
Subject: Re: days of the week

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Wed, 20 Mar 2002 16:59:28 GMT

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Craig Markwardt (craigmnet@cow.physics.wisc.edu) writes:

> Weeks are always exactly seven days long.

I don't know. I've been up every night for the past three waiting for puppies to be born. And my tennis team got beat yesterday 3-4, losing 11-9 in a tie-breaker in the pivotal match. It feels like this week is already 10 days long. :-(

> P.S. I think the built-in JULDAY function is the one of the most
> dangerous function I have ever seen. It measures *calendar dates*
> from *noon* by gosh! It also doesn't handle fractional days, which is
> a pity, but thankfully there are tons of IDL Astro/JHU functions which
> overcome this.

I agree with this. Unfortunately, I learned long ago that when posting code to the HUGE IDL newsgroup audience it is always better to restrict yourself to the lowest common denominator. Otherwise, you send the last 8 days of the week writing e-mails to people asking them to *please* consider upgrading to a version of IDL written in this century. :-)

Cheers,

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