
Subject: Time conversion

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Hi!

I have to convert some date formats, and I wonder why IDL does not give more support here. A common date/time format is the seconds since 1970, and the `systemtime()` function can return the current date in this format. Yippie! But why is there no function to convert this from/to standard ASCII date strings, or from/to Julian date?

I found such a thing in the Astro library, `st2date`, input is the seconds-since-1970, output is year, month, day etc., and even day and month in ASCII notation if one likes. Great. But I did not find something yet to convert to seconds-since-1970. I could write it myself, but I guess this already had been done some dozen times. Some big routine with many, many keywords to convert between all those formats would be nice :)

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