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How many months does the year consist of?



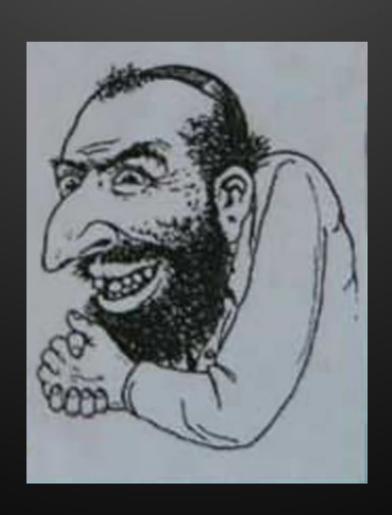
What is the first day of the year?



Which day is the beginning of the week?

Right, but did you know that ...

Jewish calendar consists of 13 months. And month #6 is a leaping one.



In Japan the calendar may return to year #1 at the day of the emperor's death



In Russia week starts on Monday.

In the USA the first day is Sunday





Dates must look in the way the user expects









The Typical Solution



```
-(NSDate*)parseDate:( NSString* )date_
 NSDateFormatter* df_ = [ NSDateFormatter new ];
 df_.dateFormat = @"yyyy-MM-dd";
 return [ df_ dateFromString: date_ ];
```

WRONG!



```
-(NSDate*)parseDate:( NSString* )data_

{

    NSDateFormatter* df_ = [NSDateFormatter new ];

    df_.dateFormat - @"yyyy-MM-dd";
```

return [df_ dateFromString: date_};







Use en US POSIX locale for dates from the network

Use Gregorian calendar too

NSDateFormatter NSCalendar **NSLocale NSLocale**



Do not forget to set the same Locale for both NSCalendar and NSDateFormatter

Or let my library do it for you



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Ok. How about SQLite?





SELECT SUM(Visits)
FROM VisitsLog
WHERE Date BETWEEN
x AND y
GROUP BY week



What should I take as week?



SELECT SUM(Visits)
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GROUP BY

Strftime('%Y-%W', Date)



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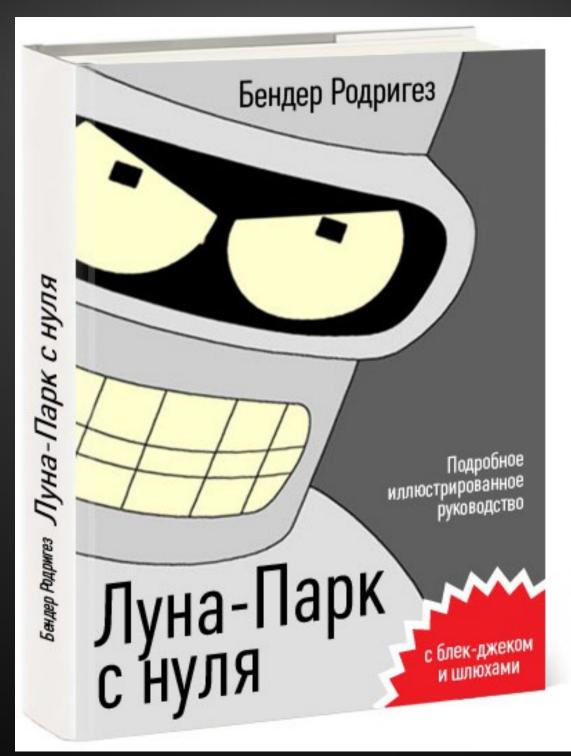
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```
ObjcFormatDate('YYYY-ww', Date, 'en_US_POSIX')
```



int sqlite3 create function dbHandle, "ObjcFormatDate", 3, //int nArg, SQLITE UTF8, NULL, // sqlite user data functionPointer, NULL, NULL // for aggregates



Plan of attack

Convert C strings to NSString

Convert date string to NSDate

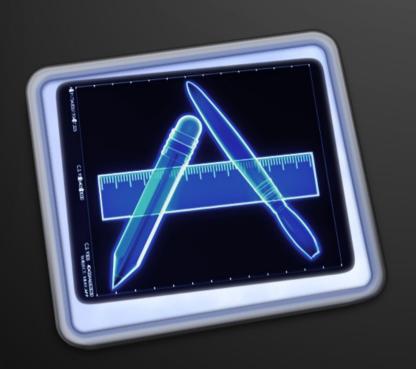
Format NSDate using locale

SQLite uses ANSI format

yyyy-MM-dd

Demo

One More Thing





1000 times slower than strftime



10K records

Creating NSDateFormatter on-the-fly



Same speed as strftime

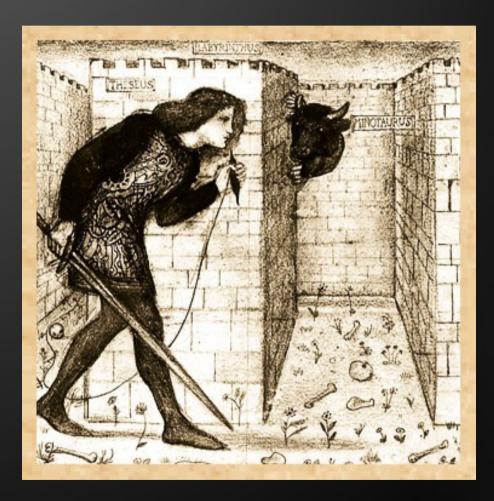
Singletone NSDateFormatter



Same 10K records

Thread Safety





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