# 12.7 Date and Time Functions

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This section describes the functions that can be used to manipulate temporal values. See Section 11.3, "Date and Time Types", for a description of the range of values each date and time type has and the valid formats in which values may be specified.

**Table 12.13 Date/Time Functions** 

Name	Description	
ADDDATE()	Add time values (intervals) to a date value	
ADDTIME()	Add time	
CONVERT_TZ()	Convert from one time zone to another	
CURDATE()	Return the current date	
CURRENT_DATE(), CURRENT_DATE	Synonyms for CURDATE()	
CURRENT_TIME(), CURRENT_TIME	Synonyms for CURTIME()	
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(), CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Synonyms for NOW()	
CURTIME()	Return the current time	
DATE()	Extract the date part of a date or datetime expression	
DATE_ADD()	Add time values (intervals) to a date value	
DATE_FORMAT()	Format date as specified	
DATE_SUB()	Subtract a time value (interval) from a date	
DATEDIFF()	Subtract two dates	
DAY()	Synonym for DAYOFMONTH()	
DAYNAME()	Return the name of the weekday	
DAYOFMONTH()	Return the day of the month (0-31)	
DAYOFWEEK()	Return the weekday index of the argument	
DAYOFYEAR()	Return the day of the year (1-366)	
EXTRACT()	Extract part of a date	
FROM_DAYS()	Convert a day number to a date	
FROM_UNIXTIME()	Format Unix timestamp as a date	

Name	Description		
GET_FORMAT()	Return a date format string		
HOUR()	Extract the hour		
LAST_DAY	Return the last day of the month for the argument		
LOCALTIME(), LOCALTIME	Synonym for NOW()		
LOCALTIMESTAMP, LOCALTIMESTAMP()	Synonym for NOW()		
MAKEDATE()	Create a date from the year and day of year		
MAKETIME()	Create time from hour, minute, second		
MICROSECOND()	Return the microseconds from argument		
MINUTE()	Return the minute from the argument		
MONTH()	Return the month from the date passed		
MONTHNAME ()	Return the name of the month		
NOW()	Return the current date and time		
PERIOD_ADD()	Add a period to a year-month		
PERIOD_DIFF()	Return the number of months between periods		
QUARTER()	Return the quarter from a date argument		
SEC_TO_TIME()	Converts seconds to 'HH:MM:SS' format		
SECOND()	Return the second (0-59)		
STR_TO_DATE()	Convert a string to a date		
SUBDATE()	Synonym for DATE_SUB() when invoked with three arguments		
SUBTIME()	Subtract times		
SYSDATE()	Return the time at which the function executes		
TIME()	Extract the time portion of the expression passed		
TIME_FORMAT()	Format as time		
TIME_TO_SEC()	Return the argument converted to seconds		
TIMEDIFF()	Subtract time		
TIMESTAMP()	With a single argument, this function returns the date or datetime expression; with two arguments, the sum of the arguments		
TIMESTAMPADD()	Add an interval to a datetime expression		

Name	Description		
TIMESTAMPDIFF()	Subtract an interval from a datetime expression		
TO_DAYS()	Return the date argument converted to days		
TO_SECONDS()	Return the date or datetime argument converted to seconds since Year 0		
UNIX_TIMESTAMP()	Return a Unix timestamp		
UTC_DATE()	Return the current UTC date		
UTC_TIME()	Return the current UTC time		
UTC_TIMESTAMP()	Return the current UTC date and time		
WEEK()	Return the week number		
WEEKDAY()	Return the weekday index		
WEEKOFYEAR()	Return the calendar week of the date (1-53)		
YEAR()	Return the year		
YEARWEEK()	Return the year and week		

Here is an example that uses date functions. The following query selects all rows with a date\_col value from within the last 30 days:

```
mysql> SELECT something FROM tbl_name
    -> WHERE DATE_SUB(CURDATE(),INTERVAL 30 DAY) <=
date_col;</pre>
```

The query also selects rows with dates that lie in the future.

Functions that expect date values usually accept datetime values and ignore the time part. Functions that expect time values usually accept datetime values and ignore the date part.

Functions that return the current date or time each are evaluated only once per query at the start of query execution. This means that multiple references to a function such as NOW() within a single query always produce the same result. (For our purposes, a single query also includes a call to a stored program (stored routine, trigger, or event) and all subprograms called by that program.) This principle also applies to CURDATE(), CURTIME(), UTC\_DATE(), UTC\_TIME(), utc\_DATE(), and to any of their synonyms.

The CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP(), CURRENT\_TIME(), CURRENT\_DATE(), and FROM\_UNIXTIME() functions return values in the connection's current time zone, which is available as the value of the time\_zone system variable. In addition, UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() assumes that its argument is a datetime value in the current time zone. See Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support".

Some date functions can be used with "zero" dates or incomplete dates such as '2001-11-00', whereas others cannot. Functions that extract parts of dates typically work with incomplete dates and thus can return 0 when you might otherwise expect a nonzero value. For example:

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFMONTH('2001-11-00'), MONTH('2005-00-00'); -> 0, 0
```

Other functions expect complete dates and return NULL for incomplete dates. These include functions that perform date arithmetic or that map parts of dates to names. For example:

Several functions are more strict when passed a DATE () function value as their argument and reject incomplete dates with a day part of zero. These functions are affected: CONVERT\_TZ(), DATE\_ADD(), DATE\_SUB(), DAYOFYEAR(), LAST\_DAY() (permits a day part of zero), TIMESTAMPDIFF(), TO\_DAYS(), TO\_SECONDS(), WEEK(), WEEKDAY(), WEEKOFYEAR(), YEARWEEK().

Fractional seconds for TIME, DATETIME, and TIMESTAMP values are supported, with up to microsecond precision. Functions that take temporal arguments accept values with fractional seconds. Return values from temporal functions include fractional seconds as appropriate.

```
ADDDATE(date, INTERVAL expr unit
• ) , ADDDATE(expr, days)
```

When invoked with the INTERVAL form of the second argument, ADDDATE() is a synonym for DATE\_ADD(). The related function SUBDATE() is a synonym for DATE\_SUB(). For information on the INTERVAL unit argument, see the discussion for DATE ADD().

When invoked with the days form of the second argument, MySQL treats it as an integer number of days to be added to expr.

```
mysql> SELECT ADDDATE('2008-01-02', 31); -> '2008-02-02'
```

• ADDTIME (expr1, expr2)

ADDTIME () adds expr2 to expr1 and returns the result. expr1 is a time or datetime expression, and expr2 is a time expression.

• CONVERT TZ(dt, from tz, to tz)

CONVERT\_TZ () converts a datetime value dt from the time zone given by from\_tz to the time zone given by to\_tz and returns the resulting value. Time zones are specified as described in Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support". This function returns NULL if the arguments are invalid.

If the value falls out of the supported range of the TIMESTAMP type when converted from from\_tz to UTC, no conversion occurs. The TIMESTAMP range is described in Section 11.1.2, "Date and Time Type Overview".

## Note

To use named time zones such as 'MET' or 'Europe/Moscow', the time zone tables must be properly set up. See Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support", for instructions.

• CURDATE()

Returns the current date as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD' or YYYYMMDD format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

```
mysql> SELECT CURDATE();
     -> '2008-06-13'
mysql> SELECT CURDATE() + 0;
     -> 20080613
```

• CURRENT DATE, CURRENT DATE()

CURRENT DATE and CURRENT DATE () are synonyms for CURDATE ().

• CURRENT TIME, CURRENT TIME([fsp])

CURRENT TIME and CURRENT TIME() are synonyms for CURTIME().

• CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP, CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP([fsp])

CURRENT TIMESTAMP and CURRENT TIMESTAMP() are synonyms for NOW().

• CURTIME([fsp])

Returns the current time as a value in 'HH:MM:SS' or HHMMSS format, depending on whether the function is

used in a string or numeric context. The value is expressed in the current time zone.

If the fsp argument is given to specify a fractional seconds precision from 0 to 6, the return value includes a fractional seconds part of that many digits.

```
mysql> SELECT CURTIME();
     -> '23:50:26'
mysql> SELECT CURTIME() + 0;
     -> 235026.000000
```

• DATE (expr)

Extracts the date part of the date or datetime expression expr.

```
mysql> SELECT DATE('2003-12-31 01:02:03');
-> '2003-12-31'
```

• DATEDIFF(expr1,expr2)

DATEDIFF () returns expr1 - expr2 expressed as a value in days from one date to the other. expr1 and expr2 are date or date-and-time expressions. Only the date parts of the values are used in the calculation.

These functions perform date arithmetic. The date argument specifies the starting date or datetime value. expr is an expression specifying the interval value to be added or subtracted from the starting date. expr is a string; it may start with a – for negative intervals. unit is a keyword indicating the units in which the expression should be interpreted.

The INTERVAL keyword and the unit specifier are not case sensitive.

The following table shows the expected form of the expr argument for each unit value.

unit <b>Value</b>	Expected expr Format	
MICROSECOND	MICROSECONDS	
SECOND	SECONDS	
MINUTE	MINUTES	
HOUR	HOURS	
DAY	DAYS	

unit <b>Value</b>	Expected expr Format	
WEEK	WEEKS	
MONTH	MONTHS	
QUARTER	QUARTERS	
YEAR	YEARS	
SECOND_MICROSECOND	'SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'	
MINUTE_MICROSECOND	'MINUTES: SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'	
MINUTE_SECOND	'MINUTES:SECONDS'	
HOUR_MICROSECOND	'HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'	
HOUR_SECOND	'HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS'	
HOUR_MINUTE	'HOURS:MINUTES'	
DAY_MICROSECOND	'DAYS HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'	
DAY_SECOND	'DAYS HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS'	
DAY_MINUTE	'DAYS HOURS:MINUTES'	
DAY_HOUR	'DAYS HOURS'	
YEAR_MONTH	'YEARS-MONTHS'	

The return value depends on the arguments:

- DATETIME if the first argument is a DATETIME (or TIMESTAMP) value, or if the first argument is a DATE and the unit value uses HOURS, MINUTES, or SECONDS.
- String otherwise.

To ensure that the result is DATETIME, you can use CAST() to convert the first argument to DATETIME.

MySQL permits any punctuation delimiter in the expr format. Those shown in the table are the suggested delimiters. If the date argument is a DATE value and your calculations involve only YEAR, MONTH, and DAY parts (that is, no time parts), the result is a DATE value. Otherwise, the result is a DATETIME value.

Date arithmetic also can be performed using INTERVAL together with the + or - operator:

```
date + INTERVAL expr unit

date - INTERVAL expr unit

INTERVAL expr
unit

is permitted on either side of the + operator if the expression on the other side is a
```

date or datetime value. For the – operator, unit is permitted only on the right side, because it makes no sense to subtract a date or datetime value from an interval.

```
mysql> SELECT '2008-12-31 23:59:59' + INTERVAL 1 SECOND;
       -> '2009-01-01 00:00:00'
mysql> SELECT INTERVAL 1 DAY + '2008-12-31';
       -> '2009-01-01'
mysql> SELECT '2005-01-01' - INTERVAL 1 SECOND;
       -> '2004-12-31 23:59:59'
mysql> SELECT DATE ADD('2000-12-31 23:59:59',
                      INTERVAL 1 SECOND);
       -> '2001-01-01 00:00:00'
mysql> SELECT DATE ADD('2010-12-31 23:59:59',
                       INTERVAL 1 DAY);
        -> '2011-01-01 23:59:59'
mysql> SELECT DATE ADD('2100-12-31 23:59:59',
                       INTERVAL '1:1' MINUTE SECOND);
        -> '2101-01-01 00:01:00'
mysql> SELECT DATE SUB('2005-01-01 00:00:00',
                      INTERVAL '1 1:1:1' DAY SECOND);
       -> '2004-12-30 22:58:59'
mysql> SELECT DATE ADD('1900-01-01 00:00:00',
                       INTERVAL '-1 10' DAY HOUR);
       -> '1899-12-30 14:00:00'
mysql> SELECT DATE SUB('1998-01-02', INTERVAL 31 DAY);
       -> '1997-12-02'
mysql> SELECT DATE ADD('1992-12-31 23:59:59.000002',
                 INTERVAL '1.999999'
SECOND MICROSECOND);
        -> '1993-01-01 00:00:01.000001'
```

If you specify an interval value that is too short (does not include all the interval parts that would be expected from the unit keyword), MySQL assumes that you have left out the leftmost parts of the interval value. For example, if you specify a unit of DAY\_SECOND, the value of expr is expected to have days, hours, minutes, and seconds parts. If you specify a value like '1:10', MySQL assumes that the days and hours parts are '1:10'

missing and the value represents minutes and seconds. In other words, DAY\_SECOND is interpreted '1:10'

in such a way that it is equivalent to MINUTE\_SECOND . This is analogous to the way that MySQL interprets TIME values as representing elapsed time rather than as a time of day.

Because expr is treated as a string, be careful if you specify a nonstring value with INTERVAL. For example, with an interval specifier of HOUR MINUTE, 6/4 evaluates to 1.5000 and is treated as 1 hour, 5000 minutes:

To ensure interpretation of the interval value as you expect, a CAST() operation may be used. To treat 6/4 as 1 hour, 5 minutes, cast it to a DECIMAL value with a single fractional digit:

If you add to or subtract from a date value something that contains a time part, the result is automatically converted to a datetime value:

```
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2013-01-01', INTERVAL 1 DAY);
    -> '2013-01-02'
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2013-01-01', INTERVAL 1 HOUR);
    -> '2013-01-01 01:00:00'
```

If you add MONTH, YEAR\_MONTH, or YEAR and the resulting date has a day that is larger than the maximum day for the new month, the day is adjusted to the maximum days in the new month:

Date arithmetic operations require complete dates and do not work with incomplete dates such as '2006-07-00' or badly malformed dates:

• DATE FORMAT (date, format)

Formats the date value according to the format string.

The following specifiers may be used in the format string. The % character is required before format specifier characters.

Specifier	Description	
%a	Abbreviated weekday name (SunSat)	
%b	Abbreviated month name (JanDec)	
%C	Month, numeric (012)	
%D	Day of the month with English suffix (0th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd,)	
%d	Day of the month, numeric (0031)	

Specifier	Description
%e	Day of the month, numeric (031)
%f	Microseconds (000000999999)
%H	Hour (0023)
%h	Hour (0112)
%I	Hour (0112)
%i	Minutes, numeric (0059)
%j	Day of year (001366)
%k	Hour (023)
%1	Hour (112)
%M	Month name (JanuaryDecember)
%m	Month, numeric (0012)
%p	AM or PM
%r	Time, 12-hour (hh:mm:ss followed by AM or PM)
%S	Seconds (0059)
ଚ S	Seconds (0059)
%T	Time, 24-hour (hh:mm:ss)
%U	Week (0053), where Sunday is the first day of the week; WEEK () mode 0
ુ 8u	Week (0053), where Monday is the first day of the week; WEEK () mode 1
%V	Week (0153), where Sunday is the first day of the week; WEEK () mode 2; used with %X
%V	Week (0153), where Monday is the first day of the week; WEEK () mode 3; used with %x
%₩	Weekday name (SundaySaturday)
%₩	Day of the week (0=Sunday6=Saturday)
%X	Year for the week where Sunday is the first day of the week, numeric, four digits; used with %V
%X	Year for the week, where Monday is the first day of the week, numeric, four digits; used with %v
%Y	Year, numeric, four digits
%у	Year, numeric (two digits)
%%	A literal % character
%X	x, for any "x" not listed above

Ranges for the month and day specifiers begin with zero due to the fact that MySQL permits the storing of incomplete dates such as '2014-00-00'.

The language used for day and month names and abbreviations is controlled by the value of the lc time names system variable (Section 10.7, "MySQL Server Locale Support").

For the %U, %u, %V, and %v specifiers, see the description of the WEEK () function for information about the mode values. The mode affects how week numbering occurs.

DATE\_FORMAT() returns a string with a character set and collation given by character\_set\_connection and collation\_connection so that it can return month and weekday names containing non-ASCII characters.

```
mysql> SELECT DATE FORMAT('2009-10-04 22:23:00', '%W %M
  %Y');
          -> 'Sunday October 2009'
 mysql> SELECT DATE FORMAT('2007-10-04 22:23:00', '%H:%i:%s');
         -> '22:23:00'
 mysql> SELECT DATE FORMAT('1900-10-04 22:23:00',
                         '%D %y %a %d %m %b %j');
         -> '4th 00 Thu 04 10 Oct 277'
 mysql> SELECT DATE FORMAT('1997-10-04 22:23:00',
                        '%H %k %I %r %T %S %w');
         -> '22 22 10 10:23:00 PM 22:23:00 00 6'
 mysql> SELECT DATE FORMAT('1999-01-01', '%X %V');
         -> '1998 52'
 mysql> SELECT DATE FORMAT('2006-06-00', '%d');
         -> '00'
 DATE SUB (date, INTERVAL expr unit
• )
```

See the description for DATE ADD().

• DAY (date)

DAY() is a synonym for DAYOFMONTH().

DAYNAME (date)

Returns the name of the weekday for date. The language used for the name is controlled by the value of the lc time names system variable (Section 10.7, "MySQL Server Locale Support").

```
mysql> SELECT DAYNAME('2007-02-03');
     -> 'Saturday'
```

• DAYOFMONTH (date)

Returns the day of the month for date, in the range 1 to 31, or 0 for dates such as '0000-00-00' or '2008-00-00' that have a zero day part.

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFMONTH('2007-02-03');
    -> 3
```

• DAYOFWEEK (date)

Returns the weekday index for date (1 = Sunday, 2 = Monday, ..., 7 = Saturday). These index values correspond to the ODBC standard.

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFWEEK('2007-02-03');
    -> 7
```

• DAYOFYEAR (date)

Returns the day of the year for date, in the range 1 to 366.

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFYEAR('2007-02-03');
     -> 34

EXTRACT(unit FROM date
• )
```

The EXTRACT() function uses the same kinds of unit specifiers as DATE\_ADD() or DATE\_SUB(), but extracts parts from the date rather than performing date arithmetic.

• FROM DAYS (N)

Given a day number N, returns a DATE value.

```
mysql> SELECT FROM_DAYS(730669);
-> '2007-07-03'
```

Use FROM\_DAYS () with caution on old dates. It is not intended for use with values that precede the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582). See Section 12.8, "What Calendar Is Used By MySQL?".

• FROM\_UNIXTIME(unix\_timestamp), FROM\_UNIXTIME(unix\_timestamp,format)

Returns a representation of the unix\_timestamp argument as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The

value is expressed in the current time zone. unix\_timestamp is an internal timestamp value such as is produced by the UNIX TIMESTAMP () function.

If format is given, the result is formatted according to the format string, which is used the same way as listed in the entry for the DATE FORMAT () function.

Note: If you use UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() and FROM\_UNIXTIME() to convert between TIMESTAMP values and Unix timestamp values, the conversion is lossy because the mapping is not one-to-one in both directions. For details, see the description of the UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() function.

```
GET_FORMAT({DATE|TIME|DATETIME},
• {'EUR'|'USA'|'JIS'|'ISO'|'INTERNAL'})
```

Returns a format string. This function is useful in combination with the DATE\_FORMAT() and the STR\_TO\_DATE() functions.

The possible values for the first and second arguments result in several possible format strings (for the specifiers used, see the table in the <code>DATE\_FORMAT()</code> function description). ISO format refers to ISO 9075, not ISO 8601.

Function Call	Result
GET_FORMAT(DATE, 'USA')	'%m.%d.%Y'
GET_FORMAT(DATE,'JIS')	'%Y-%m-%d'
GET_FORMAT(DATE,'ISO')	'%Y-%m-%d'
GET_FORMAT(DATE, 'EUR')	'%d.%m.%Y'
GET_FORMAT(DATE, 'INTERNAL')	'%Y%m%d'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'USA')	'%Y-%m-%d %H.%i.%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'JIS')	'%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'ISO')	'%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'EUR')	'%Y-%m-%d %H.%i.%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'INTERNAL')	'%Y%m%d%H%i%s'
GET_FORMAT(TIME, 'USA')	'%h:%i:%s %p'
GET_FORMAT(TIME, 'JIS')	'%H:%i:%s'

Function Call	Result
GET_FORMAT(TIME, 'ISO')	'%H:%i:%s'
GET_FORMAT(TIME, 'EUR')	'%H.%i.%s'
<pre>GET_FORMAT(TIME, 'INTERNAL')</pre>	'%H%i%s'

TIMESTAMP can also be used as the first argument to GET\_FORMAT(), in which case the function returns the same values as for DATETIME.

• HOUR (time)

Returns the hour for time. The range of the return value is 0 to 23 for time-of-day values. However, the range of TIME values actually is much larger, so HOUR can return values greater than 23.

• LAST DAY(date)

Takes a date or datetime value and returns the corresponding value for the last day of the month. Returns NULL if the argument is invalid.

• LOCALTIME, LOCALTIME ([fsp])

LOCALTIME and LOCALTIME () are synonyms for NOW ().

• LOCALTIMESTAMP, LOCALTIMESTAMP([fsp])

LOCALTIMESTAMP and LOCALTIMESTAMP() are synonyms for NOW().

• MAKEDATE (year, dayofyear)

Returns a date, given year and day-of-year values. dayofyear must be greater than 0 or the result is NULL.

• MAKETIME (hour, minute, second)

Returns a time value calculated from the hour, minute, and second arguments.

The second argument can have a fractional part.

• MICROSECOND(expr)

Returns the microseconds from the time or datetime expression expr as a number in the range from 0 to 9999999.

• MINUTE(time)

Returns the minute for time, in the range 0 to 59.

```
mysql> SELECT MINUTE('2008-02-03 10:05:03');
-> 5
```

• MONTH (date)

Returns the month for date, in the range 1 to 12 for January to December, or 0 for dates such as '0000-00-00' or '2008-00-00' that have a zero month part.

• MONTHNAME (date)

Returns the full name of the month for date. The language used for the name is controlled by the value of the lc time names system variable (Section 10.7, "MySQL Server Locale Support").

```
mysql> SELECT MONTHNAME('2008-02-03');
     -> 'February'
```

## • NOW([fsp])

Returns the current date and time as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The value is expressed in the current time zone.

If the fsp argument is given to specify a fractional seconds precision from 0 to 6, the return value includes a fractional seconds part of that many digits.

NOW() returns a constant time that indicates the time at which the statement began to execute. (Within a stored function or trigger, NOW() returns the time at which the function or triggering statement began to execute.) This differs from the behavior for SYSDATE(), which returns the exact time at which it executes.

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In addition, the TIMESTAMP statement affects the value returned by NOW() but not by SYSDATE(). This means that timestamp settings in the binary log have no effect on invocations of SYSDATE(). Setting the timestamp to a nonzero value causes each subsequent invocation of NOW() to return that value. Setting the timestamp to zero cancels this effect so that NOW() once again returns the current date and time.

See the description for SYSDATE () for additional information about the differences between the two functions.

PERIOD ADD(P,N)

Adds N months to period P (in the format YYMM or YYYYMM). Returns a value in the format YYYYMM. Note that the period argument P is *not* a date value.

• PERIOD DIFF(P1, P2)

Returns the number of months between periods P1 and P2. P1 and P2 should be in the format YYMM or YYYYMM. Note that the period arguments P1 and P2 are *not* date values.

```
mysql> SELECT PERIOD_DIFF(200802,200703);
     -> 11
```

• QUARTER (date)

Returns the quarter of the year for date, in the range 1 to 4.

• SECOND(time)

Returns the second for time, in the range 0 to 59.

• SEC TO TIME (seconds)

Returns the seconds argument, converted to hours, minutes, and seconds, as a TIME value. The range of the result is constrained to that of the TIME data type. A warning occurs if the argument corresponds to a value outside that range.

```
mysql> SELECT SEC_TO_TIME(2378);
     -> '00:39:38'
mysql> SELECT SEC_TO_TIME(2378) + 0;
     -> 3938
```

• STR TO DATE(str, format)

This is the inverse of the DATE\_FORMAT() function. It takes a string str and a format string format.

STR\_TO\_DATE() returns a DATETIME value if the format string contains both date and time parts, or a DATE or TIME value if the string contains only date or time parts. If the date, time, or datetime value extracted from str is illegal, STR\_TO\_DATE() returns NULL and produces a warning.

The server scans str attempting to match format to it. The format string can contain literal characters and format specifiers beginning with %. Literal characters in format must match literally in str. Format specifiers

in format must match a date or time part in str. For the specifiers that can be used in format, see the DATE FORMAT() function description.

Scanning starts at the beginning of str and fails if format is found not to match. Extra characters at the end of str are ignored.

Unspecified date or time parts have a value of 0, so incompletely specified values in str produce a result with some or all parts set to 0:

Range checking on the parts of date values is as described in Section 11.3.1, "The DATE, DATETIME, and TIMESTAMP Types". This means, for example, that "zero" dates or dates with part values of 0 are permitted unless the SQL mode is set to disallow such values.

```
mysql> SELECT STR_TO_DATE('00/00/0000', '%m/%d/%Y');
    -> '0000-00-00'
mysql> SELECT STR_TO_DATE('04/31/2004', '%m/%d/%Y');
    -> '2004-04-31'
```

If the NO\_ZERO\_DATE or NO\_ZERO\_IN\_DATE SQL mode is enabled, zero dates or part of dates are disallowed. In that case, STR\_TO\_DATE() returns NULL and generates a warning:

```
mysql> SET sql mode = '';
mysql> SELECT STR TO DATE('15:35:00', '%H:%i:%s');
+----+
| STR TO DATE('15:35:00', '%H:%i:%s') |
+----+
| 15:35:00
+----+
mysql> SET sql mode = 'NO ZERO IN DATE';
mysql> SELECT STR TO DATE('15:35:00', '%h:%i:%s');
+----+
| STR TO DATE('15:35:00', '%h:%i:%s') |
+----+
NULL
+----+
mysql> SHOW WARNINGS\G
Level: Warning
 Code: 1411
Message: Incorrect datetime value: '15:35:00' for function
str to date
```

## Note

You cannot use format "%X%V" to convert a year-week string to a date because the combination of a year and week does not uniquely identify a year and month if the week crosses a month boundary. To convert a year-week to a date, you should also specify the weekday:

When invoked with the INTERVAL form of the second argument, SUBDATE() is a synonym for DATE\_SUB(). For information on the INTERVAL unit argument, see the discussion for DATE ADD().

The second form enables the use of an integer value for days. In such cases, it is interpreted as the number of days to be subtracted from the date or datetime expression expr.

```
mysql> SELECT SUBDATE('2008-01-02 12:00:00', 31);
-> '2007-12-02 12:00:00'
```

SUBTIME (expr1, expr2)

SUBTIME () returns expr1 - expr2 expressed as a value in the same format as expr1. expr1 is a time or datetime expression, and expr2 is a time expression.

#### • SYSDATE([fsp])

Returns the current date and time as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

If the fsp argument is given to specify a fractional seconds precision from 0 to 6, the return value includes a fractional seconds part of that many digits.

SYSDATE () returns the time at which it executes. This differs from the behavior for NOW (), which returns a constant time that indicates the time at which the statement began to execute. (Within a stored function or trigger, NOW () returns the time at which the function or triggering statement began to execute.)

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In addition, the TIMESTAMP statement affects the value returned by NOW() but not by SYSDATE(). This means that timestamp settings in the binary log have no effect on invocations of SYSDATE().

Because SYSDATE () can return different values even within the same statement, and is not affected by SET

TIMESTAMP , it is nondeterministic and therefore unsafe for replication if statement-based binary logging is used. If that is a problem, you can use row-based logging.

Alternatively, you can use the --sysdate-is-now option to cause SYSDATE() to be an alias for NOW(). This works if the option is used on both the master and the slave.

The nondeterministic nature of SYSDATE () also means that indexes cannot be used for evaluating

expressions that refer to it.

• TIME (expr)

Extracts the time part of the time or datetime expression expr and returns it as a string.

This function is unsafe for statement-based replication. A warning is logged if you use this function when binlog format is set to STATEMENT.

```
mysql> SELECT TIME('2003-12-31 01:02:03');
          -> '01:02:03'
mysql> SELECT TIME('2003-12-31
01:02:03.000123');
          -> '01:02:03.000123'
```

• TIMEDIFF (expr1, expr2)

TIMEDIFF () returns expr1 - expr2 expressed as a time value. expr1 and expr2 are time or date-and-time expressions, but both must be of the same type.

The result returned by TIMEDIFF () is limited to the range allowed for TIME values. Alternatively, you can use either of the functions TIMESTAMPDIFF () and UNIX\_TIMESTAMP (), both of which return integers.

• TIMESTAMP(expr), TIMESTAMP(expr1,expr2)

With a single argument, this function returns the date or datetime expression expr as a datetime value. With two arguments, it adds the time expression expr2 to the date or datetime expression expr1 and returns the result as a datetime value.

• TIMESTAMPADD (unit, interval, datetime expr)

Adds the integer expression interval to the date or datetime expression datetime\_expr. The unit for interval is given by the unit argument, which should be one of the following values: MICROSECOND (microseconds), SECOND, MINUTE, HOUR, DAY, WEEK, MONTH, QUARTER, or YEAR.

The unit value may be specified using one of keywords as shown, or with a prefix of SQL\_TSI\_. For example, DAY and SQL TSI DAY both are legal.

• TIMESTAMPDIFF (unit, datetime\_expr1, datetime\_expr2)

Returns datetime\_expr2 - datetime\_expr1, where datetime\_expr1 and datetime\_expr2 are date or datetime expressions. One expression may be a date and the other a datetime; a date value is treated as a datetime having the time part '00:00:00' where necessary. The unit for the result (an integer) is given by the unit argument. The legal values for unit are the same as those listed in the description of the TIMESTAMPADD() function.

#### Note

The order of the date or datetime arguments for this function is the opposite of that used with the TIMESTAMP () function when invoked with 2 arguments.

• TIME FORMAT(time, format)

This is used like the <code>DATE\_FORMAT()</code> function, but the <code>format</code> string may contain format specifiers only for hours, minutes, seconds, and microseconds. Other specifiers produce a <code>NULL</code> value or <code>0</code>.

If the time value contains an hour part that is greater than 23, the %H and %k hour format specifiers produce a value larger than the usual range of 0..23. The other hour format specifiers produce the hour value modulo 12.

• TIME TO SEC(time)

Returns the time argument, converted to seconds.

• TO DAYS (date)

Given a date date, returns a day number (the number of days since year 0).

TO\_DAYS () is not intended for use with values that precede the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582), because it does not take into account the days that were lost when the calendar was changed. For dates before 1582 (and possibly a later year in other locales), results from this function are not reliable. See Section 12.8, "What Calendar Is Used By MySQL?", for details.

Remember that MySQL converts two-digit year values in dates to four-digit form using the rules in Section 11.3, "Date and Time Types". For example, '2008-10-07' and '08-10-07' are seen as identical dates:

```
mysql> SELECT TO_DAYS('2008-10-07'), TO_DAYS('08-10-07'); -> 733687, 733687
```

In MySQL, the zero date is defined as '0000-00-00', even though this date is itself considered invalid. This means that, for '0000-00-00' and '0000-01-01', TO DAYS () returns the values shown here:

```
mysql> SELECT TO DAYS('0000-00-00');
+----+
| to days('0000-00-00') |
+----+
          NULL
+----+
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+-----
| Level | Code | Message
+----+
| Warning | 1292 | Incorrect datetime value: '0000-00-00'
+-----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT TO DAYS('0000-01-01');
+----+
| to days('0000-01-01') |
+----+
+----+
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

This is true whether or not the ALLOW INVALID DATES SQL server mode is enabled.

• TO SECONDS (expr)

Given a date or datetime expr, returns the number of seconds since the year 0. If expr is not a valid date or datetime value, returns null.

Like TO\_DAYS (), TO\_SECONDS () is not intended for use with values that precede the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582), because it does not take into account the days that were lost when the calendar was changed. For dates before 1582 (and possibly a later year in other locales), results from this function are not reliable. See Section 12.8, "What Calendar Is Used By MySQL?", for details.

Like TO\_DAYS(), TO\_SECONDS(), converts two-digit year values in dates to four-digit form using the rules in Section 11.3, "Date and Time Types".

In MySQL, the zero date is defined as '0000-00-00', even though this date is itself considered invalid. This means that, for '0000-00-00' and '0000-01-01', TO SECONDS () returns the values shown here:

```
mysql> SELECT TO SECONDS('0000-00-00');
+----+
| TO SECONDS ('0000-00-00') |
+----+
             NULL |
+----+
1 row in set, 1 warning (0.00 sec)
mysql> SHOW WARNINGS;
+-----
| Level | Code | Message
+-----+
| Warning | 1292 | Incorrect datetime value: '0000-00-00'
+-----
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
mysql> SELECT TO SECONDS('0000-01-01');
+----+
| TO SECONDS ('0000-01-01') |
+----+
            86400 I
1 row in set (0.00 sec)
```

This is true whether or not the ALLOW INVALID DATES SQL server mode is enabled.

• UNIX TIMESTAMP(), UNIX TIMESTAMP(date)

If called with no argument, returns a Unix timestamp (seconds since '1970-01-01 00:00:00' UTC). The return value is an integer if no argument is given or the argument does not include a fractional seconds part, or DECIMAL if an argument is given that includes a fractional seconds part.

If UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() is called with a date argument, it returns the value of the argument as seconds since '1970-01-01 00:00:00' UTC. The date argument may be a DATE, DATETIME, or TIMESTAMP string, or a number in YYMMDD, YYMMDDHHMMSS, YYYYMMDD, or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format. If the argument includes a time part, it may optionally include a fractional seconds part. The server interprets date as a value in the current time zone and converts it to an internal value in UTC. Clients can set their time zone as described in Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support".

When UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() is used on a TIMESTAMP column, the function returns the internal timestamp value directly, with no implicit "string-to-Unix-timestamp" conversion. If you pass an out-of-range date to UNIX\_TIMESTAMP(), it returns 0. The valid range of values is the same as for the TIMESTAMP data type:

'1970-01-01

'2038-01-19

00:00:01.000000'

UTC to 03:14:07.9999999'

UTC.

Note: If you use UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() and FROM\_UNIXTIME() to convert between TIMESTAMP values and Unix timestamp values, the conversion is lossy because the mapping is not one-to-one in both directions. For example, due to conventions for local time zone changes, it is possible for two UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() to map two TIMESTAMP values to the same Unix timestamp value. FROM\_UNIXTIME() will map that value back to only one of the original TIMESTAMP values. Here is an example, using TIMESTAMP values in the CET time zone:

If you want to subtract UNIX\_TIMESTAMP() columns, you might want to cast the result to signed integers. See Section 12.10, "Cast Functions and Operators".

• UTC DATE, UTC DATE()

Returns the current UTC date as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD' or YYYYMMDD format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

• UTC TIME, UTC TIME([fsp])

Returns the current UTC time as a value in 'HH:MM:SS' or HHMMSS format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

If the fsp argument is given to specify a fractional seconds precision from 0 to 6, the return value includes a fractional seconds part of that many digits.

```
mysql> SELECT UTC_TIME(), UTC_TIME() + 0;
-> '18:07:53', 180753.000000
```

• UTC TIMESTAMP, UTC TIMESTAMP([fsp])

Returns the current UTC date and time as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

If the fsp argument is given to specify a fractional seconds precision from 0 to 6, the return value includes a fractional seconds part of that many digits.

## WEEK(date[, mode])

This function returns the week number for date. The two-argument form of WEEK() enables you to specify whether the week starts on Sunday or Monday and whether the return value should be in the range from 0 to 53 or from 1 to 53. If the mode argument is omitted, the value of the default\_week\_format system variable is used. See Section 5.1.5, "Server System Variables".

The following table describes how the mode argument works.

Mode	First day of week	Range	Week 1 is the first week
0	Sunday	0-53	with a Sunday in this year
1	Monday	0-53	with 4 or more days this year
2	Sunday	1-53	with a Sunday in this year
3	Monday	1-53	with 4 or more days this year
4	Sunday	0-53	with 4 or more days this year
5	Monday	0-53	with a Monday in this year
6	Sunday	1-53	with 4 or more days this year
7	Monday	1-53	with a Monday in this year

For mode values with a meaning of "with 4 or more days this year," weeks are numbered according to ISO 8601:1988:

- If the week containing January 1 has 4 or more days in the new year, it is week 1.
- Otherwise, it is the last week of the previous year, and the next week is week 1.

Note that if a date falls in the last week of the previous year, MySQL returns 0 if you do not use 2, 3, 6, or 7 as the optional mode argument:

```
mysql> SELECT YEAR('2000-01-01'), WEEK('2000-01-01',0); -> 2000, 0
```

One might argue that WEEK() should return 52 because the given date actually occurs in the 52nd week of 1999. WEEK() returns 0 instead so that the return value is "the week number in the given year." This makes use of the WEEK() function reliable when combined with other functions that extract a date part from a date.

If you prefer a result evaluated with respect to the year that contains the first day of the week for the given date, use 0, 2, 5, or 7 as the optional mode argument.

```
mysql> SELECT WEEK('2000-01-01',2);
-> 52
```

Alternatively, use the YEARWEEK () function:

```
mysql> SELECT YEARWEEK('2000-01-01');
     -> 199952
mysql> SELECT MID(YEARWEEK('2000-01-01'),5,2);
     -> '52'
```

WEEKDAY (date)

Returns the weekday index for date (0 = Monday, 1 = Tuesday, ... 6 = Sunday).

```
mysql> SELECT WEEKDAY('2008-02-03 22:23:00');
     -> 6
mysql> SELECT WEEKDAY('2007-11-06');
     -> 1
```

• WEEKOFYEAR (date)

Returns the calendar week of the date as a number in the range from 1 to 53. WEEKOFYEAR() is a compatibility function that is equivalent to WEEK (date, 3).

```
mysql> SELECT WEEKOFYEAR('2008-02-20');
     -> 8
```

• YEAR (date)

Returns the year for date, in the range 1000 to 9999, or 0 for the "zero" date.

```
mysql> SELECT YEAR('1987-01-01');
-> 1987
```

• YEARWEEK (date), YEARWEEK (date, mode)

Returns year and week for a date. The year in the result may be different from the year in the date argument for the first and the last week of the year.

The mode argument works exactly like the mode argument to WEEK(). For the single-argument syntax, a mode value of 0 is used. Unlike WEEK(), the value of default week format does not influence

```
YEARWEEK().

mysql> SELECT YEARWEEK('1987-01-01');
-> 198652
```

Note that the week number is different from what the WEEK () function would return (0) for optional arguments 0 or 1, as WEEK () then returns the week in the context of the given year.