

# Creating an interval task

## Introduction

Sometimes an agent will need to perform a task periodically. To do this we can use the `theon_interval()` decorator which periodically repeats a given function for the agent. For instance, an agent could send a message every 2 seconds to another agent.

Let's get started and create our first interval task!

## Walk-through

1. Let's create a Python script for this task, and name it by running: `touch interval-task.py`
2. Then import the necessary classes from `uagents`
3. `library, Agent`
4. `and Context`
5. `,` and create our agent:
6. `from`
7. `uagents`
8. `import`
9. `Agent`
10. `,`
11. `Context`
12. `alice`
13. `=`
14. `Agent`
15. `(name`
16. `=`
17. `"alice"`
18. `,` `seed`
19. `=`
20. `"alice recovery phrase"`
21. `)`
22. We can now define our agent's behavior:
23. `@alice`
24. `.`
25. `on_interval`
26. `(period`
27. `=`
28. `2.0`
29. `)`
30. `async`
31. `def`
32. `say_hello`
33. `(`
34. `ctx`
35. `:`
36. `Context):`
37. `ctx`
38. `.`
39. `logger`
40. `.`
41. `info`
42. `(`
43. `f`
44. `'hello, my name is`
45. `{`
46. `ctx.name`
47. `}`
48. `'`
49. `)`
50. `if`
51. **`name`**
52. `==`
53. **`"main"`**
54. `:`

- 55. alice
- 56. .
- 57. run
- 58. ()
- 59. The output will be printed out using thectx.logger.info()
- 60. method.
- 61. Save the script.

The overall script should look as follows:

```
interval-task.py from uagents import Agent , Context
```

## alice

```
Agent (name = "alice" , seed = "alice recovery phrase" )
```

```
@alice . on_interval (period = 2.0 ) async
```

```
def
```

```
say_hello ( ctx : Context): ctx . logger . info ( f 'hello, my name is { ctx.name } ' )
```

```
if
```

```
name
```

```
==
```

```
"main" : alice . run ()
```

## Run the script

Run the script:python interval-task.py

The output should be as follows:

hello, my name is alice hello, my name is alice hello, my name is alice

## Was this page helpful?

[Creating your first agent](#)

[Getting an agent addresses](#)

---