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## Write an expression

If your data source supports them, then Grafana displays the **Expression** button and shows any existing expressions in the query editor list.

For more information about expressions, refer to [About expressions]({{< relref "/about-expressions.md" >}}).

### Before you begin

- [Add a panel]({{< relref "../working-with-panels/add-panel.md" >}}).

#### To write an expression:

1. Open the panel.
2. Below the query, click **Expression**.
3. In the **Operation** field, select the type of expression you want to write.

For more information about expression operations, refer to [About expressions]({{< relref "/about-expressions.md" >}}).

4. Write the expression.
5. Click **Apply**.