



WORKING WITH DATES AND TIMES IN PYTHON

Adding time to the mix

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from datetime import datetime
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from datetime import datetime

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```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime(2017, 10, 1
```



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```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime(2017, 10, 1, 15
```



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```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime(2017, 10, 1, 15, 23,
```



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```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime(2017, 10, 1, 15, 23, 25)
```




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```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime(2017, 10, 1, 15, 23, 25, 500000)
```



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```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime(year=2017, month=10, day=1,
              hour=15, minute=23, second=25,
              microsecond=500000)
```



Replacing parts of a datetime

```
print(dt)
2017-10-01 15:23:25.500000

dt_hr = dt.replace(minute=0, second=0, microsecond=0)
print(dt_hr)
2017-10-01 15:00:00
```

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Printing and parsing datetimes

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Printing datetimes

```
# Create datetime  
dt = datetime(2017, 12, 30, 15, 19, 13)
```



Printing datetimes

```
# Create datetime
dt = datetime(2017, 12, 30, 15, 19, 13)

print(dt.strftime("%Y-%m-%d"))
2017-12-30
```




Printing datetimes

```
# Create datetime
dt = datetime(2017, 12, 30, 15, 19, 13)

print(dt.strftime("%Y-%m-%d"))
2017-12-30

print(dt.strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"))
2017-12-30 15:19:13
```



Printing datetimes

```
# Create datetime
dt = datetime(2017, 12, 30, 15, 19, 13)

print(dt.strftime("%Y-%m-%d"))
2017-12-30

print(dt.strftime("%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"))
2017-12-30 15:19:13

print(dt.strftime("%H:%M:%S on %d/%m/%Y"))
15:19:13 on 2017/12/30
```



ISO 8601 Format

```
# Create datetime
dt = datetime(2017, 10, 1, 15, 23, 25)

# ISO 8601 format
print(dt.isoformat())
2017-12-30T15:19:13
```



Parsing datetimes with strptime

```
# Import datetime  
from datetime import datetime
```



Parsing datetimes with strptime

```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime.strptime(
```



Parsing datetimes with strptime

```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime.strptime("12/30/2017 15:19:13"
```



Parsing datetimes with strptime

```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime.strptime("12/30/2017 15:19:13",
                       "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S")
```



Parsing datetimes with strptime

```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

dt = datetime.strptime("12/30/2017 15:19:13",
                       "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S")

# What did we make?
print(type(dt))
<class 'datetime.datetime'>

print(dt)
2017-12-30 15:19:13
```




Parsing datetimes with strptime

```
# Import datetime
from datetime import datetime

# Incorrect format string
dt = datetime.strptime("2017-12-30 15:19:13", "%Y-%m-%d")
ValueError: unconverted data remains: 15:19:13
```



Parsing datetimes with Pandas

```
# A timestamp
ts = 1514665153.0

# Convert to datetime and print
print(datetime.fromtimestamp(ts))

2017-12-30 15:19:13
```



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Working with durations





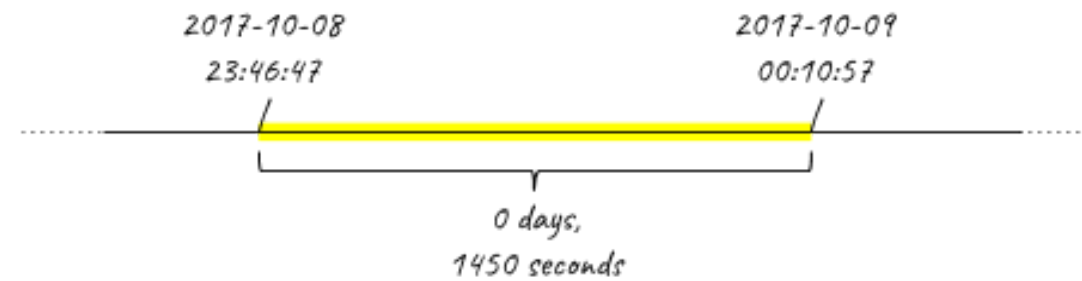
Working with durations



```
# Create example datetimes
start = datetime(2017, 10, 8, 23, 46, 47)
end = datetime(2017, 10, 9, 0, 10, 57)
```



Working with durations

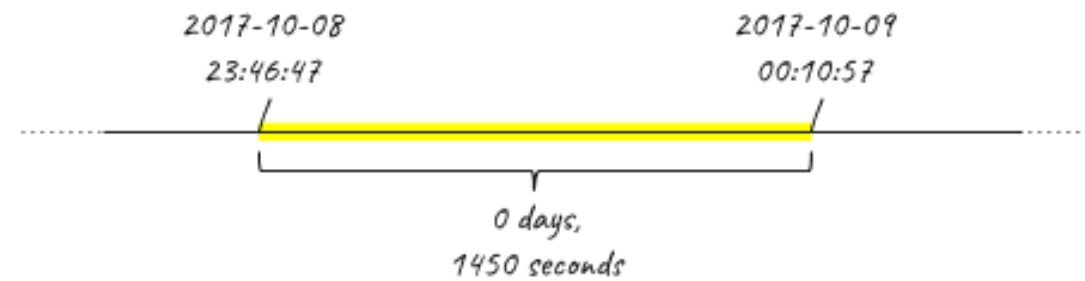


```
# Create example datetimes
start = datetime(2017, 10, 8, 23, 46, 47)
end = datetime(2017, 10, 9, 0, 10, 57)

# Subtract datetimes to create a timedelta
duration = end - start
```



Working with durations



```
# Create example datetimes
start = datetime(2017, 10, 8, 23, 46, 47)
end = datetime(2017, 10, 9, 0, 10, 57)

# Subtract datetimes to create a timedelta
duration = end - start

print(duration.total_seconds())
1450.0
```




Creating timedeltas

```
# Import timedelta  
from datetime import timedelta
```



Creating timedeltas

```
# Import timedelta
from datetime import timedelta

# Create a timedelta
delta1 = timedelta(seconds=1)
```



Creating timedeltas

```
# Import timedelta
from datetime import timedelta

# Create a timedelta
delta1 = timedelta(seconds=1)

print(start)
2017-10-08 23:46:47
print(start + delta1)
2017-10-08 23:46:48
```



Creating timedeltas

```
# Import timedelta
from datetime import timedelta

# Create a timedelta
delta1 = timedelta(seconds=1)

print(start)
2017-10-08 23:46:47
print(start + delta1)
2017-10-08 23:46:48

# Create another timedelta
delta2 = timedelta(days=1, seconds=1)

print(start)
2017-10-08 23:46:47
print(start + delta2)
2017-10-09 23:46:48
```



Negative timedeltas

```
# Import timedelta
from datetime import timedelta

# Create a negative timedelta
delta3 = timedelta(weeks=-1)

print(start)
2017-10-08 23:46:47
print(start + delta3)
2017-10-01 23:46:47
```



Negative timedeltas

```
# Import timedelta
from datetime import timedelta

# Create a negative timedelta
delta3 = timedelta(weeks=-1)

print(start)
2017-10-08 23:46:47
print(start + delta3)
2017-10-01 23:46:47

# Same, but we'll subtract this time
delta4 = timedelta(weeks=1)

print(start)
2017-10-08 23:46:47
print(start - delta4)
2017-10-01 23:46:47
```



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