

World Clock Utility

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Overview

The **World Clock Utility** is a real-time C-based application that displays the current time across multiple global time zones. It calculates localized time from Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), taking into account unique hour-minute offsets and Daylight Saving Time (DST) rules for each region. Designed with modularity and education in mind, this project is ideal for both real-world use and as a teaching tool to demonstrate struct usage, control flow, time computation, and data normalization.

Features

- Real-time time zone conversion from UTC
- Country-specific time offsets and DST support
- 12-hour format with AM/PM conversion
- Simplified date management for transitions between days and months
- Organized, extensible, and modular codebase

How to Compile & Run

Step 1: Save Files

Ensure the following two files are in the same directory:

- `main.c` – contains the logic and main loop
- `world_clock.h` – contains struct definitions and function prototypes

Step 2: Compile with GCC

```
gcc main.c -o world_clock
```

Step 3: Execute

```
./world_clock
```

Sample Output

```
World Clock:
China       : Monday, 23 June 2025 - 04:38 PM (Today, Standard Time)
India       : Monday, 23 June 2025 - 02:08 PM (Today, Standard Time)
United Kingdom : Monday, 23 June 2025 - 09:38 AM (Today, DST Active)
Argentina   : Monday, 23 June 2025 - 06:38 AM (Today, Standard Time)
Saudi Arabia : Monday, 23 June 2025 - 12:38 PM (Today, Standard Time)

Updating in 1 second ...
```

Note: The actual time displayed depends on your system clock.

❏ Project Structure

— `main.c` // Core implementation and main loop

— `world_clock.h` // Definitions for structs, constants, and functions

📖 Time Zone Configuration

Country	UTC Offset	DST Active
China	+08:00	No
India	+05:30	No
United Kingdom	+00:00	Yes
Argentina	-03:00	No
Saudi Arabia	+03:00	No

❏ Educational Significance

This utility serves as an excellent reference or classroom demo for:

- Understanding UTC and time zone math
- Applying structs for real-world data
- Normalizing data values using modular functions
- Building readable and maintainable C programs

🔧 Possible Enhancements

- Incorporate accurate calendar logic (e.g., 31-day months and leap years)
- Add interactive menu for user-selected time zones
- Extend support with config files or time APIs (e.g., NTP)
- Develop a GUI using a graphics library or terminal-based interface

📧 Contact

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