

# PERL TIME FUNCTION

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## Description

This function returns the number of seconds since the epoch  
00:00:00UTC, January1, 1970, *formostsystems*; 00:00:00, January1, 1904, *forMacOS*. Suitable for feeding to `gmtime` and `localtime`.

## Syntax

Following is the simple syntax for this function –

```
time
```

## Return Value

This function returns integer, seconds since epoch.

## Example

Following is the example code showing its basic usage –

```
#!/usr/bin/perl -w

@weekday = ("Sun", "Mon", "Tue", "Wed", "Thu", "Fri", "Sat");

$retval = time();

print "Return time is $retval\n";
$local_time = gmtime( $retval);

print "Local time = $local_time\n";
($sec,$min,$hour,$mday,$mon,$year,$wday,$yday,$isdst) = gmtime(time);
$year = $year + 1900;
$mon += 1;
print "Formatted time = $mday/$mon/$year $hour:$min:$sec $weekday[$wday]\n";
```

When above code is executed, it produces the following result –

```
Return time is 1176831539
Local time = Tue Apr 17 17:38:59 2007
Formatted time = 17/4/2007 17:38:59 Tue
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