

Goals:

Functions for data types Date and Datetime
NULL comparison and relevant functions
JOIN queries

0. Review In-Class Code

1. Assigned Reading and research

Read about NULL

- Read about the `IS NULL` comparison operator
https://www.techonthenet.com/mysql/is_null.php
- Read about `IFNULL()` function
https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/control-flow-functions.html#function_ifnull

Read about Date Scalar Functions

- Reference as needed:
<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/date-and-time-types.html>
- Read about the CAST scalar function.
https://www.w3schools.com/sql/func_mysql_cast.asp
- Read about `Date_Add()`
https://www.w3schools.com/sql/func_mysql_date_add.asp
- Read about `NOW()` and `STR_TO_DATE()` (understand the basics of changing strings to dates)
https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/date-and-time-functions.html#function_now
https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.5/en/date-and-time-functions.html#function_str-to-date

Deliverables:

1: If you need to compare if a DATE and a DATETIME are the same day, which function will enable you to do this? Write some code to confirm your assumptions.

Hint - start here, and make this test return true by using a function in the correct place:

```
select '2018-10-11' = now()  
-- put today's actual date in the string
```

2: Write a query to show in the result set, a value that is 1 month before the student's birthday. Send your code and the resultset.

Note: Some Birthdays can be NULL - Please include the IFNULL function and substitute the Now() value if the birthday is NULL.

Note: it's acceptable to add a new record to the Student table so that you are sure to have a NULL birthdate to practice with - remember, even if no NULL is present at this time, there could be a null in the future.

3: Describe the difference between "IS NULL" and "IFNULL".

4: Show the classes that have no students signed up. Send your code and the result set. (Hint: Write a 2 table "outer" JOIN query and use a WHERE clause predicate to only return those classes that have no students signed up for the classes.)

5: Write a query to show ALL students, and where possible show when they signed up for classes. Send your code and the result set (Hint: Write a 2 table "outer" JOIN query.)

6. Describe the difference between the LEFT/RIGHT and [INNER] JOINS.