

# Technical Note #031

## Oracle B2B File/FTP/SFTP Timestamp Format Configuration

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### Background

When sending a message to a trading partner using Oracle B2B using File/FTP/SFTP the format of the file name can contain the timestamp and the timestamp can be configured based on the user needs.

### External Partner / Host Channel: Outbound

Oracle B2B by default sends the outbound message with the naming convention as TPName\_timestamp[YYYYMMMdd\_HH\_mm\_ss\_SSS]. There is a flexibility to configure the customized timestamp format as part of file/ftp/sftp delivery channel file name format configuration.

#### Creating the filename

- Filename Format as part of the transport protocol parameter:  
%FROM\_PARTY%\_%TIMESTAMP[ddMMMyyyy\_HH\_mm\_ss\_SSS]%.dat
- Example resultant file name would be,  
Acme\_28Mar2011\_23\_19\_06\_979.dat

The default time stamp format would be YYYYMMMdd\_HH\_mm\_ss\_SSS.

Basically the desired time stamp format should be provided in the square brackets indicated below:  
%TIMESTAMP[.....]%

Note: This feature is supported in 11g PS3 and back ported as part of PS2 BLR: 10128930.

## Conclusion

In summary, this tech note explains how to configure the timestamp format for File/FTP/sFTP/ delivery channels.

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