Postgres Cheatsheet

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# Dates and Times

## Formatting Dates and Times

Table 9-21. Template Patterns for Date/Time Formatting

| **Pattern** | **Description** |
| --- | --- |
| HH | hour of day (01-12) |
| HH12 | hour of day (01-12) |
| HH24 | hour of day (00-23) |
| MI | minute (00-59) |
| SS | second (00-59) |
| MS | millisecond (000-999) |
| US | microsecond (000000-999999) |
| SSSS | seconds past midnight (0-86399) |
| AM or A.M. or PM or P.M. | meridian indicator (uppercase) |
| am or a.m. or pm or p.m. | meridian indicator (lowercase) |
| Y,YYY | year (4 and more digits) with comma |
| YYYY | year (4 and more digits) |
| YYY | last 3 digits of year |
| YY | last 2 digits of year |
| Y | last digit of year |
| IYYY | ISO year (4 and more digits) |
| IYY | last 3 digits of ISO year |
| IY | last 2 digits of ISO year |
| I | last digits of ISO year |
| BC or B.C. or AD or A.D. | era indicator (uppercase) |
| bc or b.c. or ad or a.d. | era indicator (lowercase) |
| MONTH | full uppercase month name (blank-padded to 9 chars) |
| Month | full mixed-case month name (blank-padded to 9 chars) |
| month | full lowercase month name (blank-padded to 9 chars) |
| MON | abbreviated uppercase month name (3 chars in English, localized lengths vary) |
| Mon | abbreviated mixed-case month name (3 chars in English, localized lengths vary) |
| mon | abbreviated lowercase month name (3 chars in English, localized lengths vary) |
| MM | month number (01-12) |
| DAY | full uppercase day name (blank-padded to 9 chars) |
| Day | full mixed-case day name (blank-padded to 9 chars) |
| day | full lowercase day name (blank-padded to 9 chars) |
| DY | abbreviated uppercase day name (3 chars in English, localized lengths vary) |
| Dy | abbreviated mixed-case day name (3 chars in English, localized lengths vary) |
| dy | abbreviated lowercase day name (3 chars in English, localized lengths vary) |
| DDD | day of year (001-366) |
| DD | day of month (01-31) |
| D | day of week (1-7; Sunday is 1) |
| W | week of month (1-5) (The first week starts on the first day of the month.) |
| WW | week number of year (1-53) (The first week starts on the first day of the year.) |
| IW | ISO week number of year (The first Thursday of the new year is in week 1.) |
| CC | century (2 digits) (The twenty-first century starts on 2001-01-01.) |
| J | Julian Day (days since January 1, 4712 BC) |
| Q | quarter |
| RM | month in Roman numerals (I-XII; I=January) (uppercase) |
| rm | month in Roman numerals (i-xii; i=January) (lowercase) |
| TZ | time-zone name (uppercase) |
| tz | time-zone name (lowercase) |

Certain modifiers may be applied to any template pattern to alter its behavior. For example, FMMonth is the Month pattern with the FM modifier. [Table 9-22](http://www.postgresql.org/docs/8.2/static/functions-formatting.html#FUNCTIONS-FORMATTING-DATETIMEMOD-TABLE) shows the modifier patterns for date/time formatting.

Table 9-22. Template Pattern Modifiers for Date/Time Formatting

| **Modifier** | **Description** | **Example** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| FM prefix | fill mode (suppress padding blanks and zeroes) | FMMonth |
| TH suffix | uppercase ordinal number suffix | DDTH |
| th suffix | lowercase ordinal number suffix | DDth |
| FX prefix | fixed format global option (see usage notes) | FX Month DD Day |
| TM prefix | translation mode (print localized day and month names based on lc\_messages) | TMMonth |
| SP suffix | spell mode (not yet implemented) | DDSP |

Usage notes for date/time formatting:

* FM suppresses leading zeroes and trailing blanks that would otherwise be added to make the output of a pattern be fixed-width.
* TM does not include trailing blanks.
* to\_timestamp and to\_date skip multiple blank spaces in the input string if the FX option is not used. FX must be specified as the first item in the template. For example to\_timestamp('2000    JUN', 'YYYY MON') is correct, but to\_timestamp('2000    JUN', 'FXYYYY MON') returns an error, because to\_timestamp expects one space only.
* Ordinary text is allowed in to\_char templates and will be output literally. You can put a substring in double quotes to force it to be interpreted as literal text even if it contains pattern key words. For example, in '"Hello Year "YYYY', the YYYY will be replaced by the year data, but the single Y in Year will not be.
* If you want to have a double quote in the output you must precede it with a backslash, for example E'\\"YYYY Month\\"'. (Two backslashes are necessary because the backslash already has a special meaning when using the escape string syntax.)
* The YYYY conversion from string to timestamp or date has a restriction if you use a year with more than 4 digits. You must use some non-digit character or template after YYYY, otherwise the year is always interpreted as 4 digits. For example (with the year 20000): to\_date('200001131', 'YYYYMMDD') will be interpreted as a 4-digit year; instead use a non-digit separator after the year, like to\_date('20000-1131', 'YYYY-MMDD') or to\_date('20000Nov31', 'YYYYMonDD').
* In conversions from string to timestamp or date, the CC field is ignored if there is a YYY, YYYY or Y,YYY field. If CC is used with YY or Y then the year is computed as (CC-1)\*100+YY.
* Millisecond (MS) and microsecond (US) values in a conversion from string to timestamp are used as part of the seconds after the decimal point. For example to\_timestamp('12:3', 'SS:MS') is not 3 milliseconds, but 300, because the conversion counts it as 12 + 0.3 seconds. This means for the format SS:MS, the input values 12:3, 12:30, and 12:300 specify the same number of milliseconds. To get three milliseconds, one must use 12:003, which the conversion counts as 12 + 0.003 = 12.003 seconds.

Here is a more complex example: to\_timestamp('15:12:02.020.001230', 'HH:MI:SS.MS.US') is 15 hours, 12 minutes, and 2 seconds + 20 milliseconds + 1230 microseconds = 2.021230 seconds.

* to\_char's day of the week numbering (see the 'D' formatting pattern) is different from that of the extract function.
* to\_char(interval) formats HH and HH12 as hours in a single day, while HH24 can output hours exceeding a single day, e.g. >24.

## Convert to timestamp without time zone

to\_timestamp(e.edi\_xfer\_date || ' ' || e.edi\_xfer\_time, 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS')::timestamp without time zone

## Interval between two dates

select s.sap\_shipment\_id, status\_code, status\_dt\_utc, edi\_xfer\_date, edi\_xfer\_time, s.actual\_shipment\_end\_date\_utc,

(s.actual\_shipment\_end\_date\_utc - status\_dt\_utc) as delta

from edi\_msgs e,

shipment\_msgs s

where status\_code = 'X1'

and s.sap\_shipment\_id = e.sap\_shipment\_id

and s.actual\_shipment\_end\_date\_utc is not null

and s.actual\_shipment\_end\_date\_utc <> status\_dt\_utc

limit 20;



# Geography

## Distance between two points

SELECT ST\_Distance(

ST\_Transform(ST\_GeomFromText('POINT(-121.069 38.896)',4326),2163),

ST\_Transform(ST\_GeomFromText('POINT(-120.842 37.501)', 4326),2163)

) / 1000 as dist\_km;



# Strings

## String length

select \*

from delivery\_msgs

where length(x\_box\_load\_id) > 0;

# Tables

## Describe a table

select column\_name, data\_type, character\_maximum\_length

from INFORMATION\_SCHEMA.COLUMNS where table\_name = 'delivery\_msgs';