Subject: Re: date format
Posted by mkmvarma on Fri, 10 Sep 2010 02:21:24 GMT

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On Sep 10, 1:05 pm, Ben Tupper <ben.bigh...@gmail.com> wrote:
> On 9/9/10 6:51 PM, mahesh wrote:
>
>> Hi,
>> Is there any way I can change the date format from '970625' to
>> '19970625' in IDL?
>> Thanks,
>> Mahesh
>
> Hi,
>
> I hesitate to give the easy answer, but what the heck. IDL can do
> string math so the following works a treat.
>
> dateString = '970625'
> newDateString = '19' + dateString
>
> But if you really need to do date math then you need to split the string
> into a 2-digit-year, a month and a day using STRMID. Add the century
> (1900) to the 2-digit date. Then you run the while thing JULDAY before
> doing math on it.
>
> Cheers,
> Ben

Thanks very much, Ben. It worked.. I had to use STRMID though ....
Mahesh