

---

# **Countdown Documentation**

***Release 0.2.1***

**René-Marc Simard**

**Mar 07, 2020**



# TABLE OF CONTENTS

<b>1</b>	<b>Features</b>	<b>3</b>
1.1	Installation . . . . .	4
1.2	Usage . . . . .	4
1.3	countdoom package . . . . .	6
1.4	Contributing . . . . .	9
1.5	Credits . . . . .	12
1.6	Changelog . . . . .	12
1.7	General indices . . . . .	15
	<b>Python Module Index</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>19</b>





Python package to fetch and digest the current [Doomsday Clock](#) world threat assessment from [TheBulletin.org](#).

Free software released under [MIT License](#), with source code available on [GitHub](#), Python package distributed on [PyPI](#), and documentation hosted on [Read the Docs](#).



## FEATURES

- Fetches the current [Doomsday Clock](#) value from the [Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists](#).
- Converts the Doomsday Clock sentence into:
  - countdown seconds 60
  - countdown minutes 1
  - clock 11:59
  - time 23:59:00
- Offers a command-line interface.
- Uses [Async IO](#) for efficient Python integration.

```
▶ python countdoom

11 12
10 \|      Countdoom: Doomsday Clock 🤖🌊💣💀
9   @      World threat assessment from TheBulletin.org

Sentence: IT IS 100 SECONDS TO MIDNIGHT
Clock: 11:58:20
Time: 23:58:20
Minutes: 1.67
Seconds: 100
Countdown: 100 seconds
```

Fig. 1: *Countdoom: a Doomsday Clock client.*

## 1.1 Installation

### 1.1.1 Stable release

**Countdown** is distributed on the [Python Package Index \(PyPI\)](#). The best way to install it is with `pip`:

(Optional) Create a virtual environment:

```
$ virtualenv countdown-env
```

To install **Countdown**, run this command in your terminal:

```
$ pip install countdown
```

This is the preferred method to install **Countdown**, as it will always install the most recent stable release.

If you don't have `pip` installed, this [Python installation guide](#) can guide you through the process.

### 1.1.2 From sources

The sources for **Countdown** can be downloaded from the [Github repo](#).

You can either clone the public repository:

```
$ git clone git://github.com/renemarc/countdown
```

Or download the [tarball](#):

```
$ curl -OL https://github.com/renemarc/countdown/tarball/master
```

Once you have a copy of the source, you can install it with:

```
$ python setup.py install
```

Or if you're on a system that supports makefiles:

```
$ make install
```

## 1.2 Usage

---

**Note:** The [Doomsday Clock](#) doesn't change often — at most once a year — and offers no API. Since this package relies on web scraping of [TheBulletin.org](#), please do consider throttling/caching your requests.

---



## 1.2.1 Command-line interface

Example usage:

```
$ countdoom

11 12
10 \|      Countdown: Doomsday Clock
9  @       World threat assessment from TheBulletin.org

Sentence: IT IS 2 MINUTES TO MIDNIGHT
Clock: 11:58
Time: 23:58:00
Minutes: 2
Seconds: 120
Countdown: 120 seconds
```

Example usage using a single format (e.g. clock):

```
$ countdoom --format clock

11:58
```

Built-in help:

```
$ countdoom -h

11 12
10 \|      Countdown: Doomsday Clock
9  @       World threat assessment from TheBulletin.org

usage: countdoom [--format {sentence,clock,time,minutes,countdown,all,json}]
               [--timeout TIMEOUT] [--v] [-h]

optional arguments:
  --format {sentence,clock,time,countdown,all,json}
                                return data format (default: all).
  --timeout TIMEOUT             connection/request timeout in seconds (default: 10).
  --v, --version                show program's version number and exit
  -h, --help                    show this help message and exit

"Be the change you want to see in the world." --Gandhi/Arleen Lorraine
```

## 1.2.2 Python import

To use **Countdown** in a project:

```
import countdown
```

Get the current Doomsday Clock value using the event loop:

```
1 import asyncio
2 from typing import Dict, Union
3
4 from countdown import CountdownClient
5
```

(continues on next page)

(continued from previous page)

```

6
7 def get_doomsday_clock() -> Dict[str, Union[str, float, None]]:
8     """
9     Get current Doomsday Clock value.
10
11     :return: Dictionary of Doomsday Clock representation styles
12     """
13     client = CountdownClient()
14     loop = asyncio.get_event_loop()
15     task = loop.create_task(client.fetch_data())
16     data = loop.run_until_complete(task)
17     return data

```

Get the current Doomsday Clock value using an awaitable:

```

1 from typing import Dict, Union
2
3 from countdown import CountdownClient
4
5
6 async def async_get_doomsday_clock() -> Dict[str, Union[str, float, None]]:
7     """
8     Get current Doomsday Clock value using AsyncIO.
9
10    :return: Dictionary of Doomsday Clock representation styles
11    """
12    client = CountdownClient()
13    data = await client.fetch_data()
14    return data

```

## 1.3 countdown package

### 1.3.1 Submodules

### 1.3.2 countdown.cli module

Console script for Countdown.

SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT

`countdown.cli.cli` (*args=None*)

Run Countdown client.

**Parameters** `args` (`Optional[List[Any]]`) – list of arguments

**Return type** `None`

**async** `countdown.cli.main` (*args=None*)

Console script for Countdown.

**Parameters** `args` (`Optional[List[Any]]`) – list of arguments

**Raises** `CountdownClientError` – If an error is generated while fetching data

**Return type** `None`

```
countdown.cli.create_parser()
```

Create an argument parser.

**Return type** `ArgumentParser`

**Returns** Argument parser

```
countdown.cli.parse_args(parser, args)
```

Feed a list of arguments into ArgumentParser for processing.

**Parameters**

- **parser** (`ArgumentParser`) – ArgumentParser instance
- **args** (`list`) – list of arguments

**Return type** `Namespace`

**Returns** ArgumentParser Namespace object

```
countdown.cli.print_header()
```

Display a stylized header.

**Return type** `None`

```
countdown.cli.print_results(data, args)
```

Display command results in a variety of formats.

**Parameters**

- **data** (`dict`) – command results
- **args** (`Dict[str, Any]`) – ArgumentParser Namespace object

**Return type** `None`

### 1.3.3 countdown.client module

Client module.

SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT

```
class countdown.client.CountdownClient (timeout=10)
```

Bases: `object`

Countdown client.

Convert Doomsday Clock data into parsable time from the Timeline page at <https://thebulletin.org/doomsday-clock/past-announcements/>

Based on prior Node.js work by Matt Bierner. See <https://github.com/mattbierner/MinutesToMidnight>

```
CLOCK_URL = 'https://thebulletin.org/doomsday-clock/past-announcements/'
```

```
SELECTOR = '.uabb-infobox-title'
```

```
REQUEST_TIMEOUT = 10
```

```
CLOCK_FORMAT_LONG = '%-I:%M:%S'
```

```
CLOCK_FORMAT_SHORT = '%-I:%M'
```

```
TIME_FORMAT = '%H:%M:%S'
```

```
__init__ (timeout=10)
```

Create a CountdownClient object.

**Parameters** `timeout` (`int`) – Connection/request timeout

**Return type** `None`

**property** `countdown`

Countdown to midnight.

**Return type** `Optional[float]`

**Returns** Number of seconds to midnight

**property** `sentence`

Doomsday Clock sentence.

**Return type** `Optional[str]`

**Returns** Doomsday Clock sentence

**clock** ()

Convert countdown to midnight into a clock representation.

**Return type** `Optional[str]`

**Returns** Clock representation of a countdown to midnight

**minutes** ()

Convert countdown to midnight into minutes to midnight representation.

**Return type** `Optional[float]`

**Returns** Number of minutes to midnight

**time** (`time_format='%H:%M:%S'`)

Convert countdown to midnight into a time representation.

**Parameters** `time_format` (`str`) – `strftime()` time format

**Return type** `Optional[str]`

**Returns** Time representation of a countdown to midnight

**async** `fetch_data` ()

Retrieve the parsed Doomsday Clock.

**Return type** `Dict[str, Union[str, float, None]]`

**Returns** Extracted sentence, clock, time, minutes, and countdown

**async** `close` ()

Close the HTTP connection.

**Return type** `None`

**classmethod** `sentence_to_countdown` (`sentence`)

Convert Doomsday Clock sentence to a number of seconds to midnight.

**Parameters** `sentence` (`str`) – Doomsday Clock sentence

**Return type** `float`

**Returns** A countdown to midnight

**Raises** `AttributeError` – If sentence is not matched by regex pattern

**static** `numeric_word_to_int` (`word`)

Convert textual numbers into integers.

**Parameters** `word` (`str`) – Textual number from zero to nine

**Return type** `Optional[int]`

**Returns** Number from 0 to 9, if any

**Todo** throw exception when word not found.

**static** `countdown_to_time` (*number*, *time\_format*='%H:%M:%S')

Convert a number of seconds to midnight into a time format.

**Parameters**

- **number** (`Union[int, float]`) – Number representing a countdown
- **time\_format** (`str`) – `strftime()` time format

**Return type** `str`

**Returns** Time representation of countdown to midnight

**exception** `countdoom.client.CountdoomClientError`

Bases: `Exception`

Countdoom client general error.

### 1.3.4 Module contents

Top-level package for Countdoom.

SPDX-License-Identifier: MIT

## 1.4 Contributing

Contributions are welcome, and they are greatly appreciated! This project follows the [all-contributors](#) specification: every little bit helps and [credit will always be given](#).

---

**Note:** This project is released with a respect oriented [Contributor Code of Conduct](#) based on the [Contributor Covenant](#). By participating in this project you agree to abide by its fair terms.

---

You can contribute in many ways:

### 1.4.1 Types of contributions

#### Report bugs

Please report bugs at <https://github.com/renemarc/countdoom/issues>.

If you are reporting a bug, please include:

- Your operating system name and version.
- Any details about your local setup that might be helpful in troubleshooting.
- Detailed steps to reproduce the bug.

### Fix bugs

Look through the [GitHub issues](#) for bugs. Anything tagged with `bug` and `help wanted` is open to whoever wants to implement it.

### Implement features

Look through the [GitHub issues](#) for features. Anything tagged with `enhancement` and `help wanted` is open to whoever wants to implement it.

### Write documentation

**Countdown** could always use more documentation, whether as part of the official **Countdown** docs, in docstrings, or even on the web in blog posts, articles, and such.

### Submit feedback

The best way to send feedback is to file an issue at <https://github.com/renemarc/countdown/issues>.

If you are proposing a feature:

- Explain in detail how it would work.
- Keep the scope as narrow as possible, to make it easier to implement.
- Remember that this is a volunteer-driven project, and that contributions are welcome

## 1.4.2 Get started!

Ready to contribute? Here's how to set up **Countdown** for local development.

---

**Note:** While **Countdown** runs on Python 3.5+, many dev tools will require Python 3.6+.

---

1. Fork the [Countdown repo on GitHub](#).
2. Clone your fork locally:

```
$ git clone git@github.com:YOUR_USERNAME_HERE/countdown.git
```

3. Create a [virtual environment](#) for local development:

```
$ cd countdown/  
$ python -m venv .venv  
$ . .venv/bin/activate
```

4. Install your local copy with all dependencies using pip:

```
$ pip install -e .[dev]
```

Alternatively, you can also use `setup.py` to install the above requirements:

```
$ pip install --upgrade setuptools  
$ python setup.py develop
```

5. Create a branch for local development:

```
$ git checkout -b name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

Now you can make your changes locally!

6. To help you test your code, you can use [pyenv version manager](#) to install concurrent Python versions in local virtual environments (unless already installed):

```
$ pyenv install "3.5.9"
$ pyenv install "3.6.10"
$ pyenv install "3.7.6"
$ pyenv install "3.8.1"
$ pyenv install "pypy3.6-7.3.0"
$ pyenv local "3.5.9" "3.6.10" "3.7.6" "3.8.1" "pypy3.6-7.3.0"
```

7. When you're done making changes, you can test the results with [makefile](#). This will verify that your changes pass this opinionated code quality gauntlet :

- [black](#) code formatter
- [flake8](#) style enforcer
- [isort](#) imports checker
- [mypy](#) static type checker
- [pylint](#) code analyzer
- [pytest](#) python tests
- [tox](#) multi-version automated testing tool

```
$ make test-all
$ make coverage
```

Alternatively, you can run the test suites individually:

```
$ black --check --diff .
$ flake8
$ isort --check -rc .
$ mypy
$ pylint setup.py countdown examples
$ pylint --disable=E0401 tests/*.py
$ pytest
$ tox -e py35
$ tox -e py36
$ tox -e py37
$ tox -e py38
$ tox -e pypy3
$ coverage
```

---

**Note:** To run a subset of tests, you can mention either the whole file or just one function:

```
$ pytest tests/test_client.py
$ pytest tests/test_client.py::test_valid_countdown
```

---

8. Commit your changes using [Conventional Commits](#) comment style and push your branch to GitHub. To help catch any gotchas, [pre-commit](#) will automatically run various code quality linters on any modified files:

```
$ git add .  
$ git commit -m "type(scope): detailed description of your changes."  
$ git push origin name-of-your-bugfix-or-feature
```

9. Submit a [pull request](#) through the GitHub website.

### 1.4.3 Pull request guidelines

Before you submit a pull request, check that it meets these guidelines:

1. The pull request should include tests.
2. If the pull request adds functionality, the docs should be updated. Put your new functionality into a function with a docstring, mention the change in the `CHANGELOG.rst`, and if necessary add the feature to the list in `README.md` (repo) and `README.rst` (docs).
3. The pull request should work for Python 3.5, 3.6, 3.7, 3.8, and for PyPy3. Check [https://travis-ci.com/renemarc/countdown/pull\\_requests](https://travis-ci.com/renemarc/countdown/pull_requests) and make sure that the tests pass for all supported Python versions.

### 1.4.4 Deploying

A reminder for the maintainers on how to deploy. Make sure all your changes are committed (including an entry in `CHANGELOG.rst`). Then run:

```
$ bumpversion patch # possible: major / minor / patch  
$ git push  
$ git push --tags
```

Travis CI will then deploy to the [Python Package Index](#) if tests pass.

## 1.5 Credits

This project follows the [all-contributors](#) specification (emoji key [available here](#)). Found a bug? Want to suggest an idea? Want to share some improvements? *Contributions of any kind are welcome!*

## 1.6 Changelog

All notable changes to **Countdown** will be documented in this list. The format is based on [Keep a Changelog](#), and this project adheres to [Semantic Versioning](#).

### 1.6.1 Unreleased

*No documented unreleased changes*



## 1.6.2 v0.2.1 — 2020-03-07

### Added

- [Code of Conduct](#) based on [Contributor Covenant](#).
- Continuous deployment to PyPI when new versions are pushed to the repo.

### Fixed

- Spelling, links and images in documentation.

## 1.6.3 v0.2.0 — 2020-03-03

Alpha release. Since the [Doomsday Clock](#) has (...unfortunately ) started counting in seconds for the first time since 1947, the code was adapted to also handle sub-minute values.

### Added

- `minutes` as an output format option and in returned data set.
- Repo-specific [Markdown README file](#).
- Documentation at [Read The Docs](#).
- Pull Request template.
- Support for [All Contributors](#) specifications and service app.
- Support for [Code Climate](#) code quality checker service.
- Support for [CodeCov](#) test coverage report analyzer service.
- Support for [DeepSource](#) code security checker service.
- Support for [Keep a Changelog](#) specifications.
- Support for [mypy](#) static type checker.
- Support for [Probot's Auto-Comment](#) response service app.
- Support for [Probot's helPR](#) issue labeler service app.
- Support for [Probot's No Response Info](#) issue closing service app.
- Support for [Probot's Request Info](#) issue validating service app.
- Support for [Probot's Stale Info](#) auto-closing service app.
- Support for [Probot's Welcome](#) greeting service app.

## Changed

- **BREAKING:** Return countdown in seconds instead of minutes.
- **BREAKING:** Rename project to **Countdown**.
- Expand Tox test environments to include Python 3.5–3.8, Pypy3, formatter, and linters.
- Expand test coverage to cover seconds to midnight.
- Improve type hints.
- Expand contributing guidelines.
- Improve install documentation.
- Move Asyncio loop handling from package `__main__.py` to `cli.py`.
- Simplify support tools configuration files.
- Regroup dependencies listing to `setup.py`.
- Add descriptive file headers and modelines.
- Split [Issue template](#) into *Bug Report*, *Feature Request*, *Questions and Help*, and *Agile User Story*.

## Fixed

- Revise sentence extraction logic to include seconds to midnight.

## Removed

- Files `requirements.txt` and `requirements_dev.txt` (now in `setup.py`).
- Support for [Pyup](#) dependency checker service.

## 1.6.4 v0.1.0 — 2020-02-23

Initial release.

## Added

- Extraction of minutes to midnight from [TheBulletin.org](#).
- Tests with [pytest](#).
- Command-line interface.
- Integration examples.
- Importable client module with [Asyncio](#) support.
- [Makefile](#) build assistant.
- Basic [Sphinx](#) documentation.
- [Badges](#) to README file.
- Support for [bandit](#) security issues checker.
- Support for [Black](#) code formatter.

- Support for [Coverage.py](#) unit tests measuring tool.
- Support for [EditorConfig](#) coding style config file.
- Support for [Flake8](#) coding style enforcer.
- Support for [isort](#) imports organizer.
- Support for [pip](#) dependencies manager.
- Support for [pre-commit](#) git hooks with linters, formatters, and validators.
- Support for [Pylint](#) code analyzer.
- Support for [Pyup](#) dependency checker service.
- Support for [Tox](#) automation integration.
- Support for [Travis-CI](#) continuous integration service.

## 1.7 General indices

- [genindex](#)
- [Index of Documented Public Modules](#)



## PYTHON MODULE INDEX

### C

countdoom, 9  
countdoom.cli, 6  
countdoom.client, 7



## Symbols

`__init__()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* method), 7

## C

`cli()` (*in module countdoom.cli*), 6

`clock()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* method), 8

`CLOCK_FORMAT_LONG` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* attribute), 7

`CLOCK_FORMAT_SHORT` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* attribute), 7

`CLOCK_URL` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* attribute), 7

`close()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* method), 8

`countdoom` (module), 9

`countdoom.cli` (module), 6

`countdoom.client` (module), 7

`CountdoomClient` (class *in countdoom.client*), 7

`CountdoomClientError`, 9

`countdown()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* property), 8

`countdown_to_time()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* static method), 9

`create_parser()` (*in module countdoom.cli*), 6

## F

`fetch_data()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* method), 8

## M

`main()` (*in module countdoom.cli*), 6

`minutes()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* method), 8

## N

`numeric_word_to_int()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* static method),

8

## P

`parse_args()` (*in module countdoom.cli*), 7

`print_header()` (*in module countdoom.cli*), 7

`print_results()` (*in module countdoom.cli*), 7

## R

`REQUEST_TIMEOUT` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* attribute), 7

## S

`SELECTOR` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* attribute), 7

`sentence()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* property), 8

`sentence_to_countdown()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* class method), 8

## T

`time()` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* method), 8

`TIME_FORMAT` (*countdoom.client.CountdoomClient* attribute), 7