This Python 3 example will write the current date and time to a file. Useful information for any projects that require file writes or the use of date time.

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#!/usr/bin/python
 # Python 3 Script
 #
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 # Aug 2016
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 #
 # Write current date and time to file and screen
 # Created to see how long Rpi would run from batteries
 # by comparing first and last date time in file
 #
 from datetime import datetime
                                   # Import Libraries
 import time
 var=1
 while var == 1:
                    # creates a never ending loop
      text = "{:%B %d %Y %H:%M:%S\n}".format(datetime.now()) # make the variable text = the current
                                                               # date and
                                                                              time.
      saveFile = open('blt.txt','a')
                                                               # open file for append
      saveFile.write(text)
                                                               # write date and time (and a new line) to
file
      saveFile.close()
                                                               # close the file
                                                               # print date and time (held in var called
      print (text)
text)
                                                               # to screen
                                                               # sleep for x seconds
      time.sleep(30)
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Example Output

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