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# Timecode

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## TIMECODE

Let's get ya started real quick here.

```
>>> # Import it
>>> from timecode import Timecode
```

You can create a *Timecode* from a frame number, or a timecode *str*.

```
>>> # Timecode from a frame number
>>> Timecode(86400)
<Timecode 01:00:00:00 @ 24 NDF>
```

```
>>> # Timecode from a string
>>> Timecode("01:00:00:00")
<Timecode 01:00:00:00 @ 24 NDF>
..
>>> # Protip: You don't need leading zeroes
>>> Timecode("30:00")
<Timecode 00:00:30:00 @ 24 NDF>
```

Specify a rate (see: *Specifying The Rate*)

```
>>> # Specify a rate
>>> Timecode("59:40", rate=30)
<Timecode 00:00:59:40 @ 30 NDF>
```

Specify a counting mode (see: *Specifying The Counting Mode*)

```
>>> # Specify a different counting mode
>>> from timecode.modes import DropFrame
>>> Timecode("32:19;28", mode=DropFrame())
<Timecode 00;32;19;28 @ 30 DF>
```

For more information, check out the *Timecode* section of the Users Guide.



## TIMECODERANGE

Define a range of frames by start, end, and/or duration!

```
>>> from timecode import Timecode, TimecodeRange
>>> tc_start = Timecode("00:59:59:00")
>>> tc_dur = Timecode("00:00:00:10")
>>> tc_range = TimecodeRange(start=tc_start, duration=tc_dur)
>>> repr(tc_range)
<TimecodeRange 00:59:59:00 - 00:59:59:10 (10) @ 24 NDF>
..
>>> Loop over it and admire the frames for what they are
>>> for tc in tc_range:
...     print(tc)
...
00:59:59:00
00:59:59:01
00:59:59:02
00:59:59:03
00:59:59:04
00:59:59:05
00:59:59:06
00:59:59:07
00:59:59:08
00:59:59:09
```

For more information, check out the *TimecodeRange* section of the Users Guide.

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**Note:** This project is under active development.

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## 2.1 Timecode

*Timecode* is good.

```
class timecode.Timecode(timecode: str | int | Timecode, mode: CountingMode | None = None, rate: int | None = None)
```

Timecode representing a given frame number and rate

### 2.1.1 Specifying The Counting Mode

A *CountingMode* can be set during the creation of a *Timecode* object by setting the mode parameter.

*NonDropFrame* and *DropFrame* counting modes are available in the *timecode.modes* subpackage.

*Timecode* will default to *NonDropFrame* mode, unless otherwise specified.

```
>>> from timecode import Timecode
>>> from timecode.modes import DropFrame
..
>>> Timecode(86400, mode=DropFrame())
<Timecode 00;48;02;28 @ 30 DF>
```

The default counting mode can be set program-wide by assigning a *CountingMode* class to *timecode.Timecode.DEFAULT\_MODE*

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**Note:** Also included in the *timecode.modes* subpackage is an abstract class *CountingMode*, which can be subclassed to make your own weird little counting modes. Give it a shot!

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See also: *Counting Modes*

### 2.1.2 Specifying The Rate

*Timecode* will default to the *DEFAULT\_RATE* set by the *CountingMode*. Or, it may be explicitly set with the rate parameter.

```
>>> from timecode import Timecode
..
>>> Timecode("01:00:00:00", rate=30)
<Timecode 01:00:00:00 @ 30 NDF>
```

**Warning:** The *CountingMode* will validate the specified rate and may throw an exception if the rate is inappropriate. For example, *DropFrame* only accepts frame rates which are multiples of 30.

### 2.1.3 Math

So you got all these timecodes goin', but what do you do with them? Well I guess you can add them together:

```
>>> # Two Timecodes
>>> Timecode("01:00:01:00") + Timecode("02:03")
<Timecode 01:00:03:03 @ 24 NDF>
..
>>> # A Timecode and some frames
>>> Timecode("59:59:00") + 24
<Timecode 01:00:00:00 @ 24 NDF>
```

Oh! You can *resample()* from one kind to another:



```
>>> from timecode import Timecode
>>> from timecode.modes import DropFrame, NonDropFrame
..
>>> Timecode("00:48:20:12", mode=NonDropFrame()).resample(rate=30)
<Timecode 00:48:20:15 @ 30 NDF>
..
>>> Timecode("00:48:20:15", rate=30, mode=NonDropFrame()).resample(mode=DropFrame())
<Timecode 00:48:23:13 (88) @ 30 DF>
```

### 2.1.4 More Info

See `timecode.Timecode` in the API Documentation.

## 2.2 TimecodeRange

```
class timecode.TimecodeRange(*, start: Timecode | str | int | None = None, duration: Timecode | str | int |
                             None = None, end: Timecode | str | int | None = None)
```

An unbroken sequence of timecodes between a specified range

### 2.2.1 Creating A Range

`TimecodeRange` requires at least two of the following parameters: `start`, `duration`, `end`. The third parameter will be calculated from the other two if it is not given.

```
>>> from timecode import Timecode, TimecodeRange
>>> from timecode.modes import DropFrame, NonDropFrame
..
>>> # Create a `TimecodeRange` from a start and duration
>>> tc_start = Timecode("00:59:59:00")
>>> tc_duration = Timecode("01:02:00")
>>> TimecodeRange(start=tc_start, duration=tc_duration)
<TimecodeRange 00:59:59:00 - 01:01:01:00 (1488) @ 24 NDF>
```

```
>>> # Create a `TimecodeRange` from a start and an end
>>> tc_start = Timecode("00:59:59:00")
>>> tc_end = Timecode("01:01:01:00")
>>> TimecodeRange(start=tc_start, end=tc_end)
<TimecodeRange 00:59:59:00 - 01:01:01:00 (1488) @ 24 NDF>
```

`start`, `duration`, and `end` can be provided as `Timecode` objects, or as any of the standard types supported by the `Timecode` constructor (`str` or `int`). The types can be mixed and matched for each input parameter.

```
>>> # Create a `TimecodeRange` that is 48 frames long
>>> tc_start = Timecode("01:00:00:00")
>>> frm_duration = 48
>>> TimecodeRange(start=tc_start, duration=frm_duration)
<TimecodeRange 01:00:00:00 - 01:00:02:00 (48) @ 24 NDF>
```

## 2.2.2 CountingModes and Rates

The *CountingMode* and rate of the *TimecodeRange* object is determined by the mode and rate of the input *Timecode* objects; or by the *Timecode* defaults if none are provided. Thus, to set the mode and/or rate for a *TimecodeRange*, at least one of the inputs should be a *Timecode* object with the desired settings.

```
>>> # Create a `TimecodeRange` that is 60 FPS drop frame (oh my)
>>> tc_start = Timecode("01:00:00;00", rate=60, mode=DropFrame())
>>> duration = 120
>>> TimecodeRange(start=tc_start, duration=duration)
<TimecodeRange 01:00:00;00 - 01:00:02:00 (120) @ 60 DF>
```

**Warning:** If more than one of the input parameters are *Timecode* objects, they must all have matching *CountingModes* and rates. Otherwise, *TimecodeRange* will raise an exception.

## 2.2.3 Using TimecodeRange

```
>>> from timecode import Timecode, TimecodeRange
...
>>> tc_start = Timecode("01:00:00:00")
>>> tc_duration = Timecode("00:10")
>>> tc_range = TimecodeRange(start=tc_start, duration=tc_duration)
>>> tc_range
<TimecodeRange 01:00:00:00 - 01:00:00:10 (10) @ 24 NDF>
```

## Accessing Properties

start, duration, and end, properties return *Timecode* objects.

```
>>> tc_range.start
<Timecode 01:00:00:00 @ 24 NDF>
..
>>> tc_range.start.frame_number
86400
..
>>> tc_range.duration
<Timecode 00:00:00:10 @ 24 NDF>
..
>>> tc_range.end
<Timecode 01:00:00:10 @ 24 NDF>
..
>>> tc_range.end.frame_number
86410
```

## Iterating over a TimecodeRange

```
>>> len(tc_range)
10
..
>>> for tc in tc_range:
...     repr(tc)
...
'<Timecode 01:00:00:00 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:01 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:02 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:03 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:04 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:05 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:06 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:07 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:08 @ 24 NDF>'
'<Timecode 01:00:00:09 @ 24 NDF>'
```

## Checking For Membership

```
>>> # Based on Timecode string
>>> "01:00:00:05" in tc_range
True
..
>>> # Based on frame number
>>> 86405 in tc_range
True
..
>>> # Based on a `Timecode` object
>>> Timecode("01:00:00:05") in tc_range
True
```

## Subsets

```
>>> # Check if all frames in a `TimecodeRange` exist in another `TimecodeRange`
>>> tc_range_inner = TimecodeRange(start="01:00:00:05", duration=2)
>>> tc_range_inner in tc_range
True
```

## 2.2.4 More Info

See `timecode.TimecodeRange` in the the API Documentation.

## 2.3 Counting Modes

A *CountingMode* defines the frame counting behavior of a *Timecode* or *TimecodeRange* object. It also handles string formatting, as different modes may be represented differently (e.g. *DropFrame* timecode traditionally uses a ; separator).

### **class** `timecode.modes.CountingMode`

An abstract class to facilitate timecode frame counting modes

Two of the most common modes are provided: *NonDropFrame* and *DropFrame*. Additional modes may be created by subclassing the *CountingMode* class.

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**Note:** The *CountingMode* classes are provided in the `timecode.modes` subpackage.

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### 2.3.1 Using a Counting Mode

A *CountingMode* is typically provided by setting the mode parameter to an instance of a *CountingMode* during the creation of a *Timecode* object:

```
>>> from timecode import Timecode
>>> from timecode.modes import DropFrame, NonDropFrame
>>> Timecode("01:00:00:00", mode=DropFrame())
<Timecode 01;00;00;00 @ 30 DF>
```

See also: *Specifying The Counting Mode*

### 2.3.2 Defaults

A *CountingMode* defines a default rate to use if the rate is not explicitly set during the creation of a *Timecode* object. It may also define additional rules to validate the rate. Below are the defaults and rules for the out-of-the-box *CountingMode* classes:

| Mode                | Default Rate | Additional Rules                                      |
|---------------------|--------------|---|
| <i>NonDropFrame</i> | 24           | Rate must be a positive integer                       |
| <i>DropFrame</i>    | 30           | Rate must be a positive integer, and a multiple of 30 |

Here we illustrate the default rates and rate validation:

```
>>> from timecode import Timecode
>>> from timecode.modes import DropFrame, NonDropFrame
..
>>> # NonDropFrame defaults to 24 fps
>>> Timecode("01:00:00:00", mode=NonDropFrame())
<Timecode 01:00:00:00 @ 24 NDF>
```

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```

..
>>> # DropFrame defaults to 30 fps
>>> Timecode("01:00:00:00", mode=DropFrame())
<Timecode 01;00;00;00 @ 30 DF>
..
>>> # DropFrame throws a `ValueError` for rates
>>> # that are not multiples of 30
>>> Timecode("01:00:00:00", mode=DropFrame(), rate=24)
ValueError: Drop Frame mode requires the rate to be a multiple of 30.

```

See also: *Specifying The Rate*

### 2.3.3 More Info

See `timecode.modes.CountingMode` in the API Documentation.

## 2.4 Timecode

```
class timecode.Timecode(timecode: str | int | Timecode, mode: CountingMode | None = None, rate: int | None = None)
```

Timecode representing a given frame number and rate

**DEFAULT\_MODE**

alias of `NonDropFrame`

**resample**(\*, mode: CountingMode | None = None, rate: int | None = None)

Create a new timecode object resampled to a new rate or frame counting mode

**property frame\_number:** int

The timecode as a frame number

**property rate:** int

The rate (per second) of this timecode

**property mode:** CountingMode

The counting mode used with this timecode

**property hours:** int

The hours elapsed

**property minutes:** int

The minutes per hour elapsed

**property seconds:** int

The seconds per minute elapsed

**property frames:** int

The frames per second elapsed

**property is\_negative:** bool

Is the timecode negative

**property is\_positive:** `bool`

Is the timecode positive

## 2.5 TimecodeRange

**class** `timecode.TimecodeRange`(\*, *start*: `Timecode` | *str* | *int* | *None* = *None*, *duration*: `Timecode` | *str* | *int* | *None* = *None*, *end*: `Timecode` | *str* | *int* | *None* = *None*)

An unbroken sequence of timecodes between a specified range

**ALLOW\_NEGATIVE\_RANGES** = `False`

Allow a start timecode which is later than the end timecode

**property start:** `Timecode`

The start timecode in this range

**property end:** `Timecode`

The end timecode in this range (exclusive)

**property duration:** `Timecode`

The duration of this timecode range

## 2.6 Counting Modes

**class** `timecode.modes.CountingMode`

Bases: `ABC`

An abstract class to facilitate timecode frame counting modes

**SEPARATOR** = `':'`

The character expected and used for separation of elements

**ALLOW\_NEGATIVE\_TIMECODE** = `True`

Allow negative timecodes with this mode

**DEFAULT\_RATE** = `24`

The default frame rate to use if not provided

**classmethod validate\_rate**(*rate*: *int* | *None* = *None*) → *int*

Validate and clean the user-provided rate

**classmethod hours**(*framenumbers*: *int*, *rate*: *int*) → *int*

Hours element

**classmethod minutes**(*framenumbers*: *int*, *rate*: *int*) → *int*

Minutes element

**classmethod seconds**(*framenumbers*: *int*, *rate*: *int*) → *int*

Seconds element

**classmethod frames**(*framenumbers*: *int*, *rate*: *int*) → *int*

Frames element

```

class timecode.modes.NonDropFrame
    Bases: CountingMode
    Non-drop-frame timecode mode

    DEFAULT_RATE = 24
        The default frame rate to use if not provided

    SEPARATOR = ':'
        The character expected and used for separation of elements

class timecode.modes.DropFrame
    Bases: CountingMode
    Drop-frame timecode mode

    DEFAULT_RATE = 30
        DF timecodes are intended for multiples of 30

    SEPARATOR = ';'
        The character expected and used for separation of elements

    classmethod validate_rate(rate: int | None = None) → int
        Validate and clean the user-provided rate

    classmethod get_dropped_frames(framenumber: int, rate: int) → int
        Calculate the number of frames to drop

    classmethod hours(framenumber: int, rate: int) → int
        Hours element

    classmethod minutes(framenumber: int, rate: int) → int
        Minutes element

    classmethod seconds(framenumber: int, rate: int) → int
        Seconds element

    classmethod frames(framenumber: int, rate: int) → int
        Frames element

```

## 2.7 Footage (Feet+Frames)

```

class timecode.Footage(frames: str | int | None, frames_per_foot: int = 16)
    A rate-agnostic frame counter based on the number of frames per foot in various film formats

    property feet: int
        Number of full feet

```





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