Using Basic Functions in MySQL - II

Session 14

Objectives

- *Describe the use of Date functions in MySQL*
- *Describe the use of String functions in MySQL*
- *Describe the use of System Information functions in MySQL*

ADDDATE Function

- The ADDDATE function adds two date expressions
- The syntax for adding two date expressions is:

```
SELECT ADDDATE(expr1,expr2);
```

where,

ADDDATE – calculates the date

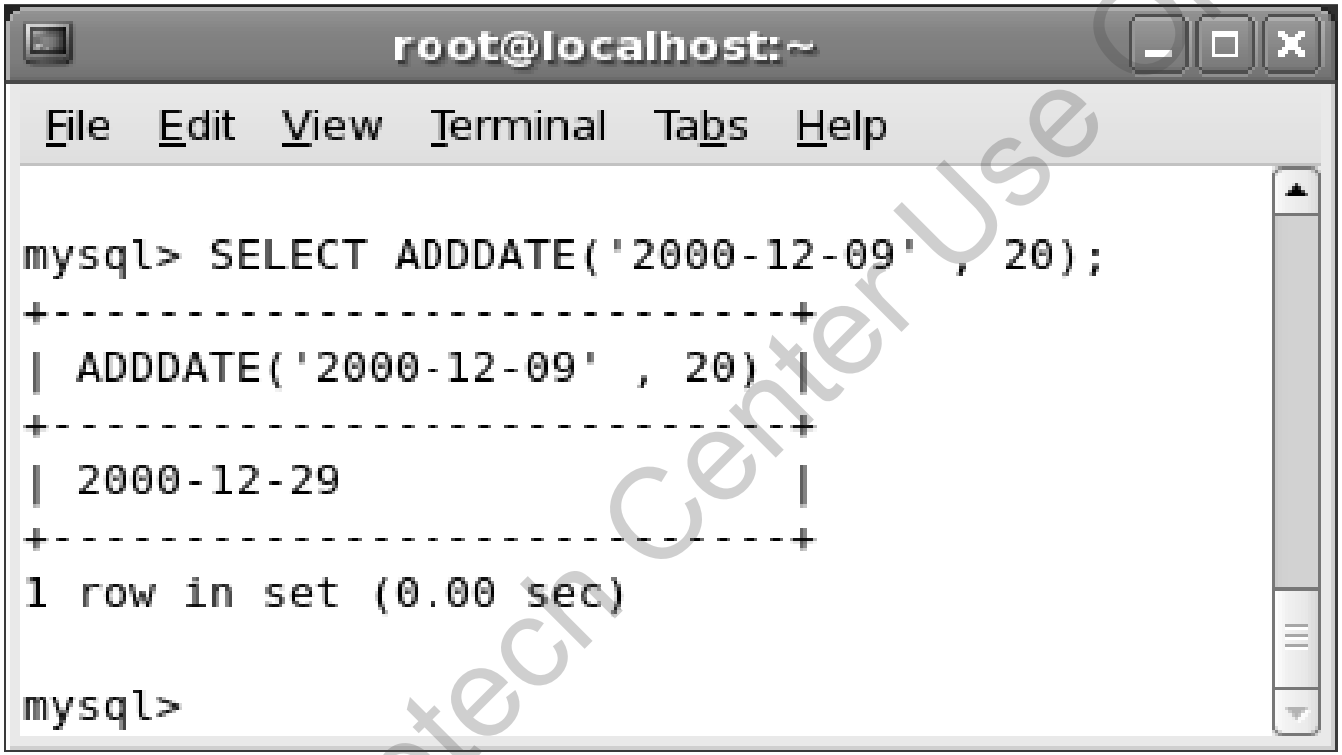
expr1 – specifies a date

expr2 – defines the date to be added

- To add 20 days to the date 2000-12-09, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT ADDDATE('2000-12-09', 20);
```

Figure displays the output of the command



ADDTIME Function

- The `ADDTIME` function is used to add two time expressions.
- The syntax for using this function is:

```
SELECT ADDTIME(expr1, expr2);
```

where,

`ADDTIME` – calculates the time

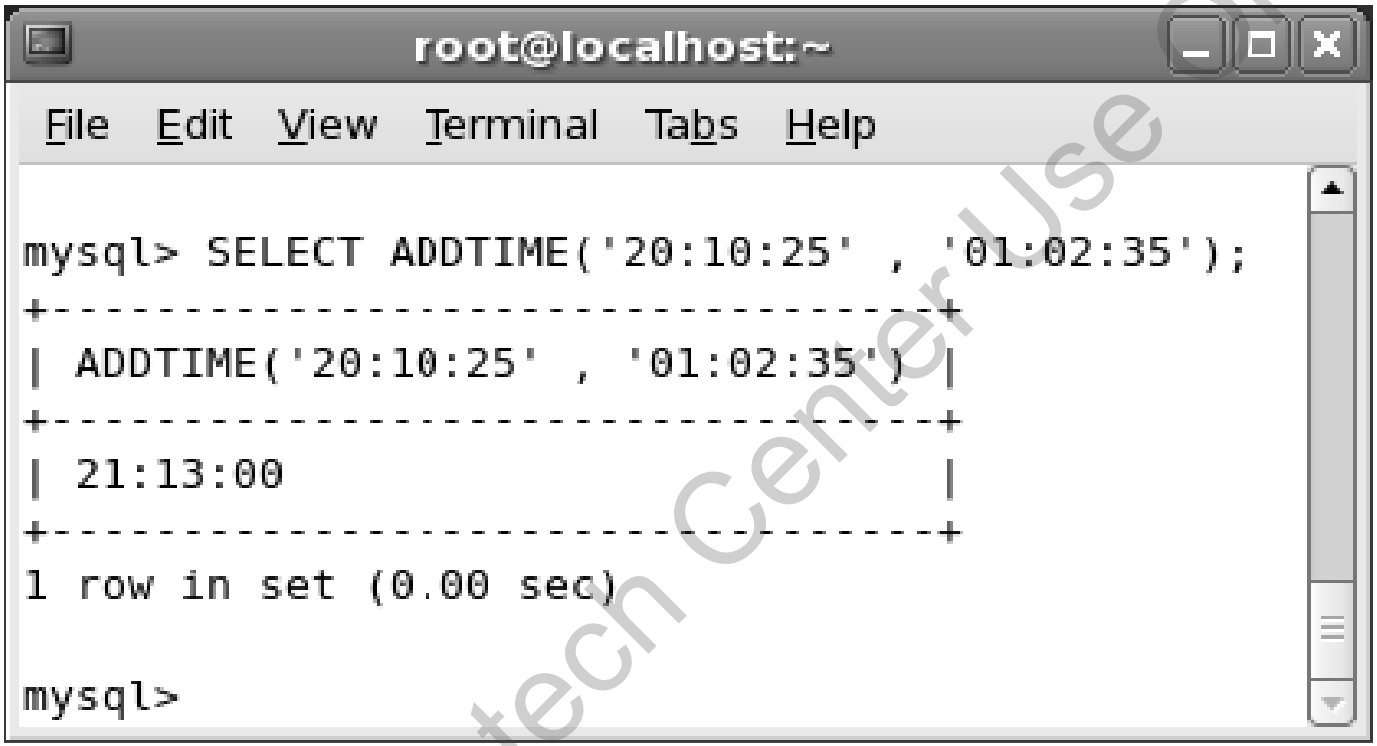
`expr1` – defines a time or datetime expression

`expr2` – specifies a time expression

- To calculate the addition of `20:10:25` and `01:02:35`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT ADDTIME('20:10:25','01:02:35');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



CURDATE Function

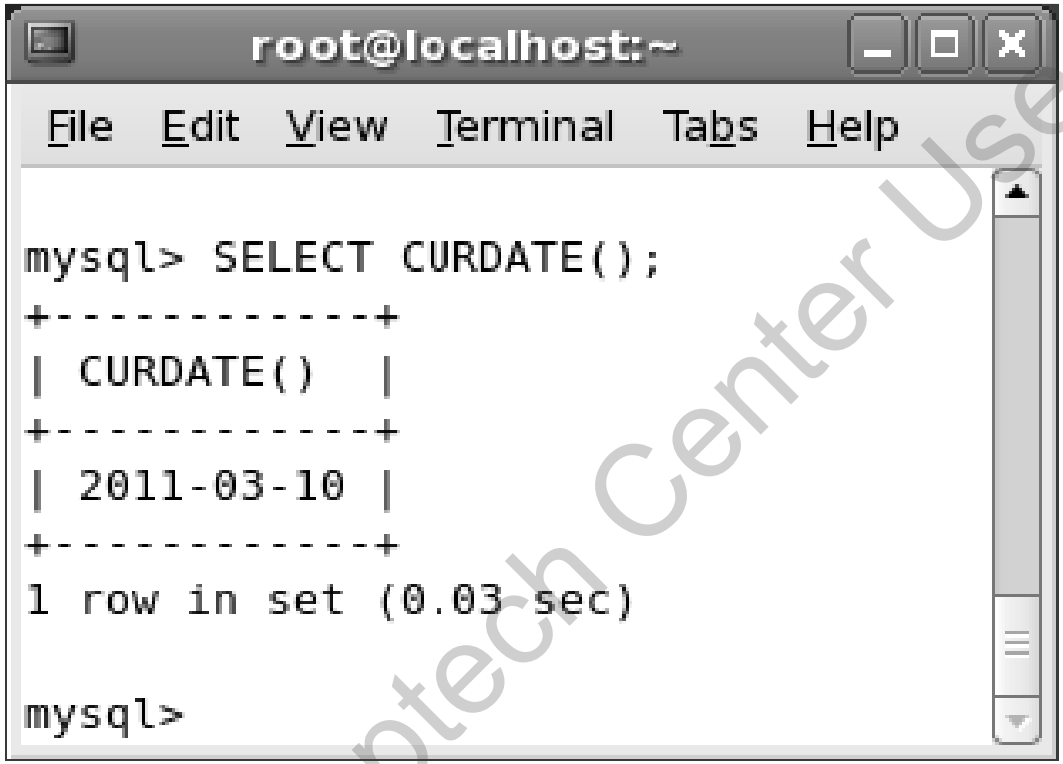
- The `CURDATE` function returns the current date in the `YYYY-MM-DD` or `YYYYMMDD` format.
- The syntax to retrieve the current date is:

```
SELECT CURDATE();
```

- For example, to view the current date, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT CURDATE();
```

Figure displays the output of the command



CURTIME Function

- The `CURTIME` function displays the current time
- The syntax to view the current time is:

```
SELECT CURTIME();
```

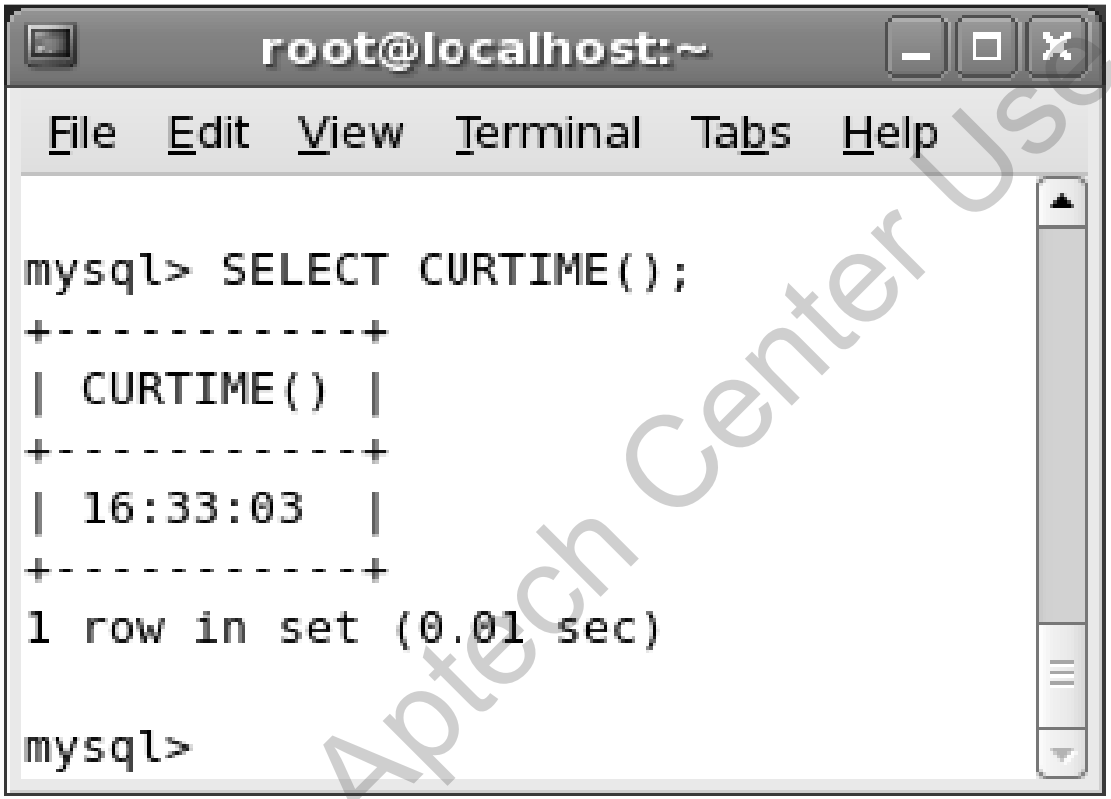
- For example, to obtain the current time, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT CURTIME();
```

- The alternative syntax for viewing the current time is:

```
SELECT CURRENT_TIME();
```

Figure displays the output of the command



DATE_ADD Function

- The DATE_ADD function appends a specified time interval to the given date
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT DATE_ADD(date, INTERVAL expr unit);
```

where,

DATE_ADD – alters the date with the specified interval

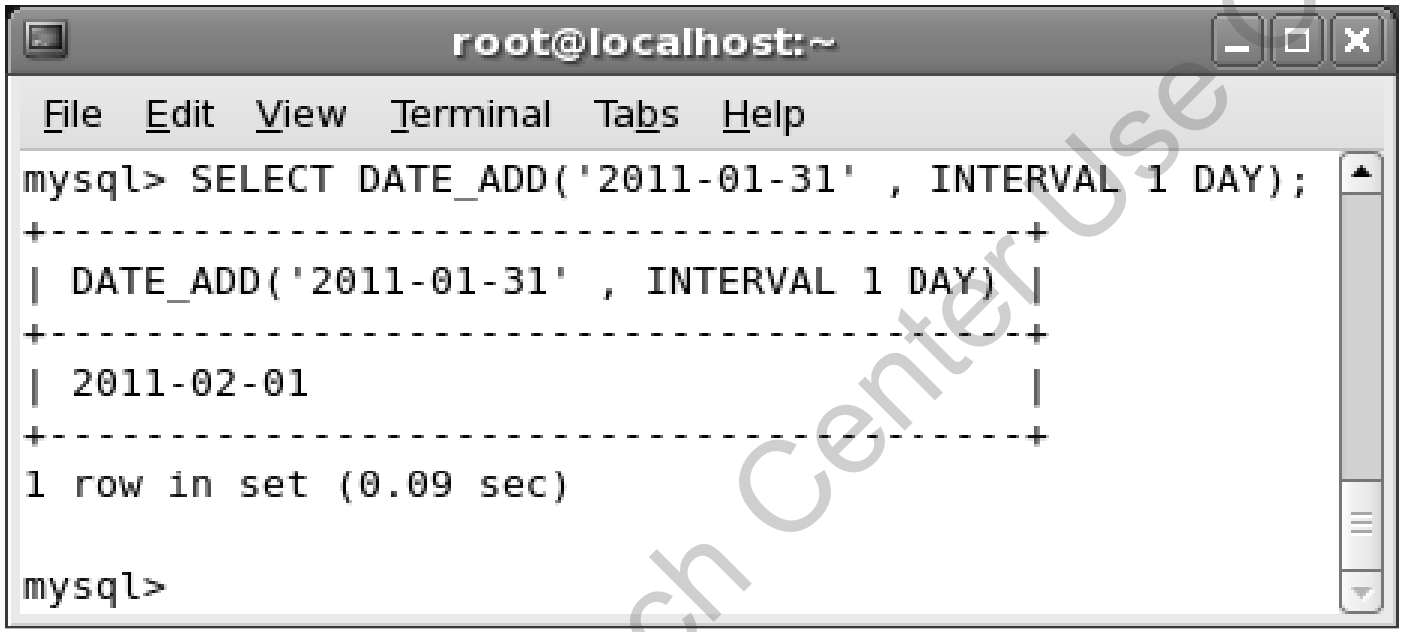
date – specifies the starting date or datetime value

INTERVAL expr unit – specifies the interval to be added to the given date

- For example, to add 1 day to the date 2011-01-31, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT DATE_ADD('2011-01-31', INTERVAL 1 DAY);
```

Figure displays the output of the command



DATE function

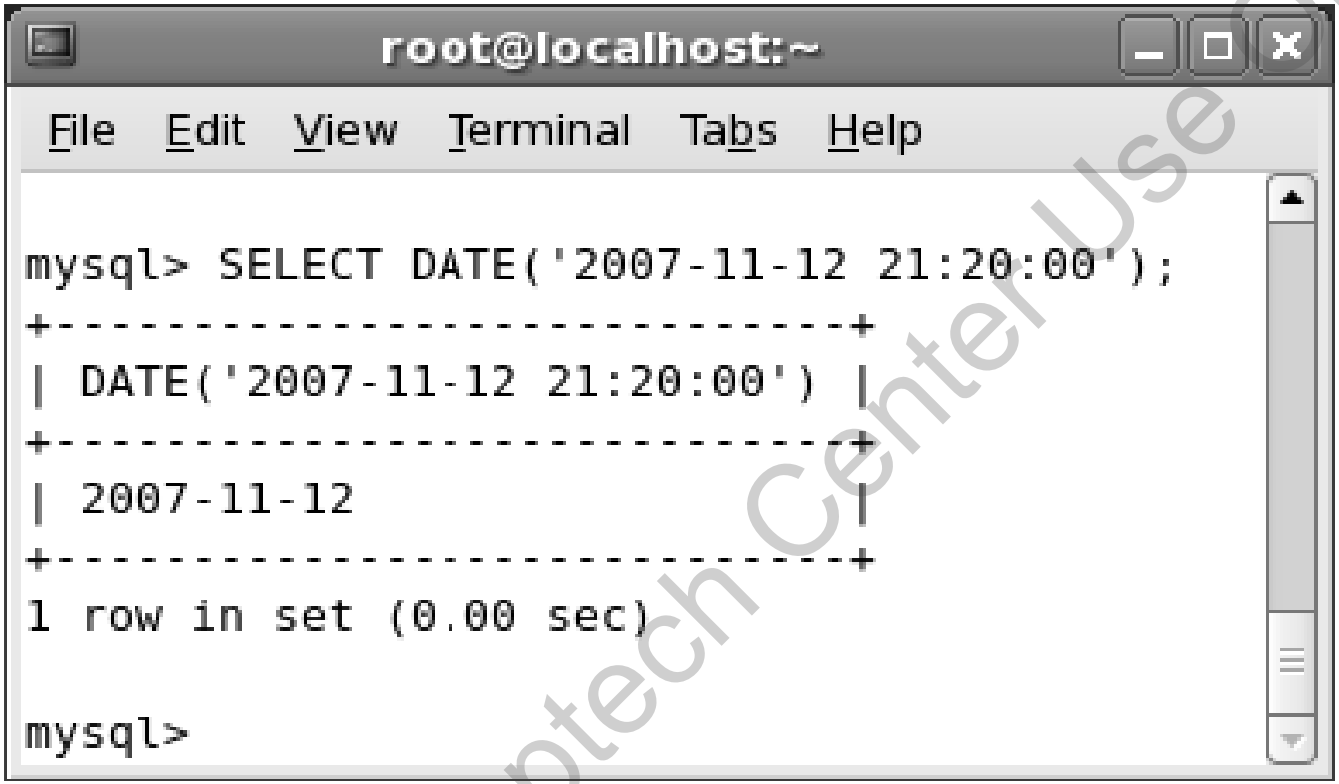
- The `DATE` function displays the date part of the specified date or timestamp
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT DATE(expression);
```

- For example, to view only the date part from `2007-11-12 21:20:00`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT DATE('2007-11-12 21:20:00');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



DATEDIFF Function

- The `DATEDIFF` function returns the number of days between a start date and an end date
- These dates are entered as arguments
- The syntax to calculate the date difference is:

```
SELECT DATEDIFF(expr1,expr2);
```

where,

`DATEDIFF` – calculates the number of days

`expr1` – defines the start date

`expr2` – defines the end date

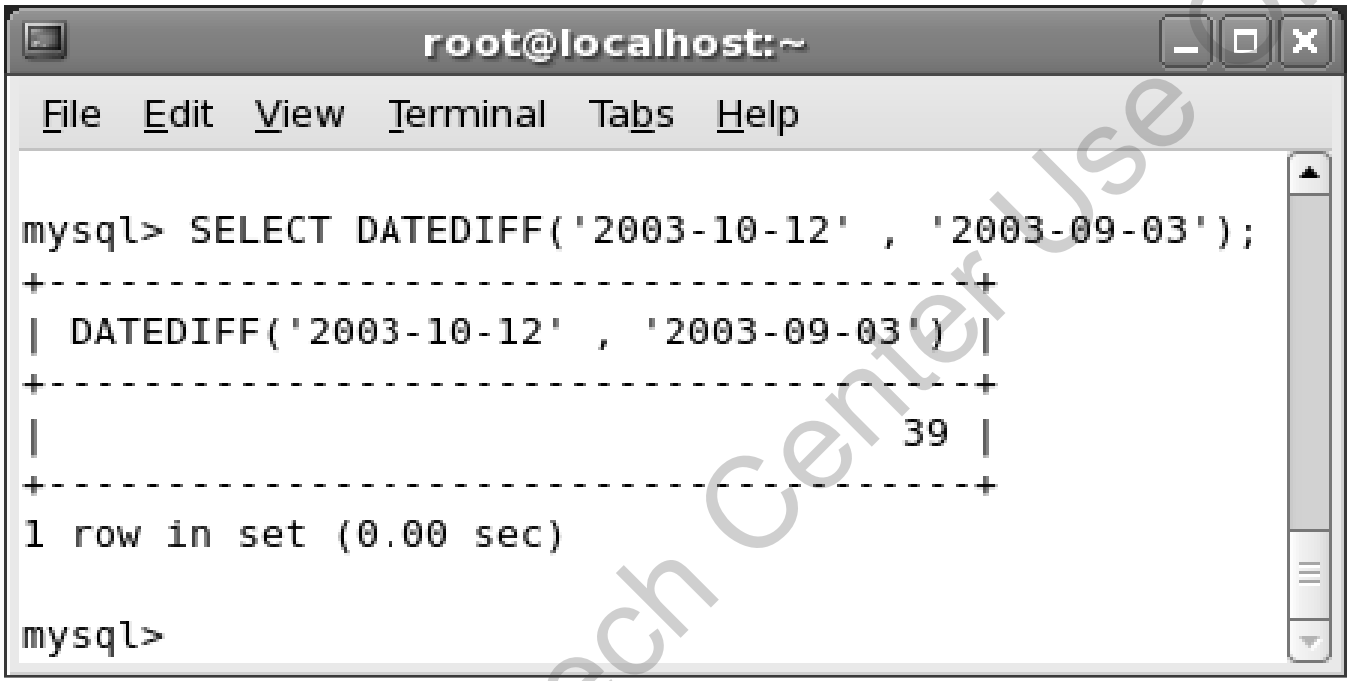
DATEDIFF Function

- For example, to calculate the difference between the dates `2003-10-12` and `2003-09-03`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT DATEDIFF('2003-10-12','2003-09-03');
```

DATEDIFF Function

Figure displays the output of the command



DATE_FORMAT Function

- The DATE_FORMAT function displays the specified date in a particular format
- The syntax to use this function is:

```
SELECT DATE_FORMAT(date, format);
```

where,

`date` – defines a valid date

`format` – defines the output format to display the date

- To display a particular date in the MM-DD-YYYY format, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT DATE_FORMAT('1999-11-04','%M-%D-%Y');
```

DATE_FORMAT Function

Figure displays the output of the command

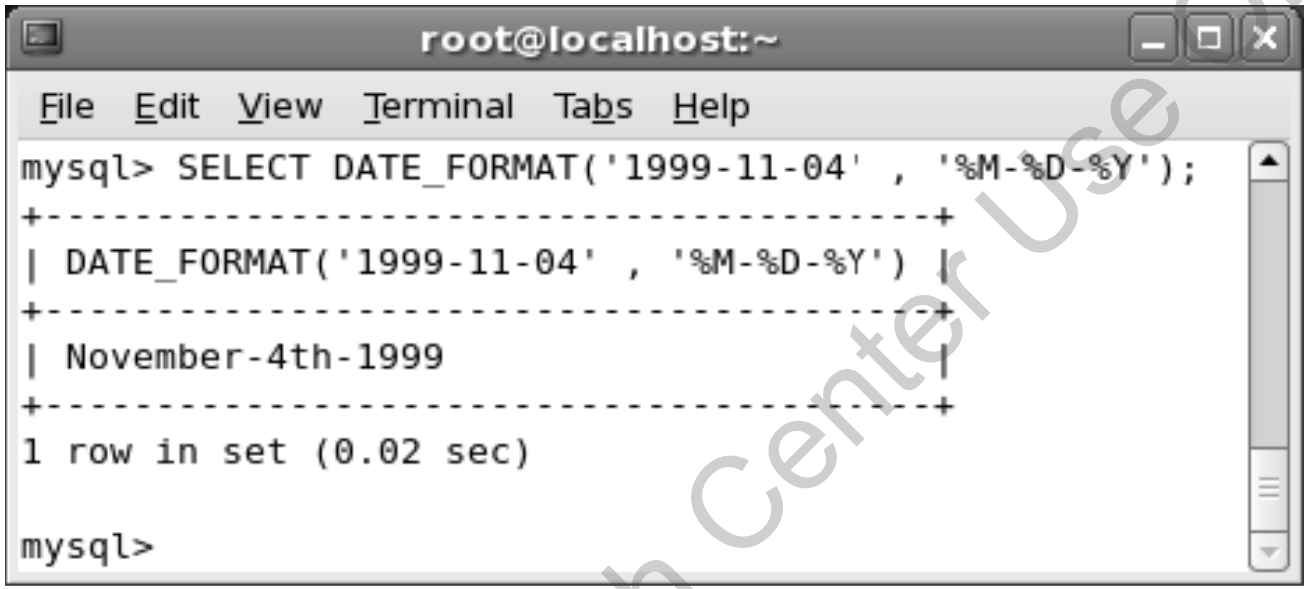


Table lists some of the format specifiers

Specifier	Description
%a	Abbreviated weekday name
%f	Microseconds
%H	Hour (00 – 23)
%h	Hour (00 -12)
%M	Month name (January – December)
%m	Month, numeric (01 – 12)
%p	A.M. or P.M.
%s	Seconds
%D	Date
%Y	Year, numeric, four digits

DAY Function

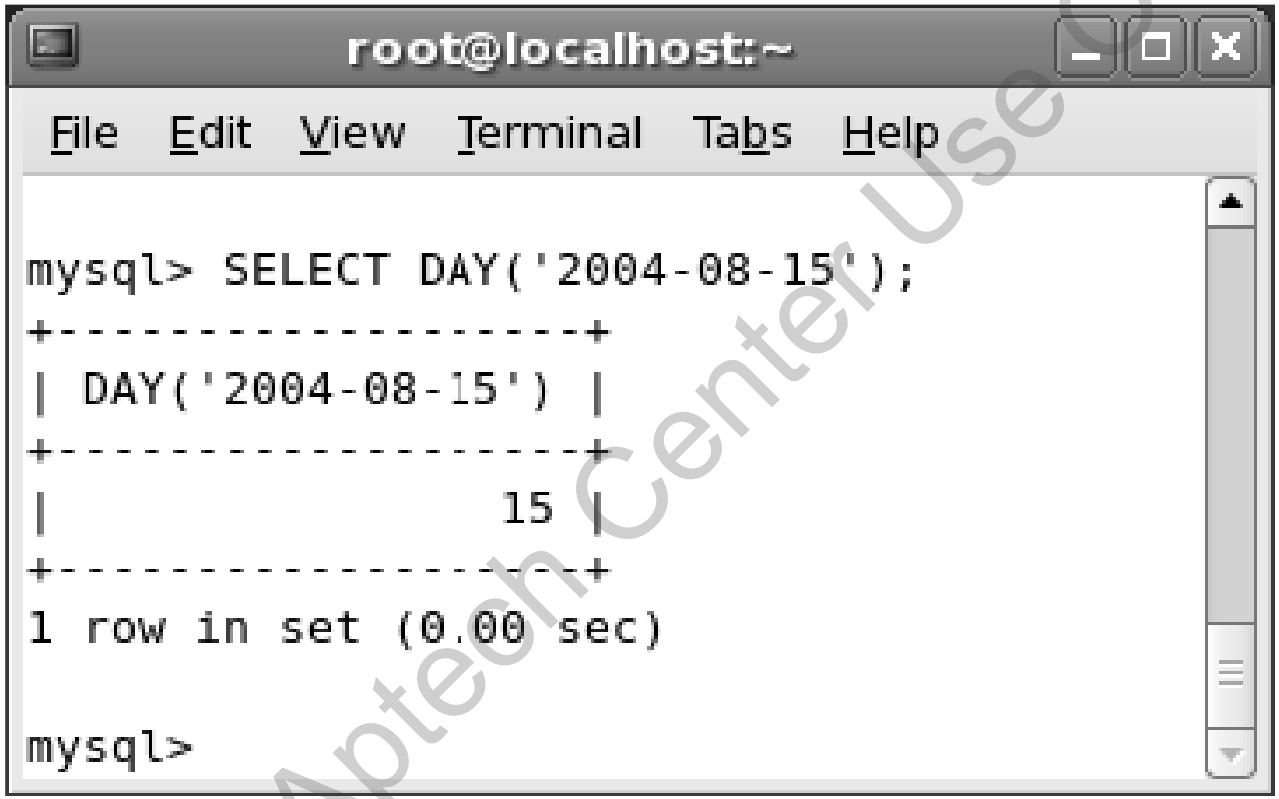
- The `DAY` function returns the day of the month for the specified date
- The range is from 1 to 31
- The syntax to display the day of the month is:

```
SELECT DAY(date);
```

- For example, to obtain the day for the date `2004-08-15`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT DAY('2004-08-15');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



DAYNAME Function

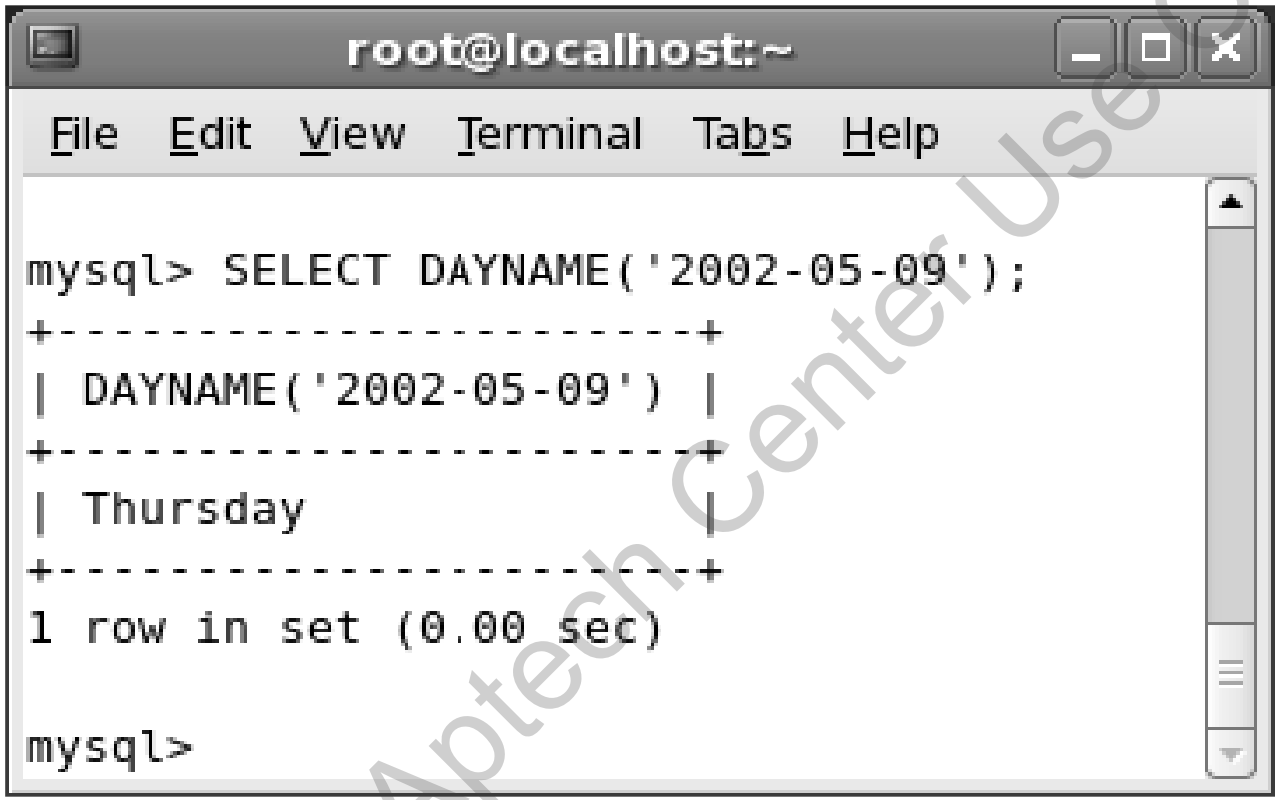
- The DAYNAME function returns the name of the weekday for a date entered as an argument
- The syntax to display the name of the weekday is:

```
SELECT DAYNAME(date);
```

- For example, to obtain the name of the day for the date 2002-05-09, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT DAYNAME('2002-05-09');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



HOUR Function

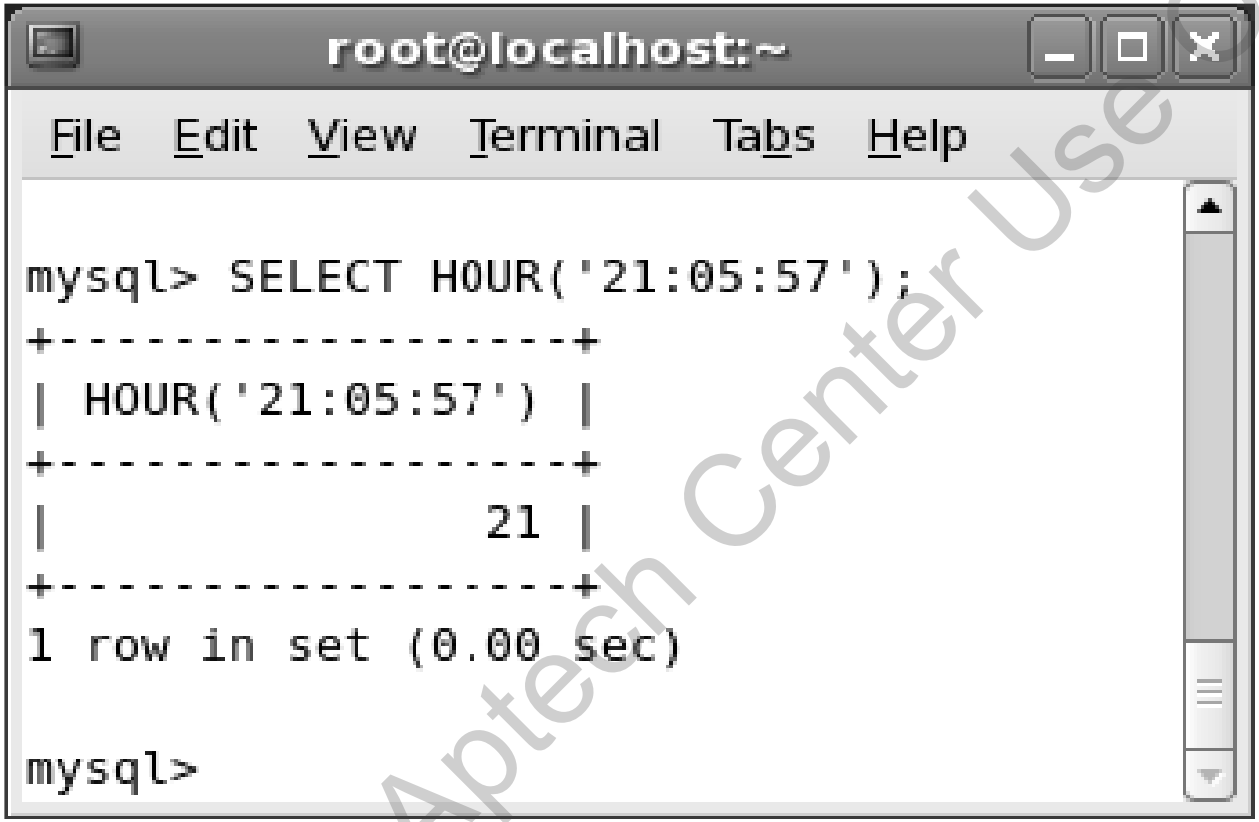
- The `HOUR` function returns the hour of the time specified as an argument
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT HOUR(expression);
```

- For example, to retrieve the hour from the expression `21:05:57`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT HOUR('21:05:57');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



MINUTE Function

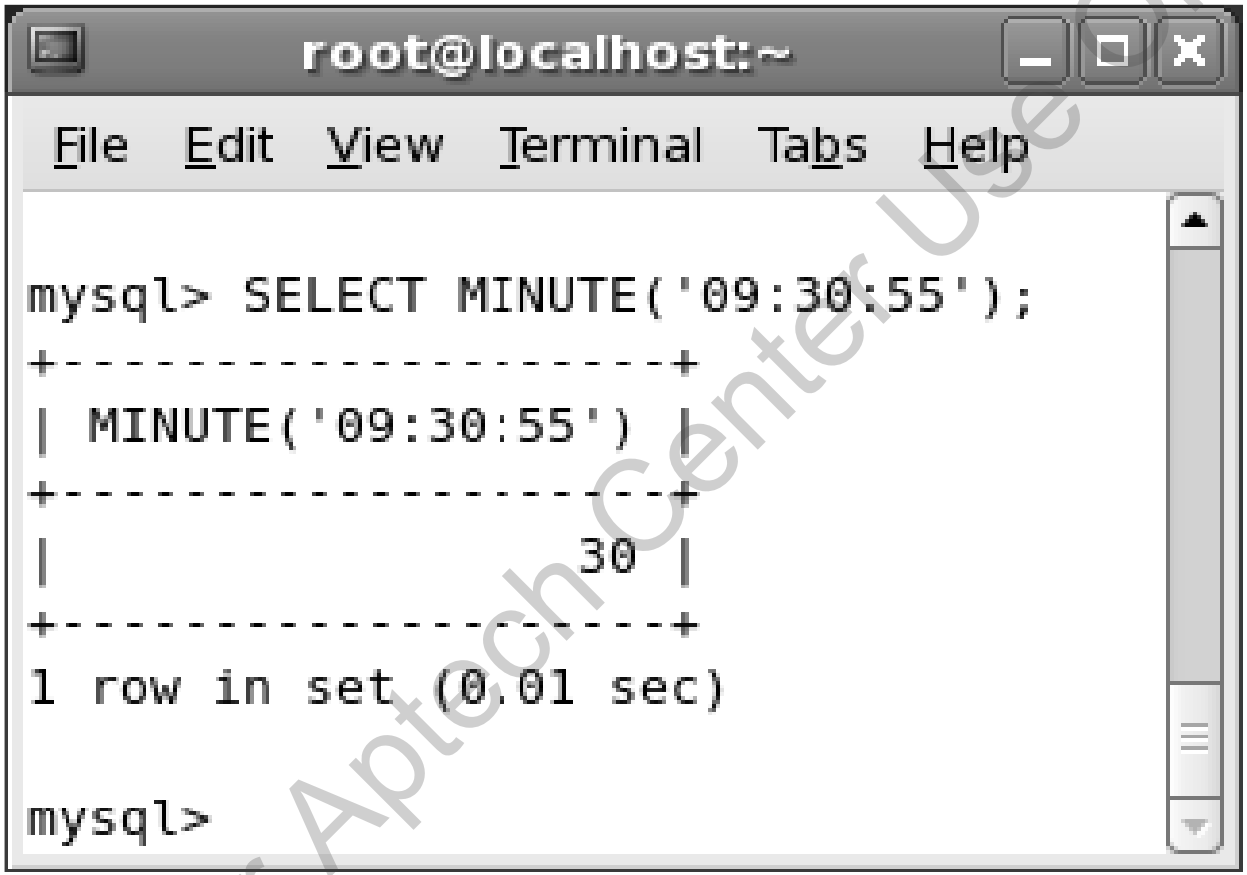
- The `MINUTE` function extracts the minutes from the specified time argument
- The output of this function is a numeric value ranging from `0` to `59`
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT MINUTE(expression);
```

- For example, to display the minutes from a datetime expression, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT MINUTE('09:30:55');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



MONTH Function

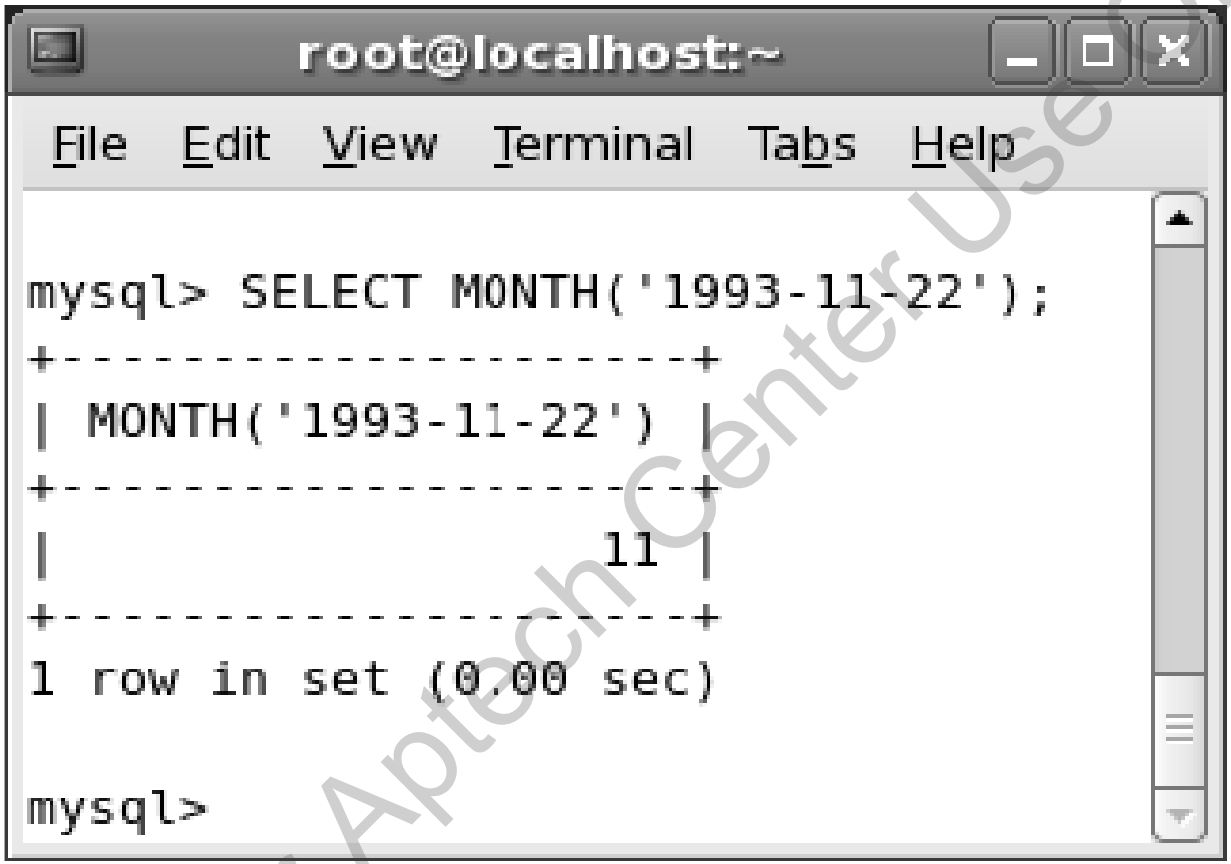
- The MONTH function extracts the month from the specified argument
- The output of this function is a numeric value ranging from 1 to 12
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT MONTH(expression);
```

- For example, to display the month from the datetime expression 1993-11-22, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT MONTH('1993-11-22');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



MONTHNAME Function

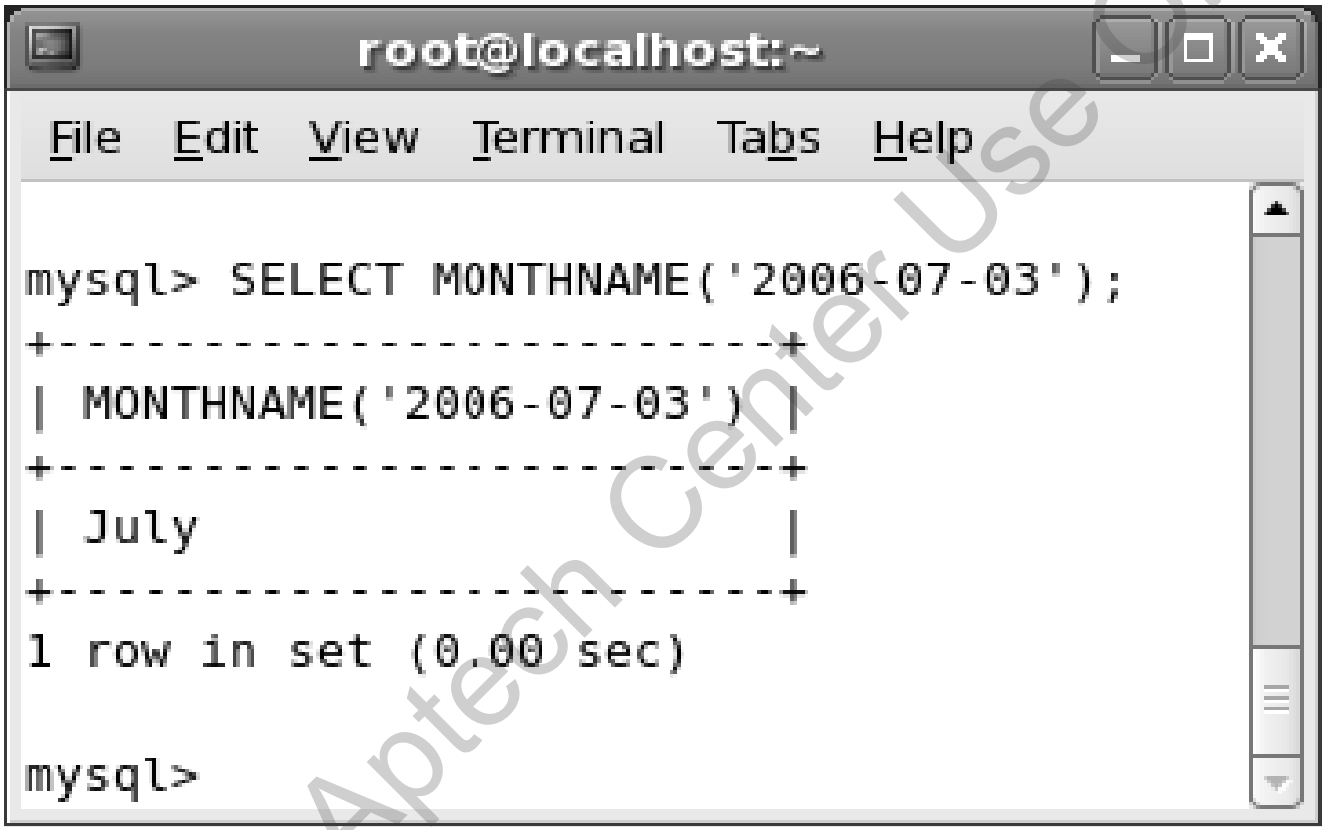
- The MONTHNAME function returns the name of the month for the date passed as an argument
- The syntax for displaying the name of the month is:

```
SELECT MONTHNAME(date);
```

- For example, to display the name of the month for the date 2006-07-03, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT MONTHNAME('2006-07-03');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



NOW Function

- The `NOW` function returns the current date and time
- The output of this function is in the `YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS` or `YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.uuuuuu` format, and the value is expressed in the current time zone
- The syntax to view the current date and time value is:

```
SELECT NOW();
```

- For example, to view the current timestamp, enter the following command at the command prompt:

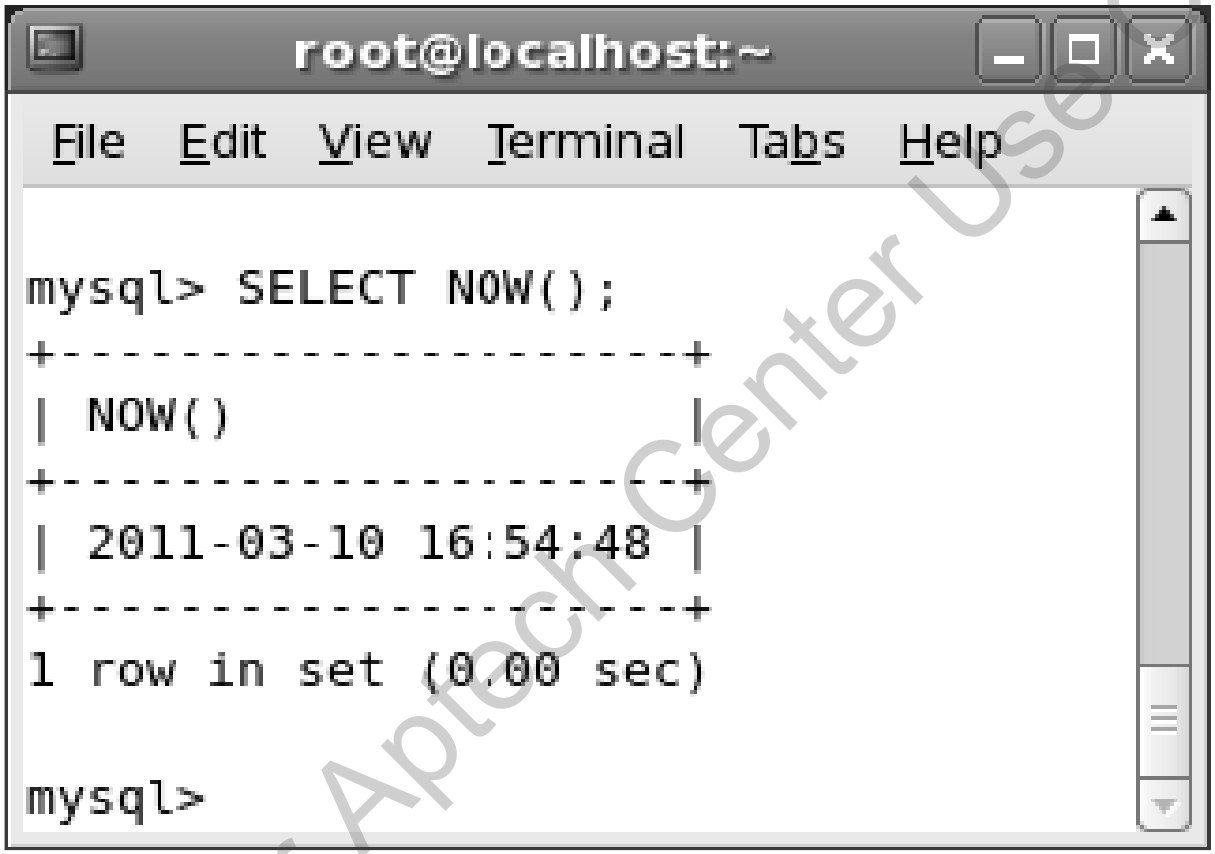
```
SELECT NOW();
```

NOW Function

- The alternative commands to display the current time and date are:

```
SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP();
SELECT LOCALTIME();
SELECT LOCALTIMESTAMP();
```

Figure displays the output of the command



NOW Function

- The `SECOND` function returns the number of seconds specified in the argument
- The output of this function is a numeric value ranging from 1 to 59
- The syntax for this function is:

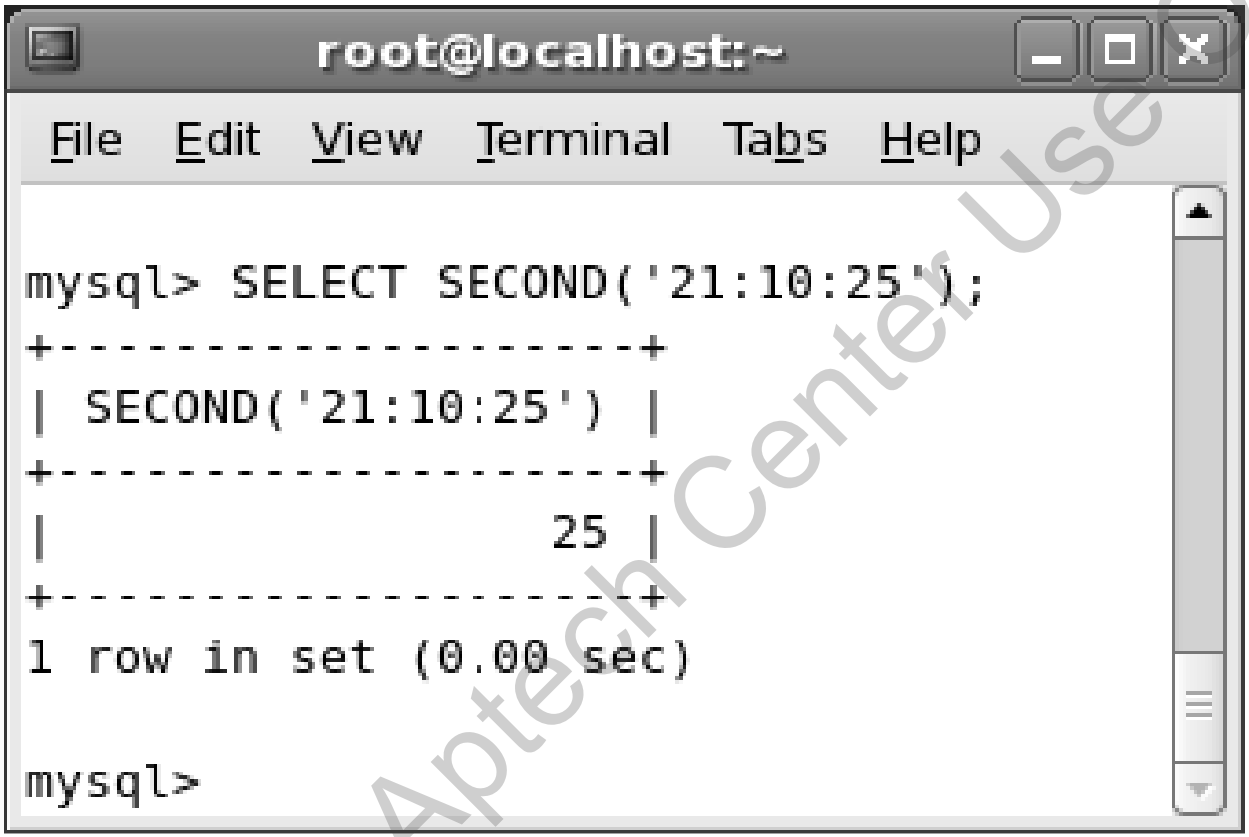
```
SELECT SECOND(expression);
```

- For example, to calculate the number of seconds for `21:10:25`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT SECOND('21:10:25');
```

SECOND Function

Figure displays the output of the command



SEC_TO_TIME Function

- The SEC_TO_TIME function converts the number of seconds specified as an argument to HH:MM:SS format
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT SEC_TO_TIME(expression);
```

where,

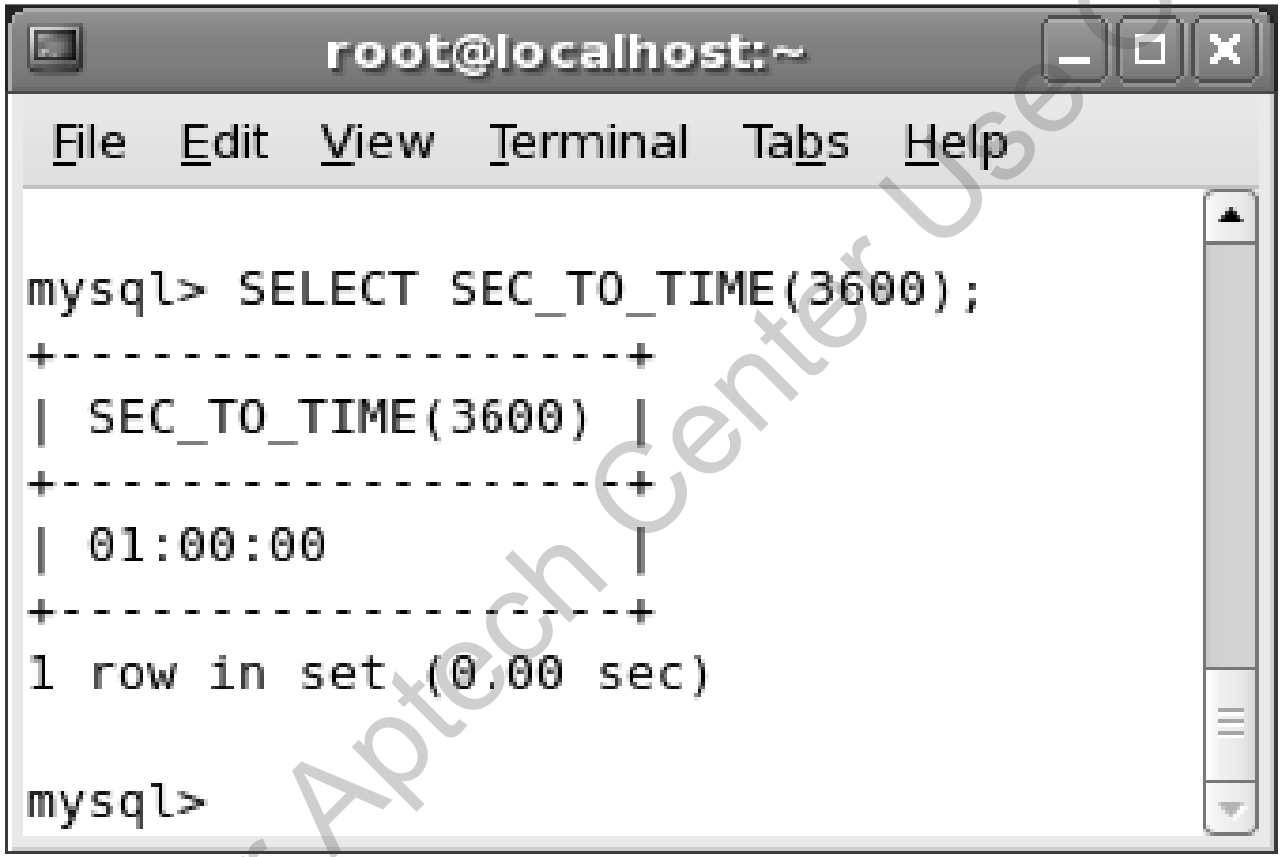
SEC_TO_TIME – converts seconds to HH:MM:SS format

expression – defines a numeric value specifying the number of seconds

- To convert 3600 to the HH:MM:SS format, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT SEC_TO_TIME(3600);
```

Figure displays the output of the command



SYSDATE Function

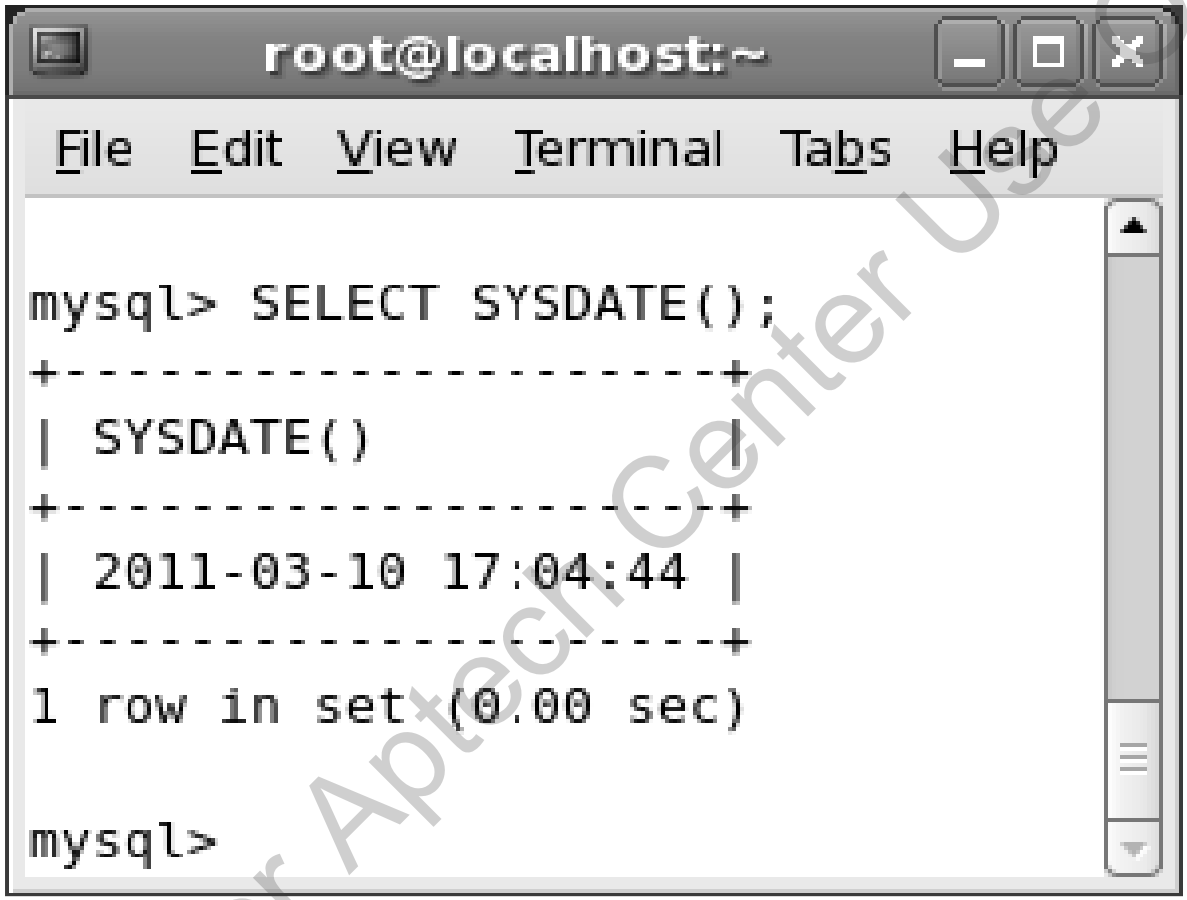
- The SYSDATE function returns the current date and time value after execution
- SYSDATE function is different from the NOW function
- The SYSDATE function returns this unique time required to execute a function
- The NOW function will display the same execution time for adding all the 50,000 records to the table
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT SYSDATE(expression);
```

- For example, to display the current date and time value, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT SYSDATE();
```

Figure displays the output of the command



TIME Function

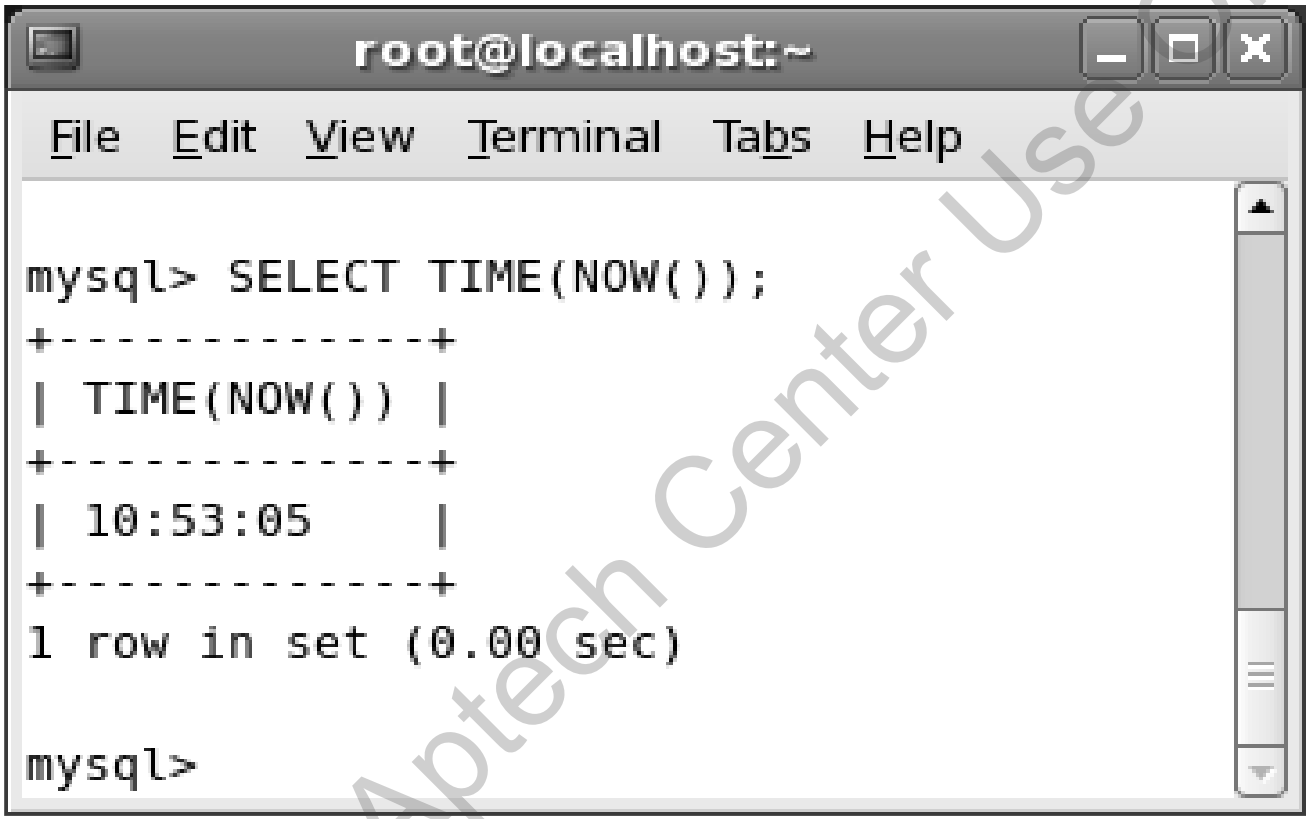
- The `TIME` function displays only the time part of the specified date or timestamp
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT TIME(expression);
```

- For example, to display only the time from `2007-09-12 20:20:00`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT TIME(NOW());
```

Figure displays the output of the command



TIMEDIFF Function

- The `TIMEDIFF` function returns time interval between two time arguments
- The syntax to calculate the time difference is:

```
SELECT TIMEDIFF(time1, time2);
```

where,

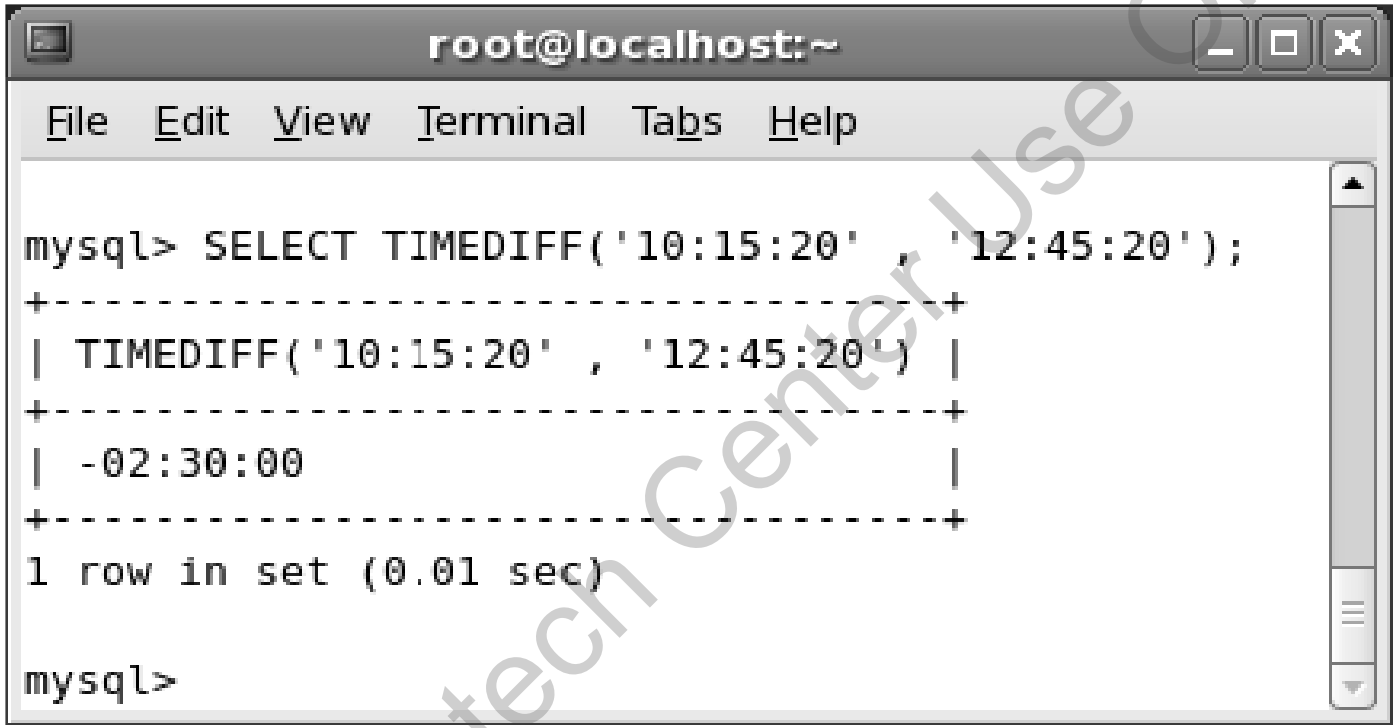
`TIMEDIFF` – calculates the time difference

`time1, time2` – specifies the time expressions

- For example, to calculate the difference between `10:15:20` and `12:45:20`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT TIMEDIFF('10:15:20','12:45:20');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



WEEK Function

- The `WEEK` function returns the week number for the value specified in the argument
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT WEEK(date, mode);
```

where,

`WEEK` – displays the week number

`date` – specifies the date

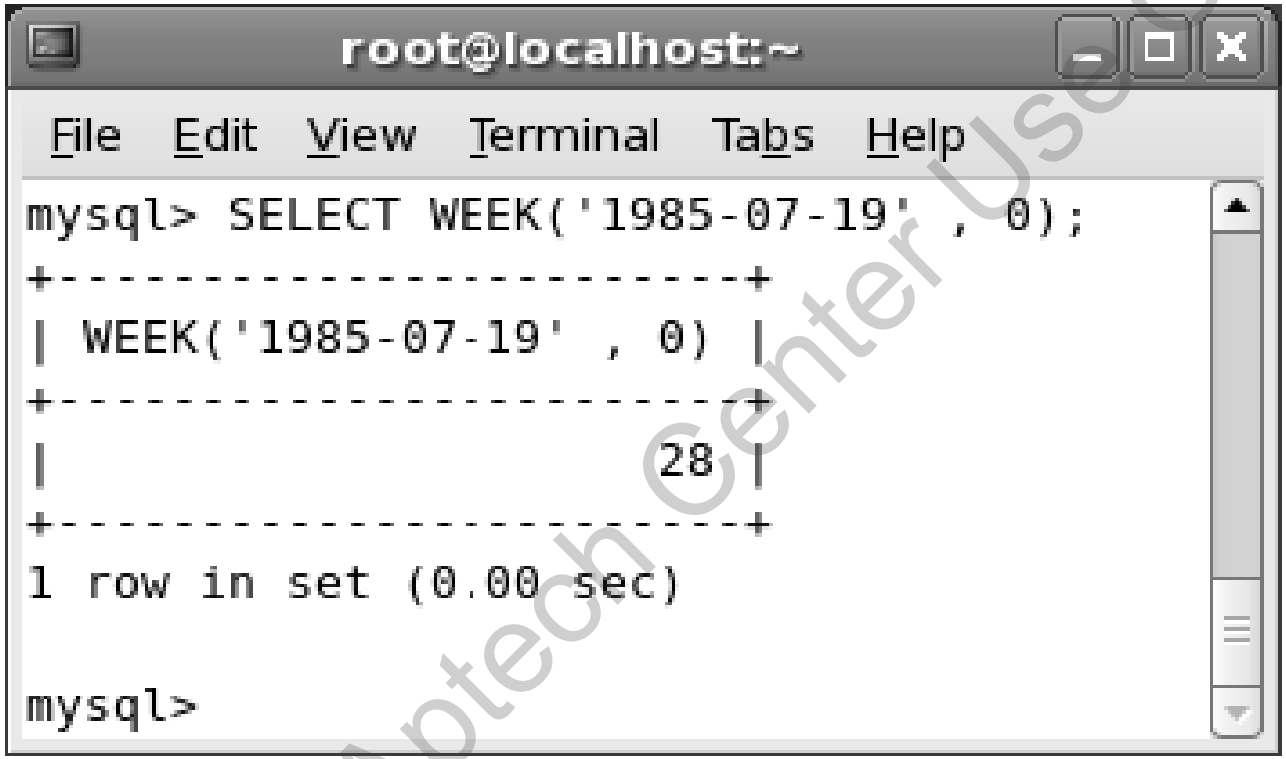
`mode` – defines the return value. The return value can be within a range of `1 to 53` or `0 to 53` depending on whether the week starts on Monday or Sunday

WEEK Function

- For example, to retrieve the week number for `1985-07-19`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT WEEK('1985-07-19', 0);
```

Figure displays the output of the command



WEEKOFYEAR Function

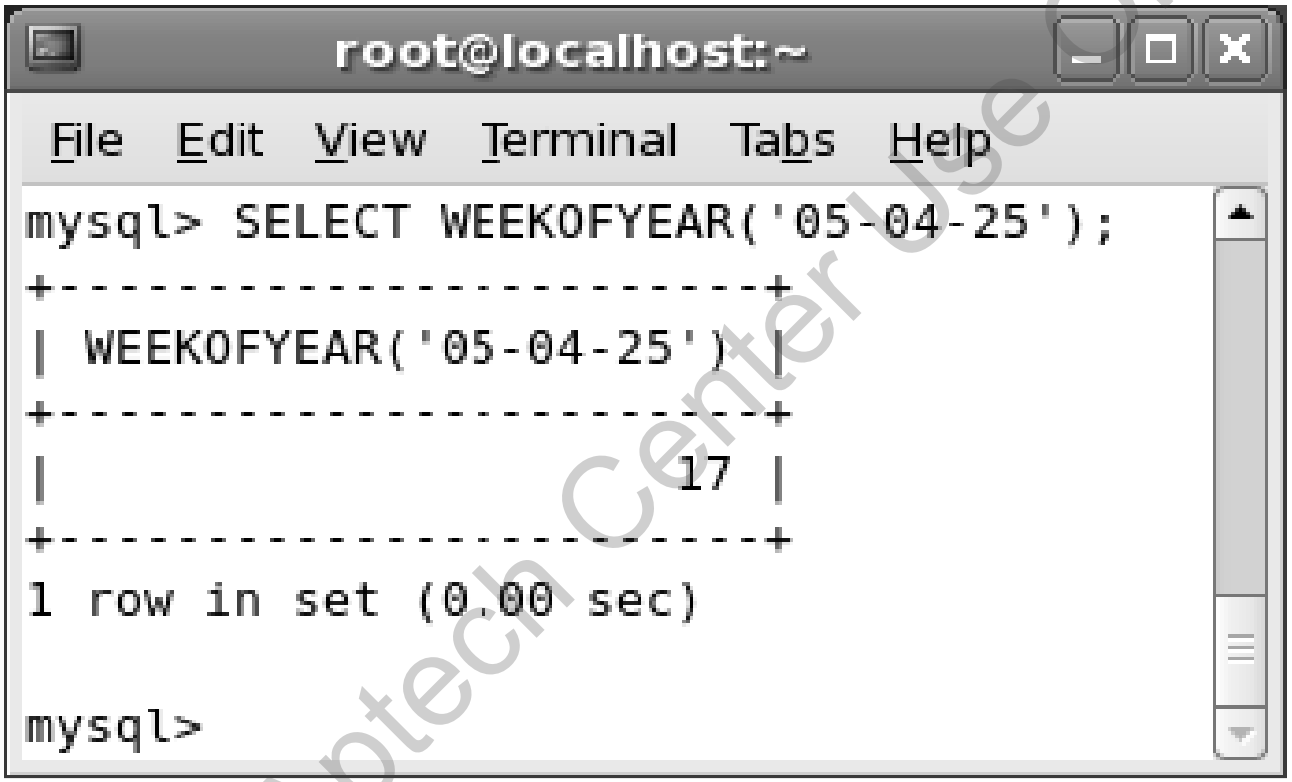
- The `WEEKOFYEAR` function returns the week number for the specified date
- The output of this function is a numeric value ranging between 1 to 53. The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT WEEKOFYEAR(expression);
```

- For example, to calculate the week number for the date `2005-04-25`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT WEEKOFYEAR('2005-04-25');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



YEAR Function

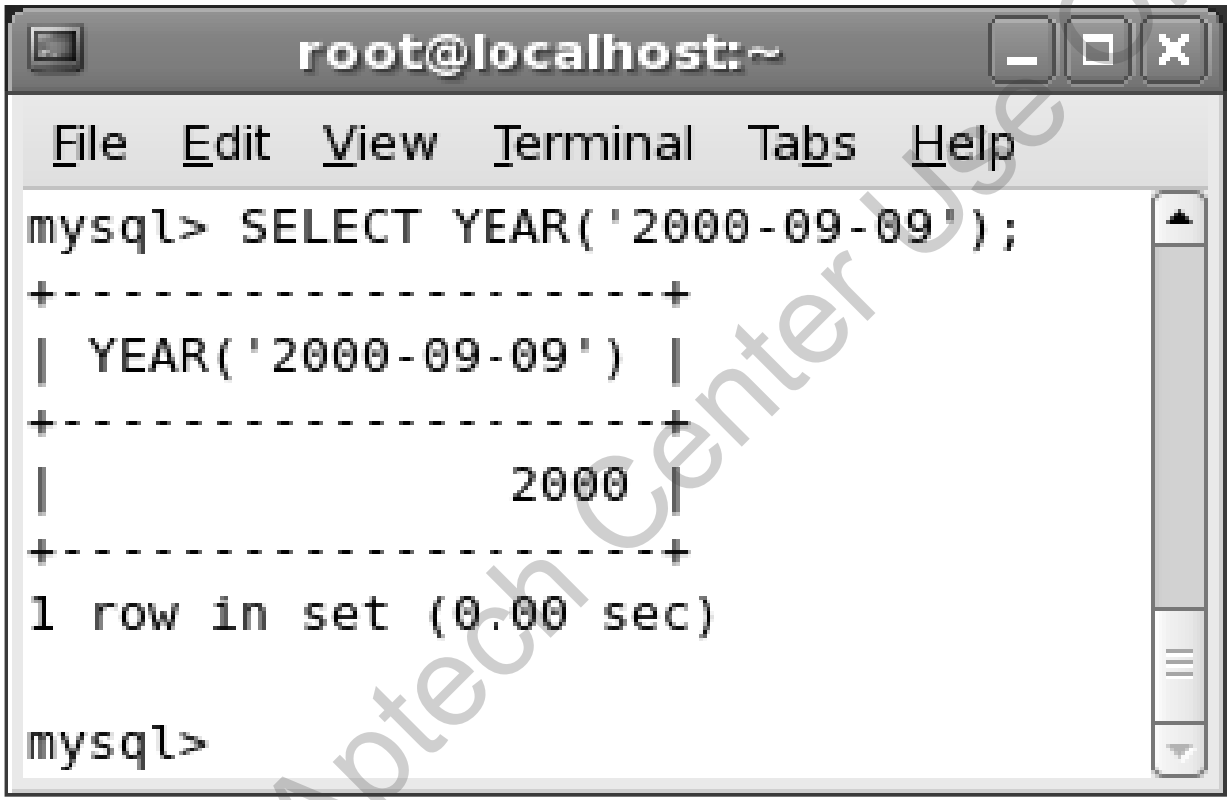
- The `YEAR` function returns the year for the date specified in the argument
- The syntax for obtaining the year from a date argument is:

```
SELECT YEAR(date);
```

- For example, to display the year from the date `2000-09-09`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT YEAR('2000-09-09');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



YEAR Function

- Table describes the additional Date functions in MySQL

Name	Description	Example
CONVERT_TZ	The CONVERT_TZ function changes the time zone of an argument. The syntax for using this function is: `SELECT CONVERT_TZ(dt, from_tz, to_tz);` where, CONVERT – edits the time zone dt – specifies the date in the current time zone from_tz – specifies the current time zone of the argument to_tz – specifies the new time zone	To convert the time zone for the date 2004-01-01, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT CONVERT_TZ('2004-01-01 12:00:00', '+00:00', '+10:00');` The output of this function is: 2004-01-01 22:00:00

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	The CURRENT_TIMESTAMP function displays the current date and time as a value in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.uuuuuu format. The value is expressed in the current time zone. The syntax to view the current timestamp is: SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(); The output of this function will be the current date and time.	For example, to view the current timestamp, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP();
DATE_SUB	The DATE_SUB function subtracts a specified time interval from the given date. The syntax for this function is: SELECT DATE_SUB(date, INTERVAL expr unit); Where, DATE_SUB – subtracts the time date – defines the starting date and datetime value INTERVAL expr- specifies the interval to be subtracted from the given date	To subtract 1 day from the current date, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT DATE_SUB(CURDATE(), INTERVAL 1 DAY); The output of this function will be yesterday's date

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
DAYOFMONTH	The DAYOFMONTH function returns the day of the month for a date. The output of this function is a numeric value between 1 and 31. The syntax for obtaining the day of the month is: `SELECT DAYOFMONTH(date);`	For example, to extract the day of the month for the date 2005-03-18, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT DAYOFMONTH('2005-03-18');` The output of this function is: 18
DAYOFWEEK	The DAYOFWEEK function returns the day of the week for a date. The output for this function is a numeric value between 1 and 7, where 1 is Sunday and 7 is Saturday. The syntax to display the day of the week is: `SELECT DAYOFWEEK(date);`	For example, to display the day of the week for a particular date, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT DAYOFWEEK('1995-06-07');` The output of this function is: 4

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
DAYOFYEAR	The DAYOFYEAR function returns the day of the year for a date. The output of this function is a numeric value between 1 and 366. The syntax for obtaining the day of the month is: `SELECT DAYOFYEAR(date);`	For example, to display the day of the year for a particular date, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT DAYOFYEAR('2001-10-21');` The output of this function is: 294
EXTRACT	The EXTRACT function extracts a particular part from a given date. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT EXTRACT(unit from date);` where, date – defines a valid date expression unit – specifies any valid unit, such as year, month, second, minute, or day	For example, to display only the year from a particular date, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT EXTRACT(YEAR FROM '2008-04-06');` The output of this function is: 2008

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example

FROM_DAYS	The FROM_DAYS function returns the date of the number specified as an argument. This function works only for dates after the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582). The syntax for this function is:
	
	`SELECT FROM_DAYS(argument);`
		For example, to display the date for 5,00,000, enter the following command at the command prompt:
		
		`SELECT FROM_DAYS(500000);`
		
		The output of this function is:
		
		`1368-12-14`

LAST_DAY	The LAST_DAY function returns the last date of the month for the argument. The output is a numeric value ranging from 1 to 31, if the argument is valid. However, if the argument is invalid, the output is NULL. The syntax for using this function is:
	
	`SELECT LAST_DAY(expression);`
		For example, enter the following command at the command prompt:
		`SELECT LAST_DAY('2008-02-05');`
		
		The output of this function is:
		`2008-02-29`

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
MICROSECOND	The MICROSECOND function returns the number of microseconds in the argument specified as a datetime value. The output of this function is a numeric value ranging from 0 to 999999. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT MICROSECOND(expression);`	For example, to display the microseconds from the datetime expression 11:45:45.000123, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT MICROSECOND ('11:45:45.000123');` The output of this function is: 123
PERIOD_ADD	The PERIOD_ADD function adds a specified number of months to a given period expressed either as YYMM or YYYYMM. The final output is displayed in the form of YYYYMM. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT PERIOD_ADD(P, N);`	For example, to add two months to the period 200705, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT PERIOD_ADD('200705', 02);` The output of this function is: 200707

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
PERIOD_DIFF	The PERIOD_DIFF function calculates the difference in number of months between two periods. The final output is a numeric value. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT PERIOD_DIFF(P1, P2);` where, PERIOD_DIFF – calculates the number of months between two periods P1 - stands for Period1 P2 - stands for Period2	For example, to calculate the number of months between 199608 and 199503, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT PERIOD_DIFF('199608', '199503');` The output of this function is: 17
QUARTER	The QUARTER function returns the quarter number for the argument specified as a date value. The output of this function is a numeric value ranging from 1 - 4 The syntax for this function is: `SELECT QUARTER(expression);`	For example, to calculate the quarter for the date 1987-12-24, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT QUARTER('1987-12-24');` The output of this function is: 4

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
STR_TO_DATE	The STR_TO_DATE function converts a string into a specified format. The output of this function can be a date, time, or a datetime value depending upon the format. The syntax of this function is: SELECT STR_TO_DATE(String, format);	To convert the string 01,05,2013 into the YYYY-MM-DD format, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT STR_TO_DATE('01,05,2013','%m, %d, %Y'); The output of this function is: 2013-01-05
SUBTIME	The SUBTIME function subtracts a specified time interval from the given datetime or time value. The syntax for this function is: SELECT SUBTIME(expr1, expr2); where, SUBTIME – subtracts a specified time interval expr1 – defines the starting datetime or time value expr2 – specifies the time value to be subtracted	To subtract 45 minutes from the current date, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT SUBTIME(NOW() ,'00:45:00'); The output of this function will be a timestamp of 45 minutes prior to the current time.

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
TIME_FORMAT	The TIME_FORMAT function displays the time in a specific format. The syntax for this function is: SELECT TIME_FORMAT(time, format); where, time – defines a valid time format – defines the output to display the time	To display the current time in the HH-MM-SS format, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT TIME_FORMAT(NOW(), '%H-%I-%S'); The output of this function will be the current time in HH-MM-SS format.
TIME_TO_SEC	The TIME_TO_SEC function converts a time argument into seconds. The output of this function is a numeric value and the syntax for this function is: SELECT TIME_TO_SEC(expression)	To convert the time expression 23:45:02 into seconds, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT TIME_TO_SEC('23:45:02'); The output of this function is: 85502

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
TIMESTAMP	The TIMESTAMP function returns the datetime expression of the specified argument. When you specify only a single argument, the output is a datetime value of only that argument. If you specify two arguments, the output would be the sum of the two expressions The syntax for this function is: `SELECT TIMESTAMP(expression);`	For example, to display the current timestamp value, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT TIMESTAMP(NOW());` The output of this function will be the current date and time.

TO_DAYS	The TO_DAYS function converts a datetime value into a numeric value, which is the day number. It starts counting the number of days after the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582). The syntax for this function is:
	
	`SELECT TO_DAYS(expression);`
		For example, to calculate the day number for the date `1982-06-24`, enter the following command at the command prompt:
		
		`SELECT TO_DAYS('1982-06-24');`
		
		The output of this function will be:
		
		`724085`

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
TO_SECONDS	The TO_SECONDS function converts the argument into seconds. The argument is a datetime value and the output is a numeric value. The syntax for this function is: SELECT TO_SECONDS(expression);	To convert 1975-02-25 into seconds, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT TO_SECONDS('1975-02-25'); The output of this function is: 62329737600
UTC_DATE	The UTC_DATE function returns the current UTC date as a value in YYYY-MM-DD or YYYYMMDD format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The syntax for this function is: SELECT UTC_DATE(expression);	For example, to retrieve the current UTC date, enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT UTC_DATE(); The output of this function will be the current UTC date

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
UTC_TIME	The UTC_TIME function returns the current UTC time as a value in HH:MM:SS or HHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT UTC_TIME(expression);`	For example, to retrieve the current UTC time, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT UTC_TIME();` The output of this function will be the current UTC time
UTC_TIMESTAMP	The UTC_TIMESTAMP function returns the current UTC date and time as a value in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT UTC_TIMESTAMP(expression);`	For example, to retrieve the current UTC date and time, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT UTC_TIMESTAMP();` The output of this function will be the current date and time

YEAR Function

Name	Description	Example
WEEKDAY	The WEEKDAY function returns the weekday index for the argument. The output of this function is a numeric value between 0 to 6 where, 0 represents Monday and 6 represents Sunday The syntax for this function is : `SELECT WEEKDAY(expression);`	The output of this function will be a numerical value corresponding to the weekday
YEARWEEK	The YEARWEEK function returns the year and the week number of the date specified in the argument. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT YEARWEEK(expression);`	For example, to retrieve the year and week for the date 1982-12-29, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT YEARWEEK('1982-12-29');` The output of this function is:198252

CHAR Function

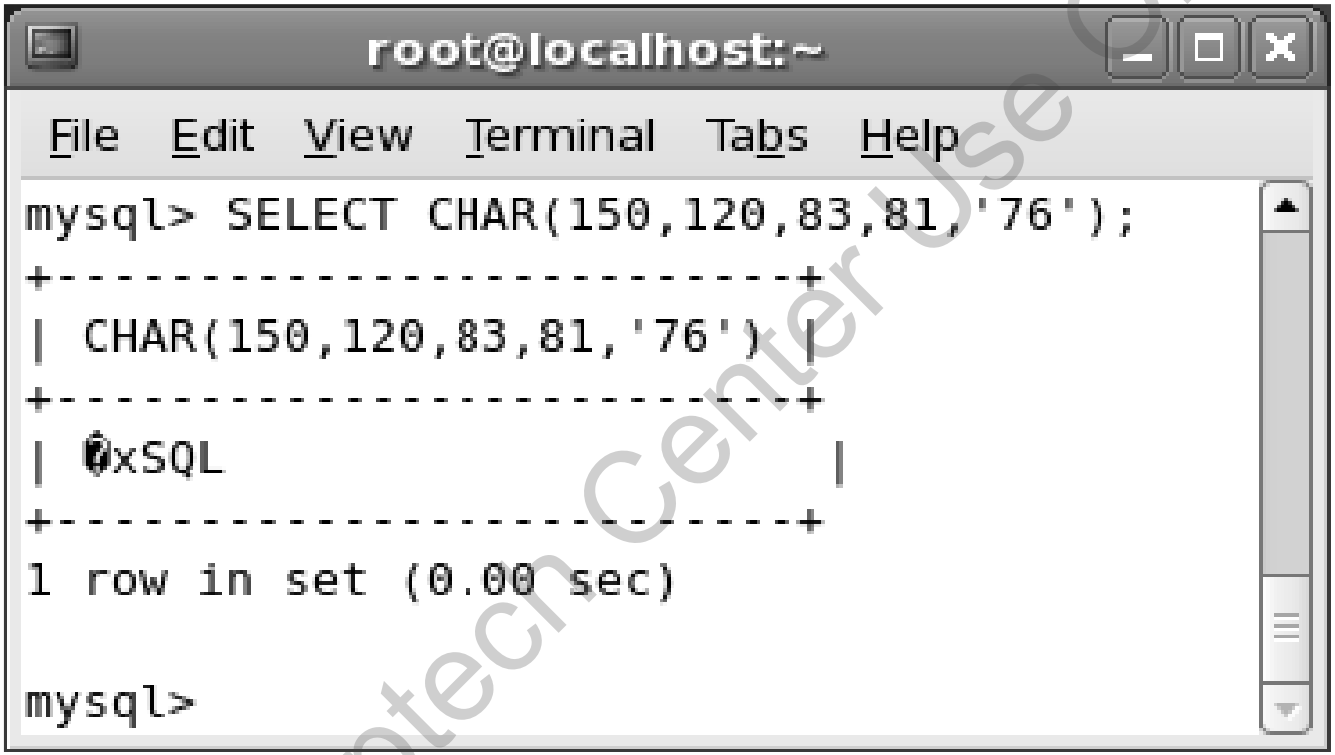
- The `CHAR` function interprets the values specified in the argument as integers
- This function returns a string that contain characters returned by the code value of the integers
- If the arguments contain `NULL` values, then they are skipped
- The syntax to retrieve the string of characters is:

```
SELECT CHAR(N,...);
```

- For example, to retrieve the code value for the integers `150, 120, 83, 81, '76'`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT CHAR(150, 120, 83, 81, '76');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



CHARACTER_LENGTH Function

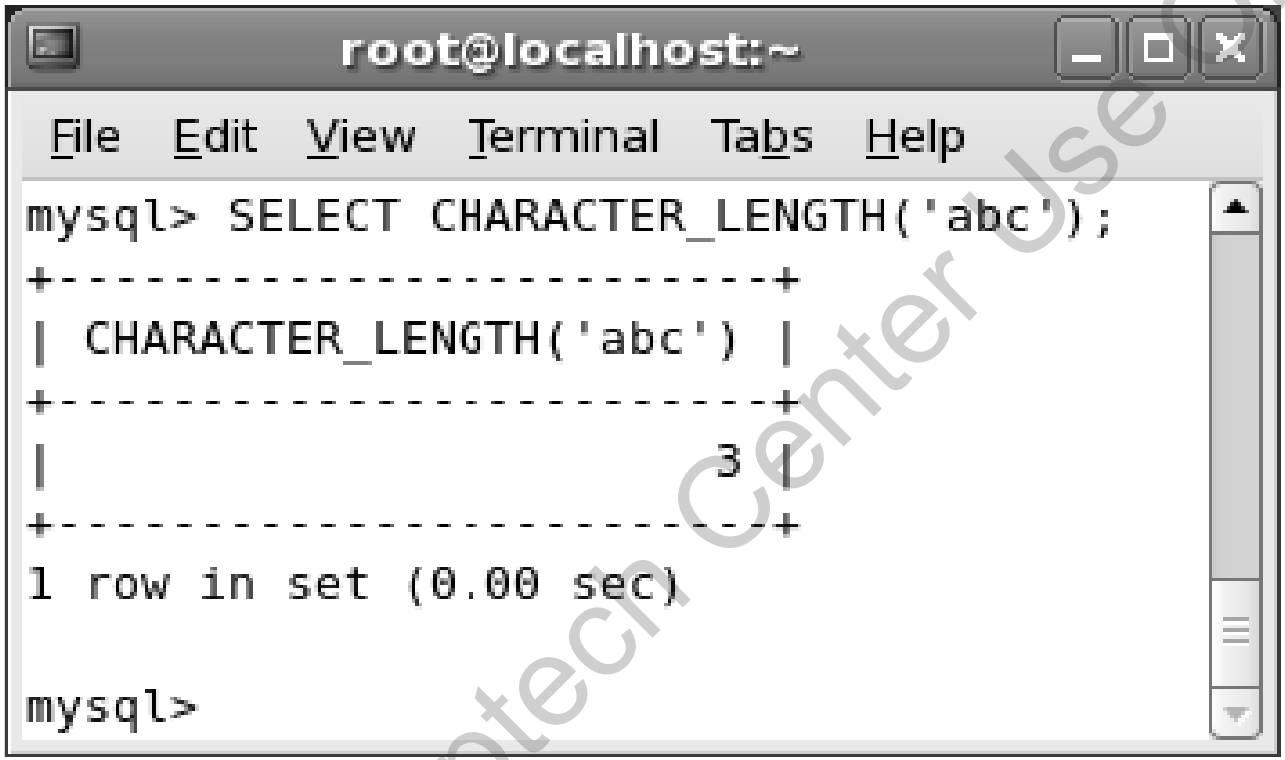
- The `CHARACTER_LENGTH` function also known as `CHAR_LENGTH` function returns the number of characters present in the string
- This function counts a multibyte character as a single character
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT CHARACTER_LENGTH(expression);
```

- For example, to calculate the number of characters present in the string abc, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT CHARACTER_LENGTH('abc');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



CONCAT Function

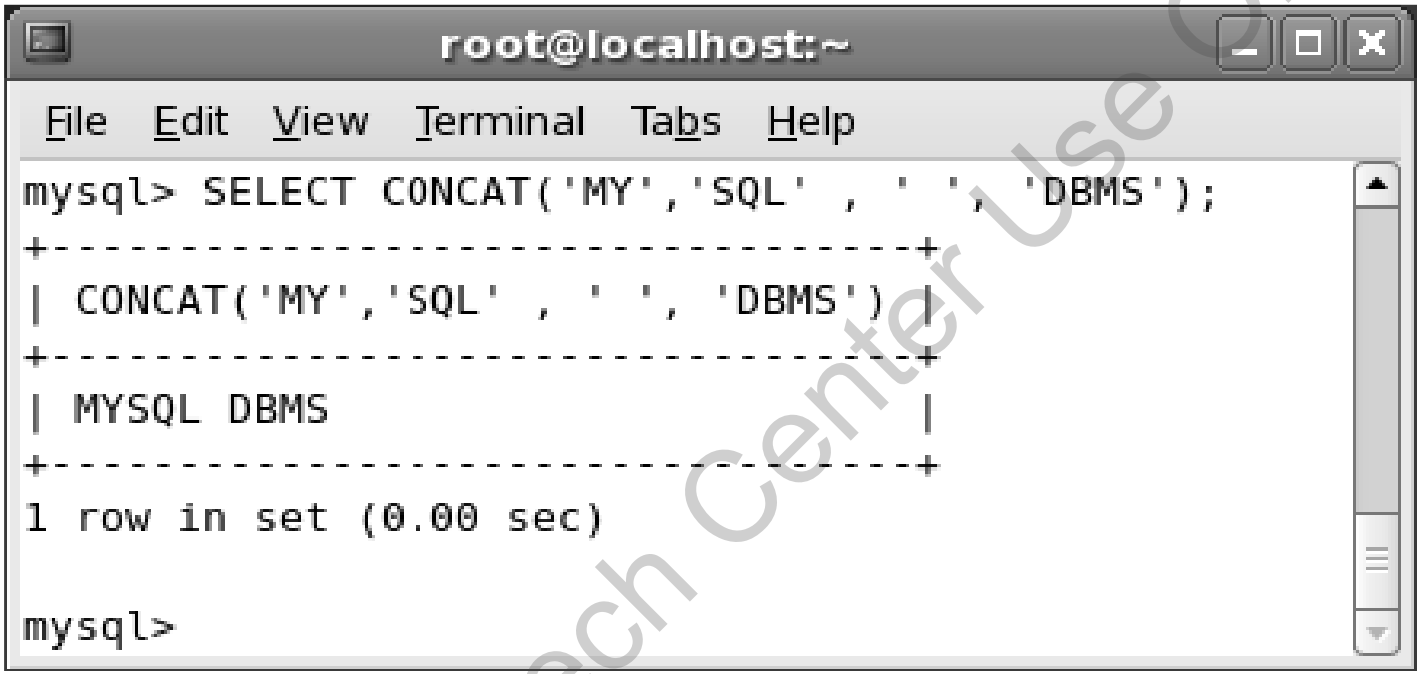
- The `CONCAT` function returns a string after joining the specified arguments
- This function returns a `NULL` value if `NULL` arguments are specified
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT CONCAT(STR1,STR2,...);
```

- To concatenate the strings `My, SQL, DBMS,` enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT CONCAT('My','SQL',' ','DBMS');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



INSERT Function

- The `INSERT` function adds a new string to the existing string at a specified position
- The output of the function is also a string
- The syntax for the `INSERT` function is:

```
INSERT (str, pos, len, newstr);
```

where,

`INSERT` – adds a new string

`str` – specifies the existing string

`pos` – defines the starting position of the new string

`len` – specifies the length of the new string

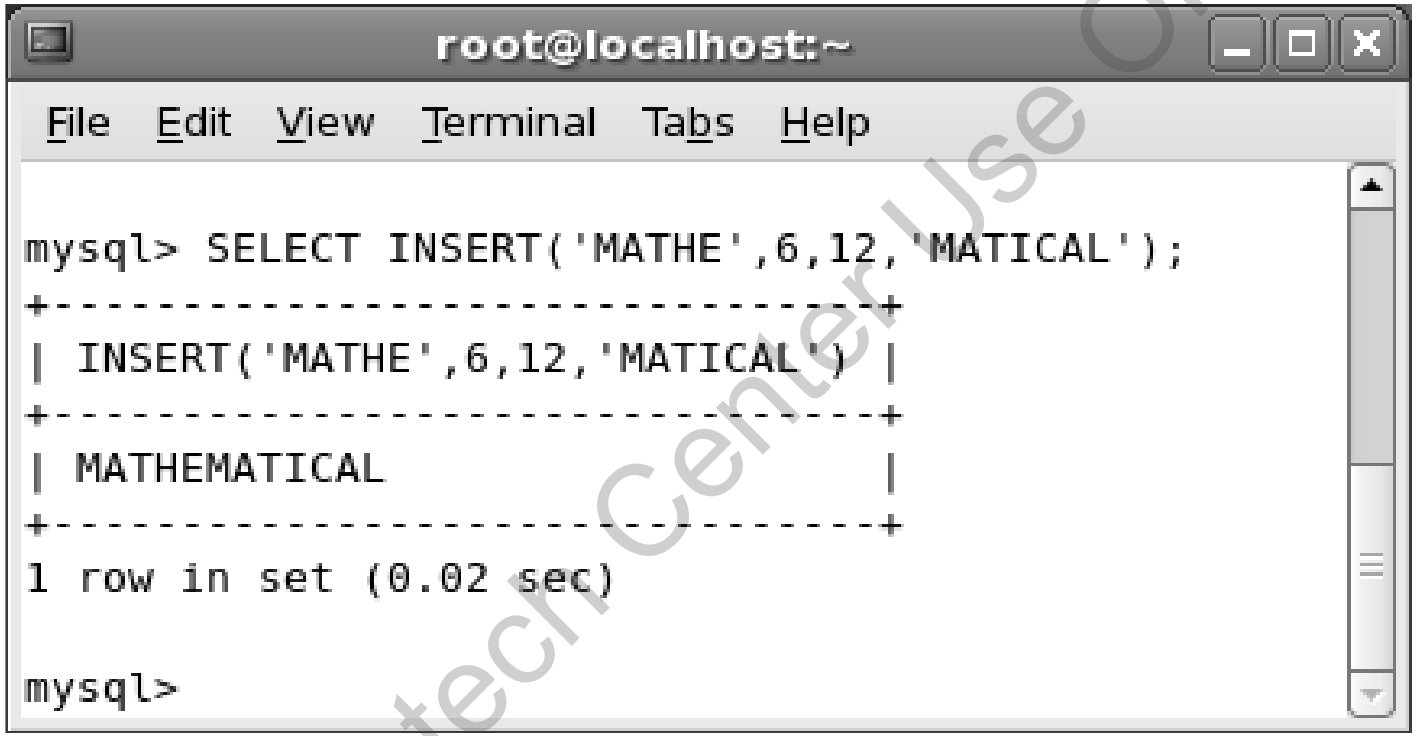
`newstr` – specifies the new string to be inserted

INSERT Function

- To insert MATHEMATICAL at position 6 of the string MATHE, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT INSERT('MATHE', 6, 12, 'MATICAL');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



INSTR Function

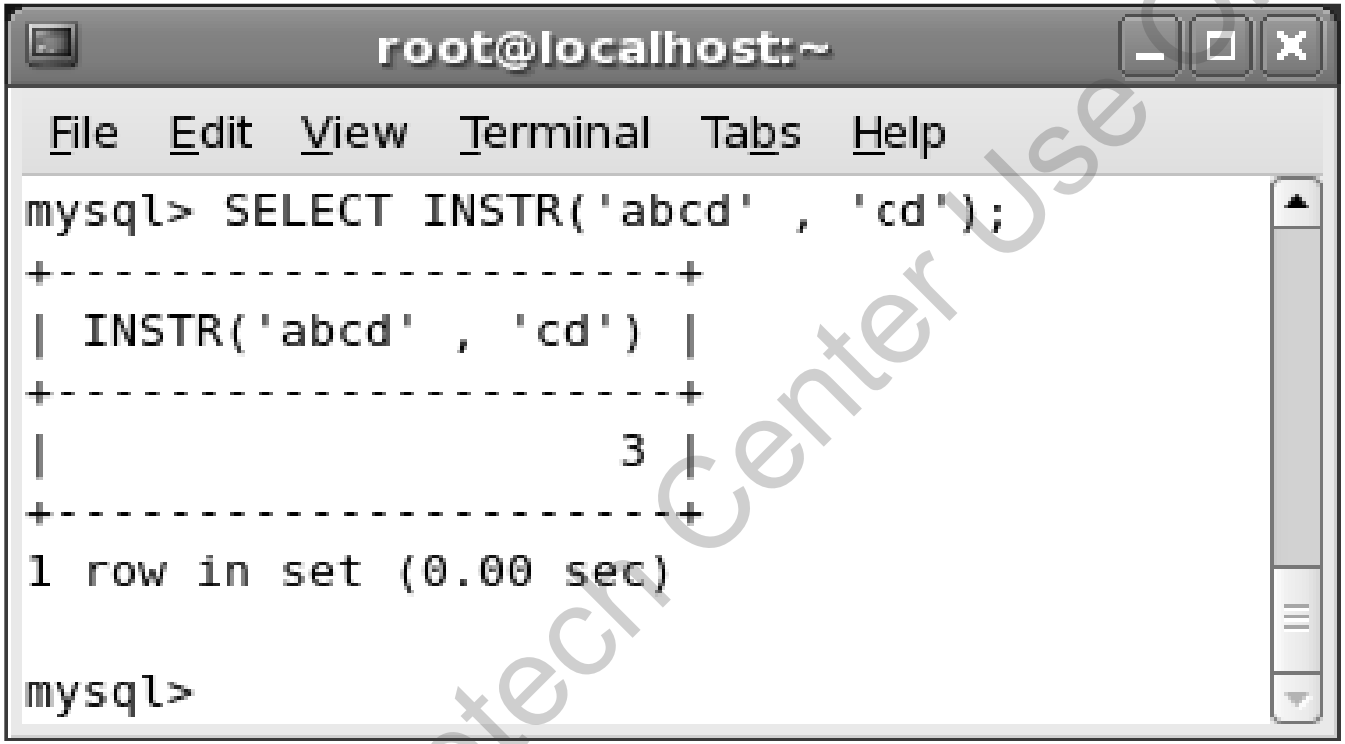
- The `INSTR` function works with two arguments, such as string and substring
- It returns the position of the first instance of a substring in a string
- The output of this function is a numeric value ranging from 0 to the length of the string
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT INSTR(string, substring);
```

- For example, to retrieve the position of the string cd from the string `abcd`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT INSTR('abcd', 'cd');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



LCASE Function

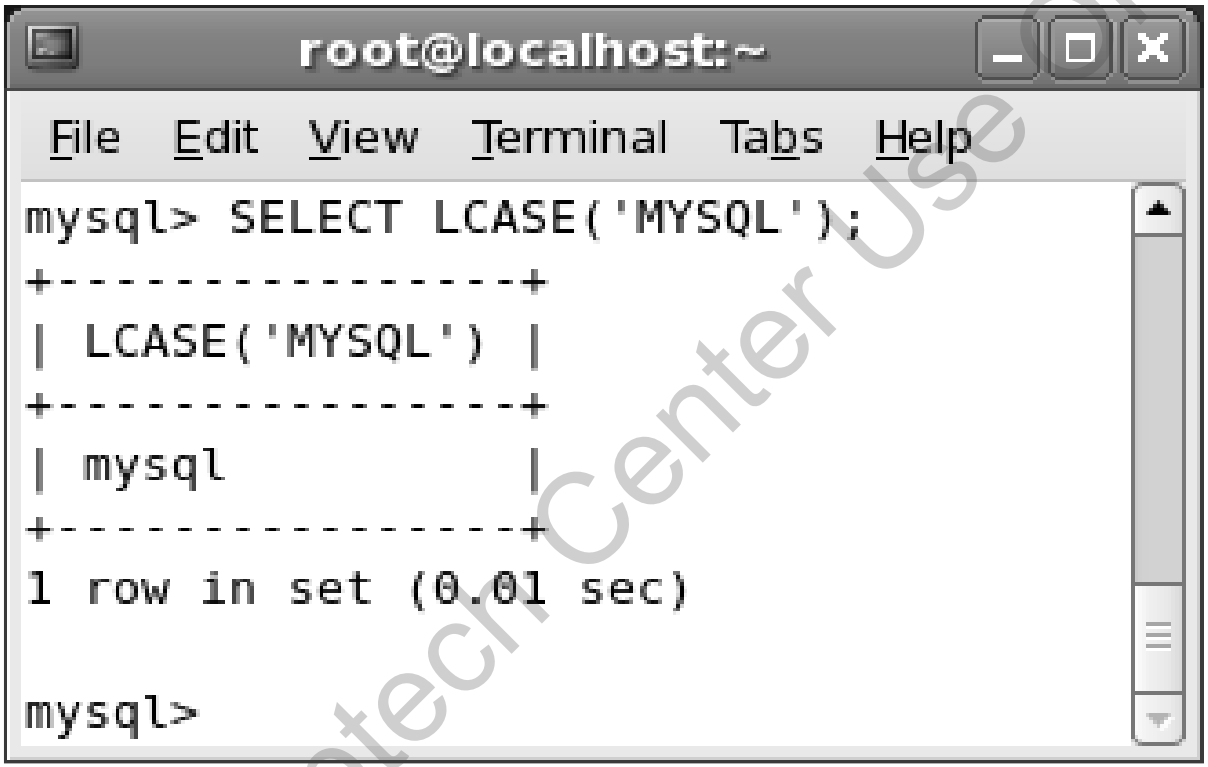
- The `LCASE` function changes all the characters of the values specified in the argument to lowercase
- This function does not work with binary strings
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT LCASE(expression);
```

- To convert `MYSQL` to lowercase, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT LCASE('MYSQL');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



LEFT Function

- The `LEFT` function returns the leftmost characters of the values specified in the argument
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT LEFT('str', len);
```

where,

`LEFT` – returns the leftmost character

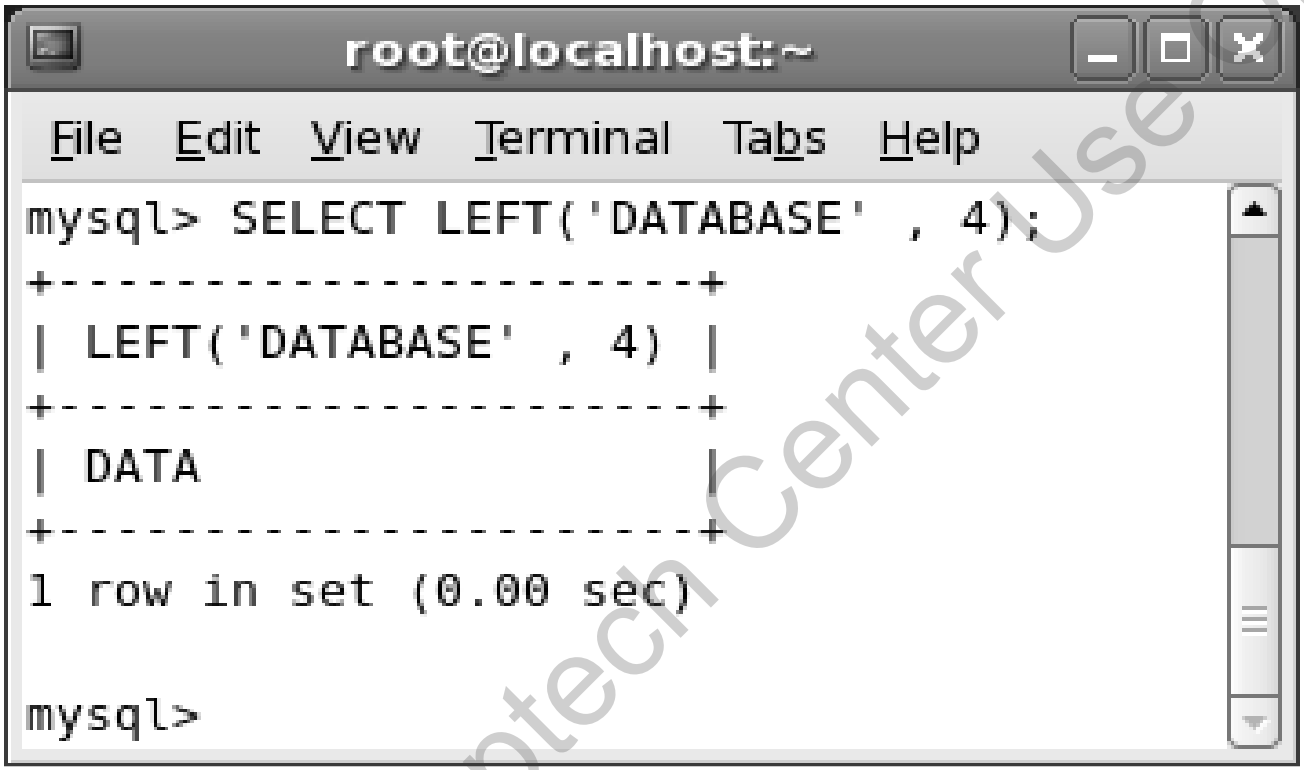
`str` – contains the original string

`len` – specifies the number of characters to be extracted from the leftmost end

- For example, to obtain the first four character of the string `DATABASE`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT LEFT('DATABASE' , 4);
```

Figure displays the output of the command



LENGTH Function

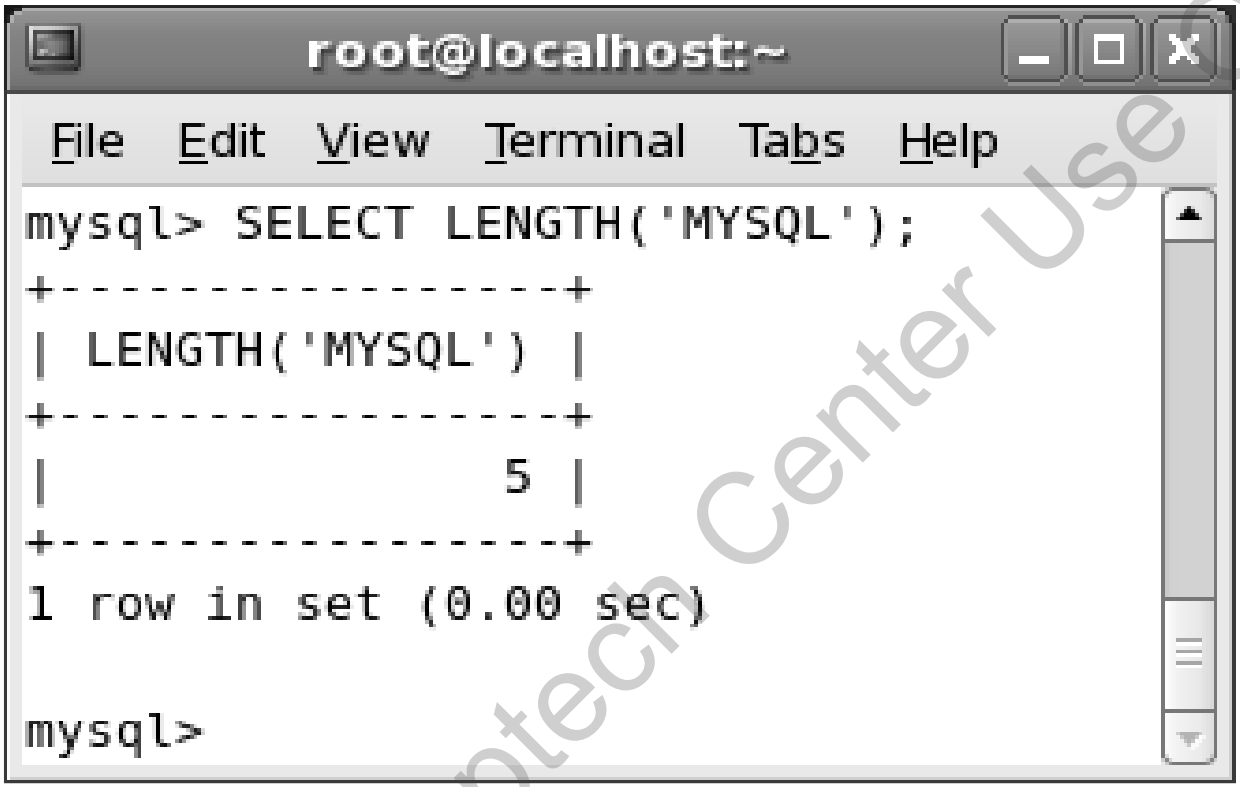
- The `LENGTH` function returns the length of a string
- The syntax to calculate the length of a string is:

```
SELECT LENGTH(str);
```

- For example, to calculate the length of the string `MYSQL`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT LENGTH('MYSQL');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



LOCATE Function

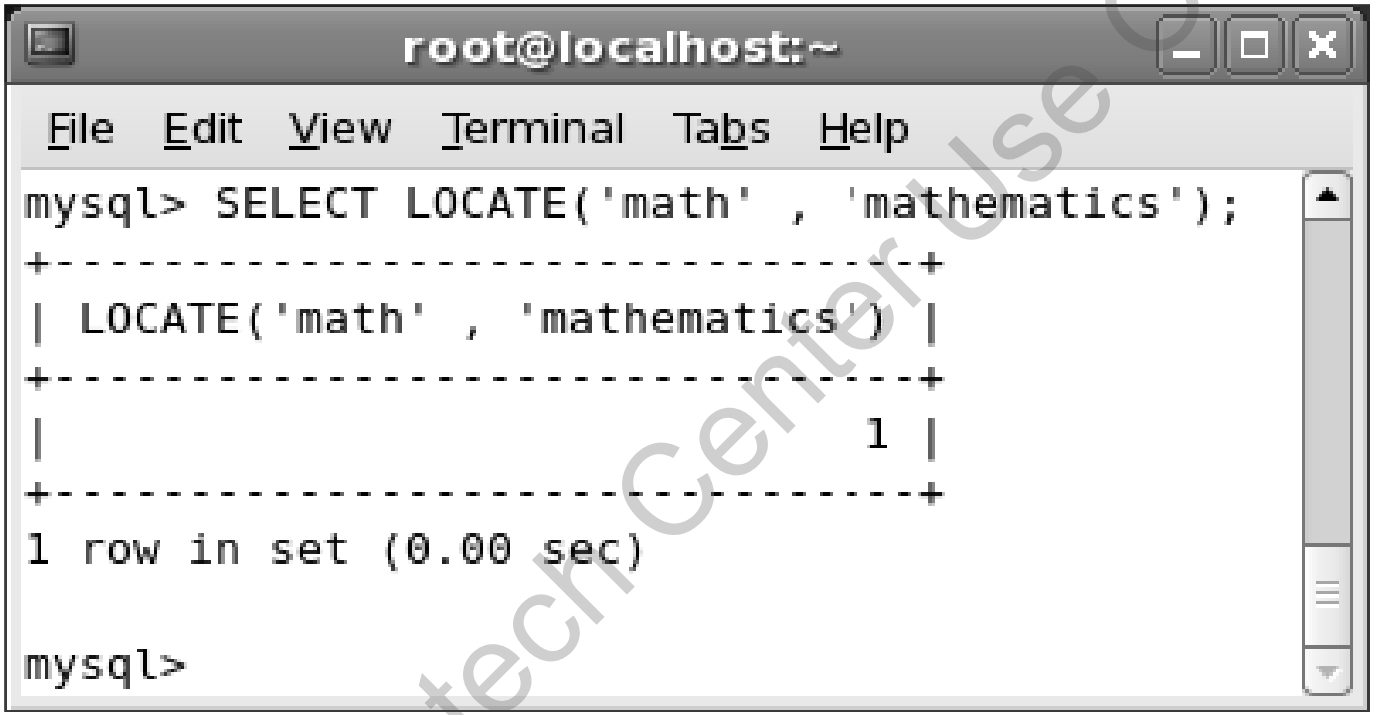
- The `LOCATE` function returns the position of the first instance of a substring in a string
- The syntax to retrieve the position of the first instance of a substring in a string is:

```
SELECT LOCATE(substr, str);
```

- For example, to identify the position of the substring math in the string `mathematics`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT LOCATE('math', 'mathematics');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



REPEAT Function

- The `REPEAT` function copies the given string N number of times
- If N is less than 1, the output is an empty string
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT REPEAT(String, count);
```

where,

`REPEAT` – copies the string

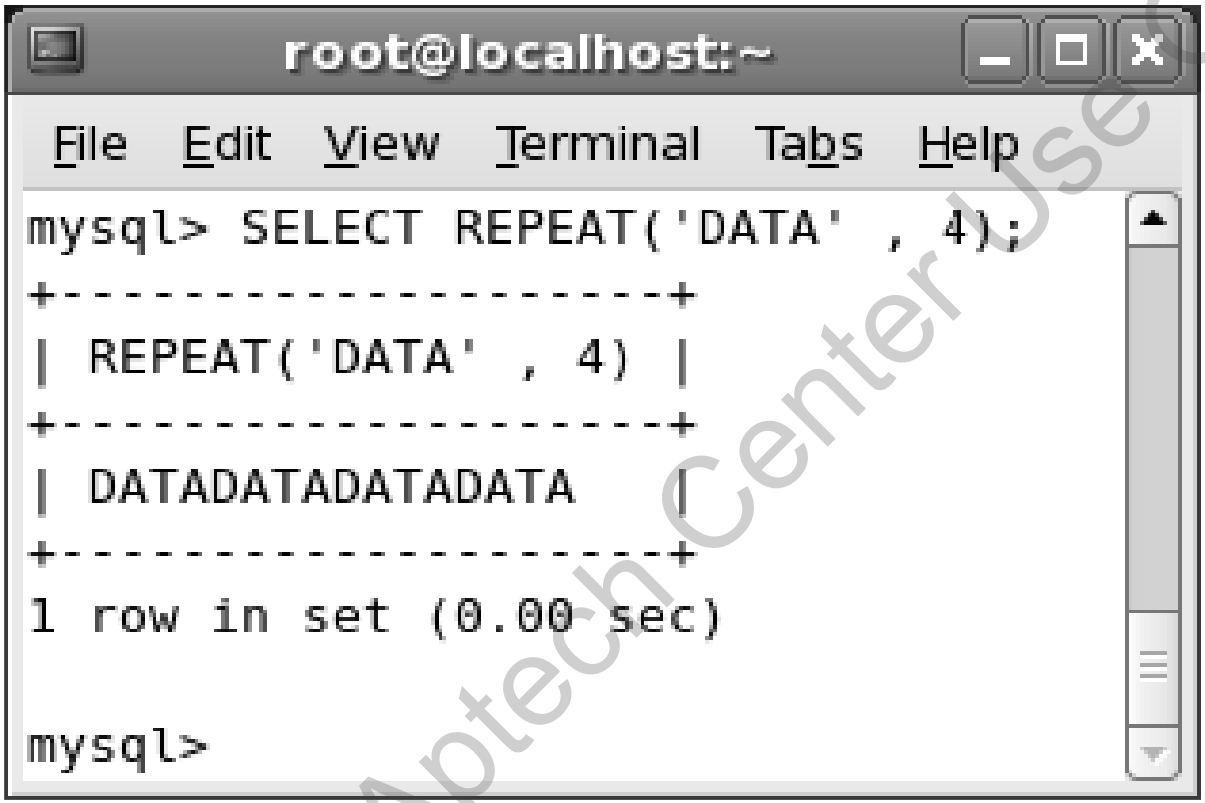
`String` – specifies the string to copy

`count` – specifies the number of times to copy the string

- To replicate the string DATA four times, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT REPEAT('DATA', 4);
```

Figure displays the output of the command



REPLACE Function

- The REPLACE function modifies a part or whole of the string with the new string
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT REPLACE(str, from_str, to_str);
```

where,

REPLACE – modifies the string

str – specifies the original string

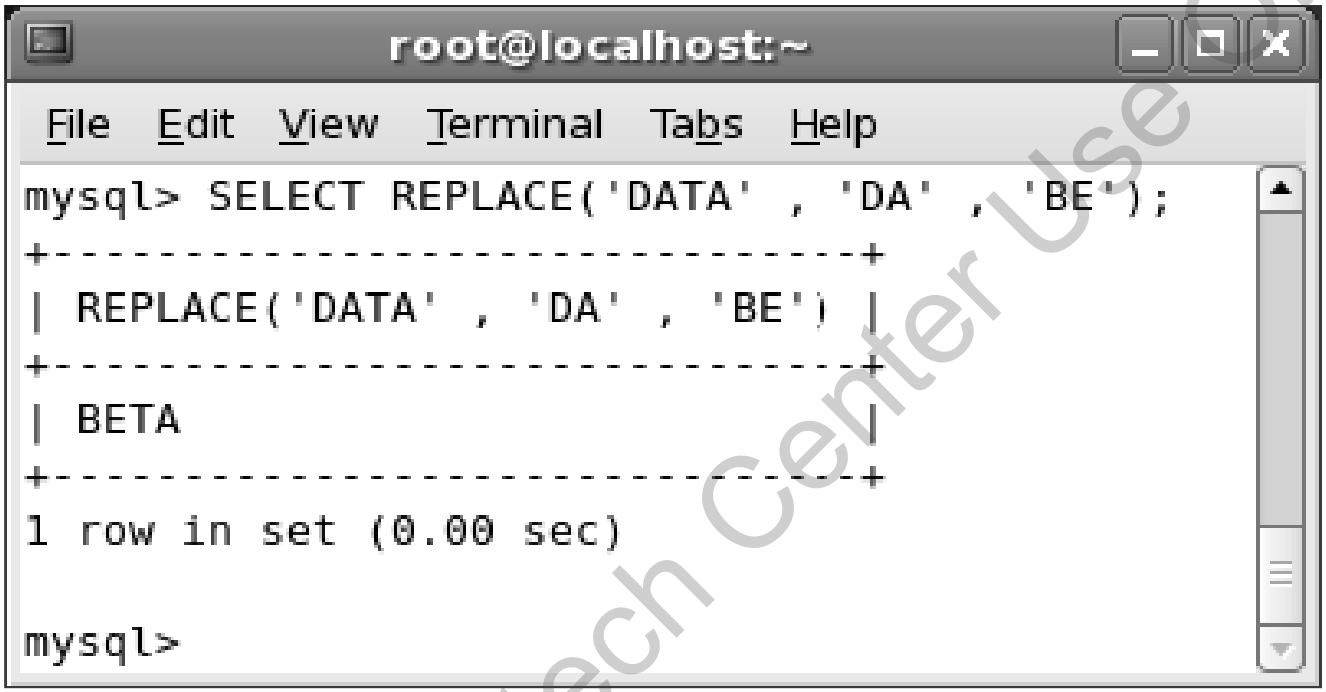
from_str – defines the string to be replaced

to_str – defines the new string to be inserted

- To change the string DATA to BETA, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT REPLACE('DATA', 'DA', 'BE');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



REVERSE Function

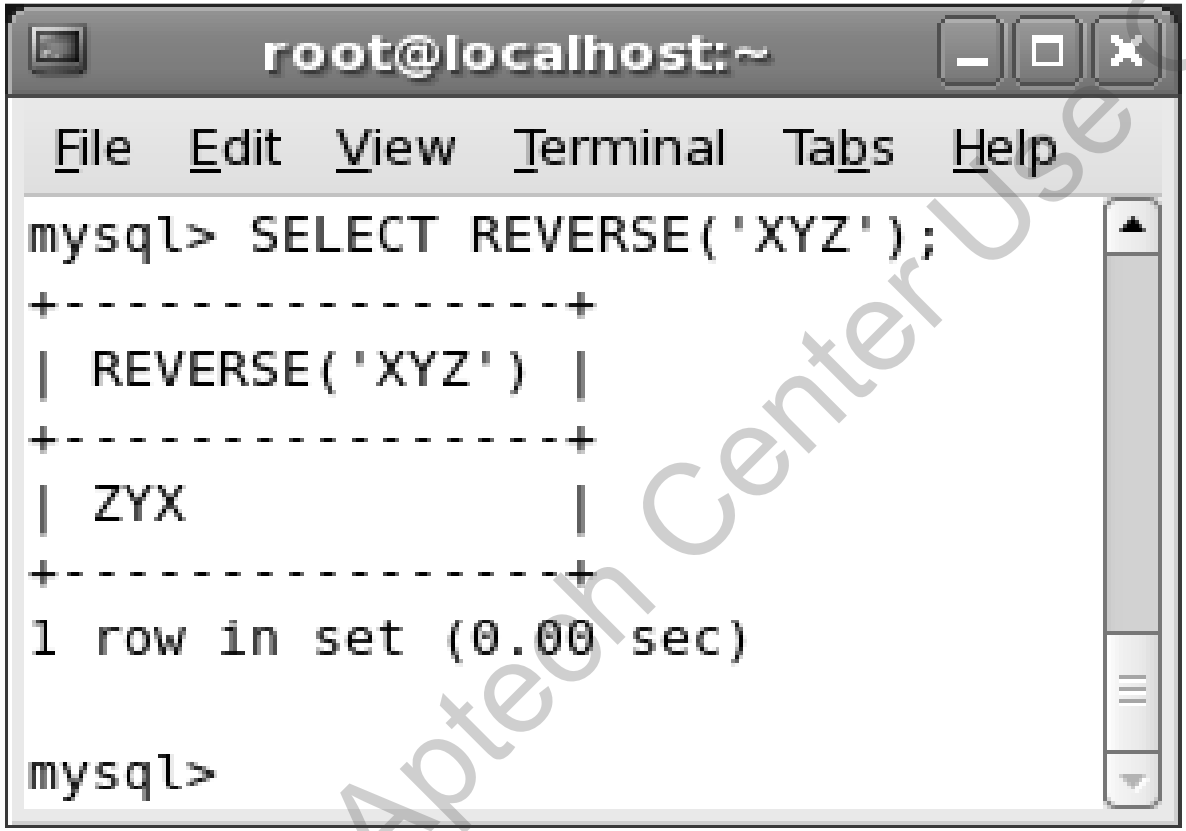
- The `REVERSE` function inverts the sequence of characters in an argument
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT REVERSE(expression);
```

- To change the order of characters of the string `XYZ`, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT REVERSE('XYZ');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



RIGHT Function

- The `RIGHT` function accepts two arguments, such as string and length
- The function returns an output that contains string values starting from the right end of the input string
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT RIGHT(string, length);
```

where,

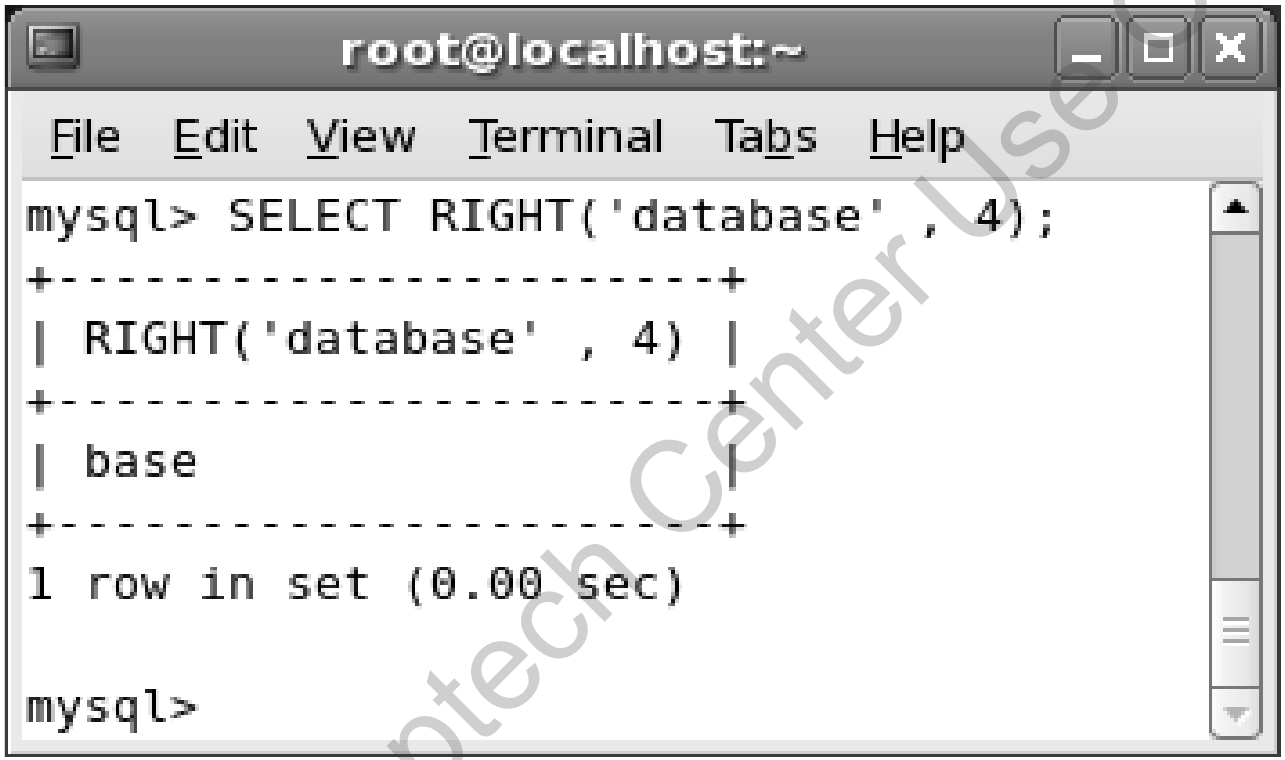
`string` – defines the given string

`length` – specifies the number of rightmost characters

- For example, to obtain the last four characters of the string database, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT RIGHT('database', 4);
```

Figure displays the output of the command



STRCMP Function

- The `STRCMP` function accepts two strings as arguments
- It compares the strings and returns a numeric value ranging from -1 to 1 in the output
- The function returns 0 if the strings have same values, -1 when the first argument is smaller than the second and 1 when the first argument is greater than the second

- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT STRCMP(str1, str2);
```

where,

`str1, str2` – specify the strings to compare

If `str1 = str2`, the output is 0

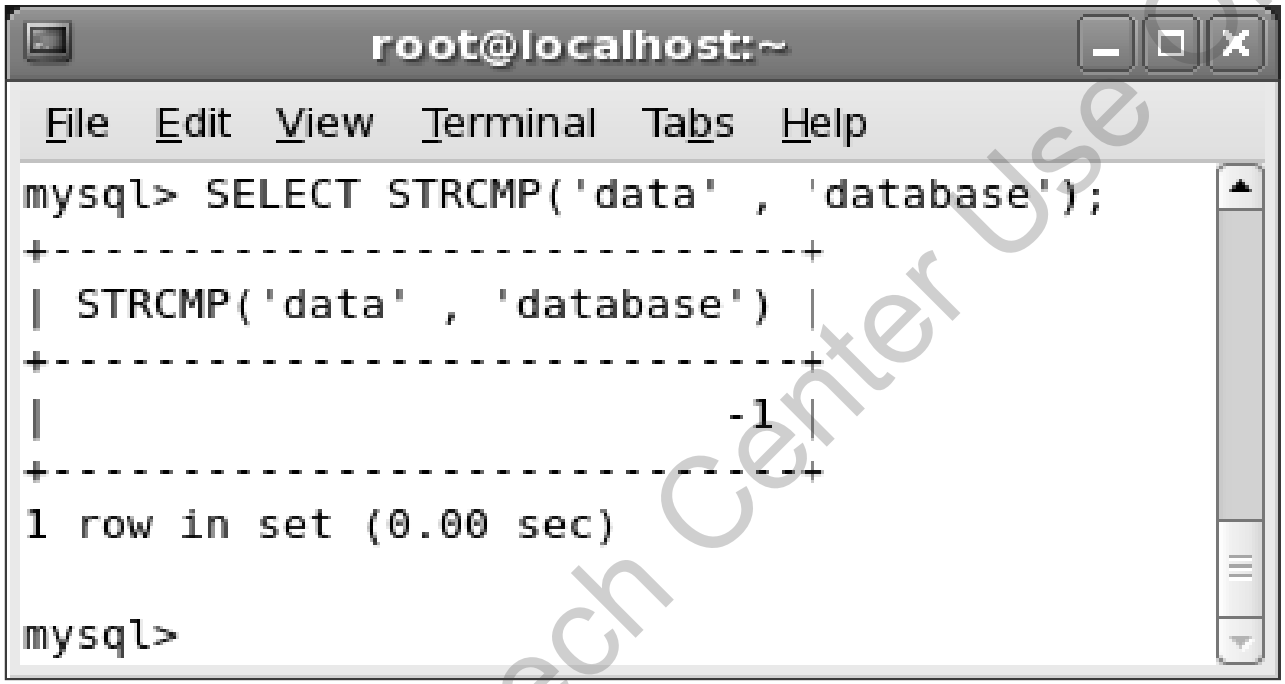
If `str1 < str2`, the output is -1

If `str1 > str2`, the output is 1

- To compare two strings data and database, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT STRCMP('data', 'database');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



TRIM Function

- The `TRIM` function removes a specified prefix or suffix from a given string
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT TRIM(location 'remstring' from 'string'
```

where,

`location` – specifies the starting position for deletion

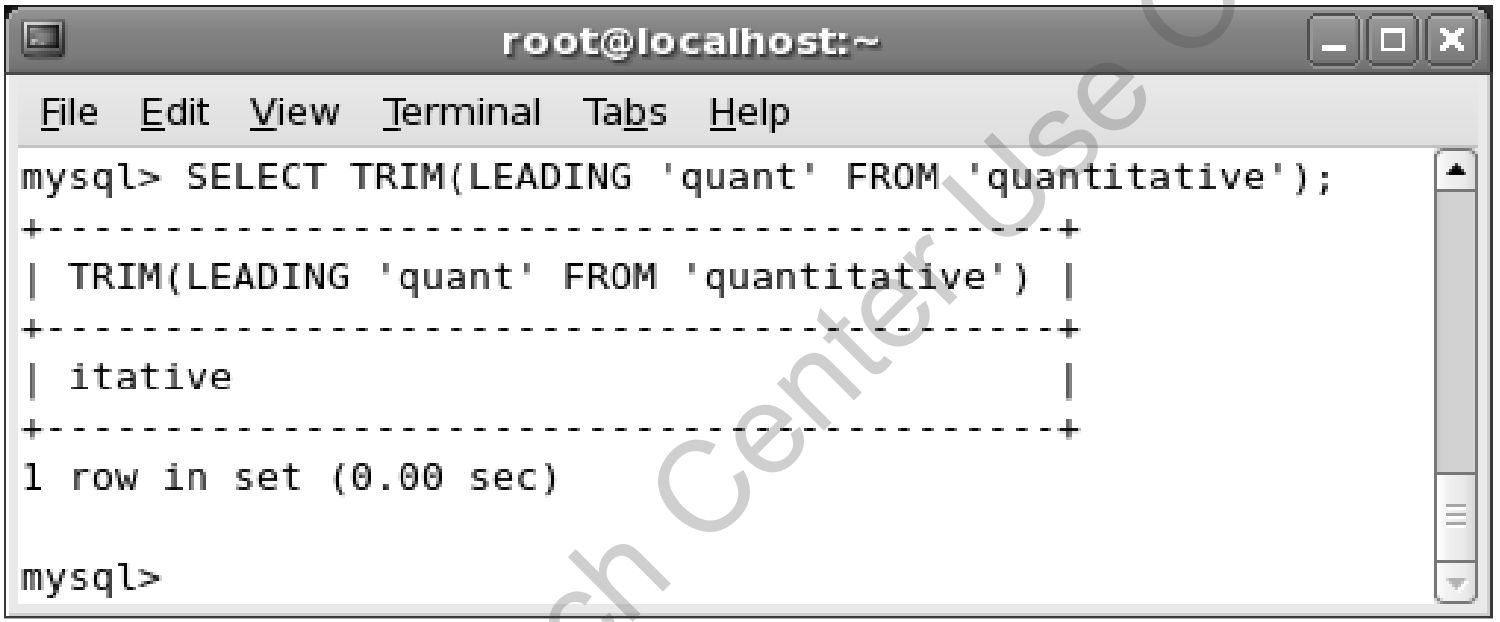
`remstring` – specifies the string to be removed

`string` – specifies the original string

- To remove the string quant from the string quantitative, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT TRIM(LEADING 'quant' from 'quantitative');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



UCASE Function

- The `UCASE` function changes all the characters of the argument into uppercase
- This function does not work with binary strings
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT UCASE(expression);
```

- To convert database to uppercase, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT UCASE('database');
```

Figure displays the output of the command

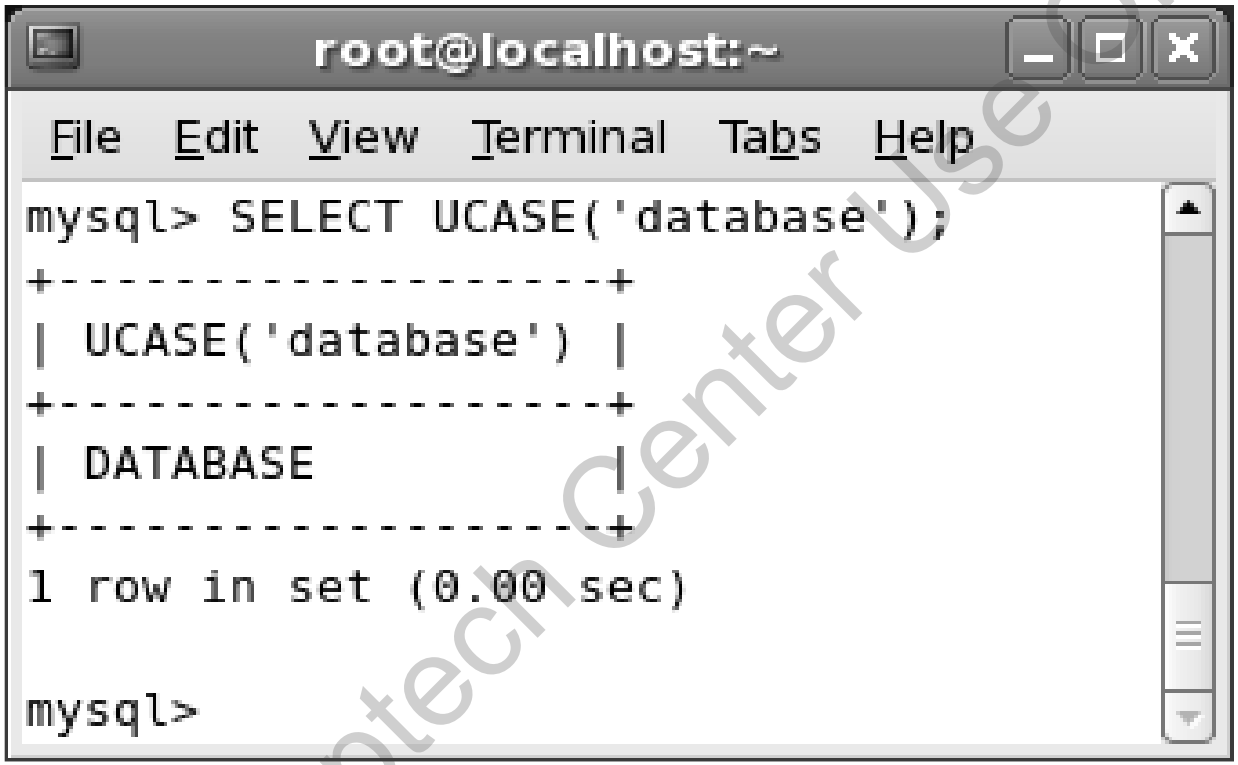


Table describes the additional String functions in MySQL

Name	Description	Example
ASCII	The ASCII function returns the numeric value of the leftmost character of the string, specified as the argument. This function returns a value of 0 if you enter an empty string. This function is applicable for characters whose numeric value ranges from 0 to 255. The syntax to retrieve the ASCII value is: `SELECT ASCII(string);`	For example, to retrieve the ASCII value of the string JOHN, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT ASCII('JOHN');` The output of this function is: 74
BIN	The BIN function returns a string representation of the binary value of N, where N contains values of BIGINT data type. The syntax to retrieve the string representation is: `SELECT BIN(expression);`	For example, to retrieve the binary value of 55, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT BIN(55);` The output of this function is: 110111

UCASE Function

Name	Description	Example
BIT_LENGTH	The BIT_LENGTH function returns the length of the string specified in the argument. The syntax to calculate the length of the string in bits is: `SELECT BIT_LENGTH(string);`	For example, to calculate the length of the string MYSQL in bits, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT BIT_LENGTH('MYSQL');` The output of this function is: 40
COMPRESS	The COMPRESS function compresses a string. The syntax to compress a string is: `SELECT COMPRESS(string)` The compressed string outputs are stored as follows: ◆ Empty strings are stored as it is ◆ Non-empty strings are stored as a four-byte length of the uncompressed string (low byte first), followed by the compressed string. ◆ If the string contains a space at the end, the space is replaced by the '.' character to resolve trim errors while storing data in a CHAR or VARCHAR column.	To compress the string XYZ and obtain the length of the compressed string, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT LENGTH(COMPRESS('XYZ'));` The output of this function is: 15

Name	Description	Example
CONCAT_WS	The CONCAT_WS function is similar to the CONCAT() function. However, it allows you to add a separator between the arguments. The syntax for this function is: `CONCAT_WS(separator, str1, str2, ....);`	To join the strings My and SQL with a comma as the separator, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT CONCAT_WS(',' ,'My','SQL');` The output of this function is: MY,SQL
ELT	The ELT function extracts the value of the string whose position is specified in the argument. The position is a numeric value. The syntax for using this function is: `SELECT ELT(N, str1, str2, ...);` where, N - specifies the numeric position of the value to be searched str1, str2 - defines the strings passed as arguments	Enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT ELT(1, 'a', 'b', 'c');` The output of this function is: a

Name	Description	Example
FIELD	The FIELD function returns the position of a particular string in a given set of strings specified in the argument. If the string is not found, this function returns a value of zero. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT FIELD(string1,string2,string3....);` where, `string1` – represents the string to search for `string2, string3` – list of strings to be searched from	To find the index of string C in the strings A, B, C, D, and E, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT FIELD('C', 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'E');` The output of this function is: 3
FIND_IN_SET	The FIND_IN_SET function returns the position of the character present in the string list passed as an argument. A string list contains strings that are separated by a comma. The output of this function is a numeric value between 0 and N, where N is the number of substrings in the string list. If either of the argument is NULL, the final result is also NULL. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT FIND_IN_SET(expression);`	For example, to retrieve the index value of B in the string B,Y,E, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT FIND_IN_SET('B', 'B,Y,E');` The output of this function is: 1

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Name	Description	Example
HEX	The HEX function displays the values specified in the argument in its hexadecimal format. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT HEX(expression);`	For example, to retrieve the hexadecimal value of MYSQL, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT HEX('MYSQL');` The output of this function is:4D5953514C
LOWER	The LOWER function changes the given string into lowercase. The syntax to change the case for a string is: `SELECT LOWER(str);`	For example, to convert the string PETER to lowercase, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT LOWER('PETER');` The output of this function is: peter

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Name	Description	Example
LTRIM	The LTRIM function removes the whitespaces before the values specified in the argument. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT LTRIM(expression);`	To delete the whitespaces before ' xyz', enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT LTRIM(' xyz');` The output of this function is:xyz
ORD	The ORD function returns the ASCII value of the first character for the string specified in the argument. The arguments should be a string. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT ORD(expression);`	To display the ASCII value of the first character from the string BAR, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT ORD('BAR');` The output of this function is: 66

Name	Description	Example
RTRIM	The RTRIM function deletes the spaces after the values specified in the argument. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT RTRIM(expression);`	To remove the trailing space from the string 'SPACE ', enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT RTRIM('SPACE ');` The output of this function is: SPACE
SPACE	The SPACE function returns a string that contains only space characters. You can specify the number of space characters as a numeric value in the argument. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT SPACE(N);` where, N – defines the number of spaces	For example, to obtain a string with seven spaces, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT SPACE(7);` The output of this function will be a string of 7 spaces

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Name	Description	Example
UNHEX	The UNHEX function interprets each character of the string in the hexadecimal format and returns the character as the output. The syntax for this function is: SELECT UNHEX(expression);	For example, to obtain the characters for the hexadecimal string 'AB', enter the following command at the command prompt: SELECT UNHEX('AB'); The output of this function is: ?

CHARSET Function

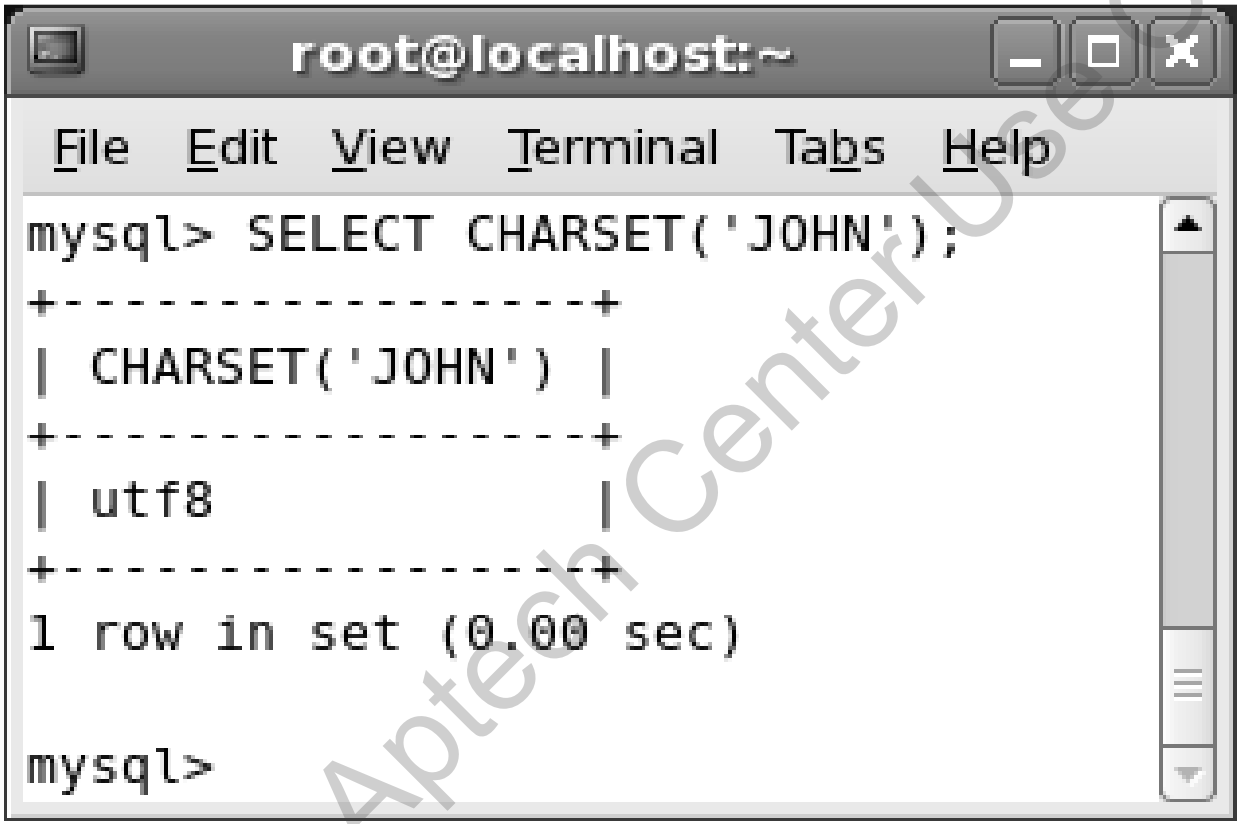
- The `CHARSET` function returns the character set of the argument
- The argument entered must be a string argument
- The syntax for obtaining the character set of a string is:

```
SELECT CHARSET(str);
```

- For example, to obtain the character set of 'John', enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT CHARSET('JOHN');
```

Figure displays the output of the command



CURRENT_USER Function

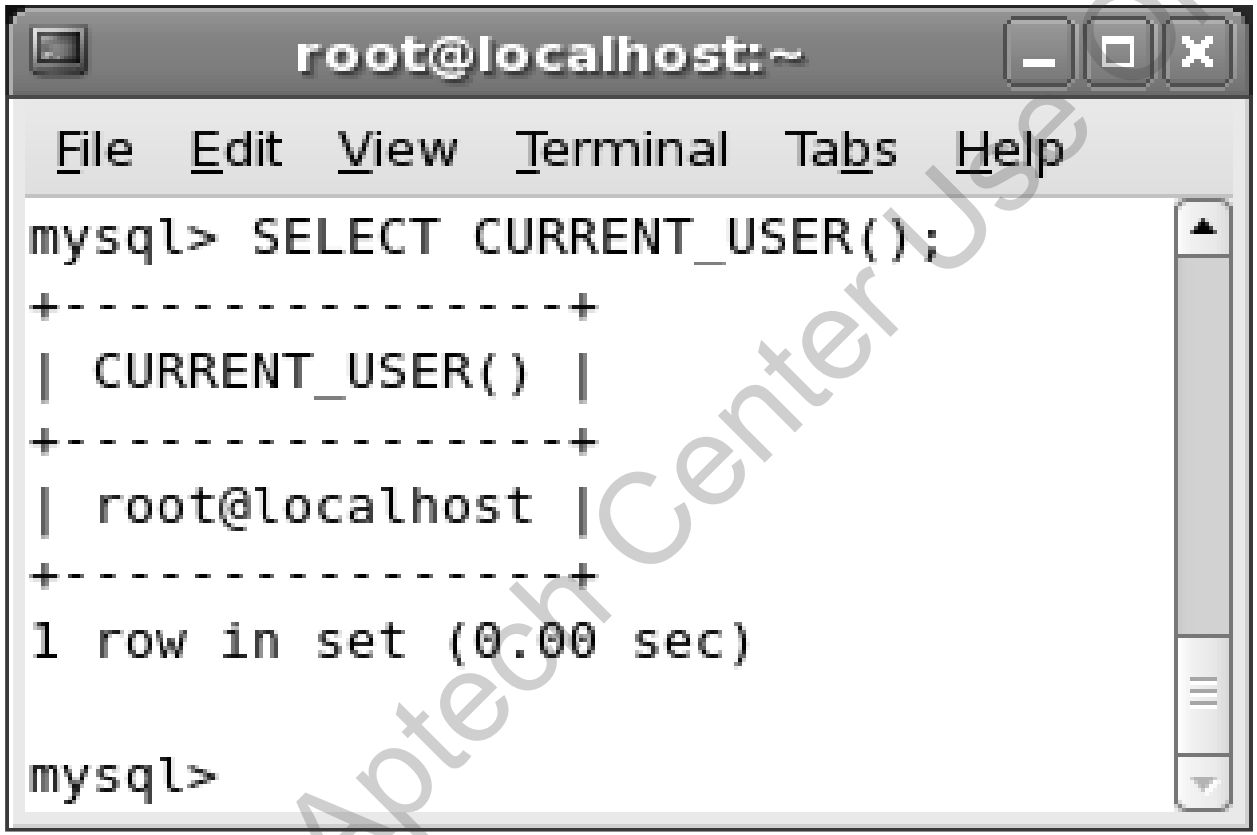
- The `CURRENT_USER` function returns the username and the hostname of the current session
- The syntax to view the hostname and the username is:

```
SELECT CURRENT_USER();
```

- For example, to obtain the username of the current account, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT CURRENT_USER();
```

Figure displays the output of the command



DATABASE Function

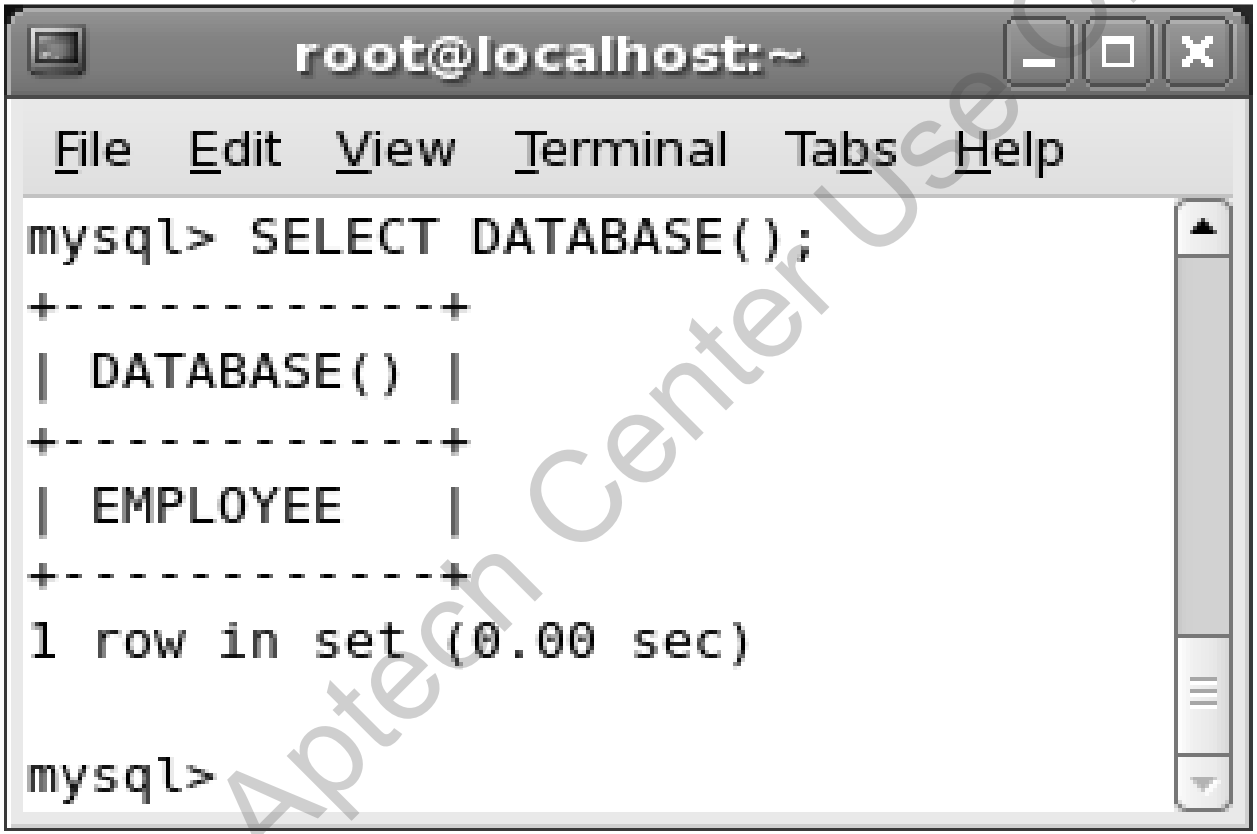
- The `DATABASE` function returns the name of the current database
- If no database is activated, then this function returns a `NULL` value
- The syntax to view the name of the current database is:

```
SELECT DATABASE();
```

- For example, to retrieve the name of the current database, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT DATABASE();
```

Figure displays the output of the command

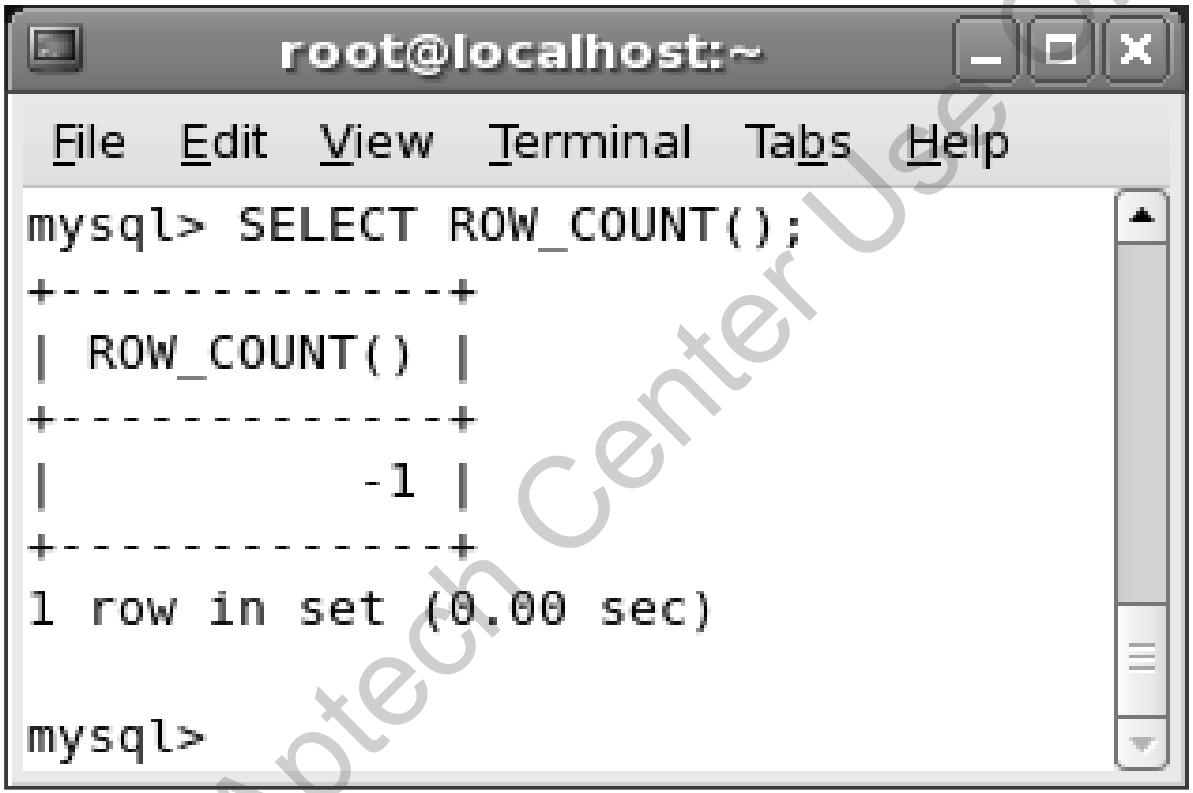


ROW_COUNT Function

- The `ROW_COUNT` function returns the number of rows inserted, updated, or deleted after the `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, or `DELETE` statements are executed
- The number of affected-rows returned in an `UPDATE` statement is the number of rows actually changed
- In `REPLACE` statement, the number of affected rows is two if the new row replaces an old row, because, the `REPLACE` statement inserts one row after deleting the duplicate row
- In case of an INSERT statement, the number of rows affected is one if a new row is inserted and the number of rows affected is two if an existing row is updated
- The syntax for this function is:

```
SELECT ROW_COUNT();
```

Figure displays the output of the command



VERSION Function

- The `VERSION` function returns the version of MySQL
- The syntax to view the version of MySQL is:

```
SELECT VERSION();
```

- For example, to view the version of MySQL, enter the following command at the command prompt:

```
SELECT VERSION();
```

Figure displays the output of the command

Table displays the description and use of other system information functions

Name	Description	Example
CONNECTION_ID	The CONNECTION_ID function returns the thread ID for the connection. MySQL assigns a unique ID for every thread or connection. The syntax to retrieve the thread ID is: `SELECT CONNECTION_ID();`	For example, to obtain the thread ID for the current connection, enter the following command at the command prompt: `SELECT CONNECTION_ID();` The output of this function is: 2
ROW_COUNT	The ROW_COUNT function returns the number of rows inserted, updated, or deleted after the INSERT, UPDATE, or DELETE statements are executed. The syntax for this function is: `SELECT ROW_COUNT();`	Execute the following command and view the output `SELECT ROW_COUNT;` The output of this function is: -1

VERSION Function

Name	Description	Example

USER	The USER function returns the current username and hostname. The syntax to view the username is:
	
	`SELECT USER();`
		For example, to obtain the current username and hostname, enter the following command at the command prompt:
		`SELECT USER();`
		The output of this function is:
		`root@localhost.com`

Summary

- In SQL queries, functions can be used in place of the column name and in the `WHERE` clause
- Date functions can execute computations on date, time, and datetime data types. These functions can add and subtract the date, extract a part of the date, and convert a date from one format to another. Some examples of date functions are `ADDDATE`, `YEAR`, `DATEDIFF`, and `CONVERT_TZ`
- String functions operate on string data type. They can be used to retrieve the ASCII value of a string, calculate the number of bits in a string, join two or more strings with or without the separator, convert the given string to lowercase or uppercase, and calculate the hexadecimal value of string. Some examples of STRING functions are `ASCII`, `CHARACTER_LENGTH`, `BIT_LENGTH`, `LCASE`, and `UCASE`

Summary

- System information functions display system-related information. The version number of the database, name of the current user and host, and number of rows affected due to the preceding `INSERT`, `UPDATE`, or `DELETE` statement can be retrieved using system information functions. Some examples of system information functions are `BENCHMARK`, `CHARSET`, `USER`, and `VERSION`