

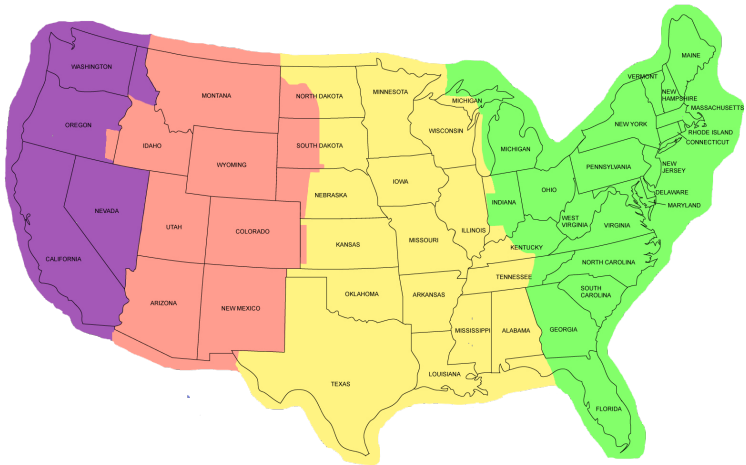
Timezone Troubles

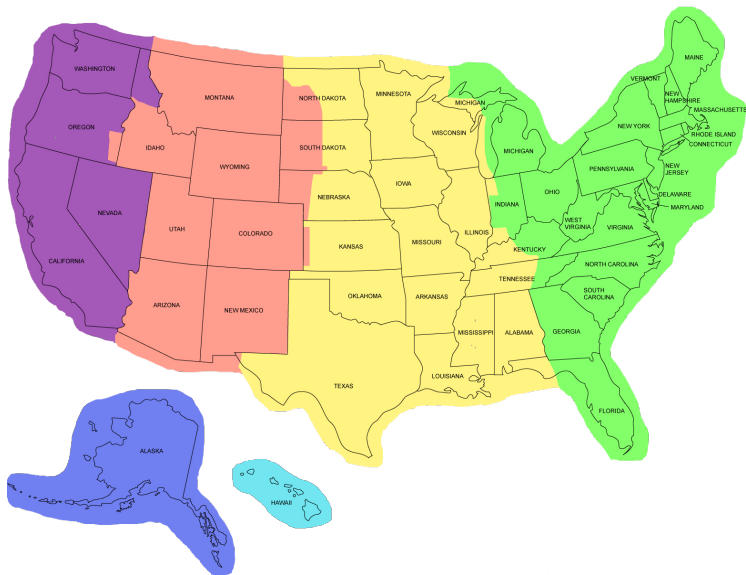
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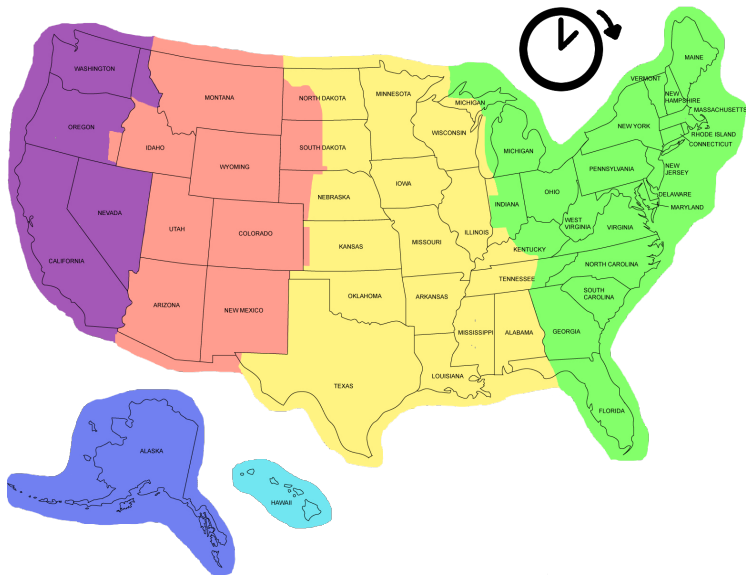
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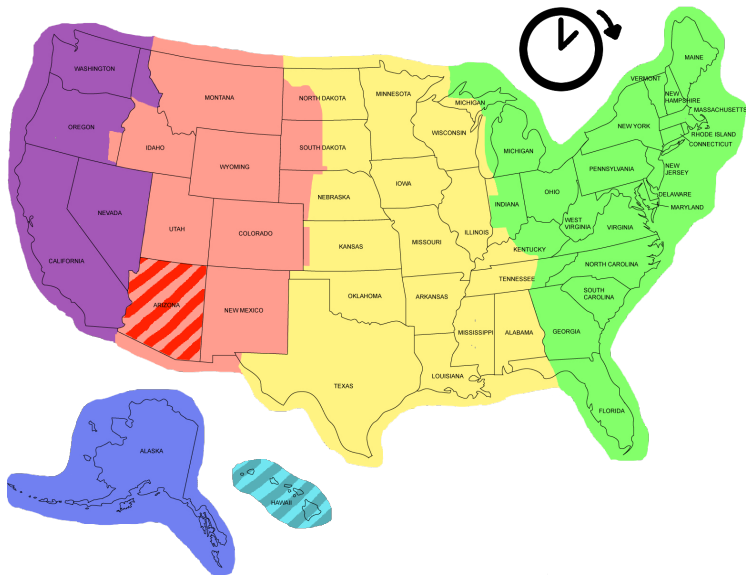


Do you support users in different timezones?

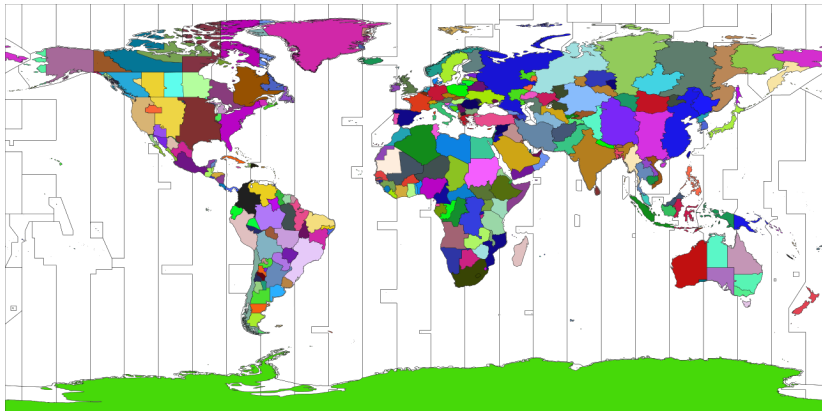








What about global users?



These things are changing all the time.

2013 Timezone Changes

- ▶ New Zones: Asia/Khandyga, Asia/Ust-Nera, Europe/Busingen.
- ▶ Palestine observed DST starting March 29, 2013.
- ▶ Paraguay's observation of DST moved to the 4th Sunday in March every year.
- ▶ Israel now falls back on the last Sunday of October.
- ▶ This year Fiji will start DST on October 27, not October 20.
- ▶ Morocco now observes DST from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.
- ▶ Jordan switches back to standard time at 00:00 on December 20, 2013. The 2006-2011 transition schedule is planned to resume in 2014.

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'Asia/Almaty', 'Asia/Amman',  
'Asia/Anadyr', 'Asia/Aqtau' ...
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pytz conversion

```
from datetime import datetime
from pytz import timezone

from_zone = timezone('UTC')
to_zone = timezone('America/Eastern')

utc = datetime.utcnow()

utc = utc.replace(tzinfo=from_zone)
eastern = utc.astimezone(to_zone)

# pytz.normalize
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A PyPi search for “timezone” yields 238 results. The first 29 all seem pretty relevant.

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Please Help.