





CS50's Introduction to Programming with Python


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Meal Time

Suppose that you're in a country where it's customary to eat breakfast between 7:00 and 8:00, lunch between 12:00 and 13:00, and dinner between 18:00 and 19:00. Wouldn't it be nice if you had a program that could tell you what to eat when?

In `meal.py`, implement a program that prompts the user for a time and outputs whether it's `breakfast time`, `lunch time`, or `dinner time`. If it's not time for a meal, don't output anything at all. Assume that the user's input will be formatted in 24-hour time as `#:##` or `##:##`. And assume that each meal's time range is inclusive. For instance, whether it's 7:00, 7:01, 7:59, or 8:00, or anytime in between, it's time for breakfast.

Structure your program per the below, wherein `convert` is a function (that can be called by `main`) that converts `time`, a `str` in 24-hour format, to the corresponding number of hours as a `float`. For instance, given a `time` like `"7:30"` (i.e., 7 hours and 30 minutes), `convert` should return `7.5` (i.e., 7.5 hours).

```
def main():
    ...

def convert(time):
    ...

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
```

▼ Hints

- Recall that a `str` comes with quite a few methods, per docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#string-methods (<https://docs.python.org/3/library/stdtypes.html#string-methods>), including `split`, which separates a `str` into a sequence of values, all of which can be assigned to variables at once. For instance, if `time` is a `str` like `"7:30"`, then

```
hours, minutes = time.split(":")
```

will assign `"7"` to `hours` and `"30"` to `minutes`.

- Keep in mind that there are 60 minutes in 1 hour.

Demo

```
$ python meal.py
What time is it? 7:30
breakfast time
$ python meal.py
What time is it? 8:01
$ python meal.py
What time is it? 18:01
dinner time
$ python meal.py
What time is it? 18:59
dinner time
$
```

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Before You Begin

Log into cs50.dev (<https://cs50.dev/>), click on your terminal window, and execute `cd` by itself. You should find that your terminal window's prompt resembles the below:

```
$
```

Next execute

```
mkdir meal
```

to make a folder called `meal` in your codespace.

Then execute

```
cd meal
```

to change directories into that folder. You should now see your terminal prompt as `meal/ $`. You can now execute

```
code meal.py
```

to make a file called `meal.py` where you'll write your program.

Challenge

If up for a challenge, optionally add support for 12-hour times, allowing the user to input times in these formats too:

- `#:## a.m.` and `##:## a.m.`
- `#:## p.m.` and `##:## p.m.`

How to Test

Here's how to test your code manually:

- Run your program with `python meal.py`. Type `7:00` and press Enter. Your program should output:

```
breakfast time
```

- Run your program with `python meal.py`. Type `7:30` and press Enter. Your program should output:

```
breakfast time
```

- Run your program with `python meal.py`. Type `12:42` and press Enter. Your program should output

```
lunch time
```

- Run your program with `python meal.py`. Type `18:32` and press Enter. Your program should output

```
dinner time
```

- Run your program with `python meal.py`. Type `11:11` and press Enter. Your program should output nothing.

You can execute the below to check your code using `check50`, a program that CS50 will use to test your code when you submit. But be sure to test it yourself as well!

```
check50 cs50/problems/2022/python/meal
```

Green smilies mean your program has passed a test! Red frownies will indicate your program output something unexpected. Visit the URL that `check50` outputs to see the input `check50` handed to your program, what output it expected, and what output your program actually gave.

If you are failing the checks but are sure your program behaves correctly, make sure that you haven't removed the

```
if __name__ == "__main__":  
    main()
```

line from the code structure you were given. That allows `check50` to test your `convert` function separately. You'll learn more about this in later weeks.

How to Submit

In your terminal, execute the below to submit your work.

```
submit50 cs50/problems/2022/python/meal
```

