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Subject: Re: How to add 'd' to get the correct julian conversion ?  
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Craig Markwardt wrote:

> Kolbjorn Bekkelund <kolbjorn@arctic-linux.tnett.no> writes:  
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>> How can I add the NEEDED d to get this:  
>>  
>> 2452662.305203d  
>>  
>> out of this:  
>> maxtime = jul2cal((data(0,maxgust\_time)), /TO\_STRING, /MDY)  
>>  
>> In my program (data(0,maxgust\_time)) fetches 2452662.305203 out of the  
>> array, but if I don't add the d to the julian date it calculates the  
>> wrong time in the above statement.  
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>  
> You can use  
> double(data(0,maxgust\_time)),  
> but the variable DATA should already be in double precision. At least  
> it should be if you expect 13 decimal digits of precision to be  
> maintained. When you type the number directly on the command line,  
> you probably do have to use the "D" to indicate double precision, but  
> you should not have to if the variable DATA is already double.  
>  
> Craig  
>

I've checked my array a bit more and it seems as if there's something wrong with it. From the file I'm reading in with read-ascii I should have this:

```
2452662.499876 2.719500    6.216000    343.494000
955.793400   93.911600   -5.444307
```

but the print, data in IDL shows:

```
2.45266e+06  2.71950  6.21600  343.494  955.793
93.9116  -5.44431
```

If I replace the read-ascii with Reimar Bauers read\_data\_file I get:

```
2452662.5    2.7195000    6.2160000    343.49400
955.79340    93.911600    -5.4443070
```

but as you see the julian date in the first element is wrong in both arrays. How can I do ensure that I get all digits inserted ?

Kolbjorn

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