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JavaScript getTime() Method

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Definition and Usage

The `getTime()` method returns the number of milliseconds since midnight of January 1, 1970 and the specified date.

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

Syntax

```
Date.getTime()
```

Browser Support



The `getTime()` method is supported in all major browsers.

Examples

Example 1

Return the number of milliseconds since 1970/01/01:

```
<script type="text/javascript">

var d = new Date();
document.write(d.getTime() + " milliseconds since 1970/01/01");

</script>
```

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Example 2

Calculate the number of years since 1970/01/01:

```
<script type="text/javascript">

var minutes=1000*60;
var hours=minutes*60;
var days=hours*24;
var years=days*365;
var d=new Date();
var t=d.getTime();
var y=t/years;
document.write("It's been " + Math.round(y) + " years since 1970/01/01!");

</script>
```

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