strftime Reference

Second

- %S [00-60] seconds
- number of seconds since the Epoch, UTC %s

Minute

[00-59] minutes %M

Hour

- %H [00-23] hours (24-hour clock)
- % [01-12] hours (12-hour clock); this is the upper case i
- [0-23] hours (24-hour clock); single digits %k are preceded by a blank
- % [1-12] hours (12-hour clock); single digits are preceded by a blank; is lower case L

Other

- newline %n
- %р [AM, PM] as appropriate
- %t tab
- %Ζ time zone name
- %z time zone offset from UTC; a leading plus sign stands for east of UTC, a minus sign for west of UTC, hours and minutes follow with two digits each and no delimiter between them

% (the percent sign) %%

Macros

- %с national representation of time and date
- %+ national representation of date and time
- %D equivalent to '%m/%d/%y'
- %F equivalent to '%Y-%m-%d'
- %R equivalent to '%H:%M'
- %r equivalent to '%I:%M:%S %p'
- %T equivalent to '%H:%M:%S'
- %v equivalent to '%e-%b-%Y'
- %Х national representation of time
- %х national representation of date

Day

- %A [Monday, Tuesday, ...] full weekday name
- [Mon, Tue, ...] abbreviated weekday name %a
- %d [01-31] day of the month number
- %e [1-31] day of month number; single digits are preceded by a blank
- %j [001-366] day of the year number
- [1-7] weekday number (Monday as the first %u day of the week)
- [0-6] weekday number (Sunday as the first %w day of the week)

Week

- %U [00-53] week number of the year (Sunday as the first day of the week)
- %V [01-53] week number of the year (Monday as the first day of the week). If the week containing January 1 has four or more days in the new year, then it is week 1; otherwise it is the last week of the previous year, and the next week is week 1
- [00-53] week number of the year (Monday %M as the first day of the week)

Month

- %В [January, February, ...] full month name
- %b [Jan, Feb, ...] abbreviated month name
- %h abbreviated month name (like %b)
- %m [01-12] month number

Year

- %C [19, 20, ...] (year / 100) number; single digits are preceded by a zero
- [1999, 2000, ...] year number with century. %G This year is the one that contains the greater part of the week (Monday as the first day of the week)
- %g [00-99] same year as in '%G', but as a decimal number without century
- %Y [1999, 2000, ...] year with century number
- [00-99] year without century number %y

This reference is optimized for building format strings. For decoding a format string, just look at the man page which is sorted alphabetically.