
Subject: Re: Get time and date from a server using a socket

Posted by [Brian Larsen](#) on Fri, 27 Feb 2009 15:09:02 GMT

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I seem to fuss with there odd time formats all the time, normally for satellite mission epoch time.

My best successes are using a combination of this article:

http://www.dfanning.com/code_tips/dayofyear.html

and the routines from the JHUAPL library

http://fermi.jhuapl.edu/s1r/idl/s1rlib/local_idl.html

I always seem to end up calculating the offset in seconds between the epoch time given and the Julian seconds used by the JHUAPL lib (JS are seconds after 2000 Jan 1 0:00.) subtract and then you can convert to JD or whatever using that lib.

Here is an example that turns the epoch time used by the THEMIS mission to the JHUAPL Julian seconds.

http://people.bu.edu/balarsen/IDLdoc/euv_date/thm_time2js.html

Cheers,

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