**Timestamp:**

>> to display the current timestamp:

**date '+%s'** --> o/p: 1486357912 (current time Mon Feb 6 10:41:46 IST 2017)

>> to convert timestamp into date:

**date -d "1970-01-01 1486357912 sec GMT"** --> 1486357912 is the timestamp and 1970-01-01 is the base time.

>> To convert date into timestamp.

**date -d "2016-02-06" '+%s'** o/p:946684800

Resources: unix time stamp calculator : http://www.unixtimestamp.com/