# Sprint start date

| Field code |
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| `%{issue.sprintStartDate}` |

## Read

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| **Returned value** | **Start date** of the current issue's **sprint** ⓘ |
| **Output data type** | TEXT |
| **Example output** | 2020-06-08 12:10 |

If the issue is assigned to an **active sprint**, the value of this sprint will be returned.

If the issue is related to **several sprints**, the value from the currently active sprint will be returned.

If the issue is related to **several sprints** and all **sprints are inactive**, the value from the sprint completed most recently will be returned.

When cast to text, the output depends on the `jira.date.time.picker.java.format` parameter set in your Jira instance.

**19/Mar/20 1:38 PM** would be returned for `dd/MMM/yy h:mm a`

If you want to return a **number** (a timestamp) instead, **remove** the leading **%** character in front of the field code.

You will **not** be able to do this in the **basic mode**. Learn more about Parsing modes.