

Date And Time Functions

SQLite supports five date and time functions as follows:

1. `date(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...)`

The `date()` function returns the date in this format: YYYY-MM-DD.

2. `time(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...)`

The `time()` function returns the time as HH:MM:SS.

3. `datetime(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...)`

The `datetime()` function returns "YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS".

4. `julianday(timestring, modifier, modifier, ...)`

The `julianday()` function returns the [Julian day](#) - the number of days since noon in Greenwich on November 24, 4714 B.C. ([Proleptic Gregorian calendar](#)).

5. `strftime(format, timestring, modifier, modifier, ...)`

The `strftime()` routine returns the date formatted according to the format string specified as the first argument. The format string supports the most common substitutions found in the [strftime\(\) function](#) from the standard C library plus two new substitutions, `%f` and `%J`.

Examples:

1. Compute the current date:

```
sqlite> SELECT date('now');
```

```
output: 2017-09-25
```

2. Compute the last day of the current month:

```
sqlite> SELECT date('now', 'start of month', '+1 month', '-1 day');
```

```
output: 2017-09-30
```

3. Compute the current date and time with desired format:

```
SELECT strftime(format, 'now');
```

```
SELECT strftime('%Y-%m-%d', 'now');
```

```
OUTPUT: 2017-09-25
```

```
SELECT strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H-%M', 'now');
```

```
OUTPUT: 2017-09-25 20-36
```

```
SELECT strftime('%Y-%m-%d %H-%M-%S', 'now');
```

OUTPUT: 2017-09-25 20:36:57

4. Extract the current year or month from system date:

```
SELECT strftime('%Y', 'now');
```

OUTPUT: 2017

```
SELECT strftime('%m', 'now');
```

OUTPUT: 09

5. Compute the date of the first Tuesday in October for the current year.

```
sqlite> SELECT date('now', 'start of year', '+9 months', 'weekday 2');
```

OUTPUT: 2017-10-03

6. Compute the number of seconds since a particular moment in 2004.

```
sqlite> SELECT strftime('%s', 'now') - strftime('%s', '2004-01-01 02:34:56');
```

OUTPUT: 433448465

7. Convert between UTC and local time values when formatting a date, use the utc or localtime modifiers:

```
sqlite> SELECT time('12:00', 'localtime');
```

OUTPUT: 05:00:00

```
sqlite> SELECT time('12:00', 'utc');
```

OUTPUT: 19:00:00

8. Some extra examples with datetime function:

a. Working with years:

```
sqlite> SELECT datetime('2012-10-23 09:23:10', '-2 years');
```

OUTPUT: 2010-10-23 09:23:10

b. Working with days:

```
sqlite> SELECT datetime('2014-10-23', '+7 days');
```

OUTPUT: 2014-10-30 00:00:00

c. Working with hours:

```
SELECT datetime('2014-10-23 11:23:02', '+2 hours');
```

OUTPUT: 2014-10-23 13:23:02

d. Working with minutes:

```
sqlite> SELECT datetime('2014-10-23 11:15:02', '+15 minutes');
```

OUTPUT: 2014-10-23 11:30:02

9. Some extra examples with date function:

a. Working with days:

```
sqlite> SELECT date('2014-10-16', 'start of month');
```

OUTPUT: 2014-10-01

```
sqlite> SELECT date('2014-10-16', '-10 days');
```

OUTPUT: 2014-10-06

b. Working with years:

```
sqlite> SELECT date('2014-10-16','+2 years');
```

OUTPUT: 2016-10-16

10. Some extra examples with time function:

a. Working with hours:

```
sqlite> SELECT time('11:23:02','-2 hours');
```

OUTOUT: 09:23:02

b. Working with minutes:

```
sqlite> SELECT time('11:15:02','-15 minutes');
```

OUTPUT: 11:00:02

c. Working with hours, minutes and seconds:

```
sqlite> SELECT time('11:15:02','-2 hours','-15  
minutes','+13 seconds');
```

OUTPUT: 09:00:15