

Convert hours:minutes:seconds to minutes

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I have a vector "Time.Training" in the form

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```
Time.Training <- c("1:00:00", "0:45:00", "0:30:00", "1:30:00")
```



I would like to convert this into minutes in R



```
Time.Training.Minutes <- c(60, 45, 30, 90)
```



I'm wondering if someone has a straightforward method of doing this in R.

Many thanks.

Matt

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Henrik

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asked Mar 15, 2015 at 23:14



Matt Jordan

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The Time.Training vector is being pulled in from Google Sheets using the url. It comes into R in the format hh:mm:ss. Hoping to convert this so I can calculate a training load for an athlete but I need this in minutes. – [Matt Jordan](#) Mar 15, 2015 at 23:21

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Using lubridate :

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```
Time.Training<- c("1:00:00", "0:45:00", "0:30:00", "1:30:00")
```



```
library(lubridate)
res <- hms(Time.Training)           # format to 'hours:minutes:seconds'
hour(res)*60 + minute(res)         # convert hours to minutes, and add minutes
## [1] 60 45 30 90
```



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answered Mar 15, 2015 at 23:34



tospig

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- 1 This worked. The exact code I used was: `library(lubridate); res <- hms(load$Time.Spent.Training); load$Time.Minutes<-hour(res)*60 + minute(res)`. Thank you. – [Matt Jordan](#) Mar 15, 2015 at 23:55
- 1 You're welcome. On your example given in the question @David Arenburg's method also works. If you want answers based on your actual data you should consider using `dput()` (at least on a subset of the data). – [tospig](#) Mar 16, 2015 at 0:00



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Try this. We basically converting to `POSIXlt` class first by pasting a real date to the vector using the `sys.Date()` function (because there is no hour class in base R) and then using `hour` and `min` arguments in order to achieve the output



```
Res <- as.POSIXlt(paste(Sys.Date(), Time.Training))
Res$hour*60 + Res$min
## [1] 60 45 30 90
```



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answered Mar 15, 2015 at 23:20



David Arenburg

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- 1 The data table is called 'load' and the variable is called 'Time.Spent.Training'. I used the commands: `attach(load)` followed by `Res <- as.POSIXlt(paste(Sys.Date(), Time.Spent.Training))`. This gave a vector of dates 2015-03-15. I can't seem to get time from this – [Matt Jordan](#) Mar 15, 2015 at 23:35

You need to call your column from your data set. Try `load$Time.Spent.Training` instead of just `Time.Spent.Training`. – [David Arenburg](#) Mar 15, 2015 at 23:44



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Use `as.difftime`:

```
> Time.Training<- c("1:00:00", "0:45:00", "0:30:00", "1:30:00")
> strtoi(as.difftime(Time.Training, format = "%H:%M:%S", units = "mins"))
[1] 60 45 30 90
```



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Here are some alternatives:

- 1) The `chron` package has a `"times"` class in which 1 unit is a day and there are $60 * 24$ minutes in a day so:



```
library(chron)
60 * 24 * as.numeric(times(Time.Training))
```



giving:



```
[1] 60 45 30 90
```

1a) Another approach using `chron` is the following (giving the same answer):

```
library(chron)

ch <- times(Time.training)
60 * hours(ch) + minutes(ch)
```

2) Here is an approach using `read.table` and matrix/vector multiplication. No packages are needed:

```
c(as.matrix(read.table(text = Time.Training, sep = ":")) %*% c(60, 1, 1/60))
```

(Using `"POSIXlt"` is probably the most straight-forward approach without packages but another answer already provides that.)

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Taking the hour column from the date time column and create a new cloumn hour and give only hour data in that column 2011-01-01 00:00:01 Ans :

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```
bikeshare$hour<-sapply(bikeshare$datetime,function(x){format(x,"%H")})
```



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answered Jul 8, 2020 at 4:09



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