
Subject: Re: Time conversion for .nc file

Posted by [atmospheric physics](#) on Wed, 13 Nov 2013 15:56:25 GMT

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Thanks David ...

On Wednesday, November 13, 2013 4:44:01 PM UTC+1, David Fanning wrote:

> Madhavan Bomidi writes:

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>> I have date & UTC time in tow columns as [YYYYMMDD HRMISE], where YYYY - Year, MM - Month, DD - day, HR - Hours, MI - Minutes, SE - Seconds. Now, I wanted to convert to the "time" variable according to NetCDF convention. I mean to say that I wanted to convert my date & UTC time values to "time" in seconds since 1970-01-01 00:00:00 (in UTC). Can anyone help me how I can use SYSTIME function available in IDL?

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> I wouldn't use the SYSTIME function. I would use the JULDAY function. I

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> would read the two columns of data as a single string array. Then, I

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> would do something like this (using a scalar string as an example, but

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> this will work for a string array, too):

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> str = '20131113 083122'

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> year = Fix(StrMid(str,0,4))

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> mon = Fix(StrMid(str,4,2))

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> day = Fix(StrMid(str,6,2))

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> hour = Fix(StrMid(str,9,2))

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> min = Fix(StrMid(str,11,2))

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> sec = Fix(StrMid(str,13,2))

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> julTime = JulDay(mon,day,year,hour min,sec) - JulDay(1,1,1970,0,0,0)

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> ncdfTime = julTime * 24 * 60 * 60

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> print, ncdfTime

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> Cheers,
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> Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming: <http://www.idlcoyote.com/>
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> Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")
