# Building dates from parts

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#### Dates from parts

DATEFROMPARTS(year, month, day)

TIMEFROMPARTS(hour, minute, second, fraction, precision)

DATETIMEFROMPARTS(year, month, day, hour, minute, second, ms)

DATETIME2FROMPARTS(year, month, day, hour, minute, second, fraction, precision)

SMALLDATETIMEFROMPARTS(year, month, day, hour, minute)

DATETIMEOFFSETFROMPARTS(year, month, day, hour, minute, second, fraction, hour\_offset, minute\_offset, precision)



#### Dates and times together

#### **SELECT**

```
DATETIMEFROMPARTS(1918, 11, 11, 05, 45, 17, 995) AS DT,

DATETIME2FROMPARTS(1918, 11, 11, 05, 45, 17, 0, 0) AS DT20,

DATETIME2FROMPARTS(1918, 11, 11, 05, 45, 17, 995, 3) AS DT23,

DATETIME2FROMPARTS(1918, 11, 11, 05, 45, 17, 9951234, 7) AS DT27;
```

DT	DT20	DT23	DT27
1918-11-11 05:45:17.997	1918-11-11 05:45:17	1918-11-11 05:45:17.995	1918-11-11 05:45:17.9951234

#### Working with offsets

```
SELECT

DATETIMEOFFSETFROMPARTS(2009, 08, 14, 21, 00, 00, 0, 5, 30, 0) AS IST,

DATETIMEOFFSETFROMPARTS(2009, 08, 14, 21, 00, 00, 0, 5, 30, 0)

AT TIME ZONE 'UTC' AS UTC;
```

IST	UTC
2009-08-14 21:00:00 +05:30	2009-08-14 15:30:00 +00:00

#### Gotchas when working with parts

DATEFROMPARTS(1999, 12, NULL)

DATEFROMPARTS(10000, 01, 01)

DATETIME2FROMPARTS(1918, 11, 11, 05, 45, 17, 995, 0)

#### NULL

Cannot construct data type date, some of the arguments have values which are not valid.

Cannot construct data type datetime2, some of the arguments have values which are not valid.

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# Translating date strings

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## Casting strings

#### **SELECT**

CAST('09/14/99' AS DATE) AS USDate;

#### **USDate**

1999-09-14

## Converting strings

```
SELECT

CONVERT(DATETIME2(3),

'April 4, 2019 11:52:29.998 PM') AS April4
```

#### April4

2019-04-04 23:52:29.998

## Parsing strings

```
SELECT

PARSE('25 Dezember 2014' AS DATE

USING 'de-de') AS Weihnachten;
```

#### Weihnachten

2014-12-25

## The cost of parsing

Function	Conversions Per Second
CONVERT()	251,997
CAST()	240,347
PARSE()	12,620

#### Setting languages

```
SET LANGUAGE 'FRENCH'
DECLARE
    @FrenchDate NVARCHAR(30) = N'18 avril 2019',
    @FrenchNumberDate NVARCHAR(30) = N'18/4/2019';

SELECT
    CAST(@FrenchDate AS DATETIME),
    CAST(@FrenchNumberDate AS DATETIME);
```

2019-04-18 00:00:00.000

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#### Display

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## Changing offsets

```
DECLARE @SomeDate DATETIMEOFFSET =
    '2019-04-10 12:59:02.3908505 -04:00';

SELECT
    SWITCHOFFSET(@SomeDate, '-07:00') AS LATime;
```

#### **LATime**

2019-04-10 09:59:02.3908505 -07:00



## Converting to DATETIMEOFFSET

```
DECLARE @SomeDate DATETIME2(3) =
    '2019-04-10 12:59:02.390';

SELECT
    TODATETIMEOFFSET(@SomeDate, '-04:00') AS EDT;
```

#### **EDT**

2019-04-10 12:59:02.390 -04:00

#### Time zone swaps with TODATETIMEOFFSET

```
DECLARE @SomeDate DATETIME2(3) =
    '2016-09-04 02:28:29.681';

SELECT
    TODATETIMEOFFSET(
        DATEADD(HOUR, 7, @SomeDate),
        '+02:00') AS BonnTime;
```

#### **BonnTime**

2016-09-04 09:28:29.681 +02:00

## Discovering time zones

```
SELECT
   tzi.name,
   tzi.current_utc_offset,
   tzi.is_currently_dst
FROM sys.time_zone_info tzi
WHERE
   tzi.name LIKE '%Time Zone%';
```

name	current_utc_offset	is_currently_dst
Russia Time Zone 3	+04:00	0
Russia Time Zone 10	+11:00	0
Russia Time Zone 11	+12:00	0



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# Handling invalid dates

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#### Error-safe date conversion functions

"Unsafe" Functions

**Safe Functions** 

CAST()

TRY\_CAST()

CONVERT()

TRY\_CONVERT()

PARSE()

TRY\_PARSE()

## When everything goes right

```
SELECT
    PARSE('01/08/2019' AS DATE USING 'en-us') AS January8US,
    PARSE('01/08/2019' AS DATE USING 'fr-fr') AS August1FR;
GO
```

#### Results:

January8US	August1FR
2019-01-08	2019-08-01

#### When everything goes wrong

```
SELECT
    PARSE('01/13/2019' AS DATE USING 'en-us') AS January13US,
    PARSE('01/13/2019' AS DATE USING 'fr-fr') AS Smarch1FR;
GO
```

```
**Msg 9819, Level 16, State 1, Line 1**

Error converting string value '01/13/2019' into data type date using culture 'fr-fr'.
```

## Doing right when everything goes wrong

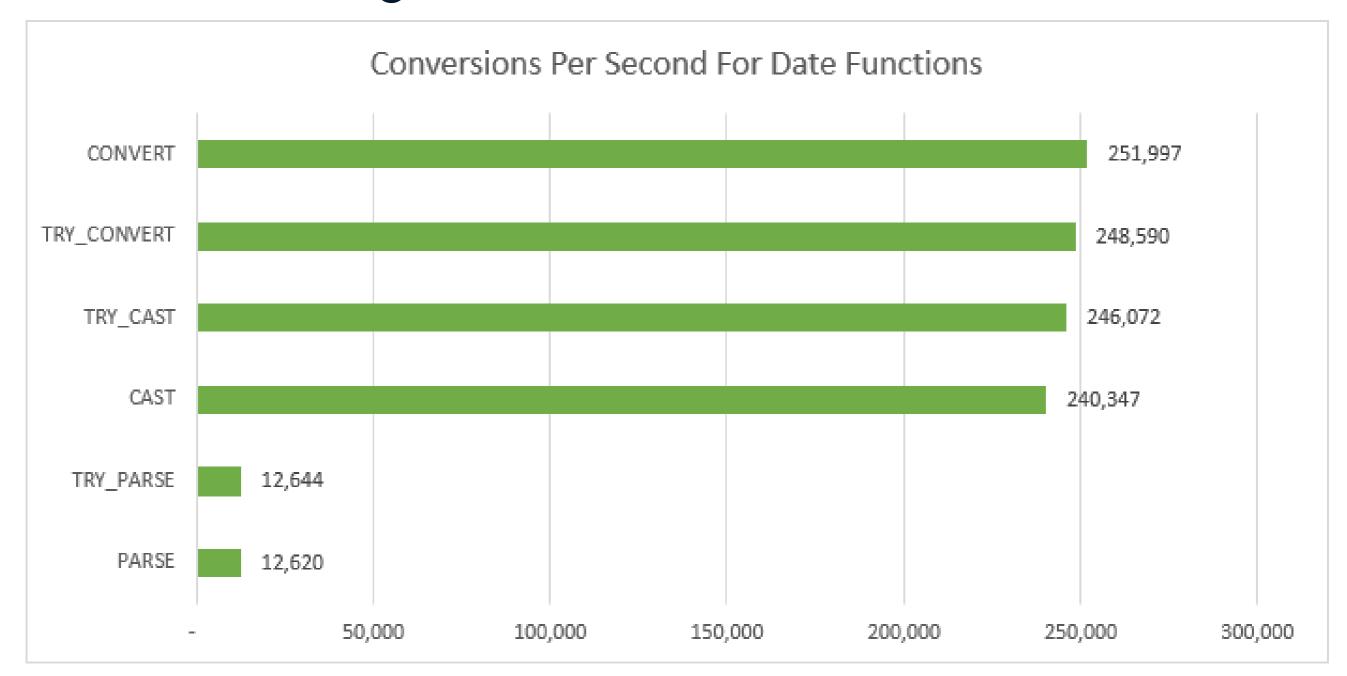
```
SELECT

TRY_PARSE('01/13/2019' AS DATE USING 'en-us') AS January13US,

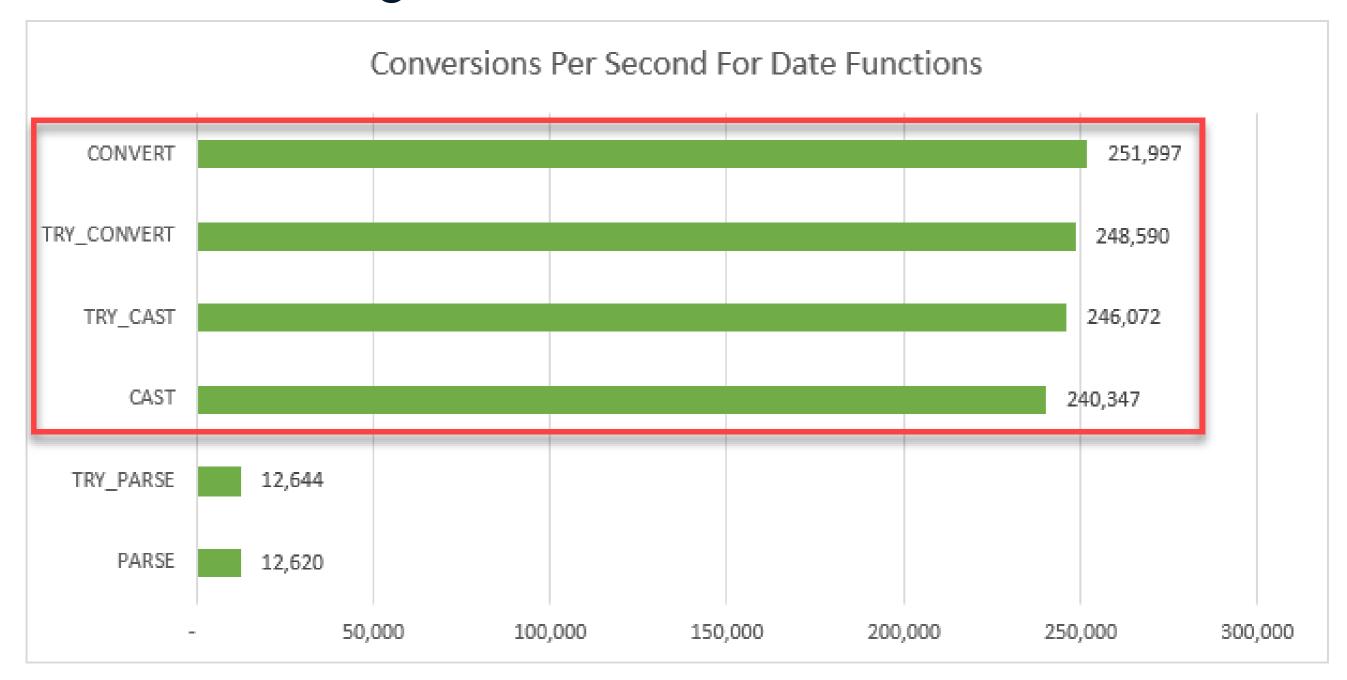
TRY_PARSE('01/13/2019' AS DATE USING 'fr-fr') AS Smarch1FR;

GO
```

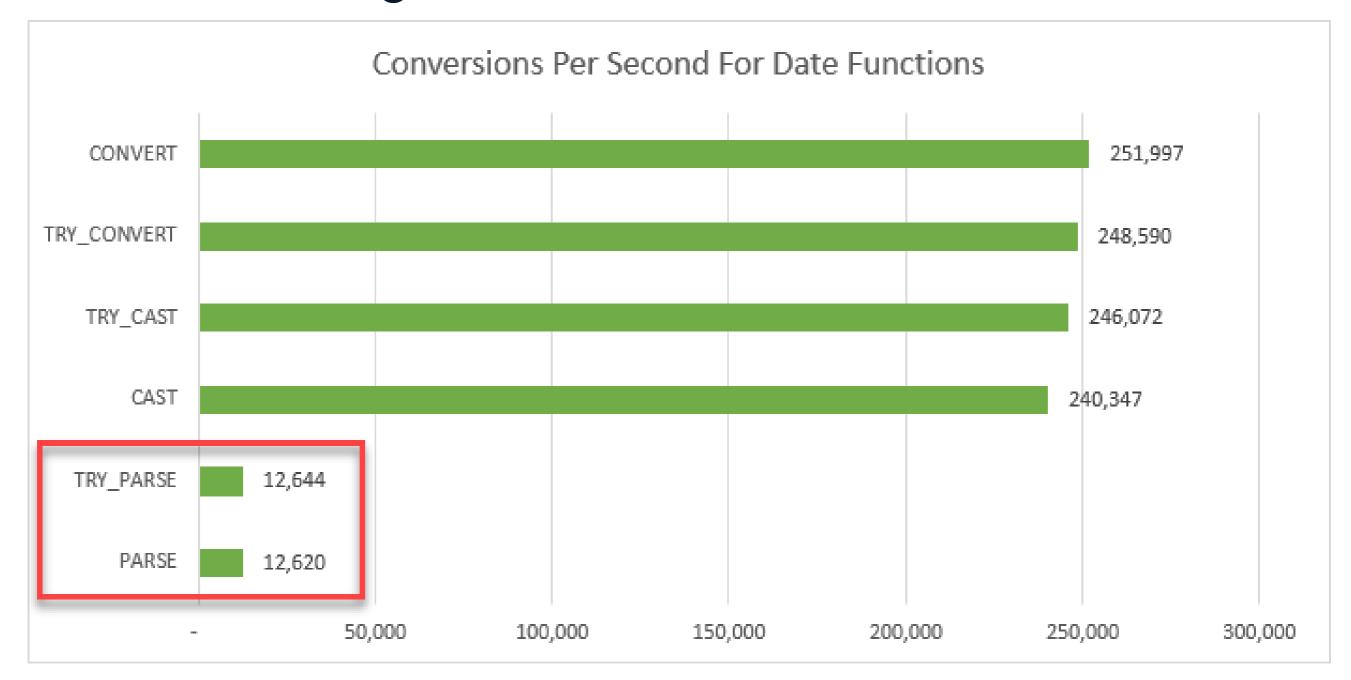
January13US	Smarch1FR
2019-01-13	NULL



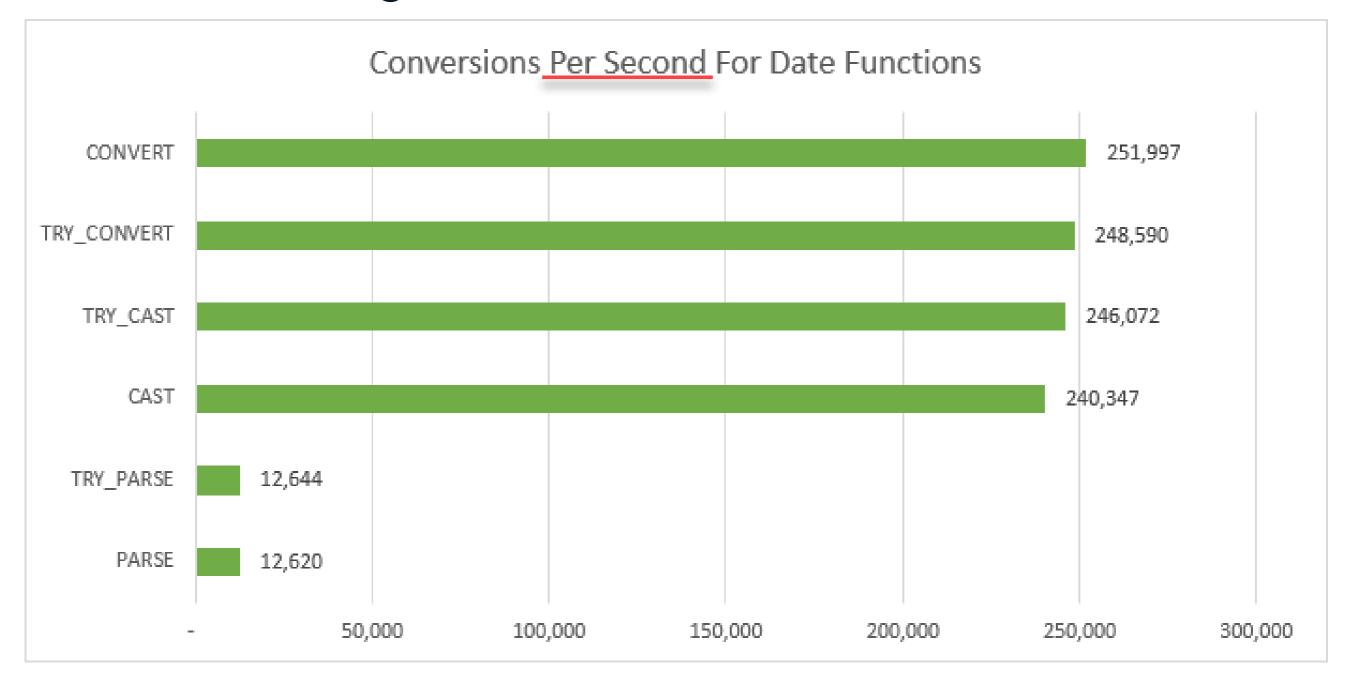














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