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Subject: Re: date format

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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

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