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Thread: [Scraping countdown timers from a website?](#)

Labs - April 20, 2023, 9:28 am

So many sites have timers or countdown timers to certain releases or drops. Wondering if there's is a way to scrape these timers from the sites too be able to track these release dates elsewhere?

Any ideas would be hugely appreciated.
Thanks Yall.

Nachfolger - April 20, 2023, 5:27 pm

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fusionelite - April 20, 2023, 9:27 pm

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Labs - April 21, 2023, 3:50 am

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This was my thought. I'm just thinking if there was any way that it could be generalized to something as simple as, add link to have the timer scraped off of the site; just for one spot to track multiple different drops or anything with a countdown timer really?

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This is exactly where I thought this'll get complicated cuz the goal isn't to just snag the timer from just ONE website. Its too see if its possible to take it from really any website.