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Posted by [lucsmm](#) on Thu, 05 Nov 2015 18:47:27 GMT

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Thanks

Subject: Re: Dates conversions

Posted by [Michael Galloy](#) on Thu, 05 Nov 2015 23:02:46 GMT

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On 11/05/2015 11:47 AM, lucsmm@gmail.com wrote:

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Yes, convert to Julian days:

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9.77153, 9.77175, 9.77199, 9.77222, 9.77245]
IDL> jd = julday(8, 5, 2012, 5, 14, 39)
% Compiled module: JULDAY.
IDL> jdates = jd + dates
IDL> caldat, jdates, months, days, years, hours, minutes, seconds
% Compiled module: CALDAT.
IDL> print, hours
      23      23      23      23      23
23      23
      23      23      23      23
IDL> print, minutes
      43      43      44      44      44
45      45
      45      46      46      46
IDL> print, seconds
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58.583163
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Mike

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Subject: Re: Dates conversions

Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Thu, 05 Nov 2015 23:08:15 GMT

On Thursday, 5 November 2015 10:47:30 UTC-8, luc...@gmail.com wrote:

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This should do it.

```
d0Str = '08/05/2012 05:14:39'
```

```
;; Assuming mm/dd/yyyy: correct?
```

```
d0Jul = 0.0D ; Initialize to Double for millisecond accuracy
```

```
ReadS, d0Str, d0Jul, $
```

```
Format='(C(CMOI2,X,CDI2,X,CYI4,X,CHI2,X,CMI2,X,CSI2))'
```

```
dOffsets = [9.77013, 9.77037, 9.77060, 9.77083, 9.77106, 9.77130, 9.77153, $  
            9.77175, 9.77199, 9.77222, 9.77245]
```

```
dJuls = d0Jul + dOffsets
```

```
Print, [d0Jul, dJuls], $
```

```
Format='(C(CMOI2.2,"/",CDI2.2,"/",CYI4.4,X,CHI2.2,":",CMI2.2, ":",CSI2.2))'
```

For output, I get:

08/05/2012 05:14:39
08/14/2012 23:43:38
08/14/2012 23:43:58
08/14/2012 23:44:18
08/14/2012 23:44:38
08/14/2012 23:44:58
08/14/2012 23:45:19
08/14/2012 23:45:39
08/14/2012 23:45:58
08/14/2012 23:46:18
08/14/2012 23:46:38
08/14/2012 23:46:58

Those are truncated seconds, by the way. For more precision (which may be illusory):

Print, [d0Jul, dJuls], \$
Format='(C(CMOI2.2,"/","CDI2.2,"/","CYI4.4,X,CHI2.2,":","CMI2.2,":","CSF6.3))'

08/05/2012 05:14:39.000
08/14/2012 23:43:38.232
08/14/2012 23:43:58.968
08/14/2012 23:44:18.840
08/14/2012 23:44:38.712
08/14/2012 23:44:58.584
08/14/2012 23:45:19.320
08/14/2012 23:45:39.192
08/14/2012 23:45:58.200
08/14/2012 23:46:18.936
08/14/2012 23:46:38.808
08/14/2012 23:46:58.680

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Subject: Re: Dates conversions
Posted by [Dick Jackson](#) on Thu, 05 Nov 2015 23:15:40 GMT
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On Thursday, 5 November 2015 15:08:18 UTC-8, Dick Jackson wrote:

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As you can see (Hi, Mike!), there's a couple of ways to go about it. I should have made it clear that the variables "d0Jul" and "dJuls" were referring to Julian Day numbers for your "day 0" and the set of date/times that you're computing from the offsets. For more, see:

http://exelisvis.com/docs/Date_Time_Data.html
http://exelisvis.com/docs/Format_Codes.html#files_2839720996_2823814

Cheers,
-Dick

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Subject: Re: Dates conversions
Posted by [lucsmm](#) on Thu, 05 Nov 2015 23:29:16 GMT
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On Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 3:02:49 PM UTC-8, Mike Galloy wrote:

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Thank you Mike, I was half way there already with the JulDay ... but I didn't know I could just add them up after!
