

NAME

time – time functions for gawk

SYNOPSIS

```
@load "time"
```

```
time = gettimeofday()  
ret = sleep(amount)
```

CAUTION

This extension is deprecated in favor of the **timex** extension in the *gawkextlib* project. In the next major release of *gawk*, loading it will issue a warning. It will be removed from the *gawk* distribution in the major release after the next one.

DESCRIPTION

The *time* extension adds two functions named **gettimeofday()** and **sleep()**, as follows.

gettimeofday()

This function returns the number of seconds since the Epoch as a floating-point value. It should have subsecond precision. It returns -1 upon error and sets **ERRNO** to indicate the problem.

sleep(*seconds*)

This function attempts to sleep for the given amount of seconds, which may include a fractional portion. If *seconds* is negative, or the attempt to sleep fails, then it returns -1 and sets **ERRNO**. Otherwise, the function should return 0 after sleeping for the indicated amount of time.

EXAMPLE

```
@load "time"  
...  
printf "It is now %g seconds since the Epoch\n", gettimeofday()  
printf "Pausing for a while... " ; sleep(2.5) ; print "done"
```

SEE ALSO

GAWK: Effective AWK Programming, *filefuncs(3am)*, *fnmatch(3am)*, *fork(3am)*, *inplace(3am)*, *ordchr(3am)*, *readdir(3am)*, *readfile(3am)*, *revoutput(3am)*, *rvarray(3am)*.

gettimeofday(2), *nanosleep(2)*, *select(2)*.

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