Motivation

Since DataFrame is a statistical library, it often deals with time-series data. So, it needs to keep track of time.

The most efficient way of indexing DataFrame by time is to use an index type of *time_t* for second precision or *double* or *long long integer* for more precision. DateTime class provides a more elaborate handling of time. Also, it is a general handy DateTime object.

Code structure

Both the header (DateTime.h) and source (DateTime.cc) files are part of the DataFrame project. They are in the usual *include* and *src* directories.

Build Instructions

Follow the DataFrame build instructions.

Example

This library can have up to Nano second precision depending on what systems calls are available.

These are some example code:

```
DateTime    now;
DateTime    gmt_now (DT_TIME_ZONE::GMT);
DateTime    hk_now (DT_TIME_ZONE:: AS_HONG_KONG);

cout << "Local Time is: " << now.string_format (DT_FORMAT::DT_TM2) << std::endl;
cout << "GMT Time is: " << gmt_now.string_format (DT_FORMAT::DT_TM2) << std::endl;

double  diff = now.diff_seconds (gmt_now);

now = 19721202;
gmt_now = 19721210;
diff = now.diff_weekdays (gmt_now);

now.add_days(3)
now.add_weekdays(-2);
```

For more examples see file *date_time_tester.cc*

Types

```
enum class DT_FORMAT : unsigned short int  {
    AMR_DT = 1,                // e.g. 09/16/99
    AMR_DT_CTY = 2,            // e.g. 09/16/1999
    EUR_DT = 3,                // e.g. 16/09/99
    EUR_DT_CTY = 4,            // e.g. 16/09/1999
    DT_TM = 5,                 // e.g. 09/16/1999 13:51:04
    SCT_DT = 6,                // e.g. Sep 16, 1999
    DT_MMDDYYYY = 7,           // e.g. 09161999
    DT_YYYYMMDD = 8,           // e.g. 19990916
    DT_TM2 = 9,                // e.g. 09/16/1999 13:51:04.256
    DT_DATETIME = 10,          // e.g. 20010103   09:31:15.124
    DT_PRECISE = 11            // e.g. 1516179600.874123908 = Epoch.Nanoseconds
};
```

These constants are used for formatting date/time into strings.

```
enum class DT_TIME_ZONE : short int  {
    LOCAL = -2,
    GMT = 0,
    AM_BUENOS_AIRES = 1,
    AM_CHICAGO = 2,
    AM_LOS_ANGELES = 3,
    AM_MEXICO_CITY = 4,
    AM_NEW_YORK = 5,
    AS_DUBAI = 6,
    AS_HONG_KONG = 7,
    AS_SHANGHAI = 8,
    AS_SINGAPORE = 9,
    AS_TEHRAN = 10,
    AS_TEL_AVIV = 11,
    AS_TOKYO = 12,
    AU_MELBOURNE = 13,
    AU_SYDNEY = 14,
    BR_RIO_DE_JANEIRO = 15,
    EU_BERLIN = 16,
    EU_LONDON = 17,
    EU_MOSCOW = 18,
    EU_PARIS = 19,
    EU_ROME = 20,
    EU_VIENNA = 21,
    EU_ZURICH = 22,
    UTC = 23,
    AS_SEOUL = 24,
    AS_TAIPEI = 25,
    EU_STOCKHOLM = 26,
    NZ = 27,
    EU_OSLO = 28,
    EU_WARSAW = 29,
```

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    EU_BUDAPEST = 30
};
```
These are the available time zones.

```
enum class DT_WEEKDAY : unsigned char  {
    BAD_DAY = 0,
    SUN = 1,
    MON = 2,
    TUE = 3,
    WED = 4,
    THU = 5,
    FRI = 6,
    SAT = 7
};
```
Week days: 1 - 7 (Sunday - Saturday)

```
enum class DT_MONTH : unsigned char  {
    BAD_MONTH = 0,
    JAN = 1,
    FEB = 2,
    MAR = 3,
    APR = 4,
    MAY = 5,
    JUN = 6,
    JUL = 7,
    AUG = 8,
    SEP = 9,
    OCT = 10,
    NOV = 11,
    DEC = 12
};
```
Months: 1 - 12 (January - December)

```
enum class DT_DATE_STYLE : unsigned char  {
    YYYYMMDD = 1,
    AME_STYLE = 2,
    EUR_STYLE = 3
};
```
These constants are used for parsing data
AME_STYLE: MM/DD/YYYY
EUR_STYLE: YYYY/MM/DD

DateType = unsigned int	YYYYMMDD	
DatePartType = unsigned short int	year, month etc.	
HourType = unsigned short int	0 - 23	
MinuteType = unsigned short int	0 - 59	
SecondType = unsigned short int	0 - 59	
MillisecondType = short int	0 - 999	

MicrosecondType = *int*	0 - 999,999
NanosecondType = *int*	0 - 999,999,999
EpochType = *time_t*	Signed epoch

Methods

explicit DateTime (DT_TIME_ZONE the_zone = DT_TIME_ZONE::LOCAL) noexcept;
A constructor that creates a DateTime initialized to now.

the_zone: Desired time zone from DT_TIME_ZONE above.

explicit DateTime (DateType d,
*   HourType hr = 0,*
*   MinuteType mn = 0,*
*   SecondType sc = 0,*
*   NanosecondType ns = 0,*
*   DT_TIME_ZONE tz = DT_TIME_ZONE::LOCAL) noexcept;*
The constructor that creates a DateTime based on parameters passed.

d: Date e.g. 20180112
hr: Hour e.g. 13
mn: Minute e.g. 45
sc: Second e.g. 45
ns: Nano-second e.g. 123456789
the_zone: Desired time zone from DT_TIME_ZONE above.

*explicit DateTime (const char *s,*
*   DT_DATE_STYLE ds = DT_DATE_STYLE::YYYYMMDD,*
*   DT_TIME_ZONE tz = DT_TIME_ZONE::LOCAL);*
The constructor that creates a DateTime by parsing a string and based on parameters passed.
Currently, the following formats are supported:
 (1) YYYYMMDD
AME_STYLE:
 (2) DD/MM/YYYY
 (3) DD/MM/YYYY HH
 (4) DD/MM/YYYY HH:MM
 (5) DD/MM/YYYY HH:MM:SS
 (6) DD/MM/YYYY HH:MM:SS.MMM

EUR_STYLE:
 (7) YYYY/MM/DD
 (8) YYYY/MM/DD HH
 (9) YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM
 (10) YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS
 (11) YYYY/MM/DD HH:MM:SS.MMM

s: The string to be parsed

ds: String format from DT_DATE_STYLE above
the_zone: Desired time zone from DT_TIME_ZONE above.

void set_time (EpochType the_time, NanosecondType nanosec = 0) noexcept;
A convenient method, if you already have a DateTime instance and want to change the date/time quickly.

the_time: Time as epoch
nanosec: Nano seconds

void set_timezone (DT_TIME_ZONE tz);
Changes the time zone to desired time zone.
NOTE: This method is not multithread-safe. This method modifies the TZ environment
        variable which changes the time zone for the entire program.

tz: Desired time zone

DT_TIME_ZONE get_timezone () const;
Returns the current time zone.

DateTime &operator = (DateType rhs);
Sets self to right-hand-side.

rhs: A date e.g. dt = 20181215;

*DateTime &operator = (const char *rhs);*
Sets self to right-hand-side.
Currently, the following formats are supported:
  1) YYYYMMDD [LOCAL | GMT]
  2) YYYYMMDD HH:MM:SS.MMM [LOCAL | GMT]

rhs: A date/time string e.g. dt = "20181215";

int dt_compare(const DateTime &rhs) const;
Compares self with right-hand-side and returns an integer result accordingly.

rhs: Another DateTime instance

DateType date () const noexcept;	*// e.g. 20020303*
DatePartType year () const noexcept;	*// e.g. 1990*
DT_MONTH month () const noexcept;	*// JAN - DEC*
DatePartType dmonth () const noexcept;	*// 1 - 31*
DatePartType dyear () const noexcept;	*// 1 - 366*
DT_WEEKDAY dweek () const noexcept;	*// SUN - SAT*
HourType hour () const noexcept;	*// 0 - 23*

MinuteType minute () const noexcept;   *// 0 - 59*
SecondType sec () const noexcept;   *// 0 - 59*
MillisecondType msec () const noexcept;   *// 0 - 999*
MicrosecondType microsec () const noexcept;   *// 0 - 999,999*
NanosecondType nanosec () const noexcept;   *// 0 - 999,999,999*
EpochType time () const noexcept;   *// Like time()*
These methods return the corresponding date/time parts.

DatePartType days_in_month () const noexcept;   *// 28, 29, 30, 31*
It returns the number of days in the month represented in self

double diff_seconds (const DateTime &that) const;
double diff_minutes (const DateTime &that) const noexcept;
double diff_hours (const DateTime &that) const noexcept;
double diff_days (const DateTime &that) const noexcept;
double diff_weekdays (const DateTime &that) const noexcept;
double diff_weeks (const DateTime &that) const noexcept;
These return the diff including the fraction of the unit. This is why they return a double.
The diff could be +/- based on "this - that"

that: Another instance of DateTime

void add_seconds (EpochType secs) noexcept;
void add_days (long days) noexcept;
void add_weekdays (long days) noexcept;
These methods either advance or pullback the time accordingly. The parameter to these
methods could be +/-.

secs, days: A positive or negative number representing the units to change time

template<typename T>
void date_to_str (DT_FORMAT format, T &result) const;
std::string string_format (DT_FORMAT format) const;
These methods format the date/time into a string based on the format parameter

T: Type of string
result: a string instance to store the formatted date/time
format: String format parameter based on DT_FORMAT above