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### How many months does the year consist of?



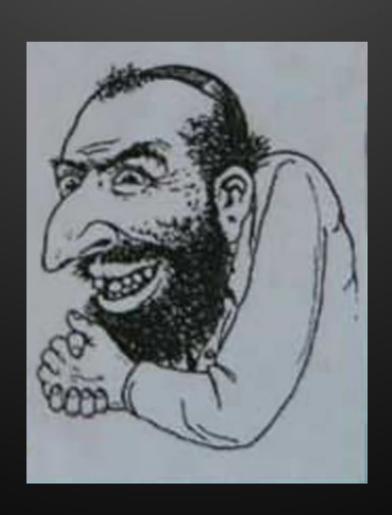
### What is the first day of the year?



### What day does a new week start on?

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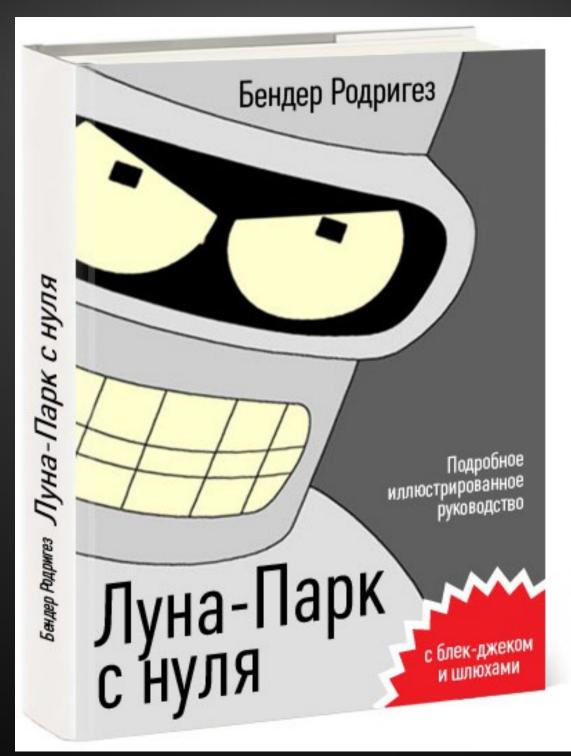
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```
ObjcFormatDate('YYYY-ww', Date, 'en_US_POSIX')
```



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

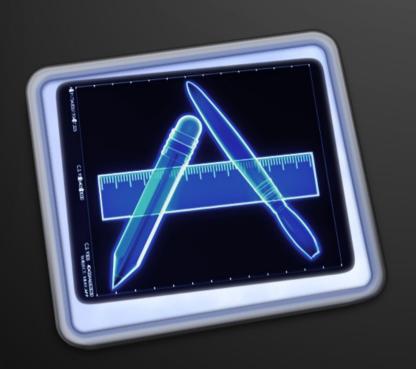
Format NSDate using locale

#### 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

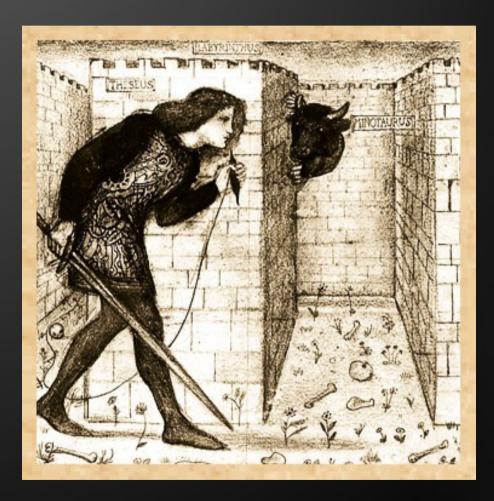
Singletone NSDateFormatter



Same 10K records

#### Thread Safety





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