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Subject: Re: NCEP Reanalysis Temperature Data Problem  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Thu, 25 Oct 2007 17:48:11 GMT  
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ben.bighair writes:

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> While it is hard to figure out the benchmark date - the difference in
> the two might be close to the number of hours between 1948 and 2007.
> Perhaps it's wishful thinking, but if you know the final date you
> might be able to use the first record as a bench mark and figure
> subsequent dates from there.
>
> IDL> t1=17590104 & t0 = 17067072
> IDL> print, t1-t0
>      523032
> IDL> print,(2007-1948)*365.25*24.
>      517194.
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Yeah, I've been down that road, too. But, again, the numbers just don't ever add up. Which leads me to think it is also a dead end. Seconds, years, ... Milliseconds comes closest, but for gridded data and a monthly average!? Even govenment scientists aren't that... Well, never mind. I almost is one on this project. :-)

Cheers,

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