

The method **sleep()** suspends execution for the given number of seconds. The argument may be a floating point number to indicate a more precise sleep time.

The actual suspension time may be less than that requested because any caught signal will terminate the sleep() following execution of that signal's catching routine.

## Syntax

Following is the syntax for **sleep()** method:

```
time.sleep(t)
```

## Parameters

**t** -- This is the number of seconds execution to be suspended.

## Return Value

This method does not return any value.

## Example

The following example shows the usage of sleep() method.

```
#!/usr/bin/python
import time

print "Start : %s" % time.ctime()
time.sleep( 5 )
print "End : %s" % time.ctime()
```

When we run above program, it produces following result:

```
Start : Tue Feb 17 10:19:18 2009
End : Tue Feb 17 10:19:23 2009
```

## 79. **time.strftime(fmt[,tupletime])**

### Description

The method **strftime()** converts a tuple or struct\_time representing a time as returned by gmtime() or localtime() to a string as specified by the format argument.