

# Package ‘RcppCCTZ’

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**Title** 'Rcpp' Bindings for the 'CCTZ' Library

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**Description** 'Rcpp' access to the 'CCTZ' timezone library is provided. 'CCTZ' is a C++ library for translating between absolute and civil times using the rules of a time zone. The 'CCTZ' source code, released under the Apache 2.0 License, is included in this package. See <<https://github.com/google/cctz>> for more details.

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**Imports** Rcpp (>= 0.11.0)

**Suggests** tinytest

**LinkingTo** Rcpp

**SystemRequirements** A 64-bit POSIX OS such as Linux or OS X with IANA time zone data in /usr/share/zoneinfo. On Windows the zoneinfo included with R is used; and time parsing support is enabled via a backport of std::get\_time from the LLVM libc++ library.

**URL** <https://github.com/eddelbuettel/rcppcctz>,  
<https://dirk.eddelbuettel.com/code/rcpp.cctz.html>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/eddelbuettel/rcppcctz/issues>

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RcppCCTZ-package	<i>A Simple Wrapper to the CCTZ Library for Time Zone Calculations</i>
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## Description

CCTZ contains two underlying libraries which build on the C++11 library chrono. The first covers *civil time* for computing with human-scale time such as dates and time. It is header-only. The second covers time zones and allow translation between absolute time and civil time.

RcppCCTZ brings CCTZ to R by means of Rcpp.

## Details

CCTZ requires a valid timezone library as well as recent-enough compiler to cope with C++11.

Windows is supported since version 0.2.0 via the g++-4.9 compiler, but note that it provides an *incomplete* C++11 library. The `std::get_time` function was ported from libc++ of the LLVM to enable this. However, string formatting is more limited as the libc++ library used by g++-4.9 does not provide complete C++11 semantics. As one example, CCTZ frequently uses "%F %T" which do not work on Windows; one has to use "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S".

## Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel wrote the package; Dan Dillon ported `std::get_time` from LLVM's libc++; Bradley White and Greg Miller wrote the underlying CCTZ library.

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## References

The CCTZ repository at <https://github.com/google/cctz> has additional information.

## Examples

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helloMoon()
```

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formatDatetime	<i>Format a Datetime vector as a string vector</i>
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## Description

Format a Datetime vector

## Usage

```
formatDatetime(dtv, fmt = "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%E*S%Ez", lcltzstr = "UTC",
  tgttzstr = "UTC")
```

```
formatDouble(secv, nanov, fmt = "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%E*S%Ez",
  tgttzstr = "UTC")
```

## Arguments

dtv	A Datetime vector object to be formatted
fmt	A string with the format, which is based on <code>strftime</code> with some extensions; see the CCTZ documentation for details.
lcltzstr	The local timezone object for creation the CCTZ timepoint
tgttzstr	The target timezone for the desired format
secv	A numeric vector with seconds since the epoch
nanov	A numeric vector with nanoseconds since the epoch, complementing <code>secv</code> .

## Details

An alternative to `format.POSIXct` based on the CCTZ library. The `formatDouble` variant uses two vectors for seconds since the epoch and fractional nanoseconds, respectively, to provide fuller resolution.

## Value

A string vector with the requested format of the datetime objects

## Note

Windows is now supported via the g++-4.9 compiler, but note that it provides an *incomplete* C++11 library. This means we had to port a time parsing routine, and that string formatting is more limited. As one example, CCTZ frequently uses `"%F %T"` which do not work on Windows; one has to use `"%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S"`.

## Author(s)

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
now <- Sys.time()
formatDatetime(now)           # current (UTC) time, in full precision RFC3339
formatDatetime(now, tgttzstr="America/New_York") # same but in NY
formatDatetime(now + 0:4)     # vectorised

## End(Not run)
```

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parseDatetime	<i>Parse a Datetime vector from a string vector</i>
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**Description**

Parse a Datetime vector

**Usage**

```
parseDatetime(svec, fmt = "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%E*S%Ez", tzstr = "UTC")
parseDouble(svec, fmt = "%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%E*S%Ez", tzstr = "UTC")
```

**Arguments**

svec	A string vector from which a Datetime vector is to be parsed
fmt	A string with the format, which is based on strftime with some extensions; see the CCTZ documentation for details.
tzstr	The local timezone for the desired format

**Details**

An alternative to as.POSIXct based on the CCTZ library

**Value**

A Datetime vector object for parseDatetime, a numeric matrix with two columns for seconds and nanoseconds for parseDouble

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**Examples**

```
ds <- getOption("digits.secs")
options(digits.secs=6) # max value
parseDatetime("2016-12-07 10:11:12", "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%S") # full seconds
parseDatetime("2016-12-07 10:11:12.123456", "%Y-%m-%d %H:%M:%E*S") # fractional seconds
parseDatetime("2016-12-07T10:11:12.123456-00:00") ## default RFC3339 format
parseDatetime("20161207 101112.123456", "%E4Y%m%d %H%M%E*S") # fractional seconds
now <- trunc(Sys.time())
parseDatetime(formatDatetime(now + 0:4)) # vectorised
options(digits.secs=ds)
```

toTz

*Shift datetime object from one timezone to another***Description**

Change from one given timezone to another.

**Usage**

```
toTz(dtv, tzfrom, tzto, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

dtv	A DatetimeVector object specifying when the difference is to be computed.
tzfrom	The first time zone as a character vector.
tzto	The second time zone as a character vector.
verbose	A boolean toggle indicating whether more verbose operations are desired, default is FALSE.

**Details**

Time zone offsets vary by date, and this helper function converts a Datetime object from one given timezone to another.

**Value**

A DatetimeVector object with the given (civil time) determined by the incoming object (and its timezone) shifted to the target timezone.

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
toTz(Sys.time(), "America/New_York", "Europe/London")
# this redoes the 'Armstrong on the moon in NYC and Sydney' example
toTz(ISODatetime(1969,7,20,22,56,0,tz="UTC"), "America/New_York", "Australia/Sydney", verbose=TRUE)
# we can also explicitly format for Sydney time
format(toTz(ISODatetime(1969,7,20,22,56,0,tz="UTC"),
            "America/New_York", "Australia/Sydney", verbose=TRUE),
      tz="Australia/Sydney")

## End(Not run)
```

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tzDiff	<i>Return difference between two time zones at a given date.</i>
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**Description**

Difference between two given timezones at a specified date.

**Usage**

```
tzDiff(tzfrom, tzto, dt, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

tzfrom	The first time zone as a character vector.
tzto	The second time zone as a character vector.
dt	A Datetime object specifying when the difference is to be computed.
verbose	A boolean toggle indicating whether more verbose operations are desired, default is FALSE.

**Details**

Time zone offsets vary by date, and this helper function computes the difference (in hours) between two time zones for a given date time.

**Value**

A numeric value with the difference (in hours) between the first and second time zone at the given date

**Author(s)**

Dirk Eddelbuettel

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# simple call: difference now
tzDiff("America/New_York", "Europe/London", Sys.time())
# tabulate difference for every week of the year
table(sapply(0:52, function(d) tzDiff("America/New_York", "Europe/London",
                                       as.POSIXct(as.Date("2016-01-01") + d*7))))

## End(Not run)
```

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