
Subject: Re: Time Woes

Posted by [Paul Van Delst\[1\]](#) on Wed, 01 May 2002 21:24:05 GMT

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David Fanning wrote:

>
> Ken Mankoff (mankoff@I.HATE.SPAM.cs.colorado.edu) writes:
>
>> First, before you deal with any conversions, you have to understand
>> exactly what it means to have "seconds since 1980".
>
> Well, you see, that's the whole problem with the consulting
> business. Even when you have it together enough to ask a
> question like this, the chance that your client might know
> the answer is about nil. Otherwise, they would be writing
> the program themselves.
>
> Here is what I know. I have some TRMM data in a particular
> lat/lon range at a particular time (e.g. 4AM on 7 July 2001).
> I want to pull out any QSCAT wind data that might overlap my
> TRMM data by about an hour or two.
>
> What questions would it be helpful for me to know to ask?

Is the time "regular" time, or atomic time?

Not that I'm trying to obfuscate the problem.....

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p.s. I always thought the "seconds since 1980" time was a relatively common thing.

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