

# system.util.sendRequest

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This function is used in **Python Scripting**.

## Description

This function sends a message to the Gateway, working in a similar manner to the [sendMessage](#) function, except `sendRequest` expects a response to the message. To handle received messages, you must set up Gateway Event Script message handlers within a project. These message handlers run Jython code when a message is received. You can then place a return at the end of the code to return something to where the `sendRequest` was originally called from. You can add message handlers under the "Message" section of the Gateway Event Script configuration dialog.

## Client Permission Restrictions

This scripting function has no [Client Permission](#) restrictions.

## Syntax

**system.util.sendRequest(project, messageHandler, payload, remoteServer, timeoutSec)**

- Parameters

[String](#) project - The name of the project containing the message handler.

[String](#) messageHandler - The name of the message handler that will fire upon receiving a message.

[PyDictionary](#) payload - Optional. A PyDictionary which will get passed to the message handler. Use "payload" in the message handler to access dictionary variables.

[String](#) hostName - Optional. Limits the message delivery to the client that has the specified network host name.

[String](#) remoteServer - Optional. A string representing a target Gateway Server name. The message will be delivered to the remote Gateway over the Gateway Network. Upon delivery, the message is distributed to the local Gateway and clients as per the other parameters.

[String](#) timeoutSec - Optional. The number of seconds before the `sendRequest` call times out.

- Returns

[Object](#) - The return from the message handler.

- Scope

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## Code Examples

### Code Snippet

```
# Request sent to the message handler 'test' which then saves the return value to returnValue and prints it.
returnValue = system.util.sendRequest(project='ACME', messageHandler='test', payload=
{'hoursOn':15})
print returnValue
```