The ldiv function is similar but works with long integers; it returns an ldiv_t structure, which also has quot and rem members. (The div_t and ldiv_t types

are declared in <stdlib.h>.)

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C99 provides two additional functions. The llabs function returns the absolute value of a long long int value. lldiv is similar to div and ldiv, except that it divides two long long int values and returns an lldiv_t structure. (The lldiv t type was also added in C99.)



26.3 The <time.h> Header: Date and Time

The <time.h> header provides functions for determining the time (including the date), performing arithmetic on time values, and formatting times for display. Before we explore these functions, however, we need to discuss how times are stored. <time.h> provides three types, each of which represents a different way to store a time:

- clock_t: A time value measured in "clock ticks."
- time_t: A compact, encoded time and date (a calendar time).
- struct tm: A time that has been divided into seconds, minutes, hours, and so on. A value of type struct tm is often called a *broken-down time*. Table 26.1 shows the members of the tm structure. All members are of type int.

Table 26.1
Members of the tm Structure

Name	Description	Minimum Value	Maximum Value
tm_sec	Seconds after the minute	0	61 [†]
tm_min	Minutes after the hour	0	59
tm_hour	Hours since midnight	0	23
tm_mday	Day of the month	1	31
tm_mon	Months since January	0	11
tm year	Years since 1900	0	_
tm_wday	Days since Sunday	0	6
tm_yday	Days since January 1	0	365
tm_isdst	Daylight Saving Time flag	†† 	† †

[†]Allows for two extra "leap seconds." In C99, the maximum value is 60.

These types are used for different purposes. A clock_t value is good only for representing a time duration; time_t and struct tm values can store an entire date and time. time_t values are tightly encoded, so they occupy little space. struct tm values require much more space, but they're often easier to work with. The C standard states that clock_t and time_t must be "arithmetic types," but leaves it at that. We don't even know if clock_t and time_t values are stored as integers or floating-point numbers.

We're now ready to look at the functions in <time.h>, which fall into two groups: time manipulation functions and time conversion functions.

^{††}Positive if Daylight Saving Time is in effect, zero if it's not in effect, and negative if this information is unknown.