

# Package ‘simtimer’

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**Description** Handles datetimes as integers for the usage inside Discrete-Event Simulations (DES). The conversion is made using the internally generic function `as.numeric()` of the base package. DES is described in Simulation Modeling and Analysis by Averill Law and David Kelton (1999) <doi:10.2307/2288169>.

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as.datetime	<i>Back-transformation from a sim_datetime to a datetime</i>
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**Description**

as.datetime() transforms a sim\_datetime element (integer) to a regular datetime element (POSIXt)

**Usage**

```
as.datetime(sim_datetime, origin_date)
```

**Arguments**

sim_datetime	A sim_datetime (integer representing the passed seconds since origin_date)
origin_date	A datetime (POSIXt)

**Value**

datetime A POSIXt

**Examples**

```
origin_date <- as.POSIXct("2016-01-01 00:00:00", tz = "UTC")
as.datetime(60, origin_date)
# [1] "2016-01-01 00:01:00 UTC"
as.datetime(600, origin_date)
# [1] "2016-01-01 00:10:00 UTC"
as.datetime(as.sim_datetime(as.POSIXct("2016-01-02 00:00:00", tz = "UTC"), origin_date),
origin_date)
# [1] "2016-01-02 UTC"
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as.sim_datetime	<i>Transformation from a datetime to a sim_datetime</i>
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**Description**

as.sim\_datetime() transforms a regular datetime element (POSIXt) to a sim\_datetime (integer representing the passed seconds since origin\_date). The timezone (tz) will be ignored at the moment. Therefore tz of datetime and origin\_date should be identical.

**Usage**

```
as.sim_datetime(datetime, origin_date)
```

**Arguments**

datetime      A datetime (POSIXt)  
 origin\_date    A datetime (POSIXt)

**Value**

A sim\_datetime

**Examples**

```
origin_date <- as.POSIXct("2016-01-01 00:00:00", tz = "UTC")
as.sim_datetime(as.POSIXct("2016-01-01 00:01:00", tz = "UTC"), origin_date)
# [1] 60
as.sim_datetime(as.POSIXct("2016-01-02 00:01:00", tz = "UTC"), origin_date)
# [1] 86460
```

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sim_date	<i>Date part of a sim_datetime</i>
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**Description**

sim\_date() returns the date part of a sim\_datetime. Therefore sim\_date() calculates the number of days (24h-intervals) that have passed since origin\_date. If the origin\_date of sim\_datetime has a time component different than 00:00:00, the 24h-intervals are correlated to this particular time component.

**Usage**

```
sim_date(sim_datetime)
```

**Arguments**

sim\_datetime    A sim\_datetime (integer representing the passed seconds since origin\_date)

**Value**

the number of days (24h-intervals) that have passed since origin\_date

**Examples**

```
sim_date(24*60*60-1)
# [1] 0
sim_date(24*60*60)
# [1] 1
sim_date(452*24*60*60)
# [1] 452
origin_date <- as.POSIXct("2016-01-01 00:00:00", tz = "UTC")
sim_date(as.sim_datetime(as.POSIXct("2016-01-02 00:01:00", tz = "UTC"), origin_date))
# [1] 1
```

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sim_time	<i>Time part of a sim_datetime</i>
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### Description

sim\_time() returns the time of a sim\_datetime in seconds. The beginning of a day is defined by the time component of origin\_date which defines the parameter sim\_datetime.

### Usage

```
sim_time(sim_datetime)
```

### Arguments

sim\_datetime    A sim\_datetime (integer representing the passed seconds since origin\_date)

### Value

time in seconds (Range: 0-(24\*60\*60-1))

### Examples

```
sim_time(200)
# [1] 200
sim_time(24*60*60-1)
# [1] 86399
sim_time(24*60*60)
# [1] 0
origin_date <- as.POSIXct("2016-01-01 00:00:00", tz = "UTC")
sim_time(as.sim_datetime(as.POSIXct("2016-01-01 00:01:00", tz = "UTC"), origin_date))
# [1] 60
sim_time(as.sim_datetime(as.POSIXct("2016-01-02 00:01:00", tz = "UTC"), origin_date))
# [1] 60
```

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sim_wday	<i>Weekday part of a sim_datetime</i>
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### Description

sim\_wday() returns the weekday of a sim\_datetime. It's crucial to use the same origin\_date for sim\_wday() than the origin\_date that was used to generate the sim\_datetime. sim\_wday() uses the base R format(x, "%u") function.

### Usage

```
sim_wday(sim_datetime, origin_date)
```

**Arguments**

`sim_datetime` A `sim_datetime` (integer representing the passed seconds since `origin_date`)  
`origin_date` A datetime (POSIXt)

**Value**

A character, giving the weekday number ("1" = Monday, "2" = Tuesday, ..., "7" = Sunday)

**Examples**

```
origin_date <- as.POSIXct("2016-01-01 00:00:00", tz = "UTC")
sim_wday(60, origin_date)
sim_wday(3600,origin_date)
sim_wday(36*3600,origin_date)
```

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