

Time Template

B/timet

Purpose

Support for parsing and printing times of day.

B/timet. §1 Rounding; §2 Square Root; §3 Cube Root; §4 Digital Printing; §5 Analogue Printing; §6 Understanding; §7 Relative Time Token; §8 During Scene Matching; §9 Scene Questions

§1. Rounding. The following rounds a numerical value t_1 to the nearest unit of t_2 ; for instance, if t_2 is 5 then it rounds to the nearest 5.

```
[ RoundOffTime t1 t2; return ((t1+t2/2)/t2)*t2; ];
```

§2. Square Root. This is an old algorithm for extracting binary square roots, taking 2 bits at a time. We start out with `one` at the highest bit which isn't the sign bit; that used to be worked out as `WORD_HIGHBIT/2`, but this caused unexpected portability problems (exposing a minor bug in Inform and also glulxe) because of differences in how C compilers handle signed division of constants in the case where the dividend is -2^{31} , the unique number which cannot be negated in 32-bit twos complement arithmetic.

```
[ SquareRoot num
  op res one;
  op = num;
  if (num < 0) { RunTimeProblem(RTP_NEGATIVEROOT); return 1; }
  ! "one" starts at the highest power of four <= the argument.
  for (one = WORD_NEXTTOHIGHBIT: one > op: one = one/4) ;
  while (one ~= 0) {
    !print "Round: op = ", op, " res = ", res, ", res**2 = ", res*res, " one = ", one, "^";
    if (op >= res + one) {
      op = op - res - one;
      res = res + one*2;
    }
    res = res/2;
    one = one/4;
  }
  !print "Res is ", res, "^";
  return res;
];
```

§3. Cube Root. The following is an iterative scheme for finding cube roots by Newton-Raphson approximation, not a great method but which, on the narrow ranges of integers we deal with, is good enough. The square root is used only as a sighting shot.

```
[ CubeRoot num x y n;
  if (num < 0) x = -SquareRoot(-num); else x = SquareRoot(num);
  for (n=0: (y ~= x) && (n++ < 100): y = x, x = (2*x + num/x/x)/3) ;
  return x;
];
```

§4. **Digital Printing.** For instance, “2:06 am”.

```
[ PrintTimeOfDay t h aop;
  if (t<0) { print "<no time>"; return; }
  if (t >= TWELVE_HOURS) { aop = "pm"; t = t - TWELVE_HOURS; } else aop = "am";
  h = t/ONE_HOUR; if (h==0) h=12;
  print h, ":";
  if (t%ONE_HOUR < 10) print "0"; print t%ONE_HOUR, " ", (string) aop;
];
```

§5. **Analogue Printing.** For instance, “six minutes past two”.

```
[ PrintTimeOfDayEnglish t h m dir aop;
  h = (t/ONE_HOUR) % 12; m = t%ONE_HOUR; if (h==0) h=12;
  if (m==0) { print (number) h, " o'clock"; return; }
  dir = "past";
  if (m > HALF_HOUR) { m = ONE_HOUR-m; h = (h+1)%12; if (h==0) h=12; dir = "to"; }
  switch(m) {
    QUARTER_HOUR: print "quarter"; HALF_HOUR: print "half";
    default: print (number) m;
    if (m%5 ~= 0) {
      if (m == 1) print " minute"; else print " minutes";
    }
  }
  print " ", (string) dir, " ", (number) h;
];
```

§6. **Understanding.** This I6 grammar token converts words in the player’s command to a valid I7 time, and is heavily based on the one presented as a solution to an exercise in the DM4.

```
[ TIME_TOKEN first_word second_word at length flag
  illegal_char offhour hr mn i original_wn;
  original_wn = wn;
{-call:Plugins::Parsing::Tokens::Values::time}
  wn = original_wn;
  first_word = NextWordStopped();
  switch (first_word) {
    'midnight': parsed_number = 0; return GPR_NUMBER;
    'midday', 'noon': parsed_number = TWELVE_HOURS;
    return GPR_NUMBER;
  }
  ! Next try the format 12:02
  at = WordAddress(wn-1); length = WordLength(wn-1);
  for (i=0: i<length: i++) {
    switch (at->i) {
      ':': if (flag == false && i>0 && i<length-1) flag = true;
      else illegal_char = true;
      '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8', '9': ;
      default: illegal_char = true;
    }
  }
  if (length < 3 || length > 5 || illegal_char) flag = false;
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if (flag) {
    for (i=0: at->i~=':': i++, hr=hr*10) hr = hr + at->i - '0';
    hr = hr/10;
    for (i++: i<length: i++, mn=mn*10) mn = mn + at->i - '0';
    mn = mn/10;
    second_word = NextWordStopped();
    parsed_number = HoursMinsWordToTime(hr, mn, second_word);
    if (parsed_number == -1) return GPR_FAIL;
    if (second_word ~='pm' or 'am') wn--;
    return GPR_NUMBER;
}

! Lastly the wordy format
offhour = -1;
if (first_word == 'half') offhour = HALF_HOUR;
if (first_word == 'quarter') offhour = QUARTER_HOUR;
if (offhour < 0) offhour = TryNumber(wn-1);
if (offhour < 0 || offhour >= ONE_HOUR) return GPR_FAIL;
second_word = NextWordStopped();
switch (second_word) {
    ! "six o'clock", "six"
    'o'clock', 'am', 'pm', -1:
        hr = offhour; if (hr > 12) return GPR_FAIL;
    ! "quarter to six", "twenty past midnight"
    'to', 'past':
        mn = offhour; hr = TryNumber(wn);
        if (hr <= 0) {
            switch (NextWordStopped()) {
                'noon', 'midday': hr = 12;
                'midnight': hr = 0;
                default: return GPR_FAIL;
            }
        }
        if (hr >= 13) return GPR_FAIL;
        if (second_word == 'to') {
            mn = ONE_HOUR-mn; hr--; if (hr<0) hr=23;
        }
        wn++; second_word = NextWordStopped();
    ! "six thirty"
    default:
        hr = offhour; mn = TryNumber(--wn);
        if (mn < 0 || mn >= ONE_HOUR) return GPR_FAIL;
        wn++; second_word = NextWordStopped();
}
parsed_number = HoursMinsWordToTime(hr, mn, second_word);
if (parsed_number < 0) return GPR_FAIL;
if (second_word ~='pm' or 'am' or 'o'clock') wn--;
return GPR_NUMBER;
];

[ HoursMinsWordToTime hour minute word x;
    if (hour >= 24) return -1;
    if (minute >= ONE_HOUR) return -1;
    x = hour*ONE_HOUR + minute; if (hour >= 13) return x;
    x = x % TWELVE_HOURS; if (word == 'pm') x = x + TWELVE_HOURS;

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    if (word ~= 'am' or 'pm' && hour == 12) x = x + TWELVE_HOURS;
    return x;
];

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§7. **Relative Time Token.** “Time” is an interesting kind of value since it can hold two conceptually different ways of thinking about time: absolute times, such as “12:03 PM”, and also relative times, like “ten minutes”. For parsing purposes, these are completely different from each other, and the time token above handles only absolute times; we need the following for relative ones.

```

[ RELATIVE_TIME_TOKEN first_word second_word offhour mult mn original_wn;
  original_wn = wn;
  wn = original_wn;

  first_word = NextWordStopped(); wn--;
  if (first_word == 'an' or 'a//') mn=1; else mn=TryNumber(wn);
  if (mn == -1000) {
    first_word = NextWordStopped();
    if (first_word == 'half') offhour = HALF_HOUR;
    if (first_word == 'quarter') offhour = QUARTER_HOUR;
    if (offhour > 0) {
      second_word = NextWordStopped();
      if (second_word == 'of') second_word = NextWordStopped();
      if (second_word == 'an') second_word = NextWordStopped();
      if (second_word == 'hour') {
        parsed_number = offhour;
        return GPR_NUMBER;
      }
    }
    return GPR_FAIL;
  }
  wn++;

  first_word = NextWordStopped();
  switch (first_word) {
    'minutes', 'minute': mult = 1;
    'hours', 'hour': mult = 60;
    default: return GPR_FAIL;
  }
  parsed_number = mn*mult;
  if (mult == 60) {
    mn=TryNumber(wn);
    if (mn ~= -1000) {
      wn++;
      first_word = NextWordStopped();
      if (first_word == 'minutes' or 'minute')
        parsed_number = parsed_number + mn;
      else wn = wn - 2;
    }
  }
  return GPR_NUMBER;
];

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§8. During Scene Matching.

```
[ DuringSceneMatching prop sc;
  for (sc=0: sc<NUMBER_SCENES_CREATED: sc++)
    if ((scene_status-->sc == 1) && (prop(sc+1))) rtrue;
  rfalse;
];
```

§9. Scene Questions.

```
[ SceneUtility sc task;
  if (sc <= 0) return 0;
  if (task == 1 or 2) {
    if (scene_endings-->(sc-1) == 0) return RunTimeProblem(RTP_SCENEHASNTSTARTED, sc);
  } else {
    if (scene_endings-->(sc-1) <= 1) return RunTimeProblem(RTP_SCENEHASNTENDED, sc);
  }
  switch (task) {
    1: return (the_time - scene_started-->(sc-1))%(TWENTY_FOUR_HOURS);
    2: return scene_started-->(sc-1);
    3: return (the_time - scene_ended-->(sc-1))%(TWENTY_FOUR_HOURS);
    4: return scene_ended-->(sc-1);
  }
];
```