#### EDATE

[Syntax](Syntax.docx):

EDATE ( start-date , month-offset )

Description: Computes the serial value of the date that is month-offset months from the date specified by the date date-string, taking into account the current date base value.

Arguments:

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| Name | Type | Description |
| start-date | number | The start date. |
| month-offset | number | The number of months before or after start-date, truncated to integer. A positive value yields a future date; a negative value yields a past date; a zero value yields the date start-date. |

Return Type and Value: number – The serial value of the date that is month-offset months from the date specified by the date date-string, as a whole number.

However, if

* start-value is out of range for the current date base value, #NUM! is returned.
* start-value plus month-offset is out of range for the current date base value, #NUM! is returned.

[Example: For the 1900 date base system:  
  
EDATE(DATE(2006,1,31),5) results in a serial value of 38898  
EDATE(DATE(2004,2,29),12) results in a serial value of 38411  
EDATE(DATE(2004,2,28),12) results in a serial value of 38411  
EDATE(DATE(2004,1,15),-23) results in a serial value of 37302

For the 1904 date base system:  
  
EDATE(DATE(2006,1,31),5) results in a serial value of 37436  
EDATE(DATE(2004,2,29),12) results in a serial value of 36949  
EDATE(DATE(2004,2,28),12) results in a serial value of 36949  
EDATE(DATE(2004,1,15),-23) results in a serial value of 35840  
  
end example]