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Basic Programming in Python

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# Some date examples

(roughly "now", give or take a few minutes)

14. June 2017

**2017-06-14 o** 06/14/2017 **■** 6/14/17

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

2017-06-14

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Wednesday, June 1, 2017

Which ones can you read? Which ones do you know?

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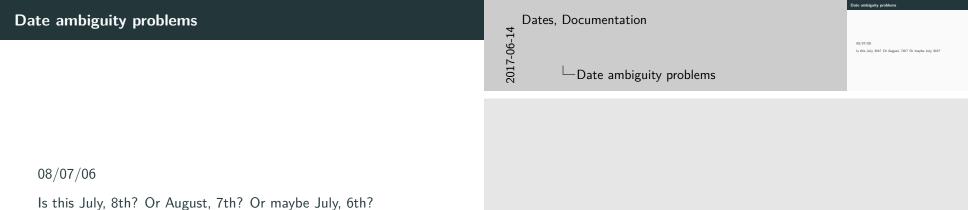
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Endianness

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-Date standards

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- UNIXX Timestamp

- RFC 3332

- RFC 3322

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- UNIX Timestamp
- DEC 222
- RFC 3339

■ RFC 5322

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### Date standards

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT:

OUR DIFFERENT WAYS OF URITING DATES AS NUMBERS CAN LEAD TO ONLINE CONFUSION. THAT'S WHY IN 1988 ISO SET A GLOBAL STANDARD NUMERIC DATE FORMAT.

THIS IS THE CORRECT WAY TO WRITE NUMERIC DATES:

# 2013-02-27

THE FOLLOWING FORMATS ARE THEREFORE DISCOURAGED:

02/27/2013 02/27/13 27/02/2013 27/02/13 20130227 2013.02.27 27.02.13 27-02-13 27.2.13 2013.158904109

**Figure 1:** ISO 8601 was published on 06/05/88 and most recently amended on 12/01/04. (Munroe 2013)

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 Birthdays Calendars / Schedules

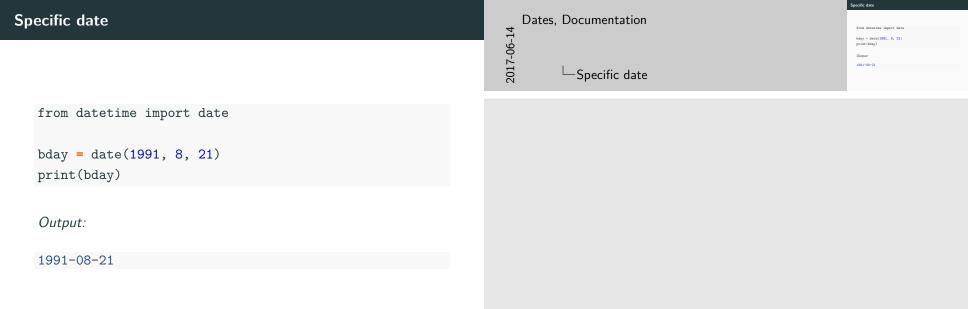
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from datetime import date

Infos about dates

weekday() starts with Monday as 0, the ISO standard (isoweekday()) with Monday as 1. So this is Wednesday.

```
bday = date(1991, 8, 21)
print(bday.weekday())
print(bday.isoweekday()) # Wait, what day is it now?
Output:
3
```

### Formatting outputs

There are a lot of formatting options<sup>1</sup>:

```
from datetime import datetime

now = datetime.now()
print(now)
print(now.strftime('%a, %d. %b %Y'))
print(now.strftime('%c'))
print(now.strftime('%Z %X %f %j')) # What?
```

#### Output:

```
2017-06-14 10:14:02.873918

Wed, 14. Jun 2017

Wed Jun 14 10:14:02 2017

10:14:02 873918 165
```

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Formatting outputs

strftime can be remembered as "string format of time".

The weird ones are:

- %Z: Timezone. Not present here.
- %X: The current time.
- %f: The current milliseconds.
- %j: The current day of the year.

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{1}{1} \text{https://docs.python.org/3.6/library/datetime.html\#strftime-and-strptime-behavior}$ 

### Formatting rules

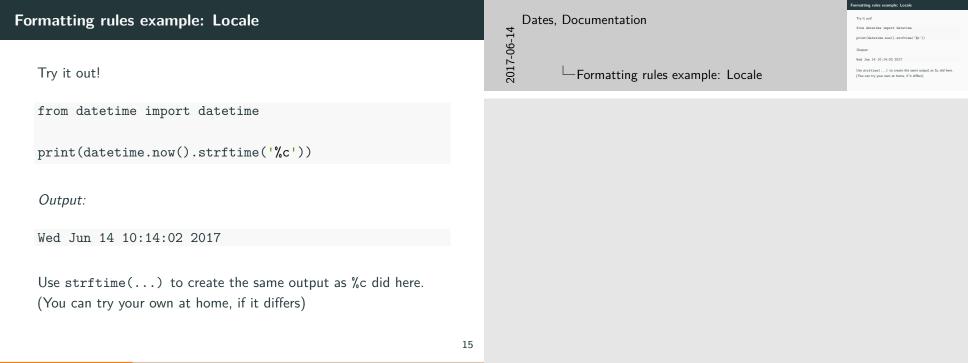
The formatting rules follow the standards of the programming language  $\mathsf{C}.$ 

Format	Meaning	Example
%Y	4-digit year	1991, 2017
%y	2-digit year	91, 17
%m	2-digit month	01, 10, 12
%b	Abbreviated month	Mar, Aug
%B	Month	March, April (oh! You might see "März")
%Н	Hours (24 h)	08, 12, 16
%M	Minutes	09, 14, 34
%S	Seconds	04, 43, 59
%a	Abbreviated weekday	Mon, Tue
%с	Locale default	Tue Jun 13 20:54:04 2017

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This list is not exhaustive, it just contains some important ones.

Locale can be roughly seen as you computers language and location settings.



### Formatting rules example: Locale

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from datetime import datetime

now = datetime.now() print(now.strftime('%c')) print(now.strftime('%a %b %d %H:%M:%S %Y'))

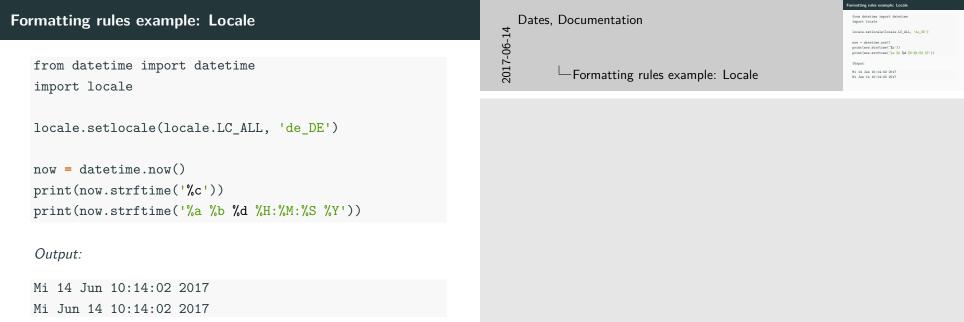
Output:

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print(now.strftime('Za Xb Zd XH:ZM:XS XY'))





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Formatting rules example: ISO Time

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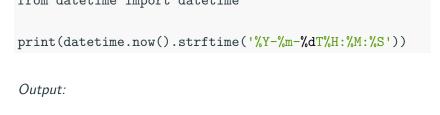
An ISO 8501 time looks like this: 2017-10-02708:12:34

An ISO 8601 time looks like this:

2017-10-02T08:12:34

Can you create a format to print the date and time like this?





2017-06-14T10:14:03



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└─ISO formatting

2015-07-28T21:32:12

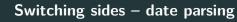
ISO formatting

from datetime import datetime

someday = datetime(2015, 7, 28, 21, 32, 12) print(someday.isoformat())

Output:

2015-07-28**T21:32:12** 



print(parsed.isoformat())

Output:

Last week's homework discussed string parsing. For dates we can do the same:

-Switching sides – date parsing

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Switching sides – date parsing

from datetime import datetime

parsed = datetime.strptime('Wed Jun 14 14:47:12 2017', '%a %b %d %H:%M:%S %Y')

2017-06-14**T14:47:12** 

Analogue to strftime, strptime stands for **str**ing **p**arse **time**.

How many weeks are between 2017-04-03 :
 (i.e. how many lectures do we have?)

Calculating with dates

# -Calculating with dates

- How many minutes are between 14:35 and 17:22?
- How many days are between 2000-02-28 and 2000-03-01?
- How many days are between 2100-02-28 and 2100-03-01?
- What date is 231 days from now?
- How many weeks are between 2017-04-03 and 2017-07-08? (i.e. how many lectures do we have?)

## Calculating with dates

• How many minutes are between 14:35 and 17:22?

```
# datetime import datetime

# datetime.time does not allow math, so we use datetime
a = datetime(2017, 6, 14, 14, 35)
b = datetime(2017, 6, 14, 17, 22)
print(b - a)
```

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Output:

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Calculating with dates

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 prize (b = 3)

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Calculating with dates

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- from datetime import datetime
- a, b = datetime(2000, 2, 28, 23, 59), datetime(2000, 3, 1) c, d = datetime(2100, 2, 28, 23, 59), datetime(2100, 3, 1)
- print((b a).days) # leap year

- print((d c).days) # no leap year
- Output:

- Calculating with dates

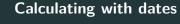
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print((d - c).days) # no leap year

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from datetime import datetime, timedelta

now = datetime.now()

days231 = timedelta(days=231) print(now + days231)

Output:

2018-01-31 10:14:03.215263

• What date is 231 days from now?

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Calculating with dates

Calculating with dates

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print(now + days231)

# **Calculating with dates**

• How many weeks are between 2017-04-03 and 2017-07-08? (i.e. how many lectures do we have?) import math

from datetime import datetime, timedelta begin = datetime(2017, 4, 3) end = datetime(2017, 7, 8) print(math.ceil((end - begin) / timedelta(weeks=1)))

Output: 14

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Other date formats

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Saturday

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import parsedatetime as pdt

cal = pdt.Calendar()

print(time\_struct) print(parse\_status)

Output:

pip install parsedatetime installs a neat library for this.

time\_struct, parse\_status = cal.parse("tomorrow")

time.struct\_time(tm\_year=2017, tm\_mon=6, tm\_mday=15, tm\_hou

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cal = pdt.Calendar()

import parsedatetime as pdt

time\_struct, parse\_status = cal.parse("hello") print(time\_struct) # now

print(parse\_status) # unsuccessful

Output:

time.struct\_time(tm\_year=2017, tm\_mon=6, tm\_mday=14, tm\_hou

### Other date formats

```
from datetime import datetime
import parsedatetime as pdt

cal = pdt.Calendar()
min5 = cal.parse("5 minutes ago")[0]
nweek = cal.parse("next week")[0]
saturday = cal.parse("saturday")[0]

print(datetime.now().isoformat())
print(datetime(*min5[:6]).isoformat())
print(datetime(*nweek[:6]).isoformat())
print(datetime(*saturday[:6]).isoformat())
```

#### Output:

```
2017-06-14T10:14:03.472724
2017-06-14T10:09:03
2017-06-21T09:00:00
2017-06-17T10:14:03
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In many cases we don't need full dates:

Program execution times

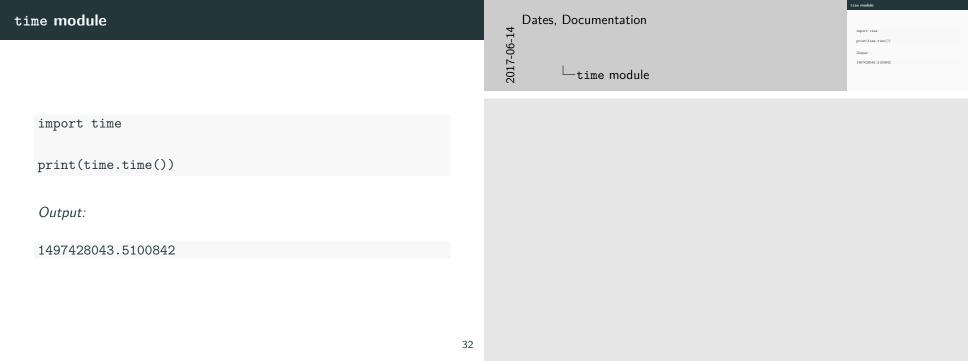
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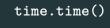
Racing times

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- Download times
- Racing times

└─Measuring times





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time.time() gives UNIX timestamps in seconds

import time

print(time.time())

Output:

1497428043.54555

-time.time()

The seconds are exact, everything in between depends on the system. However, for most things that's enough.



January 1st, 1970, 00:00:00 UTC

time.time() tells us how many seconds passed since then<sup>2</sup>.

The UNIX time (or POSIX time) starts at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Almost. There's a concept of leap seconds which is not accounted for in Python. Check out https://youtu.be/-5wpm-gesOY for entertaining info.

### **Execution time**

Most commonly we use time.time() to measure execution times.

```
import time
start = time.time()
time.sleep(.3) # do something (here: nothing)
end = time.time()
print(end - start)
```

Output:

0.30513620376586914

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Important applications are: download times, complex computations, simulations, computer games, ...

time.sleep(...) lets your program sleep for roughly the number of seconds passed to it.



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Benchmarking functions

Benchmarking functions

import timeit

print(timeit.timeit("123 + 456"))

Output:

0.013090435997582972

timeit runs your function multiple times and calculates some statistics about it.

This can help you figure out which functions are fast, which ones are slow, etc.



import timeit

def add(a, b):

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some *setup* to import them.

Benchmarking functions

It requires a little bit more work to test your own functions: You need

Benchmarking functions

return a + b print(timeit.timeit("add(123, 456)",

print(timeit.timeit("add(123, 456)",

setup="from main import add"))

return a + b

Output:

0.28266442695166916

Benchmarking functions

You can also run the timeit tool from the command line:

Measure the time 100,000,000 times (sometimes fewer, it makes assumptions about how many iterations are reasonable) and returns the average of the best three runs.

-Benchmarking functions

Output:

100000000 loops, best of 3: 0.00857 usec per loop

Let's talk a little bit about the final projects!

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-Final projects: meta data

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 Submission is 2017-07-05T14:15:00+02:00 . Last lecture, so that you can present your results . Should be small projects, orient yourself at the amount of work

we did for the homework. · Freestyle! Choose your own topic!

- Count as much as three sheets! In theory:
  - Project proposal / idea Implementation

  - Documentation
- Partial grading possible (e.g. proposal and implementation but no docs)
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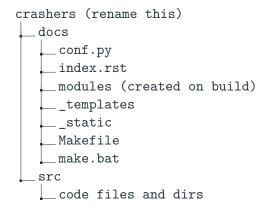
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Final projects: requirements

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- Demonstrate what you learned: use functions, maybe classes,
- structure your code If you want, use a new python package we did not cover
- Write documentation for critical functions • Write documentation for the project proposal (more in a couple

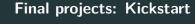
## Final projects: Project structure





The src directory is the heart of your project. Here will all your modules, packages, etc. be.

The docs directory is reserved for the documentation. We will have to do some minor adjustments here.



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Final projects: Kickstart

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A codename, your group name, ...

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### Final projects: Documentation

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Quick search

#### Go

# Welcome to Castle Crashers Princess Edition's documentation!

This is a simple example file. For your project documentation, you just need to change this text. Keep everything below (and including) ..toctree::.

If you want to get fancy, take a look at how <u>reStructuredText (ReST)</u> works in the Sphinx documentation.

However, for your final project we only expect you to enter some brief explanations about what your project is supposed to do, how to start it and how to use it, like this:

```
Ultimate Guide to Princess' World Domination

In a world, where princesses and knights fight bravely over the crown, dragons might ruin the party.

This game is packed with intense battles between *princesses* and *knights*. Choose your character and fight! But beware: There might be **dragons**!

Running the game

To run the game, simply run :code: python main.py' in the :code: src' dir.
```

Figure 2: Example docs

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We will use Sphinx for the documentation.

pip install sphinx

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Change the docm/conf.py here: project = 'Castle Crashers Princess Edition' author = 'Sebastian Höffner, Aline Vilks'

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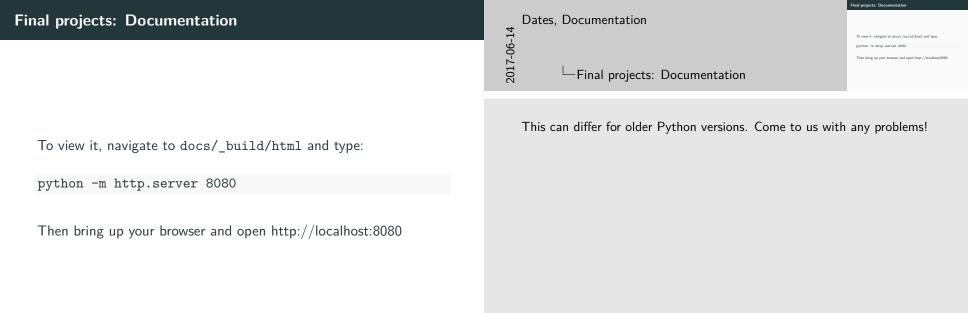
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can't solve, talk to us!

Final projects: Documentation

To build the documentation, navigate to the docs directory and type: make html



### Final projects: Documentation

To change what you see, adjust the index.rst inside the docs directory. Then rebuild (make html) the documentation!

#### Adjusting the index.rst is part 1 of your projects!

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:code:'s' and :code:'w' for strong and weak attacks, respectively. Fight
through your opponents until you conquer the crown!
.. toctree::
   :maxdepth: 2
  modules/modules
```

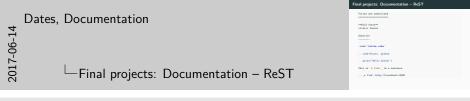
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## Final projects: Documentation - ReST

```
Titles are underlined
**Bold fonts**
*italic fonts*
Subtitle
:code: inline code
.. code-block:: python
   print('Hello World!')
This is `a link` in a sentence.
.. _a link: http://localhost:8080
```



There's much much more to ReST, but these are the most important things you will need.

You can try out (some) things at http://rst.ninjs.org/ .



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Final projects: Documentation – Sphinx ReST

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Final projects: Documentation - Sphinx ReST

Sphinx provides some extensions. Keep this in your file:

.. toctree::

modules/modules

:maxdepth: 2

It creates a navigation to the module documentations.

## Final projects: Documentation

Remember to use google style doc comments<sup>3</sup>:

```
class SampleClass(object):
    """Summary of class here.
    Longer class information....
    Longer class information....
    Attributes:
        likes_spam: A boolean indicating if we like SPAM or not.
        eggs: An integer count of the eggs we have laid.
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    def __init__(self, likes_spam=False):
        """Inits SampleClass with blah."""
        self.likes_spam = likes_spam
        self.eggs = 0
    def public method(self):
        """Performs operation blah."""
```

https://google.github.io/styleguide/pyguide.html#Comments

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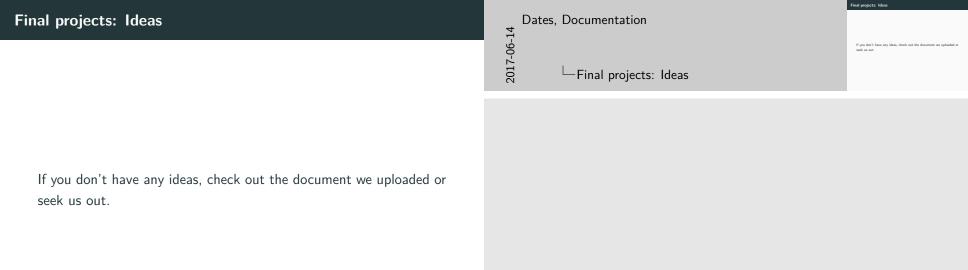
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Example taken from



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Have fun!

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- Current Time: https://time.is/
- Time converter: https://www.epochconverter.com/
- Time converter: http://coderstoolbox.net/unixtimestamp/ ISO 8601: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\_8601

