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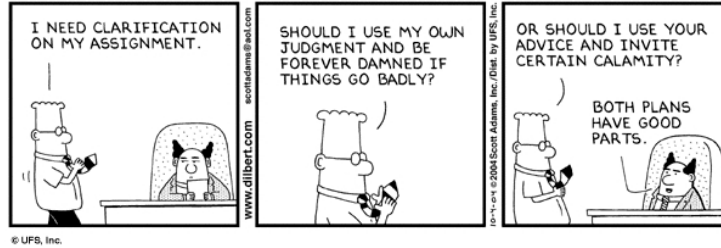Unit home

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See also the **1st Project** and the **sample solution**

This page provides any clarifications, more detailed explanations, big hints, or corrects any errors identified after the project description was released. This page will be updated with responses to any common problems or misunderstandings posted on help2002 or asked in laboratory sessions.

3rd September
A blank line in a crontab file is neither a comment-line or a command-line and, so, is an error.
Every command name in a crontab file will appear in an estimates file.
Command names appearing in an estimates file might not be used in a crontab file.
Each command name will only appear once in an estimates file.

23rd August
The *month* provided on the command-line may be an integer (0..11) or a 3-lowercase-character string (e.g. *aug*), but it may not be an asterisk ('*').

23rd August
On the meaning of the time/date specifications in a crontab-file :
Using today's date, Tue 23rd August (2022):

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1 1 23 7 2      → applies in 2022 (the 2 looks redundant but it documents the requirement)
1 1 23 7 tue    → applies in 2022 (the tue looks redundant but it documents the requirement)
1 1 23 7 wed    → all fields are valid values, but the command would not run in 2022
#
1 1 23 7 *      → applies in any year
1 1  * 7 tue    → applies in any year, and includes 23 Aug as one of the 5 Tuesdays in August 20
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