

An Age-Old Old-Age Problem

The Emperor Scrumptius was born in 35 BC, and died on his birthday in AD 35. What was his age when he died?

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Scrumptius was 69. There was no year 0 between BC dates and AD dates. (If you decided that he might be 68 if he died earlier in the day than he was born, you get a point for ingenuity. But you lose two for pedantry, because it is usual to increase a person's age by one year as soon as their birthday begins, immediately after midnight.)