

Information/Resources on Time Zone Data

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Java In-built

Java has maintained its own timezone database, updated whenever timezone rules change. With Java 8 a new DATE TIME API was introduced that can help converting timezones. (Link: <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/datetime/>)

Time Zone DB:

A resource that provides multiple CSVs containing time zone-relevant information in spreadsheet for, including information on country names, country codes, zone names, zone ID numbers, abbreviations (such as ACST), GMT offset, boolean for whether DST is observed, etc. (Link: <https://timezonedb.com/download>)

IANA Time Zone Database:

The information in this database looks to be the most extensive - it results from a collaborative compilation of information and is primarily intended for use with computer programs and operating systems. However, the drawback is that the information I could find is kept in a ton a txt files. (Link: <https://www.iana.org/time-zones>)

Joda-Time:

In addition to the timezone information bundled with the Java Platform, Joda-Time library is an alternative used by programmers that includes its own timezone data based on the IANA time zone database. The documentation looks pretty solid, however it looks like since Java 8 was released it is now recommended to use the new java.time instead. (Link: <https://www.joda.org/joda-time/>)

General Notes on Time-Conversion:

Conversion between time zones obeys the relationship:

$$\text{"time in zone A"} - \text{"UTC offset for zone A"} = \text{"time in zone B"} - \text{"UTC offset for zone B"},$$

in which each side of the equation is equivalent to UTC. (The more familiar term "UTC offset" is used here rather than the term "zone designator" used by the standard.)

The conversion equation can be rearranged to:

$$\text{"time in zone B"} = \text{"time in zone A"} - \text{"UTC offset for zone A"} + \text{"UTC offset for zone B"}.$$

For example, the New York Stock Exchange opens at 09:30 (EST, UTC offset=-05:00). In Los Angeles (PST, UTC offset= -08:00) and Delhi (IST, UTC offset= +05:30), the New York Stock Exchange opens at time in Los Angeles = 09:30 - (-05:00) + (-08:00) = 06:30.
time in Delhi = 09:30 - (-05:00) + (+05:30) = 20:00.

These calculations become more complicated near a daylight saving boundary (because the UTC offset for zone X is a function of the UTC time).

Information on Daylight Savings Time:

<https://www.timeanddate.com/time/dst/2018.html>

- Additionally, it should be noted that we may need to add additional time-zones for areas that observe daylight savings time. For example, PST has a different time zone name during daylight savings, becoming PDT instead. This name-change appears to happen for all the other zones that change (can be observed in chart below that EST is currently called EDT, etc).

There are currently 37 different time zones in use:

UTC Offset	Locations	Example Name	Example Location
UTC +14	Samoa and Christmas Island/Kiribati	<u>LINT</u>	<u>Kiritimati</u>
UTC +13:45	Chatham Islands/New Zealand	<u>CHADT</u>	<u>Chatham Islands</u>
UTC +13	New Zealand with exceptions and 4 more	<u>NZDT</u>	<u>Auckland</u>
UTC +12	Fiji, small region of Russia and 6 more	<u>ANAT</u>	<u>Anadyr</u>
UTC +11	much of Australia and 7 more	<u>AEDT</u>	<u>Melbourne</u>
UTC +10:30	small region of Australia	<u>ACDT</u>	<u>Adelaide</u>
UTC +10	Queensland/Australia and 6 more	<u>AEST</u>	<u>Brisbane</u>
UTC +9:30	Northern Territory/Australia	<u>ACST</u>	<u>Darwin</u>
UTC +9	Japan, South Korea and 5 more	<u>JST</u>	<u>Tokyo</u>
UTC +8:45	Western Australia/Australia	<u>ACWST</u>	<u>Eucla</u>
UTC +8	China, Philippines and 11 more	<u>CST</u>	<u>Beijing</u>

UTC +7	much of Indonesia, Thailand and 7 more	<u>WIB</u>	<u>Jakarta</u>
UTC +6:30	Myanmar and Cocos Islands	<u>MMT</u>	<u>Yangon</u>
UTC +6	Bangladesh and 6 more	<u>BST</u>	<u>Dhaka</u>
UTC +5:45	Nepal	<u>NPT</u>	<u>Kathmandu</u>
UTC +5:30	India and Sri Lanka	<u>IST</u>	<u>New Delhi</u>
UTC +5	Pakistan and 8 more	<u>UZT</u>	<u>Tashkent</u>
UTC +4:30	Iran and Afghanistan	<u>IRDT</u>	<u>Tehran</u>
UTC +4	Azerbaijan and 8 more	<u>GST</u>	<u>Dubai</u>
UTC +3	Greece and 37 more	<u>MSK</u>	<u>Moscow</u>
UTC +2	Germany and 47 more	<u>CEST</u>	<u>Brussels</u>
UTC +1	United Kingdom and 22 more	<u>BST</u>	<u>London</u>
UTC +0	Iceland and 17 more	<u>GMT</u>	<u>Accra</u>
UTC -1	Cabo Verde	<u>CVT</u>	<u>Praia</u>
UTC -2	most of Greenland and 3 more	<u>WGST</u>	<u>Nuuk</u>
UTC -2:30	Newfoundland and Labrador/Canada	<u>NDT</u>	<u>St. John's</u>
UTC -3	most of Brazil, Argentina and 9 more	<u>ART</u>	<u>Buenos Aires</u>
UTC -4	regions of USA and 32 more	<u>EDT</u>	<u>New York</u>

UTC -5	regions of USA and 10 more	<u>CDT</u>	<u>Chicago</u>
UTC -6	small region of USA and 9 more	<u>CST</u>	<u>Mexico City</u>
UTC -7	regions of USA and 2 more	<u>PDT</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>
UTC -8	Alaska/USA and 2 more	<u>AKDT</u>	<u>Anchorage</u>
UTC -9	Alaska/USA and regions of French Polynesia	HDT	<u>Adak</u>
UTC -9:30	Marquesas Islands/French Polynesia	<u>MART</u>	<u>Taiohae</u>
UTC -10	Hawaii/USA and 2 more	<u>HST</u>	<u>Honolulu</u>
UTC -11	American Samoa and 2 more	<u>NUT</u>	<u>Alofi</u>
UTC -12	much of US Minor Outlying Islands	<u>AoE</u>	<u>Baker Island</u>