

# Systems Design and Databases (CIS1018-N)

## **Week 10**

Using built in Functions

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- See Blackboard Ultra for online materials: <https://bb.tees.ac.uk/>

# Lectures & IT Labs

Lectures – Dr Yar Muhammad	Tuesdays @ 2-3 pm	Thursdays @ 1-2 pm
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## Systems Design and Databases CIS1018-N Weekly Plan for the Activities


### Systems Design - UML

Week	Lecturer	Lecture Demo	Lab Exercises & Solutions	ICA Tasks:
01	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Module Introduction,</li> <li>System Design,</li> <li>Introduction Databases (DDL, DML, DCL, TCL)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement List &amp;</li> <li>MoSCoW Wireframe Design &amp; Templates,</li> <li>User Stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Team Setup,</li> <li>Hands-on to collect/pick the Requirements from MoSCoW and write Writing User stories on each</li> <li><b>Tutorial 1</b></li> </ul>	Requirements List & <u>MosCOW</u> , User stories
02	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UML and UML Tool,</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use Case Diagrams from Requirements List and Wireframe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hands-on Use Case Diagrams Activities</li> <li><b>Tutorial 2</b></li> </ul>	<p>Each Wireframe has associated Use Case Activity</p> <p>Deadline for Team Setup is Week # 2, by Friday 07/10/2022 before 4pm</p>
03	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sequence Diagrams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class Diagrams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hands-on Sequence &amp; Class Diagrams Activities</li> <li><b>Tutorial 3</b></li> </ul>	Each Wireframe has associated Sequence and Class Diagrams
04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Entity Relationship Diagrams (ERD)</li> <li>A Data Modelling Case Tool for Relational Databases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduction to SQL Server</li> <li>Walk-through: SQL Quick Guide 1 - How to use SSMS to build Databases</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tutorial 4</b></li> <li>Lab Resources: SQL Quick Guide 1</li> </ul>	Each Wireframe has associated Class Diagram

**Analysis**

**Design**

Week	Lecturer	Lecture Demo	Lab Exercises & Solutions	ICA Tasks:
05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Querying with Select</li> </ul>	<b>Demo A</b> – Writing Simple SELECT Statements <b>Demo B/C</b> – Eliminating Duplicates with DISTINCT <b>Demo D</b> - Writing Simple CASE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSQL-Mod03 Lab-Exercise 1-4</li> <li><b>Tutorial 5</b></li> </ul>	SQL Task A: TSQL03 Querying with Select <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing Simple SELECT Statements</li> <li>Eliminating Duplicates with DISTINCT</li> <li>Using Column and Table Aliases</li> <li>Writing Simple CASE Expressions</li> </ul>
06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Querying with Multiple Tables</li> </ul>	<b>Demo B</b> – Relating 2 or more tables – Joins & Joining multiple tables – inner, <u>outer</u> and cross.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSQL-Mod04 Exercise 1-5</li> <li><b>Tutorial 6</b></li> </ul>	SQL Task B: TSQL04 – Querying with Multiple Tables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relating 2 or more tables – Joins</li> <li>Joining multiple tables – inner, <u>outer</u> and cross.</li> </ul>
07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sorting and Filtering Data</li> </ul>	<b>Demo A</b> – Sort with ORDER BY <b>Demo B</b> – Filter with WHERE Clause <b>Demo C</b> – Filtering with Top OffsetFetch <b>Demo D</b> – Handling NULL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSQL-Mod05 Exercise 1 – 4</li> <li><b>Tutorial 7</b></li> </ul>	SQL Task C: TSQL05 – Sort and Filtering Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sort with Order By</li> <li>Filter with <u>Where By</u></li> <li>Filter with top <u>offsetfetch</u></li> <li>Handling Nulls</li> </ul>
<b>Submission ICA 1 (Group Submission) -&gt; Deadline is Wednesday 16/11/2022 before 4pm</b>				
08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with SQL Server Data</li> </ul>	<b>Demo A</b> - Conversion in a Query <b>Demo B</b> - collation in a query <b>Demo C</b> - date and time functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSQL-Mod06 Exercise 1 – 4</li> <li><b>Tutorial 8</b></li> </ul>	SQL Task D: TSQL06 – Working with SQL Server Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conversion in a Query</li> <li>collation in a query</li> <li>date and time functions</li> </ul>

09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using DML to modify Data</li> </ul>	<b>Demo A</b> - Adding Data to Tables <b>Demo B</b> - Modifying and Removing Data <b>Demo C</b> - Generating Automatic Column Values	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSQL-Mod07 Exercise 1 – 2</li> <li><b>Tutorial 9</b></li> </ul>	SQL Task E: TSQL07– Using DML to Modify Data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adding Data to Tables</li> <li>Modifying and Removing Data</li> <li>Generating Automatic Column Values</li> </ul>
10	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using built in Functions</li> </ul>	<b>Demo A</b> – Scalar Functions <b>Demo B</b> – Cast Functions Demo C – If Functions <b>Demo D</b> – <u>IsNull</u> Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSQL-Mod08 Exercise 1 – 3</li> <li><b>Tutorial 10</b></li> </ul>	SQL Task F: TSQL08– Using Built-In Functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing Queries with Built-In Functions</li> <li>Using Conversion Functions</li> <li>Using Logical Functions</li> <li>Using Functions to Work with NULL</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk through SQL Quick Guide 2 - Create a Tables and Relationships via SSMS GUI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk through:</li> <li>SQL Quick Guide 3 - Create Query, View through Designer</li> </ul>	Hands-on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SQL Server Quick Guide 2</li> </ul>	SQL Server – Introduction to SQL Server and SSMS
12	Support	Support	Hands-on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SQL Server Quick Guide 3</li> </ul>	SQL Server – Introduction to SQL Server and SSMS
<b>Submission ICA 2 (Individual Submission) -&gt; Deadline is Wednesday 11/01/2023 before 4pm</b>				

# Module Overview

- Writing Queries with Built-In Functions
- Using Conversion Functions
- Using Logical Functions
- Using Functions to Work with NULL

# Writing Queries with Built-In Functions

- SQL Server Built-in Function Types
- Scalar Functions
- Aggregate Functions
- Window Functions
- Rowset Functions
- Demonstration: Writing Queries Using Built-in Functions



# SQL Server Built-in Function Types

- SQL Server functions can be categorized by scope of input and type of output:

Function Category	Description
Scalar	Operate on a single row, return a single value
Grouped Aggregate	Take one or more values but return a single summarizing value
Window	Operate on a window (set) of rows
Rowset	Return a virtual table that can be used in a T-SQL statement

# Scalar Functions

- Operate on elements from a single row as inputs, return a single value as output
- Return a single (scalar) value
- Can be used like an expression in queries
- May be deterministic or nondeterministic
- Collation depends on input value or default collation of database

## Scalar Function Categories

- Configuration
- Conversion
- Cursor
- Date and Time
- Logical
- Mathematical
- Metadata
- Security
- String
- System
- System Statistical
- Text and Image

# Aggregate Functions

- Functions that operate on sets, or rows, of data
- Summarize input rows
- Without GROUP BY clause, all rows are arranged as one group
- Will be covered later in the course

```
SELECT COUNT(*) AS numorderlines,  
       SUM(qty*unitprice) AS totalsales  
FROM   Sales.OrderDetails;
```

```
numorderlines totalsales  
-----  
2155          56500.91
```

# Window Functions

- Functions applied to a window, or set of rows
- Include ranking, offset, aggregate, and distribution functions
- Will be covered later in the course

```
SELECT TOP(5) productid, productname, unitprice,  
             RANK() OVER(ORDER BY unitprice DESC) AS  
             rankbyprice  
FROM Production.Products  
ORDER BY rankbyprice;
```

productid	productname	unitprice	rankbyprice
8	Product QDOMO	263.50	1
29	Product VJXYN	123.79	2
9	Product AOZBW	97.00	3
20	Product QHFFP	81.00	4
18	Product CKEDC	62.50	5

# Rowset Functions

- Return an object that can be used like a table in a T-SQL statement
- Include OPENDATASOURCE, OPENQUERY, OPENROWSET, and OPENXML
- Beyond the scope of this course

# Demonstration A: Writing Queries Using Built-in Functions

In this demonstration, you will see how to Use built-in scalar functions

 Week10 - Demonstration A - TSQL - Scalar Functions.sql

 Week10 - Demonstration B - TSQL - Cast Functions.sql

 Week10 - Demonstration C - TSQL - If Functions.sql

 Week10 - Demonstration D - TSQL - IsNull Functions.sql

# Using Conversion Functions

- Implicit and Explicit Data Type Conversions
- Converting with CAST
- Converting with CONVERT
- Converting Strings with PARSE
- Converting with TRY\_PARSE and TRY\_CONVERT
- Demonstration: Using Conversion Functions

# Implicit and Explicit Data Type Conversions

- Implicit conversion occurs automatically and follows data type precedence rules
- Use explicit conversion:
  - When implicit would fail or is not permitted
  - To override data type precedence
- Explicitly convert between types with CAST or CONVERT functions
- Watch for truncation



# Converting with CAST

- Converts a value from one data type to another:
  - Can be used in SELECT and WHERE clauses
  - ANSI standard

- CAST syntax:

```
CAST(<value> AS <datatype>)
```

- CAST example:

```
SELECT CAST(SYSDATETIME() AS date);
```

- Returns an error if data types are incompatible:

```
--attempt to convert datetime2 to int  
SELECT CAST(SYSDATETIME() AS int);
```

```
Msg 529, Level 16, State 2, Line 1  
Explicit conversion from data type datetime2 to int is not allowed.
```

# Converting with CONVERT

- Converts a value from one data type to another:
  - Can be used in SELECT and WHERE clauses
  - CONVERT is specific to SQL Server, not standards-based
- Style specifies how input value is converted:
  - Date, time, numeric, XML, and so on
- Syntax:

```
CONVERT (<datatype>, <value>, <optional style no.>)
```

- Example:

```
CONVERT(CHAR(8), CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, 112) AS ISO_style;
```

```
ISO_style  
-----  
20120212
```

# Converting Strings with PARSE

- PARSE converts strings to date, time, and number types:

PARSE element	Comment
String_value	Formatted nvarchar(4000) input
Data_type	Requested data type output
Culture	Optional string in .NET culture form: en-US, es-ES, ar-SA, and so on

- PARSE example:

```
SELECT PARSE('02/12/2012' AS datetime2  
    USING 'en-US') AS parse_result;
```

# Converting with TRY\_PARSE and TRY\_CONVERT





- TRY\_PARSE and TRY\_CONVERT:
  - Return the results of a data type conversion:
    - Like PARSE and CONVERT, they convert strings to date, time and numeric types
    - Unlike PARSE and CONVERT, they return a NULL if the conversion fails
- TRY\_PARSE Example:

```
SELECT TRY_PARSE('SQLServer' AS datetime2  
    USING 'en-US') AS try_parse_result;
```

```
try_parse_result  
-----  
NULL
```

## Demonstration B: Using Conversion Functions

In this demonstration, you will see how to Use functions to convert data

-  Week10 - Demonstration A - TSQL - Scalar Functions.sql
-  Week10 - Demonstration B - TSQL - Cast Functions.sql
-  Week10 - Demonstration C - TSQL - If Functions.sql
-  Week10 - Demonstration D - TSQL - IsNull Functions.sql

# Using Logical Functions

- Writing Logical Test with Functions
- Performing Conditional Tests with IIF
- Selecting Items from a List with CHOOSE
- Demonstration: Using Logical Functions

# Writing Logical Test with Functions

- ISNUMERIC tests whether an input expression is a valid numeric data type:
  - Returns a 1 when the input evaluates to any valid numeric type, including FLOAT and MONEY
  - Returns 0 otherwise
- Example:

```
SELECT ISNUMERIC('SQL') AS isnnumeric_result;
```

```
isnnnumeric_result  
-----  
0
```

```
SELECT ISNUMERIC('101.99') AS isnnumeric_result;
```

```
isnnnumeric_result  
-----  
1
```

# Performing Conditional Tests with IIF

- IIF returns one of two values, depending on a logical test
- Shorthand for a two-outcome CASE expression:

IIF Element	Comments
Boolean_expression	Logical test evaluating to TRUE, FALSE, or UNKNOWN
True_value	Value returned if expression evaluates to TRUE
False_value	Value returned if expression evaluates to FALSE or UNKNOWN

- IIF example:

```
SELECT    productid, unitprice,  
          IIF(unitprice > 50, 'high','low') AS pricepoint  
FROM Production.Products;
```



# Selecting Items from a List with CHOOSE

- CHOOSE returns an item from a list as specified by an index value:

CHOOSE Element    Comments	
Index	Integer that represents position in list
Value_list	List of values of any data type to be returned





- CHOOSE example:

```
SELECT CHOOSE (3, 'Beverages', 'Condiments', 'Confections')  
AS choose_result;
```

```
choose_result  
-----  
Confections
```

## Demonstration C: Using Logical Functions

In this demonstration, you will see how to Use logical functions

-  Week10 - Demonstration A - TSQL - Scalar Functions.sql
-  Week10 - Demonstration B - TSQL - Cast Functions.sql
-  Week10 - Demonstration C - TSQL - If Functions.sql
-  Week10 - Demonstration D - TSQL - IsNull Functions.sql

# Using Functions to Work with NULL

- Converting NULL with ISNULL
- Using COALESCE to Return Non-NULL Values
- Using NULLIF to Return NULL If Values Match
- Demonstration: Using Functions to Work with NULL

# Converting NULL with ISNULL

- ISNULL replaces NULL with a specified value
- Not standard; use COALESCE instead

- Syntax:

ISNULL Element	Comment
expression_to_check	Return expression itself if not NULL
replacement_value	Returned if expression evaluates to NULL

- ISNULL example:

```
SELECT custid, city, ISNULL(region, 'N/A') AS region, country
FROM Sales.Customers;
```

custid	city	region	country
7	Strasbourg	N/A	France
9	Marseille	N/A	France
32	Eugene	OR	USA
43	Walla Walla	WA	USA
45	San Francisco	CA	USA

# Using COALESCE to Return Non-NULL Values

- COALESCE returns the first non-NULL value in a list:
  - With only two arguments, COALESCE behaves like ISNULL
  - If all arguments are NULL, COALESCE returns NULL
- COALESCE is standards-based
- COALESCE example:

```
SELECT custid, country, region, city,  
       country + ',' + COALESCE(region, ' ') + ', ' + city as location  
FROM Sales.Customers;
```

custid	country	region	city	location
17	Germany	NULL	Aachen	Germany, , Aachen
65	USA	NM	Albuquerque	USA,NM, Albuquerque
55	USA	AK	Anchorage	USA,AK, Anchorage
83	Denmark	NULL	Århus	Denmark, , Århus

# Using NULLIF to Return NULL If Values Match

- NULLIF compares two expressions:
  - Returns NULL if both arguments are equal
  - Returns the first argument if the two arguments are not equal





emp_id	goal	actual
1	100	110
2	90	90
3	100	90
4	100	80

```
SELECT emp_id, NULLIF(actual,goal) AS actual_if_different
FROM dbo.employee_goals;
```

emp_id	actual_if_different
1	110
2	NULL
3	90
4	80

## Demonstration D: Using Functions to Work with NULL

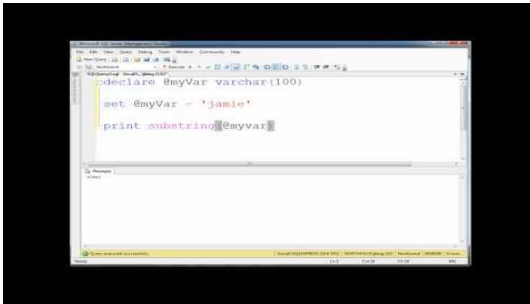
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# Supporting Material - SQL Server Built-In Functions 1/2

## Built-In Functions Video link:

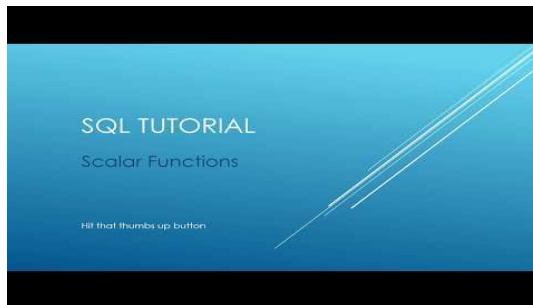
### [SQL Built-In Functions](#)



### [Built in string functions in sql](#)



### [SQL Tutorial - Scalar Functions](#)



### [SQL Functions with Examples](#)





## **Built-In Functions Web Resource:**

- [Microsoft Docs | Built-In Functions](#)
- [W3Schools | SQL Server Functions](#)
- [SQL Server Tutorial.net | SQL Server Scalar Functions](#)
- [Tutorialspoint | T-SQL Functions](#)
- [JavaTpoint | T-SQL Functions](#)