

02-Intermediate-R-for-Finance

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Working with Date Time

```
# Today
x <- Sys.Date()
y <- Sys.time()
x

## [1] "2020-09-02"

y

## [1] "2020-09-02 10:56:48 CDT"

class(x) # Calendar date class

## [1] "Date"

class(y) # POSIX class, with POSIXct and POSIXlt

## [1] "POSIXct" "POSIXt"

# Convert string to Date
date <- "2020-09-01" # Use the standard ISO 8601 Standard: year-month-day or year/month/day
date_as_date <- as.Date(date)
class(date_as_date)

## [1] "Date"

as.numeric(date_as_date) # Find number of days since January 1, 1970

## [1] 18506

# Explicit conversion
as.Date("May 2020 09", format = "%b %Y %d")

## [1] "2020-05-09"
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# char_dates
char_dates <- c("1jan17", "2jan17", "3jan17", "4jan17", "5jan17")

# Create dates using as.Date() and the correct format
dates <- as.Date(char_dates, format="%d%b%y")

# Use format() to go from "2017-01-04" -> "Jan 04, 17"
format(dates, format = "%b %d, %y")

## [1] "Jan 01, 17" "Jan 02, 17" "Jan 03, 17" "Jan 04, 17" "Jan 05, 17"
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# Use format() to go from "2017-01-04" -> "01,04,2017"
format(dates, format = "%m,%d,%Y")
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## [1] "01,01,2017" "01,02,2017" "01,03,2017" "01,04,2017" "01,05,2017"
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# Dates
dates <- as.Date(c("2017-01-01", "2017-01-02", "2017-01-03"))

# Create the origin
origin <- as.Date("1970-01-01")

# Use as.numeric() on dates
as.numeric(dates)
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## [1] 17167 17168 17169
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# Find the difference between dates and origin
dates - origin
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## Time differences in days
## [1] 17167 17168 17169
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Extract information from Date Time

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# dates
dates <- as.Date(c("2017-01-02", "2017-05-03", "2017-08-04", "2017-10-17"))

# Extract the months
months(dates)
```

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## [1] "January" "May"      "August"  "October"
```

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# Extract the quarters
quarters(dates)
```

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## [1] "Q1" "Q2" "Q3" "Q4"
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```
# dates2
dates2 <- as.Date(c("2017-01-02", "2017-01-03", "2017-01-04", "2017-01-05"))

# Assign the weekdays() of dates2 as the names()
names(dates2) <- weekdays(dates2)

# Print dates2
dates2
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##      Monday      Tuesday    Wednesday    Thursday
## "2017-01-02" "2017-01-03" "2017-01-04" "2017-01-05"
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