

# ENVIRONMENT VARIABLES

You can access the following environment variables using the `E:` identifier in [RPN](#), and also through the [SimConnect SDK](#). Note that *most* of these variables are all **read-only** and cannot be set unless otherwise specified:

Variable	Units	Description
<code>ABSOLUTE TIME</code>	Seconds	This returns the seconds since 12:00 am 1/1/1AD <i>Zulu Time</i> . See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<code>ZULU TIME</code>	Seconds	This returns the seconds since midnight (00:00 <i>Zulu Time</i> ) on the current day.
<code>ZULU DAY OF WEEK</code>	Number	This returns the current <i>Zulu Time</i> day of the week as an integer value between 0 and 6 (inclusive), where 0 is Sunday and 6 is Saturday. See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<code>ZULU DAY OF MONTH</code>	Number	This returns the current <i>Zulu Time</i> day of the month as an integer value between 1 and 31 (inclusive). See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<code>ZULU MONTH OF YEAR</code>	Number	This returns the current <i>Zulu Time</i> month of the year as an integer value between 1 and 12 (inclusive), where 1 is January and 12 is December. See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<code>ZULU DAY OF YEAR</code>	Number	This returns the current <i>Zulu Time</i> day of the year as an integer value between 0 and 365 (365 only on a leap year). See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<code>ZULU YEAR</code>	Number	This returns the current <i>Zulu Time</i> year as an integer value. See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.

<b>ZULU SUNRISE TIME</b>	Seconds	This returns the seconds since midnight until the sunrise based on <i>Zulu Time</i> . See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<b>ZULU SUNSET TIME</b>	Seconds	This returns the seconds since midnight until the sunset based on <i>Zulu Time</i> . See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<b>LOCAL TIME</b>	Seconds	This returns the seconds since midnight (00:00 local time) on the current day.
<b>LOCAL DAY OF WEEK</b>	Number	This returns the current day of the week as an integer value between 0 and 6 (inclusive), where 0 is Monday and 6 is Sunday, within the local time reference.
<b>LOCAL DAY OF MONTH</b>	Number	This returns the current day of the month as an integer value between 1 and 31 (inclusive), within the local time reference.
<b>LOCAL MONTH OF YEAR</b>	Number	This returns the current month of the year as an integer value between 1 and 12 (inclusive), where 1 is January and 12 is December, within the local time reference.
<b>LOCAL DAY OF YEAR</b>	Number	This returns the current day of the year as an integer value between 0 and 365 (365 only on a leap year), within the local time reference.
<b>LOCAL YEAR</b>	Number	This returns the current year (local time) as an integer value.
<b>TIME_ZONE OFFSET</b>	Seconds	This returns the offset between the local time and <i>Zulu Time</i> . See the <a href="#">Note On Zulu Time</a> for more information.
<b>TIME OF DAY</b>	Enum (Number)	<p>This will return an integer value representing the approximate time of day where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 = dawn</li> <li>• 1 = day</li> <li>• 2 = dusk</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 = night</li> </ul>
TOOLTIP UNITS	Enum (Number)	<p>This will return an integer value representing the current units used to display tooltip information, where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 = default</li> <li>• 1 = metric (SI)</li> <li>• 2 = US (imperial)</li> </ul>
UNITS OF MEASURE	Enum (Number)	<p>This indicates the units used to express measurements and will return an integer value representing the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 - English</li> <li>• 1 - Metric with altitude in feet</li> <li>• 2 - Metric with altitude in meters</li> </ul>
SIMULATION RATE	Number	<p>This is used to get/set the internal rate of passing time within the simulation(independently of the visual <i>frame</i> rate). The value will be clamped between 0.0625 and 128, and a value of 1 means that 1 second of game time is the same as 1 second of "real" time, and lower values will make the game time slower, and higher values will make the game time faster. Values are always multiples of two starting at 0.0625, so you can have: 0.0625, 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, ... 128</p>
SIMULATION TIME	Seconds	<p>This returns a value for the seconds since the simulation has been started.</p>
SIMULATION DELTA TIME	Number	<p>This returns a value for the time passed between the last simulation frame and the current one.</p>
IS IN VR	Boolean	<p>This returns either 1 (TRUE) or 0 (FALSE) to indicate whether the simulation is in VR mode or not.</p>

## Note On Zulu Time

It should be noted that *Zulu Time* is calculated off of the local time using a table of time-zones. For example, if the simulation is in a timezone