

## # The Module/Class Name: Message

In the `swarms.agents` framework, the class ``Message`` is used to represent a message with timestamp and optional metadata.

### ## Overview and Introduction

The ``Message`` class is a fundamental component that enables the representation of messages within an agent system. Messages contain essential information such as the sender, content, timestamp, and optional metadata.

### ## Class Definition

#### ### Constructor: ``__init__``

The constructor of the ``Message`` class takes three parameters:

1. ``sender`` (str): The sender of the message.
2. ``content`` (str): The content of the message.
3. ``metadata`` (dict or None): Optional metadata associated with the message.

#### ### Methods

1. ``__repr__(self)``: Returns a string representation of the ``Message`` object, including the timestamp, sender, and content.

```
```python
```

```
class Message:
```

```
    """
```

Represents a message with timestamp and optional metadata.

Usage

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```
mes = Message(
    sender = "Kye",
    content = "message"
)
```

```
print(mes)
```

```
    """
```

```
def __init__(self, sender, content, metadata=None):
```

```
    self.timestamp = datetime.datetime.now()
```

```
    self.sender = sender
```

```
    self.content = content
```

```
    self.metadata = metadata or {}
```

```
def __repr__(self):
```

```
    """
```

`__repr__` represents the string representation of the Message object.

Returns:

(str) A string containing the timestamp, sender, and content of the message.

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"""
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```
return f"{self.timestamp} - {self.sender}: {self.content}"
```

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## ## Functionality and Usage

The `Message` class represents a message in the agent system. Upon initialization, the `timestamp` is set to the current date and time, and the `metadata` is set to an empty dictionary if no metadata is provided.

### ### Usage Example 1

Creating a `Message` object and displaying its string representation.

```
```python
```

```
mes = Message(sender="Kye", content="Hello! How are you?")
```

```
print(mes)
```

```
...
```

Output:

```
...
```

```
2023-09-20 13:45:00 - Kye: Hello! How are you?
```

```
...
```

### ### Usage Example 2

Creating a `Message` object with metadata.

```
```python
metadata = {"priority": "high", "category": "urgent"}

mes_with_metadata = Message(
    sender="Alice", content="Important update", metadata=metadata
)

print(mes_with_metadata)
```
```

Output:

```
```
2023-09-20 13:46:00 - Alice: Important update
```
```

### ### Usage Example 3

Creating a `Message` object without providing metadata.

```
```python
mes_no_metadata = Message(sender="Bob", content="Reminder: Meeting at 2PM")

print(mes_no_metadata)
```

...

Output:

...

2023-09-20 13:47:00 - Bob: Reminder: Meeting at 2PM

...

## ## Additional Information and Tips

When creating a new `Message`` object, ensure that the required parameters `sender`` and `content`` are provided. The `timestamp`` will automatically be assigned the current date and time. Optional `metadata`` can be included to provide additional context or information associated with the message.

## ## References and Resources

For further information on the `Message`` class and its usage, refer to the official `swarms.agents` documentation and relevant tutorials related to message handling and communication within the agent system.