15
Tuesday
greys@xps:~ $
```

Day of a week Per Date

Today is my son's birthday, and we had a great party with many friends. We've been lucky to have his birthday on Sunday this year. Here's a simple enough way of checking which day of a week any day will be.

Show Current Day of The Week

date command has a special format code that shows current day of the week: %a for short name (like Sat or Sun) and %A for full name (like Saturday or Sunday).

Just type it like this to confirm today's day of the week:

```
greys@xps:~ $ date '+%a'
Sun
greys@xps:~ $ date '+%A'
Sunday
```

Show Day of the Week For a Specific Date

The same date command has another great option: using `-d` you can specify any date, so the date command will confirm the day of the week for it.

Here's how you can check which day of the week it will be on September 15th next year:

```
greys@xps:~ $ date '+%A' -d 2020-09-15  
Tuesday
```

See Also

- [Basic Unix Commands](#)
- [date command](#)