



xmmtimeconv

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Abstract

Convert an input time into many formats

1 Instruments/Modes

Instrument	Mode
n/a	n/a

2 Use

pipeline processing	no
interactive analysis	yes

3 Description

XMMTIMECONV converts an input time into other formats. The input may be in any of the following formats:

- FITS: 2009-06-18T07:10:53
- MJD: 55000.0 (modified Julian date)
- JD: 2455000.5 (Julian date)
- CALENDAR: Thu Jun 18 07:10:53 2009
- MRT: 361670466.184 (mission reference time)
- DYN: 2009.4602739726 (decimal year number)

The output contains all of these formats. eg.



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> xmmtimeconv time='55000.0' format=MJD
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Converting using the input format MJD

FITS time: 2009-06-18T00:00:00.000

Fractional year: 2009.4602739726

Julian day: 2455000.5

MJD: 55000

Mission ref. time (MRT; secs since 1997-12-31T23:58:56.816): 361670466.184

Calendar: Thu Jun 18 00:00:00 2009

Times are in UTC.

4 Parameters

This section documents the parameters recognized by this task (if any).

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time	yes	string		
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Input time, e.g. 1998-11-25T17:21:00 or 54000.16

format	no	string	MJD	MJD—JD—DYN—MRT
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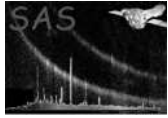
The format of the input time if given as a decimal. Options are: modified julian date (MJD), julian date (JD), decimal year number (DYN) or mission reference time (MRT). An input time entered in FITS or CALENDER format is detected automatically.

5 Errors

This section documents warnings and errors generated by this task (if any). Note that warnings and errors can also be generated in the SAS infrastructure libraries, in which case they would not be documented here. Refer to the index of all errors and warnings available in the HTML version of the SAS documentation.

InvalidInputTime (*error*)

The input time is not understood or is too early to be processed



6 Input Files

7 Output Files

8 Algorithm

Read the input time into an STime object.

Use the STime methods to convert to all known formats and output as text.

9 Comments

10 Future developments

References