NAME

mbtime – Translate between calendar time values and unix time.

VERSION

Version 5.0

SYNOPSIS

mbtime [**−M***time_d* **−T***year/month/day/hour/minute/second* **−V −H]**

DESCRIPTION

The program **mbtime** converts time values between unix time (seconds since 1970/01/01 00:00:00.000000) and calendar time (e.g. 2008/006/05/17/24/32.000000). Unix time is also known as POSIX time or epoch time, and are typically represented in **MB-System** documentation (and source code) as "time_d" values. The input time is set using the command line arguments **−M***time_d* for epoch seconds and **−T***year/month/day/hour/minute/second* for calendar time. The output time (in the form not specified as input) is written to stdout.

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OPTIONS

−H   This "help" flag cause the program to print out a description of its operation and then exit immediately.

−M   *time_d*
Sets the input time to be *time_d* in unix time, which is defined as seconds since 00:00:00.000000 01 January 1970. If **−M** is specified, this time will be converted to calendar time and output to stdout in the form
        yyyy/mm/dd/hh/mm/ss.ssssss

−T   *year/month/day/hour/minute/second*
Sets the input time to be *year/month/day/hour/minute/second*. If **−T** is specified, this time will be converted to *time_d* in epoch (Unix) seconds, which are seconds since 00:00:00.000000 01 January 1970. The *time_d* value will be output to stdout.

−V   Normally, **mbtime** only prints out the converted time. If the **−V** flag is given, then **mbtime** works in a "verbose" mode and also outputs the program version being used.

EXAMPLES

Suppose one wishes to convert the current time (06 June 2008 18:37:14.000000) to unix seconds. The following command:
      mbtime −T2008/06/06/18/37/14.0
yields the following result:
      1212777434.000000

Suppose on wishes to convert the unix time 1212777434.0 to calendar time. The following command:
      mbtime −M1212777434.0

yields the following result:
            2008/06/06/18/37/14.000000

SEE ALSO
        mbsystem(1), **mbio**(1)

BUGS
        Never bugs, but perhaps our good friends, the terrestrial isopods.