



## **The Handbook**

### **Codex**

[http://codex.wordpress.org/Template Tags/get the time](http://codex.wordpress.org/Template_Tags/get_the_time)

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# Template Tags/get the time

## **Description**

Returns the time of the current post for use in [PHP](#). It does not display the time. This tag must be used within [The Loop](#).

This tag is available beginning with version 1.5 of WordPress. To display the time of a post, use [the\\_time\(\)](#).

## **Usage**

```
<?php get_the_time('format'); ?>
```

## **Examples**

### **Default Usage**

Returns the time of the current post using the WordPress default format, and displays it using the [PHP](#) echo command.

```
<?php echo get_the_time(); ?>
```

### **Assigns Time in Seconds**

Assigns the time of the current post in seconds (since January 1 1970, known as the [Unix Epoch](#)) to the variable \$u\_time.

```
<?php $u_time = get_the_time('U'); ?>
```

## **Parameters**

format

(*string*) The format the time is to display in. Defaults to the time format configured in your WordPress options. See [Formatting Date and Time](#).

## **Related**

See also [the\\_time\(\)](#).

[the\\_date\\_xml](#), [the\\_date](#), [the\\_time](#), **get\_the\_time**, [single\\_month\\_title](#), [the\\_weekday](#)  
(Deprecated), [the\\_weekday\\_date](#) (Deprecated)