

cron jobs / Heroku Scheduler

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Running scheduled tasks locally

There are times when you will want to run a job on a schedule.

- Clean up a database with a nightly job
- Reset API tokens for unpaid accounts
- Send out a scheduled e-mail
- Collect data for analytics

On a Mac or Linux box

`crontab -e`

Each job should go on a new line

Each job takes a set of arguments for time and then a path to a file to execute

`***** ruby /Users/dave/my_ruby_script.rb`

Time

minute / hour / day of month / month / day of week / command

An asterisk (*) means any

`*/30***1`

Every half hour of every day of every month on Monday's

`*/30 2 /*2 3 1`

Every half hour at 2AM On even # days in March On Mondays

Run scheduled tasks on Heroku

<https://elements.heroku.com/addons/scheduler>

Scheduled Jobs

Unlimited

Install Heroku Scheduler (Standard for \$0/mo)

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> heroku addons:create scheduler:standard
```

To provision copy above snippet into CLI or use the button above.

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Heroku Scheduler



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Plan name

Standard — Free

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Heroku Scheduler



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Standard

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Heroku Postgres :: Database

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Free

Estimated Monthly Cost

\$0.00

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Set up a task

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\$

`rake do_something`

Add the rake task to run here

DYNO SIZE

Free

FREQUENCY

Daily

LAST RUN

never

NEXT DUE

Oct 07

18:30

UTC

Save

Cancel

Notice the task is in UTC time this is also the default timezone for Rails apps if you need it to run in your timezone you need to offset the time

UTC = Coordinated Universal Time, or **Zulu**
PST = Pacific Standard Time (UTC - 8 hours)
ALDT = Alaskan Daylight Time (UTC - 8 hours)
PDT = Pacific Daylight Time (UTC - 7 hours)
MST = Mountain Standard Time (UTC - 7 hours)
MDT = Mountain Daylight Time (UTC - 6 hours)
CST = Central Standard Time (UTC - 6 hours)
CDT = Central Daylight Time (UTC - 5 hours)
EST = Eastern Standard Time (UTC - 5 hours)
EDT = Eastern Daylight Time (UTC - 4 hours)
AST = Atlantic Standard Time (UTC - 4 hours)
ALST = Alaskan Standard Time (UTC - 9 hours)
HST = Hawaiian Standard Time (UTC - 10 hours)