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How can I add 7 days to feb10th?

```
cal.add(Calendar.DAY_OF_MONTH, 7);
Date oneWeekLater = cal.getTime(); // one week later
```

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- Here is an example

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public class Customer {
    private Date creationDate;

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        return this.creationDate;
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How can I prevent that?

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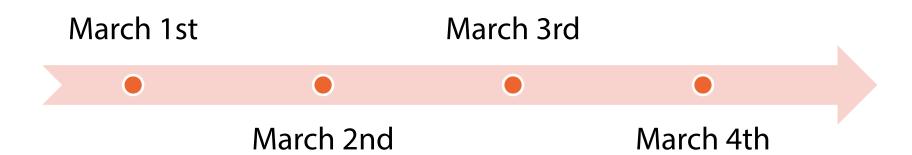
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- Overheads: new object to create on each call, overhead for the garbage collector
- Having a mutable Date class has a cost!

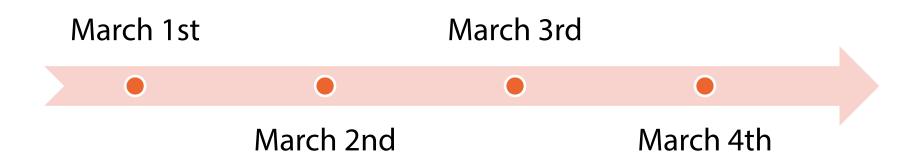
- New API, package is java.time
- New key concepts
- Interoperation with the legacy API

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- Instant 0 is the January the 1st, 1970 at midnight GMT
- Instant.MIN is 1 billion years ago
- Instant.MAX is Dec. 31 of the year 1,000,000,000
- Instant.now() is the current instant

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New concept: Duration

```
Duration elapsed = Duration.between(start, end);
long millis = elapsed.toMillis();
```

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- isZero(), isNegative()

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- How to create a LocalDate?

```
LocalDate now = LocalDate.now();
LocalDate dateOfBirth =
   LocalDate.of(1564, Month.APRIL, 23);
```

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long days = dateOfBirth.until(now, ChronoUnit.DAYS);
System.out.println("# days = " + days);
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- Use the method with()

```
LocalDate now = LocalDate.now();
LocalDate nextSunday =
   now.with(TemporalAdjusters.next(DayOfWeek.SUNDAY));
```

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- next(DayOfWeek.SUNDAY)
- nextOrSame(DayOfWeek.SUNDAY)
- previous(DayOfWeek.SUNDAY)
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Plus a set of methods to manipulate the time

```
LocalTime bedTime = LocalTime.of(23, 0);
LocalTime wakeUpTime = bedTime.plusHours(8); // 7:00
```

- There are Time Zones all over the earth
- Java uses the IANA database (<a href="https://www.iana.org/time-zones">https://www.iana.org/time-zones</a>)
- The zones are available from

```
Set<String> allZonesIds = ZoneId.getAvailableZoneIds();
String ukTZ = ZoneId.of("Europe/London");
```

How to create a zoned time

 ZonedDateTime exposes a set of methods to compute other zoned times: plus, minus, with, etc...

```
ZonedDateTime currentMeeting =
   ZonedDateTime.of(
      LocalDate.of(2014, Month.MARCH, 12), // LocalDate
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And to change the time zone:

```
ZonedDateTime nextMeetingUS =
  nextMeeting.withZoneSameInstant(ZoneId.of("US/Central"));
```

#### **How to Format a Date**

- The new date API proposes a new formatter: DateTimeFormatter
- The DateTimeFormatter proposes a set of predefined formatters, available as constants

```
ZonedDateTime nextMeetingUS =
    nextMeeting.withZoneSameInstant(ZoneId.of("US/Central"));

System.out.println(
    DateTimeFormatter.ISO_DATE_TIME.format(nextMeetingUS));

// prints 2014-04-12T03:30:00-05:00[US/Central]

System.out.println(
    DateTimeFormatter.RFC_1123_DATE_TIME.format(nextMeetingUS));

// prints Sat, 12 Apr 2014 03:30:00 -0500
```

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```

LocalTime & Time

```
Time time = Time.from(localTime);  // legacy -> new API
LocalTime localTime = time.toLocalTime(); // API -> legacy
```

#### **Summary**

- The new Date API from Java 8 fixes the issues of Java 7
- The new concepts of « date » in Java
- The new concepts of « duration » in Java
- How to compute a new date from a given date
- How to deal with time zones
- How to format date following the established standards