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## DateLib

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One archiv including the DateLib shared-library, interfaces for different programming languages as well as the related Autodocs.

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The DateLib (version 33.310) is an Amiga shared-library developed for low level date and time calculations. All functions are documented via Autodocs.

For date calculations the following features are available:

- Support for six different date/time-systems:

Julian calendar, Gregorian calendar, extension of the Gregorian calendar after N. Heis for a historical correct date range from the year 8 to the year 8000 (minimum), Julian Date, Modified Julian Date, Scaliger years.

- Support of 21 languages (English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Italian, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Polish, Finnish, Hungarian, Greek, Esperanto, Turkish, Latin, Russian, Czech, Catalonian, Serbian) for names of months, weekdays and some other date/time specific strings.

- Handling of the Gregorian calendar reform (in October 1582 ten days were removed from the calendar).

- Calculation of leap years.

- Calculating the number of days for a month, a year or between two dates.

- Calculation of the weeknumber and the weekday for a date.

- Verification if a date is valid.

- Calculation of the next valid date for an invalid value.

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- Calculation of Easter Sunday --- from which other holidays like Pentecost etc. will be calculated.
- Comparison of two date values.
- Powerful functions to handle differences between two dates (date + range = new date, date - date = range in days or in days, months and years).
- Conversion of date values from one calendar system into all others.
- Calculation of the age of the moon (within a month) and of the moonphase (new moon, full moon, quarter moon, three quarter moon).
- A week can start with any day of the week (Monday---Sunday).
- It's possible to expand two digit year values to four digits. Using the 'sliding window' technique it is possible to use this for any century.
- Conversion of weekday/week/year into day/ month/year and reverse.
- Very flexible formatting of a date into a string by using many formatting codes.
- Parsing of date strings via templates or via automatic analyses of more than 40 date-string-formats.

When calculating time, the following features are available:

- Verify the validity of time.
- Comparison of two time values.
- Conversion of the 24 hour time-format into seconds and reverse.
- Conversion of the 24 hour time-format into the Julian time-format and reverse.
- Calculating the local time zone from the correct position on the earth.
- Very flexible formatting of time (including time zone and dst) into a string via many formatting codes.
- Parsing of time strings (including time zone and dst) via templates or via automatic analyzing.
- Correct handling of the dst change days (summer to winter and reverse).
- Converting a date/time pair from local to GMT and vice versa while taking daylight saving time into account.

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Support/Updates

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- Support will be available via the **authors** email address and via <http://www.hofmann-int.de/products/DateLib/>
- The PDF Manual is available via <http://www.hofmann-int.de/products/DateLib/man.en.html>

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## 1.8 Description

Description

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A portable library that gives you low level functions for date calculations.

Includes the following features:

- Support for six different date/time measurement systems:  
Julian, Gregorian, Heis, Julian Day, Modified Julian Day,  
Scaliger Year (other systems will follow).
  - Month/Weekday and other date/time string support for 21 languages.
  - Support for different countries (implementation not finished!).
  - Calculating leap years.
  - Functions to calculate the days of a month or a year or between two dates.
  - Functions to calculate the weeknumber and the weekday.
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- Check the validity of a date.
- Calculating Easter.
- Comparing dates.
- Powerful functions to handle differences between dates.
- Transformations from one time measurement system to the others.
- Calculating your local time zone out of your position on the earth.
- Calculating the age of the moon and the moon phase.
- Check the validity of a time.
- Comparing times.
- Transforming 24h time format into seconds and back.
- Transforming 24h time format to Julian Day time format and back.
- Every weekday can be the first day of the week.
- Supplement two digit years to four digit years.
- Formatting of date and time values into strings.
- Parsing date and time values from strings via templates or powerful autoanalysis.
- Converting weekday/week/year to day/month/year vice versa.
- Converting a date/time pair from local to GMT and vice versa while taking daylight saving time into account.
- Autodocs describing all functions of the library.
- Interfaces for: C/C++, Modula II, Oberon, Amiga-E, Assembler, Cluster, Blitz Basic 2, ARexx.
- Including ANSI-C test example.

## 1.9 Requirements

Requirements

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- OS 1.2

## 1.10 Installation

Installation

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Only use the installer script!

(The Installer must be in your system-path!)

If you use an Installer prior to V42 you should set the LANGUAGE Tooltype to your language. Installer V42 and better automatically use your current locale.

Please note that the installer-script is very special, because:

- It features uninstallation
- It is automated
- It is very flexible
- It is very intelligent (for an installer-script ;-)
- It uses **WrapGuide** (if present) for the Amigaguide documentation if running under a pre V39 system.
- It can be reused by (hopefully) many other Amiga shared libraries, because the authors of shared libraries need to only change a few things:
  - \* The #copyright variable
  - \* The #min\_os\_version and #min\_os\_revision variables
  - \* The #language variable
  - \* The P\_CustomExists, P\_CustomInstall and P\_CustomUninstall procedures
  - \* The 'APPNAME' tooltype within the MCC-Install icon.

## 1.11 Localization

### Localization

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The DateLib supports the following languages for the moment:

English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Danish, Italian, Dutch, Norwegian, Swedish, Polish, Finnish, Hungarian, Greek, Esperanto, Turkish, Latin, Russian, Czech, Catalanian, Serbian

If your language is none of these, I need a translation of the following words:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday (including the short versions: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Sun)

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December (including the short versions: Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec)

day, month, year, week, weekday, hour, minute, second, yesterday, today, tomorrow

days, months, years, weeks, weekdays, hours, minutes, seconds

daily, monthly, yearly, weekly, hourly, per minute, per second

The DateLib also supports the following countries for the moment:

Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Netherlands, Great Britain, USA, Sweden

If you want your country to be supported, I need the exact days that were removed from the calendar by the Gregorian calendar reform.

Pope Gregor XVIII removed the days 5.10.1582-14.10.1582 from the calendar, but this reform happened at different times in different countries.

## 1.12 Developer Information

### Information for Developers

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- Every function name as well as every datatype name starts with a prefix

"date\_", "time\_" or "datetime\_". This makes the library more portable.

- For the three calendar systems (Julian, Gregorian, Heis) all functions with the same usage have the same name as well as the same parameters (in the same order). Normally you would only need to use the Gregorian or Heis version (I prefer the last one).

For some functions only the initials (J, G, H) are used to identify the calendar system.

- Read the Autodocs carefully for each function, some have limitations for the date range!

- Read the PDF manual which can be downloaded from <http://www.hofmann-int.de/products/DateLib/man.en.html>

- JD means Julian Day (Date) calendar system.

- MJD means the historical(!) Modified Julian Day (Date) calendar system.

- Scaliger is a special calendar system for counting years - used for JD.

- The country support is not implemented as yet since this is rather complicated.

Please report all problems with the software or its documentation! Also please let me know if and how this documentation could be improved. Are there open questions or things that are not clear?

## 1.13 History

Release history

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13.04.1994 : 33.087 - First release on Aminet3 & SaarAG 707

13.08.1994 : 33.088 - Second release on Aminet4, SaarAG 793,  
Fred Fish & SimTel

18.12.1994 : 33.093 - Third release on Aminet

06.02.1995 : 33.100 - Fourth release on Aminet (CD 5), Amiga-PD-1

03.08.1995 : 33.158 - Fifth release on Aminet (CD 8, Set2a, Set2c), SaarAG,  
Fred Fish & SimTel

12.12.1997 : 33.286 - Sixth release on Aminet

22.12.1997 : 33.288 - Seventh release on Aminet

26.12.1997 : 33.290 - Eighth release on Aminet

29.01.1998 : 33.297 - Ninth release on Aminet

\* General code optimizations

\* Autodocs fixed

\* Extended HSYearToJD() implementation

\* Changed JYearToScaliger() implementation

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- \* Added JulianDiffDateRange(), GregorianDiffDateRange(), HeisDiffDateRange(), JulianRangeDiff(), GregorianRangeDiff(), HeisRangeDiff()
- \* Declared JulianDiffDate(), GregorianDiffDate() and HeisDiffDate() as OBSOLETE
- \* Renamed date\_Calendar to date\_Calendars
- \* Added two countries: USA and Sweden
- 21.04.1998 : 33.301 - Tenth release on Aminet
- \* Added LocalToGMT() and GMTToLocal()
- \* Fixed ARexx var length bug
- \* Exchanged BOOL with bool, TRUE with true and FALSE with false to fit the C++ ISO standard.
- 28.10.1999 : 33.310 - Eleventh release on Aminet
- \* Fixed bug in Latin translation that might result in a crash when using ParseDate()
- \* Added multi calendar functions
- \* Added debugging code
- \* New EMail address
- \* New WEB-Site
- \* New License
- \* Added hint about the PDF manual

## 1.14 Todo

Todo

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- Country daylight saving support
  - Country dependend for 1582
  - Locale.library catalogs
  - Country strings for TextEngine
  - DATE/ECHO like shell command
  - EVAL like shell command
  - TimeZoneDiff
  - A function to compare date/time of different time zones!
  - More intelligent var/fix length date/time parser format detection
  - Rising/setting of moon and sun
  - Other calendars, like the Islamic and the Jewish
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## 1.15 Known problems

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- See Autodocs

## 1.16 Technical notes

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A tropical year is 365.2422 days! / 365d, 5h, 48min, 46sec

A moon month is 29.53059 days! / 29d, 12h, 44min, 2.9 sec

A moon phase is 7.38265 days!

The calculations are historical and NOT astronomical!

Here are the offsets for days that depend on Easter:

Carnival Monday : Easter Sunday - 48

Mardi Gras : Easter Sunday - 47

Ash Wednesday : Easter Sunday - 46

Palm Sunday : Easter Sunday - 7

Maundy Thursday : Easter Sunday - 3

Good Friday : Easter Sunday - 2

Easter Monday : Easter Sunday + 1

Ascension of Christ : Easter Sunday + 39

Whitsunday : Easter Sunday + 49

Whitmonday : Easter Sunday + 50

Feast of Corpus Christi : Easter Sunday + 60

Rules for other days:

New Year : 01.01.

Epiphany : 06.01.

Valentine : 14.02.

Begin of daylight savings time in Germany : Last Sunday in March

May first observed : 01.05.

Day of Europeans : 05.05.

Mother's day : Second Sunday in May

Grandhawk in Germany : 27.06.

Peter and Paul : 29.06.

Marie's ascension : 15.08.

German day of unity : 03.10.

Thanksgiving in Germany : First Sunday in October

End of daylight savings time in Germany : Last Sunday in October

Reformationday : 31.10.

All Saints Day : 01.11.

Memorial Day : 4. Advent -35

Penitential and Prayer Day : 4. Advent -32

Death Sunday : 4. Advent -28

1. Advent : 4. Advent -21

2. Advent : 4. Advent -14

3. Advent : 4. Advent -7

4. Advent : Sunday <= Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve : 24.12.

Christmas Day : 25.12.

Second Christmas Day : 26.12.

New Years Eve : 31.12.

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## 1.19 A short History of the Calendar

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The calendar is a very big part of our everyday life yet we often forget the centuries of patient study along with trial and error that went into creating the thing that now controls our lives. This method of recording time, that started with the Babylonians, has gone through many changes to evolve into the modern day calendar we use today.

The first calendars were based on the movements of the moon. Later on this was proved to be inaccurate as man learned that the Earth travelled around it's star. The Sun became the base for time recording as the lunar year did not match the cycle of the Earth around the Sun. Although there are still some calendars in use today that are based on the Moon cycle. These ones are usually well entrenched in tradition and would be difficult to change without affecting the culture; especially if it involves religion. The current Jewish calendar is still based on the Moon's movements which begins with the year of creation, set at 3760 BC. The Islamic calendar is also based on the Earth's meteorite impacted satellite.

The Egyptians were the first to adopt the Sun as a guideline. Theirs is the long descendant of the Gregorian calendar we use today. The month became an arbitrary unit that was previously related to the cycles of the moon. The Egyptians used a 365 day year. It is thought that they first adopted this calendar in the year 4236 BC.

Later on people learnt that the Earth revolved at a period of 365 and about a quarter days around the Sun. Pharaohs and other leaders made many attempts to alter their calendars to reflect this but failed either because of tradition or miscalculations from the priests that were assigned to look after the motions of the calendar.

Next came the Romans. They had originally used a Moon based system that was very complicated. It's accuracy was entrusted to the 'College of Pontiffs' who often misused this privilege to their own gain. By the time Julius Caesar became virtual dictator of Rome the calendar was in a mess. In 47 BC he called upon famous Greek astronomer Sosigenes to try and correct things. After suggestion by Sosigenes, Caesar decided to adopt the Solar year as the Egyptians did. He gave the year a length of 365 and a quarter days. This quarter day was with held for 4 years and then added as a 'leap year.' To honor Julius, the Senate changed the name of the month Quintilis to Julius (July). Julius also had to make corrections due to the errors in the old calendar. The problems did not end there, for after he was assassinated in 44 BC the Pontiffs in charge of the calendar decided to insert the leap every third instead of every fourth year.

When Augustus Caesar came on the scene he restored the correct leap-year in 8 AD. As you may have guessed the Senate also honored this change by renaming the month Sextilis to Augustus (August). This calendar is also referred to as the Julian calendar, for obvious reasons.

In 321 AD the Emperor Constantine created the seven day week discarding the old complicated system of 'Calends' the Romans had developed to make reference to days within a month.

As technology became available it was discovered that the real length of the Solar year is 365.242199 days, or 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds. This meant the Julian calendar was too long by about 11 minutes. After a few centuries this soon amounted to several days. Again the calendar began drifting from the seasons.

In 1582 Pope Gregory XIII commissioned the services of the mathematician Christopher Clavius and the astronomer-physician Luigi Lilio Ghiraldi to fix the error. They found the error to amount to 10 days. In October 1582 the calendar was re-adjusted to fix the error. The 4th day was followed by the 15th to loose the 10 days. This created problems for people born on the 5th but they made reference to those dates either using OS (Old Style) or NS (New Style) systems.

Then the leap-year rule was changed to avoid further errors. Now any centurial year (ending in '00') was only a leap year if it was divisible by 400. Therefore 1600 was a leap year but 1700,1800 and 1900 were not. This became the 'Gregorian' calendar, the one we use today.

All Roman Catholic countries immediately adopted the Gregorian reform, but others were slow to follow. The English didn't start using it until 1752. The French originally followed the Gregorian way but changed in 1792 and returned to it in 1805. Japan followed in 1873, China 1912, Greece 1924 and Turkey 1927. Russia had a similar experience to France during the Bolshevik revolution but returned to it in 1940.

Since then a few people have been dissatisfied with the calendar and have attempted reforms but a major change has not been affected because the entire world cannot agree on a new system. In 1923, 500 new reforms were heard at the League of Nations. Two new calendars emerged as favourites: the Thirteen Month Calendar and the World Calendar. But these did not get a majority acceptance by the nations due to conflicts with nationalistic dates of importance and the business community said it would complicate things. There were others that came close but they are too many to list.

So it seems we are to keep the Gregorian calendar for a while yet.

You must therefore remember that dates previous to October 15th, 1582 cannot be calculated by just going back in time a certain amount of days from today. Time is not linear in this sense because of all the changes that have been made.

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