

For TI89 – TI92(+) – V200 calculators

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Many thanks to :

The Sun, The Air, The Water and the Nature in general, to accord us the curiosity and sometimes the comprehension. Our planet is beautiful, take a short time to think about the Univers... save our Planet.

And (not in order)

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for their basics ressources

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1 TIARE – Ephemeris for TI Calculator

Tiare is an astronomical ephemeris for Texas Instrument calculators. This version is in developpement to test some features and capabilities before the fisrt release. Probably some screens could be different a few, because I've only a TI92+, and this software is primary for my use. For this reason, I've prefered to use the GNU GPL Version 2.0 license, this one permit to you any modifications for your conveniences. Just a remark about this project, I'm not a programmer, and the english language wasn't mine ;o)

1.1 Summary of capabilities

Tiare is made to give you some practicals informations to preparing or verifying yours observations... For example rises & sets' of major objects (like Sun, Moon), planets' elements (like apparent diameters, events), and in the futur many specials features like a special events calendars or managing your telescope with calculators ! I hope that you enjoy it, and help me to improve it.

1.2 Installation

To install Tiare on your calculator, you only need to have a connection kit cable for your computer. To upload the correct file onto your calculator, read your software documentation and choose the correct file, for example :

- tiare.89z & tiare_.89z for a TI89
- *tiare.92z* & *tiare_.92z* for a TI92 and TI92+

Please verify before to use that you've enough free memory to execute AND use.

1.3 Lauching

Just to strike « tiare() » from your installation directory on the screen calculator :



If all works fine, you must obtain a similar screen :





	Confi3
	GRS Ref. : 94
	Zoom Factor : 1
	Mount : Altaz→
	Protol : None→
	(Enter=OK)(ESC=CANCEL)
TYPE + CEN	TER]=OK AND [ESC]=CANCEL

<u>Red Spot Ref.</u>: is the latest meridian reference for the Great Red Spot on Jupiter. More information are available on <u>http://skyandtelescope.com/observing/objects/planets</u>

<u>/article_107_1.asp</u> for example, year 2006, 104° seem to be a good value.

<u>Zoom factor</u>: is uses for the gfx views (integer, up to 5) <u>Mount</u>: Here you can choose between Altazimutal, Equatorial or German mount type.

<u>Protocol</u>: The list show the differents protocols whose are supported. If you doesn't want a minimalistic Goto choose *none*.(not implemented yet!)

1.6 Uses

For this software I had to choose somes parameters to print or enter datas. I propose to you a reference table here :

Name	Format		
DATE	Year / Month / Day , Hours / Minutes / Seconds		
	YYYY/MM/DD HH:mm:ss		
COORDINATES	Degrees, Minutes, Seconds internally converted in decimal degrees.		
Nota	tions		
δ	Declinaison in DMS		
α	Right ascension in HMS		
Φ	Apparent diameter in arcseconds		
ψ	Object phase in degrees		
L	Central meridian longitude in degrees		
τ Illumination in percent			
p Position angle in degrees			

2 A brief menus' description

2.1 Graphic view

In this menu you can see a low resolution image for certains calculation. The first is for the Jovian's moons and his red spot, but please take an rounded time for your observations, it's not a really fine drawind. So, the alphanumericals informations are more interesting.

2.1.1 Moon

Just to view the moon apparence for the current date, example :



2.1.2 Jovian's Sat.

Take a look of this example for the 23rd march 2003 at 02:05 UTC (Zoom X2):



The graph is always centered arround Jupiter, it's mean that your view doesn't have the same field during the differents visibility period. The most important informations are surrounded in red.

On the top left corner, you can see the meridians position in the two majors systems :

- Sys I for the equatorial zone

- Sys II for the north or south zones

The Sys III, corresponding at the magnetic meridian it's not researched a this time. On the top right corner, it's the observation date's remainder.

In the bottom right corner, you can find the apparent diameter in arcseconds (a good information for the scale's screen !). Also, a simple transformation of the arcseconds in kilometers and the distances from the Earth in astronomicals units. The zoom parameter is uses here, and a good value is by 2.

In this version, the shadows' planetary aren't considered in the calculation, be careful when a moon appear from behind the Jovian disk umbra !

2.1.3 Saturn

Here it's only the Saturn apparence with her majors rings :



The separation between each rings is voluntary exagerated due to the limitation of the caculators screen resolution.

2.1.4 Mars

Always the same with Mars planet and some interesting informations :



2.1.5 Sky

It's a complete sky view with only the most brilliant stars and objects. In this version, this function is also locked because I don't have enough memory to do it. In fact, this latest beta version, is a sort of algorithms « patchwork » to test them, the next step will be to clean all my code and improve the results. It's the same for the user object tracking (comets for example).



2.2 Ephemeris

Here you can find the major informations for the solar system's planets. It's displaying for the Sun, Moon, Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn their :

- Earth & Sun's distances
- Declinaison & Right Ascension
- Azimuth & Altitude
- Apparent diameter & phase (if existing)
- Rise & Set times

In smallest on the bottom left on the screen your LST for the Local Sideral Time and remaind the time that you've entered before (in universel coordinated time). Look this example for the Sun:

Earth Dist.	Sun Dist.
1.0163 AU	0 AU
δ	α
23°26'15"	06h02m21s
Az.	Alt.
306°44'29"	00°33'03"
Rise:03h58	Set:20h13
¢:31.5'	ψ : 90°
LST: 13h58m56s UTC: 2005/06/21 20:00:00	

In second way and only for some objects you'll have a special screen with more informations. In the Jupiter's case the program give to you the UT times for the Red Spot transit :

RS	Transit: 01:41			
3	11:36 21:32			

2.3 Calendar

The calendar is still under developpement, but in this version it's permit to you to see the month of the current date enter in the corresponding menu. The date is remain in the fraction format and also the date is given in julian day. Here an example :

2004/12/26.854167 JD: 2453366.354167 DEC 2004						
Mon	Tue	<u>0ec</u> 01	1140 02	-r-1 03	551 04	506 05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Please, don't forget to visit the TIARE's website for the new version, I can work about it only for some days per year. So if you have some remarks, coments, or if you want help me, write me :o)