



Python Datetime Module

The Datetime module allows us to work with date and time objects. It provides three additional data types: date, time and datetime.

Invoking the library

```
In [1]: import datetime
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date()

The date method return a date object with the year, month and day attributes:

`datetime.date(year: int, month: int, day: int)`

```
In [2]: from datetime import date
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In [3]: obj = date(2022, 12, 1)
print("year",obj.year)
print("Month",obj.month)
print("day",obj.day)
```

```
year 2022
Month 12
day 1
```

time()

The time method return a time object with the hour, minute, second, microsecond and tzinfo attributes:

`datetime.time(hour: int, minute: int, second: int)`

```
In [4]: from datetime import time
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In [5]: obj = time(10, 20, 33)
print("Hour:",obj.hour)
print("Minute:",obj.minute)
print("Seconds:",obj.second)
```

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Hour: 10
Minute: 20
Seconds: 33
```

datetime()

The datetime returns an object with both, the date and time objects attributes:

`datetime.datetime(year: int, month: int, day: int, hour: int, minute: int, second: int, microsecond: int, tzinfo: tzinfo)`

`datetime.datetime(year, month, day, hour, minute, second)`

```
In [6]: from datetime import datetime
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In [7]: obj = datetime(2024, 12, 1, 15, 35, 59)
print("Year:", obj.year)
print("Month:", obj.month)
print("Day:", obj.day)
print("Hour:", obj.hour)
print("mintue", obj.minute)
print("Second:", obj.second)
```

```
Year: 2024
Month: 12
Day: 1
Hour: 15
mintue 35
Second: 59
```

now() and today()

now and today methods return a datetime object with system's exact day and time:

```
In [8]: from datetime import datetime
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In [9]: now = datetime.now()
now
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Out[9]: datetime.datetime(2024, 4, 12, 20, 7, 40, 937959)
```

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In [10]: print("Date:", now.date())
print("Time:", now.time())
print("Year:", now.year)
print("Month:", now.month)
print("Day:", now.day)
print("Hour:", now.hour)
print("Minute:", now.minute)
print("Second:", now.second)
print("Microsecond:", now.microsecond)
```

```
Date: 2024-04-12
Time: 20:07:40.937959
Year: 2024
Month: 4
Day: 12
Hour: 20
Minute: 7
Second: 40
Microsecond: 937959
```

Additionally, now can take a timezone object as an optional parameter:

```
In [11]: from datetime import datetime, timezone
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In [12]: print("Indian Time utc:", datetime.now(timezone.utc))
```

```
Indian Time utc: 2024-04-12 14:37:40.983502+00:00
```

strftime() and strptime()

You can easily transform between strings and datetime objects with the strftime and strptime methods.

strftime()

strftime allow us to create human formatted strings out of a Python datetime object:

```
In [13]: from datetime import datetime
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In [14]: now = datetime.now()

print(now)

print(now.strftime("%d-%b-%Y"))

print(now.strftime("%d-%m-%Y"))

print(now.strftime("%d-%b-%Y"))

print(now.strftime("%d-%m-%Y"))

print(now.strftime("%m/%d/%Y"))

print(now.strftime("%b/%d/%Y - %H:%M:%S"))
```

```
2024-04-12 20:07:41.008757
12-Apr-2024
12-04-2024
12-Apr-2024
12-04-2024
04/12/2024
Apr/12/2024 - 20:07:41
```

strftime()

The strftime method creates a datetime object from a string.

A string representing a datetime object.

The python format code equivalent to that string.

```
In [15]: from datetime import datetime
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In [16]: datetime_str = '12-Jul-2023'

print("date_month_year",datetime.strptime(datetime_str, '%d-%b-%Y'))

datetime_str = 'Jul/12/2023 - 14:38:37'

print("date_month_year_hour_minute",datetime.strptime(datetime_str, "%b/%d/%Y - %H:%M:%S"))

date_month_year 2023-07-12 00:00:00
date_month_year_hour_minute 2023-07-12 14:38:37
```

timedelta()

The timedelta object represents the difference between two dates or times.

```
In [17]: from datetime import datetime
```

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In [18]: date_1 = datetime.strptime('12-Jul-2023', '%d-%b-%Y')
date_2 = datetime.strptime('01-Jan-2024', '%d-%b-%Y')

print("Firest date:",date_1)

print("Second date:",date_2)

difference = date_2 - date_1

difference

print("difference between Two dates",difference.days)

Firest date: 2023-07-12 00:00:00
Second date: 2024-01-01 00:00:00
difference between Two dates 173
```

timedelta can add days, seconds and microseconds to a datetime object:

```
In [19]: from datetime import datetime, timedelta
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In [20]: now = datetime.now()
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print("Present Time&hour",now)

print("adding The days,seconds",now + timedelta(days=10, seconds=15))
```

Present Time&hour 2024-04-12 20:07:41.144903
adding The days,seconds 2024-04-22 20:07:56.144903

And can subtract days, seconds and microseconds to a datetime object:

```
In [21]: from datetime import datetime, timedelta
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In [22]: now = datetime.now()

print("present_time",now)

print("Subtract the days",now - timedelta(days=10, seconds=15))

present_time 2024-04-12 20:07:41.180702
Subtract the days 2024-04-02 20:07:26.180702
```

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Code	Example	Description
%a	Sun	Weekday as locale's abbreviated name.
%A	Sunday	Weekday as locale's full name.
%w	0	Weekday as a decimal number, where 0 is Sunday and 6 is Saturday.
%d	08	Day of the month as a zero-padded decimal number.
%-d	8	Day of the month as a decimal number. (Platform specific)
%b	Sep	Month as locale's abbreviated name.
%B	September	Month as locale's full name.
%m	09	Month as a zero-padded decimal number.
%-m	9	Month as a decimal number. (Platform specific)
%y	13	Year without century as a zero-padded decimal number.
%Y	2013	Year with century as a decimal number.
%H	07	Hour (24-hour clock) as a zero-padded decimal number.
%-H	7	Hour (24-hour clock) as a decimal number. (Platform specific)
%I	07	Hour (12-hour clock) as a zero-padded decimal number.
%-I	7	Hour (12-hour clock) as a decimal number. (Platform specific)
%p	AM	Locale's equivalent of either AM or PM.
%M	06	Minute as a zero-padded decimal number.
%-M	6	Minute as a decimal number. (Platform specific)
%S	05	Second as a zero-padded decimal number.
%-S	5	Second as a decimal number. (Platform specific)
%f	000000	Microsecond as a decimal number, zero-padded to 6 digits.

Code	Example	Description
%z	+0000	UTC offset in the form ±HHMM[SS[.ffffff]] (empty string if the object is naive).
%Z	UTC	Time zone name (empty string if the object is naive).
%j	251	Day of the year as a zero-padded decimal number.
%-j	251	Day of the year as a decimal number. (Platform specific)
%U	36	Week number of the year (Sunday as the first day of the week) as a zero-padded decimal number. All days in a new year preceding the first Sunday are considered to be in week 0.
%-U	36	Week number of the year (Sunday as the first day of the week) as a decimal number. All days in a new year preceding the first Sunday are considered to be in week 0. (Platform specific)
%W	35	Week number of the year (Monday as the first day of the week) as a zero-padded decimal number. All days in a new year preceding the first Monday are considered to be in week 0.
%-W	35	Week number of the year (Monday as the first day of the week) as a decimal number. All days in a new year preceding the first Monday are considered to be in week 0. (Platform specific)
%c	Sun Sep 8 07:06:05 2013	Locale's appropriate date and time representation.
%x	09/08/13	Locale's appropriate date representation.
%X	07:06:05	Locale's appropriate time representation.
%%	%	A literal '%' character.

Calender

```
In [25]: import calendar
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In [26]: year=2024
month=9

In [27]: print(calendar.month(year,month))

    September 2024
Mo Tu We Th Fr Sa Su
                1
 2  3  4  5  6  7  8
 9 10 11 12 13 14 15
16 17 18 19 20 21 22
23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30

In [28]: print(calendar.monthrange(year,month))

(6, 30)

In [29]: calendar.firstweekday()

Out[29]: 0

In [31]: calendar.isleap(2024)

Out[31]: True

In [32]: calendar.leapdays(2019,2025)

Out[32]: 2

In [34]: print ("The calendar of year 2024 is :")
print (calendar.calendar(2024))
```

The calendar of year 2024 is :2024

January							February							March						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4				1	2	3	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
29	30	31					26	27	28	29				25	26	27	28	29	30	31
April							May							June						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4					1	2	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
29	30						27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30
July							August							September						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4							1
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
October							November							December						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6					1	2	3							1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30	31				25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
														30	31					