

The entry about the datepicker can be found [here](#).

# Changing the date's format in the datepicker

With this javascript function you can change the date's format in your own datepicker

- e.g. 01.01.2017
- e.g. 01-01-2017

This is the format, which is used, when storing the values in the TIM database. This way you get a pretty format for [WordTemplates](#), [Mailnodes](#)] etc. Therefor a new datepicker has to be implemented in the [custom.js](#), which overrides the one in TIM. In the [\[\[en:software:tim:smartform|Smartform\]\]](#) we need, like with the normal datepicker, input field with a class. In this example the class **datefield** is used.

```
<form initMethod="initMyDateField">
<input type="text" name="myDateField" id="myDateField" class="datefield"/>
Date
</form>
```

jQuery is required here and must be imported!

```
jq= (this.form.ownerDocument.defaultView!=null) ?
this.form.ownerDocument.defaultView.jQuery :
this.form.ownerDocument.parentWindow.jQuery;
```

In the custom file the datepicker is now being initialized in the function initMyDateField (name is freely selectable)

```
gadget.functions.initMyDateField = function(){
    jq= (this.form.ownerDocument.defaultView!=null) ?
this.form.ownerDocument.defaultView.jQuery :
this.form.ownerDocument.parentWindow.jQuery;
    jq('.datefield').datepicker(jq.datepicker.regional["de"]);
}
```

The datepicker can be given different regional formats. In this example "de" was given, which leads to: 31.07.2013

There are of course further formats available, all the way to naming the weekdays and months. Therefor you can look in the jQuery API for datepicker (<http://api.jqueryui.com/datepicker/>).

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