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Subject: Re: time system?

Posted by [John J. Boia](#) on Mon, 03 Nov 1997 08:00:00 GMT

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On a previous project, we used negative time stamp values to store data in reverse chronological order in VAX/VMS indexed keyed-access files.

If the value you quoted is "negative" seconds elapsed from some reference date, I calculate a reference date of approximately 08 July 1955. If the value is seconds until some future time, it works out to 05 Feb 2040.

Hope this helps...

David Foster wrote:

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> George McCabe wrote:  
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>> hello,  
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>> does anyone know what time system the number (-1334599710) belongs to.  
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>> this number is the time stamp for data recorded October 22nd,1997 during  
>> daylight hours Central Daylight Time. though i can locate the time stamp  
>> in the binary data, i do not have the code which wrote it. it's not  
>> julian seconds, but by comparing consecutive data set i know that it is  
>> a count up to some future date and time.

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> George -  
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> Odd that the stamp is negative. Is it possible that the stamp was  
> read using a signed integer when an unsigned integer was appropriate.  
> Just fishing.

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> Dave

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