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JS & DOM Reference JavaScript setTime() Method

JavaScript Date Object

Definition and Usage

The setTime() method sets a date and time by adding or subtracting a specified number of milliseconds to/from midnight January 1, 1970.

Note: This method is always used in conjunction with a Date object.

Syntax

Date.setTime(millisec)

Parameter	Description
millisec	Required. The number of milliseconds to be added to, or subtracted from, midnight January 1, 1970

Browser Support









The setTime() method is supported in all major browsers.

Examples

Example 1

Add 77771564221 milliseconds to January 1, 1970, and display the new date and time:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
var d = new Date();
d.setTime(77771564221);
document.write(d);
</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

Mon Jun 19 05:12:44 UTC+0200 1972

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Example 2

Subtract 77771564221 milliseconds from January 1, 1970, and display the new date and time:

```
<script type="text/javascript">
var d = new Date();
d.setTime(-77771564221);
document.write(d);
</script>
```

The output of the code above will be:

Sat Jul 15 22:47:15 UTC+0200 1967

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