

# Package ‘lubridate’

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am

*Does date time occur in the am or pm?***Description**

Does date time occur in the am or pm?

**Usage**

```
am(x)
```

```
pm(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a date-time object

**Value**

TRUE or FALSE depending on whether x occurs in the am or pm

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
am(x)
pm(x)
```

---

as.duration

*Change an object to a duration*

---

**Description**

as.duration changes Interval, Period and numeric class objects to Duration objects. Numeric objects are changed to Duration objects with the seconds unit equal to the numeric value.

**Usage**

```
as.duration(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Object to be coerced to a duration  
...                   Parameters passed to other methods. Currently unused.

**Details**

Durations are exact time measurements, whereas periods are relative time measurements. See [Period](#). The length of a period depends on when it occurs. Hence, a one to one mapping does not exist between durations and periods. When used with a period object, as.duration provides an inexact estimate of the length of the period; each time unit is assigned its most common number of seconds. A period of one month is converted to 2628000 seconds (approximately 30.42 days). This ensures that 12 months will sum to 365 days, or one normal year. For an exact transformation, first transform the period to an interval with [as.interval\(\)](#).

**Value**

A duration object

**See Also**

[Duration](#), [duration\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
span <- interval(ymd("2009-01-01"), ymd("2009-08-01")) #interval
as.duration(span)
as.duration(10) # numeric
dur <- duration(hours = 10, minutes = 6)
as.numeric(dur, "hours")
as.numeric(dur, "minutes")
```

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as.interval

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*Change an object to an interval*


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**Description**

as.interval changes difftime, Duration, Period and numeric class objects to intervals that begin at the specified date-time. Numeric objects are first coerced to timespans equal to the numeric value in seconds.

**Usage**

```
as.interval(x, start, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a duration, difftime, period, or numeric object that describes the length of the interval
start	a POSIXt or Date object that describes when the interval begins
...	additional arguments to pass to as.interval

**Details**

as.interval can be used to create accurate transformations between Period objects, which measure time spans in variable length units, and Duration objects, which measure timespans as an exact number of seconds. A start date- time must be supplied to make the conversion. Lubridate uses this start date to look up how many seconds each variable length unit (e.g. month, year) lasted for during the time span described. See [as.duration\(\)](#), [as.period\(\)](#).

**Value**

an interval object

**See Also**[interval\(\)](#)**Examples**

```
diff <- make_difftime(days = 31) #difftime
as.interval(diff, ymd("2009-01-01"))
as.interval(diff, ymd("2009-02-01"))

dur <- duration(days = 31) #duration
as.interval(dur, ymd("2009-01-01"))
as.interval(dur, ymd("2009-02-01"))

per <- period(months = 1) #period
as.interval(per, ymd("2009-01-01"))
as.interval(per, ymd("2009-02-01"))

as.interval(3600, ymd("2009-01-01")) #numeric
```

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`as.period`*Change an object to a period*

---

**Description**

`as.period` changes Interval, Duration, difftime and numeric class objects to Period class objects with the specified units.

**Usage**

```
as.period(x, unit, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	an interval, difftime, or numeric object
<code>unit</code>	A character string that specifies which time units to build period in. <code>unit</code> is only implemented for the <code>as.period.numeric</code> method and the <code>as.period.interval</code> method. For <code>as.period.interval</code> , <code>as.period</code> will convert intervals to units no larger than the specified unit.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to pass to <code>as.period</code>

**Details**

Users must specify which time units to measure the period in. The exact length of each time unit in a period will depend on when it occurs. See [Period](#) and [period\(\)](#). The choice of units is not trivial; units that are normally equal may differ in length depending on when the time period occurs. For example, when a leap second occurs one minute is longer than 60 seconds.

Because periods do not have a fixed length, they can not be accurately converted to and from Duration objects. Duration objects measure time spans in exact numbers of seconds, see [Duration](#). Hence, a one to one mapping does not exist between durations and periods. When used with a Duration object, `as.period` provides an inexact estimate; the duration is broken into time units based on the most common lengths of time units, in seconds. Because the length of months are particularly variable, a period with a months unit can not be coerced from a duration object. For an exact transformation, first transform the duration to an interval with `as.interval()`.

Coercing an interval to a period may cause surprising behavior if you request periods with small units. A leap year is 366 days long, but one year long. Such an interval will convert to 366 days when unit is set to days and 1 year when unit is set to years. Adding 366 days to a date will often give a different result than adding one year. Daylight savings is the one exception where this does not apply. Interval lengths are calculated on the UTC timeline, which does not use daylight savings. Hence, periods converted with seconds or minutes will not reflect the actual variation in seconds and minutes that occurs due to daylight savings. These periods will show the "naive" change in seconds and minutes that is suggested by the differences in clock time. See the examples below.

### Value

a period object

### See Also

[Period](#), `period()`

### Examples

```
span <- interval(ymd_hms("2009-01-01 00:00:00"), ymd_hms("2010-02-02 01:01:01")) #interval
as.period(span)
as.period(span, unit = "day")
"397d 1H 1M 1S"
leap <- interval(ymd("2016-01-01"), ymd("2017-01-01"))
as.period(leap, unit = "days")
as.period(leap, unit = "years")
dst <- interval(ymd("2016-11-06", tz = "America/Chicago"),
ymd("2016-11-07", tz = "America/Chicago"))
# as.period(dst, unit = "seconds")
as.period(dst, unit = "hours")
per <- period(hours = 10, minutes = 6)
as.numeric(per, "hours")
as.numeric(per, "minutes")
```

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as\_date

*Convert an object to a date or date-time*

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### Description

Convert an object to a date or date-time

**Usage**

```

as_date(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
as_date(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXt'
as_date(x, tz = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
as_date(x, origin = lubridate::origin)

## S4 method for signature 'character'
as_date(x, tz = NULL, format = NULL)

as_datetime(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'POSIXt'
as_datetime(x, tz = "UTC")

## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
as_datetime(x, origin = lubridate::origin, tz = "UTC")

## S4 method for signature 'character'
as_datetime(x, tz = "UTC", format = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
as_datetime(x, tz = "UTC")

```

**Arguments**

x	a vector of <a href="#">POSIXt</a> , numeric or character objects
...	further arguments to be passed to specific methods (see above).
tz	a time zone name (default: time zone of the <a href="#">POSIXt</a> object x). See <a href="#">OlsonNames()</a> .
origin	a <a href="#">Date</a> object, or something which can be coerced by <code>as.Date(origin, ...)</code> to such an object (default: the Unix epoch of "1970-01-01"). Note that in this instance, x is assumed to reflect the number of days since origin at "UTC".
format	format argument for character methods. When supplied parsing is performed by <a href="#">strptime()</a> . For this reason consider using specialized parsing functions in <code>lubridate</code> .

**Value**

a vector of [Date](#) objects corresponding to x.



## Compare to base R

These are drop in replacements for `as.Date()` and `as.POSIXct()`, with a few tweaks to make them work more intuitively.

- `as_date()` ignores the timezone attribute, resulting in a more intuitive conversion (see examples)
- Both functions provide a default origin argument for numeric vectors.
- `as_datetime()` defaults to using UTC.

## Examples

```
dt_utc <- ymd_hms("2010-08-03 00:50:50")
dt_europe <- ymd_hms("2010-08-03 00:50:50", tz="Europe/London")
c(as_date(dt_utc), as.Date(dt_utc))
c(as_date(dt_europe), as.Date(dt_europe))
## need not supply origin
as_date(10)
```

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date

*Get/set date component of a date-time*

---

## Description

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

## Usage

```
date(x)
```

```
date(x) <- value
```

## Arguments

x	a date-time object
value	an object for which the <code>date()</code> function is defined

## Details

`date()` does not yet support years before 0 C.E. Also `date()` is not defined for Period objects.

## Value

the date of x as a Date

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd_hms("2012-03-26 23:12:13", tz = "America/New_York")
date(x)
as.Date(x) # by default as.Date assumes you want to know the date in UTC
as.Date(x, tz = "America/New_York")
date(x) <- as.Date("2000-01-02")
x
```

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 DateTimeUpdate

*Changes the components of a date object*


---

**Description**

update.Date() and update.POSIXt() return a date with the specified elements updated. Elements not specified will be left unaltered. update.Date and update.POSIXt do not add the specified values to the existing date, they substitute them for the appropriate parts of the existing date.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'POSIXt'
update(object, ..., roll = FALSE,
        week_start = getOption("lubridate.week.start", 7), simple = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	a date-time object
...	named arguments: years, months, ydays, wdays, mdays, days, hours, minutes, seconds, tzs (time zone component)
roll	logical. If TRUE, and the resulting date-time lands on a non-existent civil time instant (DST, 29th February, etc.) roll the date till next valid point. When FALSE, the default, produce NA for non existing date-times.
week_start	week starting day (Default is 7, Sunday). Set lubridate.week.start option to control this.
simple	logical. Deprecated. Same as roll.

**Value**

a date object with the requested elements updated. The object will retain its original class unless an element is updated which the original class does not support. In this case, the date returned will be a POSIXt date object.

**Examples**

```
date <- ymd("2009-02-10")
update(date, year = 2010, month = 1, mday = 1)

update(date, year =2010, month = 13, mday = 1)

update(date, minute = 10, second = 3)
```

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date_decimal	<i>Converts a decimal to a date</i>
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**Description**

Converts a decimal to a date

**Usage**

```
date_decimal(decimal, tz = "UTC")
```

**Arguments**

decimal	a numeric object
tz	the time zone required

**Value**

a POSIXct object, whose year corresponds to the integer part of decimal. The months, days, hours, minutes and seconds elements are picked so the date-time will accurately represent the fraction of the year expressed by decimal.

**Examples**

```
date <- ymd("2009-02-10")
decimal <- decimal_date(date) # 2009.11
date_decimal(decimal) # "2009-02-10 UTC"
```

---

day *Get/set days component of a date-time*

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### Description

Get/set days component of a date-time

### Usage

day(x)

mday(x)

```
wday(x, label = FALSE, abbr = TRUE,
      week_start = getOption("lubridate.week.start", 7),
      locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"))
```

qday(x)

yday(x)

day(x) <- value

mday(x) <- value

qday(x) <- value

wday(x, week\_start = getOption("lubridate.week.start", 7)) <- value

yday(x) <- value

### Arguments

x	a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, or fts object.
label	logical. Only available for wday. TRUE will display the day of the week as an ordered factor of character strings, such as "Sunday." FALSE will display the day of the week as a number.
abbr	logical. Only available for wday. FALSE will display the day of the week as an ordered factor of character strings, such as "Sunday." TRUE will display an abbreviated version of the label, such as "Sun". abbr is disregarded if label = FALSE.
week_start	day on which week starts following ISO conventions - 1 means Monday, 7 means Sunday (default). You can set lubridate.week.start option to control this parameter globally.
locale	locale to use for day names. Default to current locale.
value	a numeric object

**Details**

day() and day<-( ) are aliases for mday() and mday<-( ) respectively.

**Value**

wday() returns the day of the week as a decimal number or an ordered factor if label is TRUE.

**See Also**

[yday\(\)](#), [mday\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- as.Date("2009-09-02")
wday(x) #4

wday(ymd(080101))
wday(ymd(080101), label = TRUE, abbr = FALSE)
wday(ymd(080101), label = TRUE, abbr = TRUE)
wday(ymd(080101) + days(-2:4), label = TRUE, abbr = TRUE)

x <- as.Date("2009-09-02")
yday(x) #245
mday(x) #2
yday(x) <- 1 # "2009-01-01"
yday(x) <- 366 # "2010-01-01"
mday(x) > 3
```

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days\_in\_month

*Get the number of days in the month of a date-time*

---

**Description**

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

**Usage**

```
days_in_month(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a date-time object

**Value**

An integer of the number of days in the month component of the date-time object.

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decimal_date	<i>Converts a date to a decimal of its year</i>
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**Description**

Converts a date to a decimal of its year

**Usage**

```
decimal_date(date)
```

**Arguments**

date                    a POSIXt or Date object

**Value**

a numeric object where the date is expressed as a fraction of its year

**Examples**

```
date <- ymd("2009-02-10")
decimal_date(date) # 2009.11
```

---

dst	<i>Get <b>daylight savings time</b> indicator of a date-time</i>
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---

**Description**

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

**Usage**

```
dst(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                        a date-time object

**Details**

A date-time's daylight savings flag can not be set because it depends on the date-time's year, month, day, and hour values.

**Value**

A logical. TRUE if DST is in force, FALSE if not, NA if unknown.

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
dst(x)
```

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duration	<i>Create a duration object.</i>
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**Description**

`duration()` creates a duration object with the specified values. Entries for different units are cumulative. durations display as the number of seconds in a time span. When this number is large, durations also display an estimate in larger units.; however, the underlying object is always recorded as a fixed number of seconds. For display and creation purposes, units are converted to seconds using their most common lengths in seconds. Minutes = 60 seconds, hours = 3600 seconds, days = 86400 seconds, weeks = 604800. Units larger than weeks are not used due to their variability.

**Usage**

```
duration(num = NULL, units = "seconds", ...)
```

```
dseconds(x = 1)
```

```
dminutes(x = 1)
```

```
dhours(x = 1)
```

```
ddays(x = 1)
```

```
dweeks(x = 1)
```

```
dyears(x = 1)
```

```
dmilliseconds(x = 1)
```

```
dmicroseconds(x = 1)
```

```
dnanoseconds(x = 1)
```

```
dpicoseconds(x = 1)
```

```
is.duration(x)
```

**Arguments**

num	the number or a character vector of time units. In string representation all unambiguous name units and abbreviations and ISO 8601 formats are supported; 'm' stands for month and 'M' for minutes unless ISO 8601 "P" modifier is present (see examples). Fractional units are supported.
units	a character string that specifies the type of units that num refers to. When num is character, this argument is ignored.
...	a list of time units to be included in the duration and their amounts. Seconds, minutes, hours, days, and weeks are supported.
x	numeric value of the number of units to be contained in the duration.

**Details**

Durations record the exact number of seconds in a time span. They measure the exact passage of time but do not always align with measurements made in larger units of time such as hours, months and years. This is because the length of larger time units can be affected by conventions such as leap years and Daylight Savings Time. Base R provides a second class for measuring durations, the `difftime` class.

Duration objects can be easily created with the helper functions `dweeks()`, `ddays()`, `dminutes()`, `dseconds()`. These objects can be added to and subtracted to date- times to create a user interface similar to object oriented programming.

**Value**

a duration object

**See Also**

[as.duration\(\)](#) [Duration](#)

**Examples**

```
### Separate period and units vectors

duration(90, "seconds")
duration(1.5, "minutes")
duration(-1, "days")

### Units as arguments

duration(day = -1)
duration(second = 90)
duration(minute = 1.5)
duration(mins = 1.5)
duration(second = 3, minute = 1.5, hour = 2, day = 6, week = 1)
duration(hour = 1, minute = -60)

### Parsing
```



```

duration("2M 1sec")
duration("2hours 2minutes 1second")
duration("2d 2H 2M 2S")
duration("2days 2hours 2mins 2secs")
# Missing numerals default to 1. Repeated units are added up.
duration("day day")

### ISO 8601 parsing

duration("P3Y6M4DT12H30M5S")
duration("P23DT23H") # M stands for months
duration("10DT10M") # M stands for minutes
duration("P23DT60H 20min 100 sec") # mixing ISO and lubridate style parsing

# Comparison with characters (from v1.6.0)

duration("day 2 sec") > "day 1sec"

## ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTORS:

dseconds(1)
dminutes(3.5)

x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-03", tz="America/Chicago")
x + ddays(1) + dhours(6) + dminutes(30)
x + ddays(100) - dhours(8)

class(as.Date("2009-08-09") + ddays(1)) # retains Date class
as.Date("2009-08-09") + dhours(12)
class(as.Date("2009-08-09") + dhours(12))
# converts to POSIXt class to accomodate time units

dweeks(1) - ddays(7)
c(1:3) * dhours(1)

# compare DST handling to durations
boundary <- ymd_hms("2009-03-08 01:59:59", tz="America/Chicago")
boundary + days(1) # period
boundary + ddays(1) # duration
is.duration(as.Date("2009-08-03")) # FALSE
is.duration(duration(days = 12.4)) # TRUE

```

---

Duration-class

*Duration class*


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### Description

Duration is an S4 class that extends the [Timespan](#) class. Durations record the exact number of seconds in a time span. They measure the exact passage of time but do not always align with

measurements made in larger units of time such as hours, months and years. This is because the exact length of larger time units can be affected by conventions such as leap years and Daylight Savings Time.

## Details

Durations provide a method for measuring generalized timespans when we wish to treat time as a mathematical quantity that increases in a uniform, monotone manner along a continuous numberline. They allow exact comparisons with other durations. See [Period](#) for an alternative way to measure timespans that better preserves clock times.

Durations class objects have one slot: `.Data`, a numeric object equal to the number of seconds in the duration.

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<code>fit_to_timeline</code>	<i>Fit a POSIXlt date-time to the timeline</i>
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## Description

The POSIXlt format allows you to create instants that do not exist in real life due to daylight savings time and other conventions. `fit_to_timeline` matches POSIXlt date-times to a real times. If an instant does not exist, fit to timeline will replace it with an NA. If an instant does exist, but has been paired with an incorrect timezone/daylight savings time combination, `fit_to_timeline` returns the instant with the correct combination.

## Usage

```
fit_to_timeline(lt, class = "POSIXct", simple = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>lt</code>	a POSIXlt date-time object.
<code>class</code>	a character string that describes what type of object to return, POSIXlt or POSIXct. Defaults to POSIXct. This is an optimization to avoid needless conversions.
<code>simple</code>	if TRUE, <b>lubridate</b> makes no attempt to detect meaningless time-dates or to correct time zones. No NAs are produced and the most meaningful valid dates are returned instead. See examples.

## Value

a POSIXct or POSIXlt object that contains no illusory date-times

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

tricky <- structure(list(sec = c(5, 0, 0, -1),
                        min = c(0L, 5L, 5L, 0L),
                        hour = c(2L, 0L, 2L, 2L),
                        mday = c(4L, 4L, 14L, 4L),
                        mon = c(10L, 10L, 2L, 10L),
                        year = c(112L, 112L, 110L, 112L),
                        wday = c(0L, 0L, 0L, 0L),
                        yday = c(308L, 308L, 72L, 308L),
                        isdst = c(1L, 0L, 0L, 1L)),
  .Names = c("sec", "min", "hour", "mday", "mon",
            "year", "wday", "yday", "isdst"),
  class = c("POSIXlt", "POSIXt"),
  tzzone = c("America/Chicago", "CST", "CDT"))

tricky
## [1] "2012-11-04 02:00:00 CDT" Doesn't exist because clocks "fall back" to 1:00 CST
## [2] "2012-11-04 00:05:00 CST" Times are still CDT, not CST at this instant
## [3] "2010-03-14 02:00:00 CDT" DST gap
## [4] "2012-11-04 01:59:59 CDT" Does exist, but has deceptive internal structure

fit_to_timeline(tricky)
## Returns:
## [1] "2012-11-04 02:00:00 CST" instant paired with correct tz & DST combination
## [2] "2012-11-04 00:05:00 CDT" instant paired with correct tz & DST combination
## [3] NA - fake time changed to NA (compare to as.POSIXct(tricky))
## [4] "2012-11-04 01:59:59 CDT" -real instant, left as is

fit_to_timeline(tricky, simple = TRUE)
## Returns valid time-dates by extrapolating CDT and CST zones:
## [1] "2012-11-04 01:00:05 CST" "2012-11-04 01:05:00 CDT"
## [3] "2010-03-14 03:05:00 CDT" "2012-11-04 01:59:59 CDT"

## End(Not run)
```

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force\_tz

*Replace time zone to create new date-time*


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**Description**

force\_tz returns the date-time that has the same clock time as input time, but in the new time zone. force\_tzs is the parallel version of force\_tz, meaning that every element from time argument is matched with the corresponding time zone in tzones argument.

**Usage**

```
force_tz(time, tzzone = "", roll = FALSE)
```

```
force_tzs(time, tzones, tzone_out = "UTC", roll = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

time	a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron date-time object, or a data.frame object. When a data.frame all POSIXt elements of a data.frame are processed with force_tz() and new data.frame is returned.
tzone	a character string containing the time zone to convert to. R must recognize the name contained in the string as a time zone on your system.
roll	logical. If TRUE, and time falls into the DST-break, assume the next valid civil time, otherwise return NA. See examples.
tzones	character vector of timezones to be "enforced" on time time stamps. If time and tzones lengths differ, the smaller one is recycled in accordance with usual R conventions.
tzone_out	timezone of the returned date-time vector (for force_tzs).

### Details

Although the new date-time has the same clock time (e.g. the same values in the year, month, days, etc. elements) it is a different moment of time than the input date-time.

As R date-time vectors cannot hold elements with non-uniform time zones, force\_tzs returns a vector with time zone tzone\_out, UTC by default.

### Value

a POSIXct object in the updated time zone

### See Also

[with\\_tz\(\)](#), [local\\_time\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-07 00:00:01", tz = "America/New_York")
force_tz(x, "UTC")
force_tz(x, "Europe/Amsterdam")

## DST skip:

y <- ymd_hms("2010-03-14 02:05:05 UTC")
force_tz(y, "America/New_York", roll=FALSE)
force_tz(y, "America/New_York", roll=TRUE)

## Heterogeneous time-zones:

x <- ymd_hms(c("2009-08-07 00:00:01", "2009-08-07 01:02:03"))
force_tzs(x, tzones = c("America/New_York", "Europe/Amsterdam"))
force_tzs(x, tzones = c("America/New_York", "Europe/Amsterdam"), tzone_out = "America/New_York")
```

```
x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-07 00:00:01")
force_tzs(x, tzones = c("America/New_York", "Europe/Amsterdam"))
```

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guess\_formats

*Guess possible date-times formats from a character vector*


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## Description

Guess possible date-times formats from a character vector

## Usage

```
guess_formats(x, orders, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
  preproc_wday = TRUE, print_matches = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x	input vector of date-times
orders	format orders to look for. See examples.
locale	locale to use, default to the current locale
preproc_wday	whether to preprocess week days names. Internal optimization used by ymd_hms family of functions. If TRUE, weekdays are substituted with this format explicitly.
print_matches	for development purpose mainly. If TRUE prints a matrix of matched templates.

## Value

a vector of matched formats

## Examples

```
x <- c('February 20th 1973',
  "february 14, 2004",
  "Sunday, May 1, 2000",
  "Sunday, May 1, 2000",
  "february 14, 04",
  'Feb 20th 73',
  "January 5 1999 at 7pm",
  "jan 3 2010",
  "Jan 1, 1999",
  "jan 3 10",
  "01 3 2010",
  "1 3 10",
  '1 13 89',
  "5/27/1979",
  "12/31/99",
```

```

"DOB:12/11/00",
"-----",
'Thu, 1 July 2004 22:30:00',
'Thu, 1st of July 2004 at 22:30:00',
'Thu, 1July 2004 at 22:30:00',
'Thu, 1July2004 22:30:00',
'Thu, 1July04 22:30:00',
"21 Aug 2011, 11:15:34 pm",
"-----",
"1979-05-27 05:00:59",
"1979-05-27",
"-----",
"3 jan 2000",
"17 april 85",
"27/5/1979",
'20 01 89',
'00/13/10',
"-----",
"14 12 00",
"03:23:22 pm")

guess_formats(x, "BdY")
guess_formats(x, "Bdy")
## m also matches b and B; y also matches Y
guess_formats(x, "mdy", print_matches = TRUE)

## T also matches IMSp order
guess_formats(x, "T", print_matches = TRUE)

## b and B are equivalent and match, both, abbreviated and full names
guess_formats(x, c("mdY", "BdY", "Bdy", "bdY", "bdy"), print_matches = TRUE)
guess_formats(x, c("dmy", "dbY", "dBy", "dBY"), print_matches = TRUE)

guess_formats(x, c("dBY HMS", "dbY HMS", "dmyHMS", "BdY H"), print_matches = TRUE)

guess_formats(x, c("ymd HMS"), print_matches = TRUE)

```

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hour

*Get/set hours component of a date-time*


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### Description

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, Period, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, time-Date, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

### Usage

```
hour(x)
```

```
hour(x) <- value
```

### Arguments

x	a date-time object
value	numeric value to be assigned to the hour component

### Value

the hours element of x as a decimal number

### Examples

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
hour(x)
hour(x) <- 1
hour(x) <- 25
hour(x) > 2
```

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interval

*Utilities for creation and manipulation of Interval objects*

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### Description

`interval()` creates an [Interval](#) object with the specified start and end dates. If the start date occurs before the end date, the interval will be positive. Otherwise, it will be negative. Character vectors in ISO 8601 format are supported from v1.7.2.

`%--%` Creates an interval that covers the range spanned by two dates. It replaces the original behavior of `lubridate`, which created an interval by default whenever two date-times were subtracted.

`int_start()` and `int_start<-()` are accessors the start date of an interval. Note that changing the start date of an interval will change the length of the interval, since the end date will remain the same.

`int_end()` and `int_end<-()` are accessors the end date of an interval. Note that changing the end date of an interval will change the length of the interval, since the start date will remain the same.

`int_flip()` reverses the order of the start date and end date in an interval. The new interval takes place during the same timespan as the original interval, but has the opposite direction.

`int_shift()` shifts the start and end dates of an interval up or down the timeline by a specified amount. Note that this may change the exact length of the interval if the interval is shifted by a `Period` object. Intervals shifted by a `Duration` or `difftime` object will retain their exact length in seconds.

`int_overlaps()` tests if two intervals overlap.

`int_standardize()` ensures all intervals in an interval object are positive. If an interval is not positive, flip it so that it retains its endpoints but becomes positive.

`int_aligns()` tests if two intervals share an endpoint. The direction of each interval is ignored. `int_align` tests whether the earliest or latest moments of each interval occur at the same time.

`int_diff()` returns the intervals that occur between the elements of a vector of date-times. `int_diff()` is similar to the `POSIXt` and `Date` methods of `diff()`, but returns an `Interval` object instead of a `difftime` object.

### Usage

```
interval(start, end = NULL, tzzone = tz(start))
```

```
start %--% end
```

```
is.interval(x)
```

```
int_start(int)
```

```
int_start(int) <- value
```

```
int_end(int)
```

```
int_end(int) <- value
```

```
int_length(int)
```

```
int_flip(int)
```

```
int_shift(int, by)
```

```
int_overlaps(int1, int2)
```

```
int_standardize(int)
```

```
int_aligns(int1, int2)
```

```
int_diff(times)
```

### Arguments

<code>start, end</code>	POSIXt, Date or a character vectors. When <code>start</code> is a character vector and <code>end</code> is NULL, ISO 8601 specification is assumed but with much more permissive lubridate style parsing both for dates and periods (see examples).
<code>tzzone</code>	a recognized timezone to display the interval in
<code>x</code>	an R object
<code>int</code>	an interval object
<code>value</code>	interval's start/end to be assigned to <code>int</code>
<code>by</code>	A period or duration object to shift by (for <code>int_shift</code> )
<code>int1</code>	an Interval object (for <code>int_overlaps()</code> , <code>int_aligns()</code> )



int2            an Interval object (for int\_overlaps(), int\_aligns())  
 times            A vector of POSIXct, POSIXlt or Date class date-times (for int\_diff())

### Details

Intervals are time spans bound by two real date-times. Intervals can be accurately converted to either period or duration objects using `as.period()`, `as.duration()`. Since an interval is anchored to a fixed history of time, both the exact number of seconds that passed and the number of variable length time units that occurred during the interval can be calculated.

### Value

`interval()` – [Interval](#) object.  
`int_start()` and `int_end()` return a POSIXct date object when used as an accessor. Nothing when used as a setter.  
`int_length()` – numeric length of the interval in seconds. A negative number connotes a negative interval.  
`int_flip()` – flipped interval object  
`int_shift()` – an Interval object  
`int_overlaps()` – logical, TRUE if int1 and int2 overlap by at least one second. FALSE otherwise  
`int_aligns()` – logical, TRUE if int1 and int2 begin or end on the same moment. FALSE otherwise  
`int_diff()` – interval object that contains the n-1 intervals between the n date-time in times

### See Also

[Interval](#), `as.interval()`, `%within%`

### Examples

```
interval(ymd(20090201), ymd(20090101))

date1 <- ymd_hms("2009-03-08 01:59:59")
date2 <- ymd_hms("2000-02-29 12:00:00")
interval(date2, date1)
interval(date1, date2)
span <- interval(ymd(20090101), ymd(20090201))

### ISO Intervals

interval("2007-03-01T13:00:00Z/2008-05-11T15:30:00Z")
interval("2007-03-01T13:00:00Z/P1Y2M10DT2H30M")
interval("P1Y2M10DT2H30M/2008-05-11T15:30:00Z")
interval("2008-05-11/P2H30M")

### More permissive parsing (as long as there are no intermittent / characters)
interval("2008 05 11/P2hours 30minutes")
interval("08 05 11/P 2h 30m")
```

```

is.interval(period(months= 1, days = 15)) # FALSE
is.interval(interval(ymd(20090801), ymd(20090809))) # TRUE
int <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int_start(int)
int_start(int) <- ymd("2001-06-01")
int

int <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int_end(int)
int_end(int) <- ymd("2002-06-01")
int

int <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int_length(int)
int <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int_flip(int)
int <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int_shift(int, duration(days = 11))
int_shift(int, duration(hours = -1))
int1 <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int2 <- interval(ymd("2001-06-01"), ymd("2002-06-01"))
int3 <- interval(ymd("2003-01-01"), ymd("2004-01-01"))

int_overlaps(int1, int2) # TRUE
int_overlaps(int1, int3) # FALSE
int <- interval(ymd("2002-01-01"), ymd("2001-01-01"))
int_standardize(int)
int1 <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int2 <- interval(ymd("2001-06-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int3 <- interval(ymd("2003-01-01"), ymd("2004-01-01"))

int_aligns(int1, int2) # TRUE
int_aligns(int1, int3) # FALSE
dates <- now() + days(1:10)
int_diff(dates)

```

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Interval-class

*Interval class*


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## Description

Interval is an S4 class that extends the [Timespan](#) class. An Interval object records one or more spans of time. Intervals record these timespans as a sequence of seconds that begin at a specified date. Since intervals are anchored to a precise moment of time, they can accurately be converted to [Period](#) or [Duration](#) class objects. This is because we can observe the length in seconds of each period that begins on a specific date. Contrast this to a generalized period, which may not have a consistent length in seconds (e.g. the number of seconds in a year will change if it is a leap year).

## Details

Intervals can be both negative and positive. Negative intervals progress backwards from the start date; positive intervals progress forwards.

Interval class objects have two slots: `.Data`, a numeric object equal to the number of seconds in the interval; and `start`, a `POSIXct` object that specifies the time when the interval starts.

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<code>is.Date</code>	<i>Is x a Date object?</i>
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**Description**

Is x a Date object?

**Usage**

```
is.Date(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an R object

**Value**

TRUE if x is a Date object, FALSE otherwise.

**See Also**

[is.instant\(\)](#), [is.timespan\(\)](#), [is.POSIXt\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
is.Date(as.Date("2009-08-03")) # TRUE
is.Date(difftime(now() + 5, now())) # FALSE
```

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<code>is.difftime</code>	<i>Is x a difftime object?</i>
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**Description**

Is x a difftime object?

**Usage**

```
is.difftime(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an R object

**Value**

TRUE if x is a difftime object, FALSE otherwise.

**See Also**

[is.instant\(\)](#), [is.timespan\(\)](#), [is.interval\(\)](#), [is.period\(\)](#).

**Examples**

```
is.difftime(as.Date("2009-08-03")) # FALSE
is.difftime(make_difftime(days = 12.4)) # TRUE
```

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is.instant	<i>Is x a date-time object?</i>
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**Description**

An instant is a specific moment in time. Most common date-time objects (e.g, POSIXct, POSIXlt, and Date objects) are instants.

**Usage**

```
is.instant(x)

is.timepoint(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an R object

**Value**

TRUE if x is a POSIXct, POSIXlt, or Date object, FALSE otherwise.

**See Also**

[is.timespan\(\)](#), [is.POSIXt\(\)](#), [is.Date\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
is.instant(as.Date("2009-08-03")) # TRUE
is.timepoint(5) # FALSE
```

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is.POSIXt	<i>Is x a POSIXct or POSIXlt object?</i>
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**Description**

Is x a POSIXct or POSIXlt object?

**Usage**

```
is.POSIXt(x)
```

```
is.POSIXlt(x)
```

```
is.POSIXct(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an R object

**Value**

TRUE if x is a POSIXct or POSIXlt object, FALSE otherwise.

**See Also**

[is.instant\(\)](#), [is.timespan\(\)](#), [is.Date\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
is.POSIXt(as.Date("2009-08-03")) # FALSE
is.POSIXt(as.POSIXct("2009-08-03")) # TRUE
```

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is.timespan	<i>Is x a length of time?</i>
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**Description**

Is x a length of time?

**Usage**

```
is.timespan(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an R object

**Value**

TRUE if x is a period, interval, duration, or difftime object, FALSE otherwise.

**See Also**

[is.instant\(\)](#), [is.duration\(\)](#), [is.difftime\(\)](#), [is.period\(\)](#), [is.interval\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
is.timespan(as.Date("2009-08-03")) # FALSE
is.timespan(duration(second = 1)) # TRUE
```

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lakers

*Lakers 2008-2009 basketball data set*

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**Description**

This data set contains play by play statistics of each Los Angeles Lakers basketball game in the 2008-2009 season. Data includes the date, opponent, and type of each game (home or away). Each play is described by the time on the game clock when the play was made, the period in which the play was attempted, the type of play, the player and team who made the play, the result of the play, and the location on the court where each play was made.

**References**

Originally taken from [www.basketballgeek.com/data/](http://www.basketballgeek.com/data/).

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leap\_year

*Is a year a leap year?*

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**Description**

If x is a recognized date-time object, leap\_year will return whether x occurs during a leap year. If x is a number, leap\_year returns whether it would be a leap year under the Gregorian calendar.

**Usage**

```
leap_year(date)
```

**Arguments**

date            a date-time object or a year

**Value**

TRUE if x is a leap year, FALSE otherwise

**Examples**

```
x <- as.Date("2009-08-02")
leap_year(x) # FALSE
leap_year(2009) # FALSE
leap_year(2008) # TRUE
leap_year(1900) # FALSE
leap_year(2000) # TRUE
```

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local_time	<i>Get local time from a date-time vector.</i>
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**Description**

local\_time retrieves day clock time in specified time zones. Computation is vectorized over both dt and tz arguments, the shortest is recycled in accordance with standard R rules.

**Usage**

```
local_time(dt, tz = NULL, units = "secs")
```

**Arguments**

dt	a date-time object.
tz	a character vector of timezones for which to compute the local time.
units	passed directly to <a href="#">as.difftime()</a> .

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd_hms(c("2009-08-07 01:02:03", "2009-08-07 10:20:30"))
local_time(x, units = "secs")
local_time(x, units = "hours")
local_time(x, "Europe/Amsterdam")
local_time(x, "Europe/Amsterdam") == local_time(with_tz(x, "Europe/Amsterdam"))

x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-07 01:02:03")
local_time(x, c("America/New_York", "Europe/Amsterdam", "Asia/Shanghai"), unit = "hours")
```

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make\_datetime      *Efficient creation of date-times from numeric representations*

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## Description

make\_datetime() is a very fast drop-in replacement for `base::ISOdate()` and `base::ISOdatetime()`.  
make\_date() produces objects of class Date.

## Usage

```
make_datetime(year = 1970L, month = 1L, day = 1L, hour = 0L, min = 0L,  
             sec = 0, tz = "UTC")
```

```
make_date(year = 1970L, month = 1L, day = 1L)
```

## Arguments

year	numeric year
month	numeric month
day	numeric day
hour	numeric hour
min	numeric minute
sec	numeric second
tz	time zone. Defaults to UTC.

## Details

Input vectors are silently recycled. All inputs except sec are silently converted to integer vectors; sec can be either integer or double.

## Examples

```
make_datetime(year = 1999, month = 12, day = 22, sec = 10)  
make_datetime(year = 1999, month = 12, day = 22, sec = c(10, 11))
```



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make_difftime	<i>Create a difftime object.</i>
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### Description

make\_difftime() creates a difftime object with the specified number of units. Entries for different units are cumulative. difftime displays durations in various units, but these units are estimates given for convenience. The underlying object is always recorded as a fixed number of seconds.

### Usage

```
make_difftime(num = NULL, units = "auto", ...)
```

### Arguments

num	Optional number of seconds
units	a character vector that lists the type of units to use for the display of the return value (see examples). If units is "auto" (the default) the display units are computed automatically. This might create undesirable effects when converting difftime objects to numeric values in data processing.
...	a list of time units to be included in the difftime and their amounts. Seconds, minutes, hours, days, and weeks are supported. Normally only one of num or ... are present. If both are present, the difftime objects are concatenated.

### Details

Conceptually, difftime objects are a type of duration. They measure the exact passage of time but do not always align with measurements made in larger units of time such as hours, months and years. This is because the length of larger time units can be affected by conventions such as leap years and Daylight Savings Time. **lubridate** provides a second class for measuring durations, the Duration class.

### Value

a difftime object

### See Also

[duration\(\)](#), [as.duration\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
make_difftime(1)
make_difftime(60)
make_difftime(3600)
make_difftime(3600, units = "minute")
# Time difference of 60 mins
make_difftime(second = 90)
```

```
# Time difference of 1.5 mins
make_difftime(minute = 1.5)
# Time difference of 1.5 mins
make_difftime(second = 3, minute = 1.5, hour = 2, day = 6, week = 1)
# Time difference of 13.08441 days
make_difftime(hour = 1, minute = -60)
# Time difference of 0 secs
make_difftime(day = -1)
# Time difference of -1 days
make_difftime(120, day = -1, units = "minute")
# Time differences in mins
```

---

minute

*Get/set minutes component of a date-time*

---

### Description

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, Period, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, time-Date, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

### Usage

```
minute(x)
```

```
minute(x) <- value
```

### Arguments

x	a date-time object
value	numeric value to be assigned

### Value

the minutes element of x as a decimal number

### Examples

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
minute(x)
minute(x) <- 1
minute(x) <- 61
minute(x) > 2
```

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`month`*Get/set months component of a date-time*

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**Description**

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, Period, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

**Usage**

```
month(x, label = FALSE, abbr = TRUE, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"))
```

```
month(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a date-time object
<code>label</code>	logical. TRUE will display the month as a character string such as "January." FALSE will display the month as a number.
<code>abbr</code>	logical. FALSE will display the month as a character string label, such as "January". TRUE will display an abbreviated version of the label, such as "Jan". abbr is disregarded if label = FALSE.
<code>locale</code>	for month, locale to use for month names. Default to current locale.
<code>value</code>	a numeric object

**Value**

the months element of x as a number (1-12) or character string. 1 = January.

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
month(x)
month(x) <- 1
month(x) <- 13
month(x) > 3

month(ymd(080101))
month(ymd(080101), label = TRUE)
month(ymd(080101), label = TRUE, abbr = FALSE)
month(ymd(080101) + months(0:11), label = TRUE)
```

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ms *Parse periods with hour, minute, and second components*

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### Description

Transforms a character or numeric vector into a period object with the specified number of hours, minutes, and seconds. `hms()` recognizes all non-numeric characters except '-' as separators ('-' is used for negative durations). After hours, minutes and seconds have been parsed, the remaining input is ignored.

### Usage

```
ms(..., quiet = FALSE, roll = FALSE)
```

```
hm(..., quiet = FALSE, roll = FALSE)
```

```
hms(..., quiet = FALSE, roll = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>...</code>	a character vector of hour minute second triples
<code>quiet</code>	logical. When TRUE function evaluates without displaying customary messages.
<code>roll</code>	logical. When TRUE, smaller units are rolled over to higher units if they exceed the conventional limit. For example, <code>hms("01:59:120", roll=TRUE)</code> produces period "2H 1M 0S".

### Value

a vector of period objects

### See Also

[hm\(\)](#), [ms\(\)](#)

### Examples

```
ms(c("09:10", "09:02", "1:10"))
ms("7 6")
ms("6,5")
hm(c("09:10", "09:02", "1:10"))
hm("7 6")
hm("6,5")
```

```
x <- c("09:10:01", "09:10:02", "09:10:03")
hms(x)
```

```
hms("7 6 5", "3:23::2", "2 : 23 : 33", "Finished in 9 hours, 20 min and 4 seconds")
```

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now	<i>The current time</i>
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**Description**

The current time

**Usage**

```
now(tzone = "")
```

**Arguments**

tzone a character vector specifying which time zone you would like the current time in. tzone defaults to your computer's system timezone. You can retrieve the current time in the Universal Coordinated Time (UTC) with `now("UTC")`.

**Value**

the current date and time as a POSIXct object

**See Also**

[here\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
now()
now("GMT")
now("")
now() == now() # would be TRUE if computer processed both at the same instant
now() < now() # TRUE
now() > now() # FALSE
```

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origin	<i>1970-01-01 UTC</i>
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**Description**

Origin is the date-time for 1970-01-01 UTC in POSIXct format. This date-time is the origin for the numbering system used by POSIXct, POSIXlt, chron, and Date classes.

**Usage**

```
origin
```

**Format**

An object of class POSIXct (inherits from POSIXt) of length 1.

**Examples**

```
origin
```

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parse\_date\_time      *User friendly date-time parsing functions*

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**Description**

parse\_date\_time() parses an input vector into POSIXct date-time object. It differs from `base::strptime()` in two respects. First, it allows specification of the order in which the formats occur without the need to include separators and % prefix. Such a formatting argument is referred to as "order". Second, it allows the user to specify several format-orders to handle heterogeneous date-time character representations.

parse\_date\_time2() is a fast C parser of numeric orders.

fast\_strptime() is a fast C parser of numeric formats only that accepts explicit format arguments, just as `base::strptime()`.

**Usage**

```
parse_date_time(x, orders, tz = "UTC", truncated = 0, quiet = FALSE,
  locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"), select_formats = .select_formats,
  exact = FALSE, train = TRUE, drop = FALSE)
```

```
parse_date_time2(x, orders, tz = "UTC", exact = FALSE, lt = FALSE,
  cutoff_2000 = 68L)
```

```
fast_strptime(x, format, tz = "UTC", lt = TRUE, cutoff_2000 = 68L)
```

**Arguments**

x	a character or numeric vector of dates
orders	a character vector of date-time formats. Each order string is series of formatting characters as listed <code>base::strptime()</code> but might not include the "%" prefix, for example "ymd" will match all the possible dates in year, month, day order. Formatting orders might include arbitrary separators. These are discarded. See details for implemented formats.
tz	a character string that specifies the time zone with which to parse the dates
truncated	integer, number of formats that can be missing. The most common type of irregularity in date-time data is the truncation due to rounding or unavailability of the time stamp. If the truncated parameter is non-zero parse_date_time() also checks for truncated formats. For example, if the format order is "ymdHMS" and

truncated = 3, `parse_date_time()` will correctly parse incomplete dates like 2012-06-01 12:23, 2012-06-01 12 and 2012-06-01. **NOTE:** The ymd family of functions are based on `strptime()` which currently fails to parse %Y-%m formats.

quiet	logical. When TRUE progress messages are not printed, and "no formats found" error is suppressed and the function simply returns a vector of NAs. This mirrors the behavior of base R functions <code>strptime()</code> and <code>as.POSIXct()</code> . Default is FALSE.
locale	locale to be used, see <a href="#">locales</a> . On linux systems you can use <code>system("locale -a")</code> to list all the installed locales.
select_formats	A function to select actual formats for parsing from a set of formats which matched a training subset of <code>x</code> . It receives a named integer vector and returns a character vector of selected formats. Names of the input vector are formats (not orders) that matched the training set. Numeric values are the number of dates (in the training set) that matched the corresponding format. You should use this argument if the default selection method fails to select the formats in the right order. By default the formats with most formatting tokens (%) are selected and %Y counts as 2.5 tokens (so that it has a priority over %y%m). See examples.
exact	logical. If TRUE, the orders parameter is interpreted as an exact <code>strptime()</code> format and no training or guessing are performed (i.e. train, drop parameters are irrelevant).
train	logical, default TRUE. Whether to train formats on a subset of the input vector. The result of this is that supplied orders are sorted according to performance on this training set, which commonly results in increased performance. Please note that even when train is FALSE (and exact is FALSE) guessing of the actual formats is still performed on a pseudo-random subset of the original input vector. This might result in ALL formats failed to parse error. See notes below.
drop	logical, default FALSE. Whether to drop formats that didn't match on the training set. If FALSE, unmatched on the training set formats are tried as a last resort at the end of the parsing queue. Applies only when train=TRUE. Setting this parameter to TRUE might slightly speed up parsing in situations involving many formats. Prior to v1.7.0 this parameter was implicitly TRUE, which resulted in occasional surprising behavior when rare patterns were not present in the training set.
lt	logical. If TRUE returned object is of class POSIXlt, and POSIXct otherwise. For compatibility with base <code>strptime</code> function default is TRUE for <code>fast_strptime</code> and FALSE for <code>parse_date_time2</code> .
cutoff_2000	integer. For y format, two-digit numbers smaller or equal to cutoff_2000 are parsed as 20th's century, 19th's otherwise. Available only for functions relying on lubridates internal parser.
format	a character string of formats. It should include all the separators and each format must be prefixed with argument of <code>strptime()</code> .

## Details

When several format-orders are specified, `parse_date_time()` selects (guesses) format-orders based on a training sub-set of the input strings. After guessing the formats are ordered accord-

ing to the performance on the training set and applied recursively on the entire input vector. You can disable training with `train=FALSE`.

`parse_date_time()`, and all derived functions, such as `ymd_hms()`, `ymd()` etc, will drop into `fast_strptime()` instead of `strptime()` whenever the guessed from the input data formats are all numeric.

The list below contains formats recognized by **lubridate**. For numeric formats leading 0s are optional. As compared to base `strptime()`, some of the formats are new or have been extended for efficiency reasons. These formats are marked with "\*". The fast parsers `parse_date_time2()` and `fast_strptime()` accept only formats marked with "!".

- a Abbreviated weekday name in the current locale. (Also matches full name)
- A Full weekday name in the current locale. (Also matches abbreviated name).  
You don't need to specify a and A formats explicitly. Wday is automatically handled if `preproc_wday = TRUE`
- b! Abbreviated or full month name in the current locale. The C parser currently understands only English month names.
- B! Same as b.
- d! Day of the month as decimal number (01–31 or 0–31)
- H! Hours as decimal number (00–24 or 0–24).
- I! Hours as decimal number (01–12 or 1–12).
- j Day of year as decimal number (001–366 or 1–366).
- q!\* Quarter (1–4). The quarter month is added to the parsed month if m format is present.
- m!\* Month as decimal number (01–12 or 1–12). For `parse_date_time`. As a **lubridate** extension, also matches abbreviated and full months names as b and B formats. C parser understands only English month names.
- M! Minute as decimal number (00–59 or 0–59).
- p! AM/PM indicator in the locale. Normally used in conjunction with I and **not** with H. But the **lubridate** C parser accepts H format as long as hour is not greater than 12. C parser understands only English locale AM/PM indicator.
- S! Second as decimal number (00–61 or 0–61), allowing for up to two leap-seconds (but POSIX-compliant implementations will ignore leap seconds).
- OS Fractional second.
- U Week of the year as decimal number (00–53 or 0–53) using Sunday as the first day 1 of the week (and typically with the first Sunday of the year as day 1 of week 1). The US convention.
- w Weekday as decimal number (0–6, Sunday is 0).
- W Week of the year as decimal number (00–53 or 0–53) using Monday as the first day of week (and typically with the first Monday of the year as day 1 of week 1). The UK convention.
- y!\* Year without century (00–99 or 0–99). In `parse_date_time()` also matches year with century (Y format).
- Y! Year with century.



**z!\*** ISO8601 signed offset in hours and minutes from UTC. For example `-0800`, `-08:00` or `-08`, all represent 8 hours behind UTC. This format also matches the `Z` (Zulu) UTC indicator. Because `strptime` doesn't fully support ISO8601 this format is implemented as an union of 4 orders: `Ou` (`Z`), `Oz` (`-0800`), `OO` (`-08:00`) and `Oo` (`-08`). You can use these four orders as any other but it is rarely necessary. `parse_date_time2()` and `fast_strptime()` support all of the timezone formats.

**Om!\*** Matches numeric month and English alphabetic months (Both, long and abbreviated forms).

**Op!\*** Matches AM/PM English indicator.

**r\*** Matches `Ip` and `H` orders.

**R\*** Matches `HM` and `IMp` orders.

**T\*** Matches `IMSp`, `HMS`, and `HMOS` orders.

## Value

a vector of POSIXct date-time objects

## Note

`parse_date_time()` (and the derivatives `ymd()`, `ymd_hms()` etc) rely on a sparse guesser that takes at most 501 elements from the supplied character vector in order to identify appropriate formats from the supplied orders. If you get the error `All formats failed to parse` and you are confident that your vector contains valid dates, you should either set `exact` argument to `TRUE` or use functions that don't perform format guessing (`fast_strptime()`, `parse_date_time2()` or `strptime()`).

For performance reasons, when `timezone` is not UTC, `parse_date_time2()` and `fast_strptime()` perform no validity checks for daylight savings time. Thus, if your input string contains an invalid date time which falls into DST gap and `lt = TRUE` you will get an `POSIXlt` object with a non-existent time. If `lt = FALSE` your time instant will be adjusted to a valid time by adding an hour. See examples. If you want to get `NA` for invalid date-times use `fit_to_timeline()` explicitly.

## See Also

`strptime()`, `ymd()`, `ymd_hms()`

## Examples

```
## ** orders are much easier to write **
x <- c("09-01-01", "09-01-02", "09-01-03")
parse_date_time(x, "ymd")
parse_date_time(x, "y m d")
parse_date_time(x, "%y%m%d")
# "2009-01-01 UTC" "2009-01-02 UTC" "2009-01-03 UTC"

## ** heterogenous date-times **
x <- c("09-01-01", "090102", "09-01 03", "09-01-03 12:02")
parse_date_time(x, c("ymd", "ymd HM"))

## ** different ymd orders **
```

```

x <- c("2009-01-01", "02022010", "02-02-2010")
parse_date_time(x, c("dmY", "ymd"))
## "2009-01-01 UTC" "2010-02-02 UTC" "2010-02-02 UTC"

## ** truncated time-dates **
x <- c("2011-12-31 12:59:59", "2010-01-01 12:11", "2010-01-01 12", "2010-01-01")
parse_date_time(x, "Ymd HMS", truncated = 3)

## ** specifying exact formats and avoiding training and guessing **
parse_date_time(x, c("%m-%d-%y", "%m%d%y", "%m-%d-%y %H:%M"), exact = TRUE)
parse_date_time(c('12/17/1996 04:00:00', '4/18/1950 0130'),
                c('%m/%d/%Y %I:%M:%S', '%m/%d/%Y %H%M'), exact = TRUE)

## ** quarters and partial dates **
parse_date_time(c("2016.2", "2016-04"), orders = "Yq")
parse_date_time(c("2016", "2016-04"), orders = c("Y", "Ym"))

## ** fast parsing **
## Not run:
options(digits.secs = 3)
## random times between 1400 and 3000
tt <- as.character(.POSIXct(runif(1000, -17987443200, 3250368000)))
tt <- rep.int(tt, 1000)

system.time(out <- as.POSIXct(tt, tz = "UTC"))
system.time(out1 <- ymd_hms(tt)) # constant overhead on long vectors
system.time(out2 <- parse_date_time2(tt, "YmdHMOS"))
system.time(out3 <- fast_strptime(tt, "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%OS"))

all.equal(out, out1)
all.equal(out, out2)
all.equal(out, out3)

## End(Not run)

## ** how to use `select_formats` argument **
## By default %Y has precedence:
parse_date_time(c("27-09-13", "27-09-2013"), "dmy")

## to give priority to %y format, define your own select_format function:

my_select <- function(trained, drop=FALSE, ...){
  n_fmfts <- nchar(gsub("[^%]", "", names(trained))) + grepl("%y", names(trained))*1.5
  names(trained[ which.max(n_fmfts) ])
}

parse_date_time(c("27-09-13", "27-09-2013"), "dmy", select_formats = my_select)

## ** invalid times with "fast" parsing **
parse_date_time("2010-03-14 02:05:06", "YmdHMS", tz = "America/New_York")
parse_date_time2("2010-03-14 02:05:06", "YmdHMS", tz = "America/New_York")
parse_date_time2("2010-03-14 02:05:06", "YmdHMS", tz = "America/New_York", lt = TRUE)

```

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period *Create or parse period objects*

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**Description**

period() creates or parses a period object with the specified values.

**Usage**

```
period(num = NULL, units = "second", ...)
```

```
is.period(x)
```

```
seconds(x = 1)
```

```
minutes(x = 1)
```

```
hours(x = 1)
```

```
days(x = 1)
```

```
weeks(x = 1)
```

```
years(x = 1)
```

```
milliseconds(x = 1)
```

```
microseconds(x = 1)
```

```
nanoseconds(x = 1)
```

```
picoseconds(x = 1)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
```

```
months(x, abbreviate)
```

**Arguments**

**num** a numeric or character vector. A character vector can specify periods in a convenient shorthand format or ISO 8601 specification. All unambiguous name units and abbreviations are supported, "m" stands for months, "M" for minutes unless ISO 8601 "P" modifier is present (see examples). Fractional units are supported but the fractional part is always converted to seconds.

**units** a character vector that lists the type of units to be used. The units in units are matched to the values in num according to their order. When num is character, this argument is ignored.

...	a list of time units to be included in the period and their amounts. Seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, and years are supported. Normally only one of num or ... are present. If both are present, the periods are concatenated.
x	Any R object for <code>is.periods</code> and a numeric value of the number of units for elementary constructors. With the exception of <code>seconds()</code> , x must be an integer.
abbreviate	Ignored. For consistency with S3 generic in base namespace.

## Details

Within a Period object, time units do not have a fixed length (except for seconds) until they are added to a date-time. The length of each time unit will depend on the date-time to which it is added. For example, a year that begins on 2009-01-01 will be 365 days long. A year that begins on 2012-01-01 will be 366 days long. When math is performed with a period object, each unit is applied separately. How the length of a period is distributed among its units is non-trivial. For example, when leap seconds occur 1 minute is longer than 60 seconds.

Periods track the change in the "clock time" between two date-times. They are measured in common time related units: years, months, days, hours, minutes, and seconds. Each unit except for seconds must be expressed in integer values.

Besides the main constructor and parser `period()`, period objects can also be created with the specialized functions `years()`, `months()`, `weeks()`, `days()`, `hours()`, `minutes()`, and `seconds()`. These objects can be added to and subtracted to date-times to create a user interface similar to object oriented programming.

Note: Arithmetic with periods can results in undefined behavior when non-existent dates are involved (such as February 29th). Please see [Period](#) for more details and `%m+%` and `add_with_rollback()` for alternative operations. Note: Arithmetic with periods can results in undefined behavior when non-existent dates are involved (such as February 29th in non-leap years). Please see [Period](#) for more details and `%m+%` and `add_with_rollback()` for alternative operations.

## Value

a period object

## See Also

[Period](#), `period()`, `%m+%`, `add_with_rollback()`

## Examples

```
### Separate period and units vectors

period(c(90, 5), c("second", "minute"))
# "5M 90S"
period(-1, "days")
period(c(3, 1, 2, 13, 1), c("second", "minute", "hour", "day", "week"))
period(c(1, -60), c("hour", "minute"))
period(0, "second")

### Units as arguments
```

```

period(second = 90, minute = 5)
period(day = -1)
period(second = 3, minute = 1, hour = 2, day = 13, week = 1)
period(hour = 1, minute = -60)
period(second = 0)
period(c(1, -60), c("hour", "minute"), hour = c(1, 2), minute = c(3, 4))

### Lubridate style parsing

period("2M 1sec")
period("2hours 2minutes 1second")
period("2d 2H 2M 2S")
period("2days 2hours 2mins 2secs")
period("2 days, 2 hours, 2 mins, 2 secs")
# Missing numerals default to 1. Repeated units are added up.
duration("day day")

### ISO 8601 parsing

period("P10M23DT23H") # M stands for months
period("10DT10M") # M stands for minutes
period("P3Y6M4DT12H30M5S") # M for both minutes and months
period("P23DT60H 20min 100 sec") # mixing ISO and lubridate style parsing

### Comparison with characters (from v1.6.0)

duration("day 2 sec") > "day 1sec"

### Elementary Constructors

x <- ymd("2009-08-03")
x + days(1) + hours(6) + minutes(30)
x + days(100) - hours(8)

class(as.Date("2009-08-09") + days(1)) # retains Date class
as.Date("2009-08-09") + hours(12)
class(as.Date("2009-08-09") + hours(12))
# converts to POSIXt class to accomodate time units

years(1) - months(7)
c(1:3) * hours(1)
hours(1:3)

# sequencing
y <- ymd(090101) # "2009-01-01 CST"
y + months(0:11)

# compare DST handling to durations
boundary <- ymd_hms("2009-03-08 01:59:59", tz="America/Chicago")
boundary + days(1) # period
boundary + ddays(1) # duration
is.period(as.Date("2009-08-03")) # FALSE

```

```
is.period(period(months= 1, days = 15)) # TRUE
```

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```
period_to_seconds      Contrive a period to/from a given number of seconds
```

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### Description

`period_to_seconds()` approximately converts a period to seconds assuming there are 365.25 days in a calendar year and 365.25/12 days in a month.

`seconds_to_period()` create a period that has the maximum number of non-zero elements (days, hours, minutes, seconds). This computation is exact because it doesn't involve years or months.

### Usage

```
period_to_seconds(x)
```

```
seconds_to_period(x)
```

### Arguments

`x` A numeric object. The number of seconds to coerce into a period.

### Value

A number (period) that roughly equates to the period (seconds) given.

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```
pretty_dates          Computes attractive axis breaks for date-time data
```

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### Description

`pretty.dates` identifies which unit of time the sub-intervals should be measured in to provide approximately `n` breaks. It then chooses a "pretty" length for the sub-intervals and sets start and endpoints that 1) span the entire range of the data, and 2) allow the breaks to occur on important date-times (i.e. on the hour, on the first of the month, etc.)

### Usage

```
pretty_dates(x, n, ...)
```

### Arguments

`x` a vector of POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, or chron date-time objects

`n` integer value of the desired number of breaks

`...` additional arguments to pass to function

**Value**

a vector of date-times that can be used as axis tick marks or bin breaks

**Examples**

```
x <- seq.Date(as.Date("2009-08-02"), by = "year", length.out = 2)
pretty_dates(x, 12)
```

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 quarter

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*Get the fiscal quarter and semester of a date-time*


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**Description**

Quarters divide the year into fourths. Semesters divide the year into halves.

**Usage**

```
quarter(x, with_year = FALSE, fiscal_start = 1)
```

```
semester(x, with_year = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a date-time object of class POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, fts or anything else that can be converted with as.POSIXlt
with_year	logical indicating whether or not to include the quarter's year.
fiscal_start	numeric indicating the starting month of a fiscal year

**Value**

numeric

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd(c("2012-03-26", "2012-05-04", "2012-09-23", "2012-12-31"))
quarter(x)
quarter(x, with_year = TRUE)
quarter(x, with_year = TRUE, fiscal_start = 11)
semester(x)
semester(x, with_year = TRUE)
```

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rollback	<i>Roll back date to last day of previous month</i>
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### Description

rollback changes a date to the last day of the previous month or to the first day of the month. Optionally, the new date can retain the same hour, minute, and second information.

### Usage

```
rollback(dates, roll_to_first = FALSE, preserve_hms = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

dates	A POSIXct, POSIXlt or Date class object.
roll_to_first	Rollback to the first day of the month instead of the last day of the previous month
preserve_hms	Retains the same hour, minute, and second information? If FALSE, the new date will be at 00:00:00.

### Value

A date-time object of class POSIXlt, POSIXct or Date, whose day has been adjusted to the last day of the previous month, or to the first day of the month.

### Examples

```
date <- ymd("2010-03-03")
rollback(date)

dates <- date + months(0:2)
rollback(dates)

date <- ymd_hms("2010-03-03 12:44:22")
rollback(date)
rollback(date, roll_to_first = TRUE)
rollback(date, preserve_hms = FALSE)
rollback(date, roll_to_first = TRUE, preserve_hms = FALSE)
```



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round_date	<i>Round, floor and ceiling methods for date-time objects</i>
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### Description

Rounding to the nearest unit or multiple of a unit are supported. All meaningful specifications in English language are supported - secs, min, mins, 2 minutes, 3 years etc.

Rounding to fractional seconds is supported. Please note that rounding to fractions smaller than 1s can lead to large precision errors due to the floating point representation of the POSIXct objects. See examples.

round\_date() takes a date-time object and rounds it to the nearest value of the specified time unit. For rounding date-times which is exactly halfway between two consecutive units, the convention is to round up. Note that this is in line with the behavior of R's `base::round.POSIXt()` function but does not follow the convention of the base `base::round()` function which "rounds to the even digit" per IEC 60559.

floor\_date() takes a date-time object and rounds it down to the nearest boundary of the specified time unit.

ceiling\_date() takes a date-time object and rounds it up to the nearest boundary of the specified time unit.

### Usage

```
round_date(x, unit = "second",
           week_start = getOption("lubridate.week.start", 7))
```

```
floor_date(x, unit = "seconds",
           week_start = getOption("lubridate.week.start", 7))
```

```
ceiling_date(x, unit = "seconds", change_on_boundary = NULL,
             week_start = getOption("lubridate.week.start", 7))
```

### Arguments

x a vector of date-time objects

unit a character string specifying a time unit or a multiple of a unit to be rounded to. Valid base units are second, minute, hour, day, week, month, bimonth, quarter, season, halfyear and year. Arbitrary unique English abbreviations as in the `period()` constructor are allowed. Rounding to multiple of units (except weeks) is supported.

week\_start when unit is weeks specify the reference day; 7 being Sunday.

change\_on\_boundary

If NULL (the default) don't change instants on the boundary (`ceiling_date(ymd_hms('2000-01-01 00:00:00'))` is `2000-01-01 00:00:00`), but round up Date objects to the next boundary (`ceiling_date(ymd("2000-01-01"), "month")` is `"2000-02-01"`). When TRUE, instants on the boundary are rounded up to the next boundary. When

FALSE, date-time on the boundary are never rounded up (this was the default for **lubridate** prior to v1.6.0. See section Rounding Up Date Objects below for more details.

## Details

In **lubridate**, rounding of a date-time objects tries to preserve the class of the input object whenever possible. This is done by first rounding to an instant and then converting to the original class by usual R conventions.

## Rounding Up Date Objects

By default rounding up Date objects follows 3 steps:

1. Convert to an instant representing lower bound of the Date: 2000-01-01 → 2000-01-01 00:00:00
2. Round up to the **next** closest rounding unit boundary. For example, if the rounding unit is month then next closest boundary of 2000-01-01 is 2000-02-01 00:00:00.

The motivation for this is that the "partial" 2000-01-01 is conceptually an interval (2000-01-01 00:00:00 – 2000-01-02 00:00:00) and the day hasn't started clocking yet at the exact boundary 00:00:00. Thus, it seems wrong to round up a day to its lower boundary.

The behavior on the boundary can be changed by setting `change_on_boundary` to a non-NULL value.

3. If rounding unit is smaller than a day, return the instant from step 2 (POSIXct), otherwise convert to and return a Date object.

## See Also

[base::round\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
## print fractional seconds
options(digits.secs=6)

x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-03 12:01:59.23")
round_date(x, ".5s")
round_date(x, "sec")
round_date(x, "second")
round_date(x, "minute")
round_date(x, "5 mins")
round_date(x, "hour")
round_date(x, "2 hours")
round_date(x, "day")
round_date(x, "week")
round_date(x, "month")
round_date(x, "bimonth")
round_date(x, "quarter") == round_date(x, "3 months")
round_date(x, "halfyear")
round_date(x, "year")
```

```

x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-03 12:01:59.23")
floor_date(x, ".1s")
floor_date(x, "second")
floor_date(x, "minute")
floor_date(x, "hour")
floor_date(x, "day")
floor_date(x, "week")
floor_date(x, "month")
floor_date(x, "bimonth")
floor_date(x, "quarter")
floor_date(x, "season")
floor_date(x, "halfyear")
floor_date(x, "year")

x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-03 12:01:59.23")
ceiling_date(x, ".1 sec") # imprecise representation at 0.1 sec !!!
ceiling_date(x, "second")
ceiling_date(x, "minute")
ceiling_date(x, "5 mins")
ceiling_date(x, "hour")
ceiling_date(x, "day")
ceiling_date(x, "week")
ceiling_date(x, "month")
ceiling_date(x, "bimonth") == ceiling_date(x, "2 months")
ceiling_date(x, "quarter")
ceiling_date(x, "season")
ceiling_date(x, "halfyear")
ceiling_date(x, "year")

## As of R 3.4.2 POSIXct printing of fractional numbers is wrong
as.POSIXct("2009-08-03 12:01:59.3") ## -> "2009-08-03 12:01:59.2 CEST"
ceiling_date(x, ".1 sec") ## -> "2009-08-03 12:01:59.2 CEST"

x <- ymd("2000-01-01")
ceiling_date(x, "month")
ceiling_date(x, "month", change_on_boundary = TRUE)

```

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second

*Get/set seconds component of a date-time*


---

### Description

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, Period, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

### Usage

```
second(x)
```

```
second(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x                    a date-time object  
 value                numeric value to be assigned

**Value**

the seconds element of x as a decimal number

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
second(x)
second(x) <- 1
second(x) <- 61
second(x) > 2
```

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stamp

*Format dates and times based on human-friendly templates*


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**Description**

Stamps are just like `format()`, but based on human-friendly templates like "Recorded at 10 am, September 2002" or "Meeting, Sunday May 1, 2000, at 10:20 pm".

**Usage**

```
stamp(x, orders = lubridate_formats, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
      quiet = FALSE)

stamp_date(x, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"))

stamp_time(x, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"))
```

**Arguments**

x                    a character vector of templates.  
 orders              orders are sequences of formatting characters which might be used for disambiguation. For example "ymd hms", "aym" etc. See `guess_formats()` for a list of available formats.  
 locale              locale in which x is encoded. On Linux-like systems use `locale -a` in the terminal to list available locales.  
 quiet                whether to output informative messages.

## Details

`stamp()` is a stamping function date-time templates mainly, though it correctly handles all date and time formats as long as they are unambiguous. `stamp_date()`, and `stamp_time()` are the specialized stamps for dates and times (MHS). These function might be useful when the input template is unambiguous and matches both a time and a date format.

Lubridate tries it's best to figure our the formats, but often a given format can be interpreted in several ways. One way to deal with the situation is to provide unambiguous formats like 22/05/81 instead of 10/05/81 if you want d/m/y format. Another option is to use a more specialized `stamp_date` and `stamp_time`. The core function `stamp()` give priority to longer date-time formats.

Another option is to provide a vector of several values as `x` parameter. Then **lubridate** will choose the format which fits `x` the best. Note that longer formats are preferred. If you have "22:23:00 PM" then "HMSp" format will be given priority to shorter "HMS" order which also fits the supplied string.

Finally, you can give desired format order directly as `orders` argument.

## Value

a function to be applied on a vector of dates

## See Also

[guess\\_formats\(\)](#), [parse\\_date\\_time\(\)](#), [strptime\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
D <- ymd("2010-04-05") - days(1:5)
stamp("March 1, 1999")(D)
sf <- stamp("Created on Sunday, Jan 1, 1999 3:34 pm")
sf(D)
stamp("Jan 01")(D)
stamp("Sunday, May 1, 2000", locale = "C")(D)
stamp("Sun Aug 5")(D) #=> "Sun Aug 04" "Sat Aug 04" "Fri Aug 04" "Thu Aug 04" "Wed Aug 03"
stamp("12/31/99")(D) #=> "06/09/11"
stamp("Sunday, May 1, 2000 22:10", locale = "C")(D)
stamp("2013-01-01T06:00:00Z")(D)
stamp("2013-01-01T00:00:00-06")(D)
stamp("2013-01-01T00:00:00-08:00")(force_tz(D, "America/Chicago"))
```

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timespan

*Description of time span classes in lubridate*

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## Description

A time span can be measured in three ways: as a duration, an interval, or a period.

- **durations** record the exact number of seconds in a time span. They measure the exact passage of time but do not always align with human measurements like hours, months and years.

- **periods** record the change in the clock time between two date-times. They are measured in human units: years, months, days, hours, minutes, and seconds.
- **intervals** are time spans bound by two real date-times. Intervals can be accurately converted to periods and durations.

### Examples

```

duration(3690, "seconds")
period(3690, "seconds")
period(second = 30, minute = 1, hour = 1)
interval(ymd_hms("2009-08-09 13:01:30"), ymd_hms("2009-08-09 12:00:00"))

date <- ymd_hms("2009-03-08 01:59:59") # DST boundary
date + days(1)
date + ddays(1)

date2 <- ymd_hms("2000-02-29 12:00:00")
date2 + years(1)
# self corrects to next real day

date3 <- ymd_hms("2009-01-31 01:00:00")
date3 + c(0:11) * months(1)

span <- date2 %--% date #creates interval

date <- ymd_hms("2009-01-01 00:00:00")
date + years(1)
date - days(3) + hours(6)
date + 3 * seconds(10)

months(6) + days(1)

```

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time\_length

*Compute the exact length of a time span*

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### Description

Compute the exact length of a time span

### Usage

```

time_length(x, unit = "second")

## S4 method for signature 'Interval'
time_length(x, unit = "second")

```

### Arguments

**x** a duration, period, difftime or interval  
**unit** a character string that specifies with time units to use

## Details

When `x` is an [Interval](#) object and `unit` are years or months, `time_length()` takes into account the fact that all months and years don't have the same number of days.

When `x` is a [Duration](#), [Period](#) or `difftime()` object, length in months or years is based on their most common lengths in seconds (see [timespan\(\)](#)).

## Value

the length of the interval in the specified unit. A negative number connotes a negative interval or duration

## See Also

[timespan\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
int <- interval(ymd("1980-01-01"), ymd("2014-09-18"))
time_length(int, "week")

# Exact age
time_length(int, "year")

# Age at last anniversary
trunc(time_length(int, "year"))

# Example of difference between intervals and durations
int <- interval(ymd("1900-01-01"), ymd("1999-12-31"))
time_length(int, "year")
time_length(as.duration(int), "year")
```

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today

*The current date*

---

## Description

The current date

## Usage

```
today(tzone = "")
```

## Arguments

`tzone` a character vector specifying which time zone you would like to find the current date of. `tzone` defaults to the system time zone set on your computer.

**Value**

the current date as a Date object

**Examples**

```
today()
today("GMT")
today() == today("GMT") # not always true
today() < as.Date("2999-01-01") # TRUE (so far)
```

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 tz

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*Get/set time zone component of a date-time*


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**Description**

Time zones are stored as character strings in an attribute of date-time objects. `tz` returns a date's time zone attribute. When used as a setter, it changes the time zone attribute. R does not come with a predefined list zone names, but relies on the user's OS to interpret time zone names. As a result, some names will be recognized on some computers but not others. Most computers, however, will recognize names in the timezone data base originally compiled by Arthur Olson. These names normally take the form "Country/City." A convenient listing of these timezones can be found at [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_tz\\_database\\_time\\_zones](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones).

**Usage**

```
tz(x)

tz(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	a date-time object of class a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, fts or anything else that can be coerced to POSIXlt with <code>as.POSIXlt</code>
value	timezone value to be assigned to x's tzzone attribute

**Details**

Setting `tz` does not update a date-time to display the same moment as measured at a different time zone. See `with_tz()`. Setting a new time zone creates a new date-time. The numerical value of the hours element stays the same, only the time zone attribute is replaced. This creates a new date-time that occurs an integer value of hours before or after the original date-time.

If `x` is of a class that displays all date-times in the GMT timezone, such as `chron`, then R will update the number in the hours element to display the new date-time in the GMT timezone.

For a description of the time zone attribute, see `base::timezones()` or `base::DateTimeClasses`.



**Value**

the first element of x's tzone attribute vector as a character string. If no tzone attribute exists, tz returns "GMT".

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
tz(x)
tz(x) <- "GMT"
x
## Not run:
tz(x) <- "America/New_York"
x
tz(x) <- "America/Chicago"
x
tz(x) <- "America/Los_Angeles"
x
tz(x) <- "Pacific/Honolulu"
x
tz(x) <- "Pacific/Auckland"
x
tz(x) <- "Europe/London"
x
tz(x) <- "Europe/Berlin"
x

Sys.setenv(TZ = "UTC")
now()
tz(now())
Sys.unsetenv("TZ")

## End(Not run)
```

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week

*Get/set weeks component of a date-time*

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**Description**

week() returns the number of complete seven day periods that have occurred between the date and January 1st, plus one.

isoweek() returns the week as it would appear in the ISO 8601 system, which uses a reoccurring leap week.

epiweek() is the US CDC version of epidemiological week. It follows same rules as isoweek() but starts on Sunday. In other parts of the world the convention is to start epidemiological weeks on Monday, which is the same as isoweek.

**Usage**

```
week(x)
```

```
week(x) <- value
```

```
isoweek(x)
```

```
epiweek(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	a date-time object. Must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, or fts object.
value	a numeric object

**Value**

the weeks element of x as an integer number

**References**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_week\\_date](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_week_date) <http://www.cmmcp.org/epiweek.htm>

**See Also**

[isoyear\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
week(x)
week(x) <- 1
week(x) <- 54
week(x) > 3
```

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with\_tz

*Get date-time in a different time zone*

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**Description**

with\_tz returns a date-time as it would appear in a different time zone. The actual moment of time measured does not change, just the time zone it is measured in. with\_tz defaults to the Universal Coordinated time zone (UTC) when an unrecognized time zone is inputted. See [Sys.timezone\(\)](#) for more information on how R recognizes time zones.

**Usage**

```
with_tz(time, tzzone = "")
```

**Arguments**

time	a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, chron date-time object or a data.frame object. When a data.frame all POSIXt elements of a data.frame are processed with <code>with_tz()</code> and new data.frame is returned.
tzzone	a character string containing the time zone to convert to. R must recognize the name contained in the string as a time zone on your system.

**Value**

a POSIXct object in the updated time zone

**See Also**

[force\\_tz\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd_hms("2009-08-07 00:00:01", tz = "America/New_York")
with_tz(x, "GMT")
```

---

year

*Get/set years component of a date-time*

---

**Description**

Date-time must be a POSIXct, POSIXlt, Date, Period, chron, yearmon, yearqtr, zoo, zooreg, timeDate, xts, its, ti, jul, timeSeries, and fts objects.

`isoyear()` returns years according to the ISO 8601 week calendar.

`epiyear()` returns years according to the epidemiological week calendars.

**Usage**

```
year(x)
```

```
year(x) <- value
```

```
isoyear(x)
```

```
epiyear(x)
```

**Arguments**

x a date-time object

value a numeric object

**Details**

year does not yet support years before 0 C.E.

**Value**

the years element of x as a decimal number

**References**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_week\\_date](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_week_date) <http://www.cmmcp.org/epiweek.htm>

**Examples**

```
x <- ymd("2012-03-26")
year(x)
year(x) <- 2001
year(x) > 1995
```

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ymd

*Parse dates with year, month, and day components*

---

**Description**

Transforms dates stored in character and numeric vectors to Date or POSIXct objects (see tz argument). These functions recognize arbitrary non-digit separators as well as no separator. As long as the order of formats is correct, these functions will parse dates correctly even when the input vectors contain differently formatted dates. See examples.

**Usage**

```
ymd(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
      truncated = 0)
```

```
ydm(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
      truncated = 0)
```

```
mdy(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
      truncated = 0)
```

```
myd(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
      truncated = 0)
```

```
dmy(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
      truncated = 0)
```

```
dym(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
      truncated = 0)
```

```
yq(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = NULL, locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"))
```

**Arguments**

...	a character or numeric vector of suspected dates
quiet	logical. When TRUE function evaluates without displaying customary messages.
tz	Time zone indicator. If NULL (default) a Date object is returned. Otherwise a POSIXct with time zone attribute set to tz.
locale	locale to be used, see <a href="#">locales</a> . On linux systems you can use <code>system("locale -a")</code> to list all the installed locales.
truncated	integer. Number of formats that can be truncated.

**Details**

In case of heterogeneous date formats `ymd()` family guesses formats based on a sub-set of the input vector. If the input vector contains many missing values or non-date strings, the sub-set might not contain meaningful dates and the date-time format won't be guessed resulting in "All formats failed to parse" error. In such cases please see [parse\\_date\\_time\(\)](#) for a more flexible parsing interface.

If the `truncated` parameter is non-zero, the `ymd` functions also check for truncated formats. For example `ymd()` with `truncated = 2` will also parse incomplete dates like `2012-06` and `2012`.

NOTE: The `ymd` family of functions are based on `parse_date_time()` and thus directly drop to the internal C parser for numeric months, but use R's `strptime()` for alphabetic months. This implies that some of the `strptime()`'s limitations are inherited by **lubridate**'s parser. For example, truncated formats (like `%Y-%b`) will not be parsed. Numeric truncated formats (like `%Y-%m`) are handled correctly by **lubridate**'s C parser.

As of version 1.3.0, **lubridate**'s parse functions no longer return a message that displays which format they used to parse their input. You can change this by setting the `lubridate.verbose` option to TRUE with `options(lubridate.verbose = TRUE)`.

**Value**

a vector of class `POSIXct` if `tz` argument is non-NULL or `Date` if `tz` is NULL (default)

**See Also**

[parse\\_date\\_time\(\)](#) for an even more flexible low level mechanism.

**Examples**

```
x <- c("09-01-01", "09-01-02", "09-01-03")
ymd(x)
x <- c("2009-01-01", "2009-01-02", "2009-01-03")
ymd(x)
ymd(090101, 90102)
now() > ymd(20090101)
## TRUE
dmy(010210)
mdy(010210)

## heterogenous formats in a single vector:
```

```
x <- c(20090101, "2009-01-02", "2009 01 03", "2009-1-4",
      "2009-1, 5", "Created on 2009 1 6", "200901 !!! 07")
ymd(x)

## What lubridate might not handle:

## Extremely weird cases when one of the separators is "" and some of the
## formats are not in double digits might not be parsed correctly:
## Not run: ymd("201002-01", "201002-1", "20102-1")
dmy("0312-2010", "312-2010")
## End(Not run)
```

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ymd_hms	<i>Parse date-times with year, month, and day, hour, minute, and second components.</i>
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## Description

Transform dates stored as character or numeric vectors to POSIXct objects. `ymd_hms` family of functions recognize all non-alphanumeric separators (with the exception of "." if `frac = TRUE`) and correctly handle heterogeneous date-time representations. For more flexibility in treatment of heterogeneous formats, see low level parser [parse\\_date\\_time\(\)](#).

## Usage

```
ymd_hms(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
         truncated = 0)

ymd_hm(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
        truncated = 0)

ymd_h(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
       truncated = 0)

dmy_hms(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
         truncated = 0)

dmy_hm(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
        truncated = 0)

dmy_h(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
       truncated = 0)

mdy_hms(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
         truncated = 0)

mdy_hm(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
        truncated = 0)
```

```
mdy_h(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
       truncated = 0)
```

```
ydm_hms(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
         truncated = 0)
```

```
ydm_hm(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
        truncated = 0)
```

```
ydm_h(..., quiet = FALSE, tz = "UTC", locale = Sys.getlocale("LC_TIME"),
       truncated = 0)
```

### Arguments

...	a character vector of dates in year, month, day, hour, minute, second format
quiet	logical. When TRUE function evaluates without displaying customary messages.
tz	a character string that specifies which time zone to parse the date with. The string must be a time zone that is recognized by the user's OS.
locale	locale to be used, see <a href="#">locales</a> . On linux systems you can use <code>system("locale -a")</code> to list all the installed locales.
truncated	integer, indicating how many formats can be missing. See details.

### Details

`ymd_hms()` functions automatically assigns the Universal Coordinated Time Zone (UTC) to the parsed date. This time zone can be changed with [force\\_tz\(\)](#).

The most common type of irregularity in date-time data is the truncation due to rounding or unavailability of the time stamp. If the `truncated` parameter is non-zero, the `ymd_hms` functions also check for truncated formats. For example, `ymd_hms()` with `truncated = 3` will also parse incomplete dates like `2012-06-01 12:23`, `2012-06-01 12` and `2012-06-01`. NOTE: The `ymd` family of functions are based on [strptime\(\)](#) which currently fails to parse `%y-%m` formats.

In case of heterogeneous date formats `ymd_hms()` family guesses formats based on a sub-set of the input vector. If the input vector contains many missing values or non-date strings, the sub-set might not contain meaningful dates and the date-time format won't be guessed resulting in "All formats failed to parse" error. In such cases please see [parse\\_date\\_time\(\)](#) for a more flexible parsing interface.

As of version 1.3.0, **lubridate**'s parse functions no longer return a message that displays which format they used to parse their input. You can change this by setting the `lubridate.verbose` option to TRUE with `options(lubridate.verbose = TRUE)`.

### Value

a vector of [POSIXct](#) date-time objects

**See Also**

- [ymd\(\)](#), [hms\(\)](#)
- [parse\\_date\\_time\(\)](#) for the underlying mechanism

**Examples**

```
x <- c("2010-04-14-04-35-59", "2010-04-01-12-00-00")
ymd_hms(x)
x <- c("2011-12-31 12:59:59", "2010-01-01 12:00:00")
ymd_hms(x)

## ** heterogenous formats **
x <- c(20100101120101, "2009-01-02 12-01-02", "2009.01.03 12:01:03",
      "2009-1-4 12-1-4",
      "2009-1, 5 12:1, 5",
      "200901-08 1201-08",
      "2009 arbitrary 1 non-decimal 6 chars 12 in between 1 !!! 6",
      "OR collapsed formats: 20090107 120107 (as long as prefixed with zeros)",
      "Automatic wday, Thu, detection, 10-01-10 10:01:10 and p format: AM",
      "Created on 10-01-11 at 10:01:11 PM")
ymd_hms(x)

## ** fractional seconds **
op <- options(digits.secs=3)
dmy_hms("20/2/06 11:16:16.683")
options(op)

## ** different formats for ISO8601 timezone offset **
ymd_hms(c("2013-01-24 19:39:07.880-0600",
          "2013-01-24 19:39:07.880", "2013-01-24 19:39:07.880-06:00",
          "2013-01-24 19:39:07.880-06", "2013-01-24 19:39:07.880Z"))

## ** internationalization **
## Not run:
x_RO <- "Ma 2012 august 14 11:28:30 "
ymd_hms(x_RO, locale = "ro_RO.utf8")

## End(Not run)

## ** truncated time-dates **
x <- c("2011-12-31 12:59:59", "2010-01-01 12:11", "2010-01-01 12", "2010-01-01")
ymd_hms(x, truncated = 3)
x <- c("2011-12-31 12:59", "2010-01-01 12", "2010-01-01")
ymd_hm(x, truncated = 2)
## ** What lubridate might not handle **
## Extremely weird cases when one of the separators is "" and some of the
## formats are not in double digits might not be parsed correctly:
## Not run:
ymd_hm("20100201 07-01", "20100201 07-1", "20100201 7-01")
## End(Not run)
```



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%m+%	<i>Add and subtract months to a date without exceeding the last day of the new month</i>
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### Description

Adding months frustrates basic arithmetic because consecutive months have different lengths. With other elements, it is helpful for arithmetic to perform automatic roll over. For example, 12:00:00 + 61 seconds becomes 12:01:01. However, people often prefer that this behavior NOT occur with months. For example, we sometimes want January 31 + 1 month = February 28 and not March 3. %m+% performs this type of arithmetic. Date %m+% months(n) always returns a date in the nth month after Date. If the new date would usually spill over into the n + 1th month, %m+% will return the last day of the nth month ([rollback\(\)](#)). Date %m-% months(n) always returns a date in the nth month before Date.

add\_with\_rollback() provides additional functionality to %m+% and %m-%. It allows rollback to first day of the month instead of the last day of the previous month and controls whether HMS component of the end date is preserved or not.

### Usage

e1 %m+% e2

add\_with\_rollback(e1, e2, roll\_to\_first = FALSE, preserve\_hms = TRUE)

### Arguments

- e1                    A period or a date-time object of class [POSIXlt](#), [POSIXct](#) or [Date](#).
- e2                    A period or a date-time object of class [POSIXlt](#), [POSIXct](#) or [Date](#). Note that one of e1 and e2 must be a period and the other a date-time object.
- roll\_to\_first        rollback to the first day of the month instead of the last day of the previous month (passed to [rollback\(\)](#))
- preserve\_hms        retains the same hour, minute, and second information? If FALSE, the new date will be at 00:00:00 (passed to [rollback\(\)](#))

### Details

%m+% and %m-% handle periods with components less than a month by first adding/subtracting months and then performing usual arithmetics with smaller units.

%m+% and %m-% should be used with caution as they are not one-to-one operations and results for either will be sensitive to the order of operations.

### Value

A date-time object of class [POSIXlt](#), [POSIXct](#) or [Date](#)

**Examples**

```

jan <- ymd_hms("2010-01-31 03:04:05")
jan + months(1:3) # Feb 31 and April 31 returned as NA
# NA "2010-03-31 03:04:05 UTC" NA
jan %m+% months(1:3) # No rollover

leap <- ymd("2012-02-29")
"2012-02-29 UTC"
leap %m+% years(1)
leap %m+% years(-1)
leap %m-% years(1)

```

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**%within%***Tests whether a date or interval falls within an interval*

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**Description**

recycled according to standard R rules. If *b* is a list of intervals, *a* is checked if it falls within any of the intervals in *b*. If *a* is an interval, both its start and end dates must fall within *b* to return TRUE.

**Usage**

```
a %within% b
```

**Arguments**

*a* An interval or date-time object  
*b* An interval or a list of intervals (see examples)

**Value**

A logical

**Examples**

```

int <- interval(ymd("2001-01-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))
int2 <- interval(ymd("2001-06-01"), ymd("2002-01-01"))

ymd("2001-05-03") %within% int # TRUE
int2 %within% int # TRUE
ymd("1999-01-01") %within% int # FALSE

## recycling
dates <- ymd(c("2014-12-20", "2014-12-30", "2015-01-01", "2015-01-03"))
blackouts<- c(interval(ymd("2014-12-30"), ymd("2014-12-31")),
              interval(ymd("2014-12-30"), ymd("2015-01-03")))
dates %within% blackouts

```

```
## within ANY of the intervals of a list
dates <- ymd(c("2014-12-20", "2014-12-30", "2015-01-01", "2015-01-03"))
blackouts<- list(interval(ymd("2014-12-30"), ymd("2014-12-31")),
                 interval(ymd("2014-12-30"), ymd("2015-01-03")))
dates %within% blackouts
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