

# Module time in Python

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The next tutorial in the series of lessons on handling Date / Time in Python, TipsMake.com will work with you to find out details about **module time** and functions related to the time specified in this module. Let's follow it!

Python has a **time module used to handle time-related tasks** . To use the functions defined in the module, first import this module, do the following:

```
import time
```

Here are the most commonly used time-related functions.

## The most used functions

1. time.time ()
2. time.ctime ()
3. time.sleep ()
4. Class time.struct\_time
5. time.localtime ()
6. time.gmtime ()
7. time.mktime ()
8. time.asctime ()
9. time.strftime ()
10. time.strptime ()

### time.time ()

**The time () function** returns the number of seconds from the *epoch*, or the timestamp value

For Unix systems, 00:00:00 on January 1, 1970 UTC hours are called *epochs* (the start of time).

```
import time seconds = time.time() print("So giay tinh tu epoch:", seconds)
```

The result will look like:

```
So giay tinh tu epoch: 1562922590.7720907
```

## **time.ctime ()**

This method converts a time represented by the number of seconds from the epoch to a string representation.

```
import time # s? giây tính t?
epoch # viet boi TipsMake.com seconds = 1562983783.9618232 local_time = time.ctime(seconds)
```

Run the program, the result returns the date and time corresponding to the number of seconds transmitted:

```
Local time: Sat Jul 13 09:09:43 2019
```

If not passing *seconds*, the program returns the current time value.

## **time.sleep ()**

**The sleep () function** stops executing the current thread in the number of seconds passed.

```
import time print ("Start :", time.ctime()) time.sleep(3) print ("End :", time.ctime())
```

This method does not return any values, but only the executable delay. Try running the program to see the delay.

```
Start : Sat Jul 13 09:33:52 2019 End : Sat Jul 13 09:33:57 2019
```

Before going on to other time-related functions, learn through **class time.struct\_time** .

## **Class time.struct\_time**

Some functions in module *time*, such as *gmtime ()*, *asctime ()* . have *time.struct\_time* is the returned object.

Example of *time.struct\_time* result .

```
time.struct_time(tm_year=2018, tm_mon=12, tm_mday=27, tm_hour=6, tm_min=35, tm_sec=0, tm_wday=6, tm_yday=366, tm_isdst=0)
```

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0 *tm\_year* Current year: 0000, .., 2018, .., 9999 1 *tm\_mon* Current month: 1, 2, .., 12 2 *tm\_mday* Current day: 1, 2, .., 31 3 *tm\_hour* Current time: 0, 1, .., 23 4 *tm\_min* Current time: 0, 1, .., 59 5 *tm\_sec* Current seconds: 0, 1, .., 61 6 *tm\_wday* Day of the week : 0, 1, .., 6; Monday is calculated at 0 7 *tm\_yday* Day of the year: 1, 2, .., 366 8 *tm\_isdst* Determine DST: 0, 1 or -1

## **time.localtime ()**

**The localtime () function in the *time* module** takes the number of seconds passed into the argument and returns *struct\_time* in local time.

```
import time result = time.localtime(1562983783) print("Ket qua:", result) print(
```

Run the program, the result is:

```
Ket qua: time.struct_time(tm_year=2019, tm_mon=7, tm_mday=13, tm_hour=9, tm_min=9,
```

If no number of seconds is provided or the value is transferred, the current time returned from the *time ()* function will be used.

## **time.gmtime ()**

**The function gmtime () in the time module** takes the number of seconds passed as an argument and returns the *struct\_time* by UTC time.

```
import time result = time.gmtime(1562983783) print("Ket qua:", result) print("\nN
```

Run the program, the result is:

```
Ket qua: time.struct_time(tm_year=2019, tm_mon=7, tm_mday=13, tm_hour=2, m_min=9,
```

If no number of seconds is provided or the value is transferred, the current time returned from the *time ()* function will be used.

## **time.mktime ()**

**The mktime () function in the time module** takes *struct\_time* (or a tuple containing 9 elements corresponding to *struct\_time*) as the argument and returns the number of seconds from the local time epoch. This is the inverse function of *localtime ()*.

```
import time t = (2019, 7, 13, 9, 9, 43, 5, 194, 0) local_time = time.mktime(t) p
```

Run the program, the result is:

```
Gio dia phuong: 1562983783.0
```

The example below shows how *mktime ()* and *localtime ()* are related.

```
import time seconds = 1562983783 # tr? v?  
struct_time # viet boi TipsMake.com t = time.localtime(seconds) print("t1: ", t  
? v? giây t? struct_time s = time.mktime(t) print("ns:", seconds)
```

Result:

```
t1: time.struct_time(tm_year=2019, tm_mon=7, tm_mday=13, tm_hour=9, tm_min=9, tm
```

## **time.asctime ()**

**The asctime () function in the *time* module** takes *struct\_time* (or a tuple containing 9 elements corresponding to *struct\_time*) as the argument and returns a string representing that time.

```
import time t = (2019, 7, 13, 9, 9, 43, 5, 194, 0) result = time.asctime(t) print
```

Program results returned:

```
Ket qua: Sat Jul 13 09:09:43 2019
```

## **time.strftime ()**

**The strftime () function in the *time* module** takes *struct\_time* (or a tuple corresponding to *struct\_time*) as the argument and returns a string representing the time based on the input format code.

```
import time named_tuple = time.localtime() # l?
y struct_time time_string = time.strftime("%m/%d/%Y, %H:%M:%S", named_tuple) print
```

Run the program, the result is:

```
07/15/2019, 08:46:58
```

In this example, % Y, % m, % d, % H are **format codes** .

1. % Y: year [0001, .., 2018, 2019, .., 9999]
2. % m: month [01, 02, .., 11, 12]
3. % d: date [01, 02, .., 30, 31]
4. % H: hour [00, 01, .., 22, 23]
5. % M: month [00, 01, .., 58, 59]
6. % S: seconds [00, 01, .., 58, 61]

Read more: strftime function () in the datetime Python module

## **time.strptime ()**

**The.strptime () function in the *time* module** analyzes a string representing a time, time, and returns *struct\_time*.

```
import time time_string = "17 July, 2019" result = time.strptime(time_string, "%
```

The returned result has the form:

```
time.struct_time(tm_year=2019, tm_mon=7, tm_mday=17, tm_hour=0, tm_min=0, tm_sec=0)
```

Read more: `strptime ()` function in the `datetime` Python module

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