

JAVA.UTIL.DATE.BEFORE METHOD

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Description

The **java.util.Date.before***Date when* method checks if this date is before the specified **date**.

Declaration

Following is the declaration for **java.util.Date.before** method

```
public boolean before(Date when)
```

Parameters

- **when** -- date to be checked

Return Value

true if the represented Date object is strictly before than the instant represented by when; false otherwise.

Exception

- **NullPointerException** -- if when is null.

Example

The following example shows the usage of java.util.Date.before method.

```
package com.tutorialspoint;

import java.util.*;

public class DateDemo {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        // create 2 dates
        Date date = new Date(11, 5, 21);
        Date date2 = new Date(15, 1, 21);

        // tests if date 2 is before date and print
        boolean before = date2.before(date);
        System.out.println("Date 2 is before date: " + before);

        // tests if date is before date 2 and print
        before = date.before(date2);
        System.out.println("Date is before date 2: " + before);
    }
}
```

Let us compile and run the above program, this will produce the following result:

```
Date 2 is before date: false
Date is before date 2: true
```

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