

**NAME**

sleep – suspend execution for an interval

**SYNOPSIS**

**sleep** time

**DESCRIPTION**

*Sleep* will suspend execution for *time* seconds. It is used to execute a command in a certain amount of time as in:

```
(sleep 105; command)&
```

Or to execute a command every so often as in this shell command file:

```
: loop  
command  
sleep 37  
goto loop
```

**SEE ALSO**

sleep(II)

**BUGS**

*Time* must be less than 65536 seconds.