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#### NAME

m samptim, m tcalc, m time -- time measurement routines

#### SYNOPSIS

m\_samptim(interval)

m\_tcalc(timlowword)

m\_time()

# DESCRIPTION

m samptim -- determine if it is time for a measurement sample. Returns true if, roughly, the interval time has passed since the last call.

m tcalc -- calculate how much time has passed since a time with a given low word; this may seem strange, but it is used to calculate the delay time for alarms. The alarm distributer has the low word of the logging time of a mesage and it must be known how long it has been since the message has been logged.

Portability Note: By necessity, this routine must assume that time arrives as a long, the second integer of which is the low word. On 32 bit machines, the input from the alarm distributer will probably be different and the whole routine wil have to be reworked.

m time -- compute time since last call as an unsigned integer used in the measurement macros.

Portability Note: The conversion from long to unsigned may vary from machine to machine.

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# LIBRARY

/lib/lib1.a

### SEE ALSO time(2)