

1. GETDATE()

Purpose: Retrieves the current system date and time.

Syntax:

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```
GETDATE()
```

Example:

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```
SELECT GETDATE() AS CurrentDateTime; -- Output: 2024-12-09 14:25:30.567 (Varies based on current date and time)
```

2. DATEADD()

Purpose: Adds or subtracts a specific number of time units (days, months, years, etc.) to/from a given date.

Syntax:

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```
DATEADD(datepart, number, date)
```

- **datepart** : The part of the date (e.g., year, month, day).
- **number** : The value to add or subtract (negative for subtraction).

Example:

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```
SELECT DATEADD(DAY, 7, GETDATE()) AS SevenDaysLater; -- Output: 2024-12-16 14:25:30.567 (Adds 7 days to the current date)
SELECT DATEADD(MONTH, -2, GETDATE()) AS TwoMonthsAgo; -- Output: 2024-10-09 14:25:30.567 (Subtracts 2 months from the current date)
```

3. DATEDIFF()

Purpose: Calculates the difference between two dates based on the specified date part.

Syntax:

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```
DATEDIFF(datepart, startdate, enddate)
```

- datepart : The unit of difference (e.g., day, month, year).

Example:

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```
SELECT DATEDIFF(DAY, '2024-12-01', GETDATE()) AS DaysDifference; -- Output: 8  
(Difference in days between Dec 1, 2024, and today) SELECT DATEDIFF(YEAR, '2000-01-  
01', GETDATE()) AS YearsDifference; -- Output: 24 (Difference in years from Jan 1,  
2000, to today)
```

4. DAY()

Purpose: Extracts the day of the month from a given date.

Syntax:

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```
DAY(date)
```

Example:

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```
SELECT DAY(GETDATE()) AS DayOfMonth; -- Output: 9 (Today's day of the month is 9)
```

5. MONTH()

Purpose: Extracts the month from a given date.

Syntax:

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```
MONTH(date)
```

Example:

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```
SELECT MONTH(GETDATE()) AS Month; -- Output: 12 (Current month is December)
```

6. YEAR()

Purpose: Extracts the year from a given date.

Syntax:

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```
YEAR(date)
```

Example:

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```
SELECT YEAR(GETDATE()) AS Year; -- Output: 2024 (Current year is 2024)
```

7. DATEPART()

Purpose: Extracts a specified part of a date (e.g., year, month, day, week, etc.).

Syntax:

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```
DATEPART(datepart, date)
```

Example:

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```
SELECT DATEPART(WEEKDAY, GETDATE()) AS DayOfWeek; -- Output: 2 (Monday is represented as 2, depending on the SQL server configuration)
SELECT DATEPART(HOUR, GETDATE()) AS Hour; -- Output: 14 (Current hour of the day is 14, i.e., 2 PM)
```

8. CONVERT()

Purpose: Converts a date into a specified format or datatype.

Syntax:

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```
CONVERT(datatype, expression, style)
```

- **style** : Specifies the output format (e.g., 10 for MM-DD-YY , 110 for MM-DD-YYYY).

Examples:

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```
SELECT CONVERT(VARCHAR(19), GETDATE()) AS DefaultFormat; -- Output: Dec 9 2024 14:25PM
(Default style without specifying format) SELECT CONVERT(VARCHAR(19), GETDATE(), 10)
AS MMDDYY; -- Output: 12-09-24 (Style 10: MM-DD-YY) SELECT CONVERT(VARCHAR(19),
GETDATE(), 110) AS MMDDYYYY; -- Output: 12-09-2024 (Style 110: MM-DD-YYYY)
```

9. FORMAT()

Purpose: Formats a date value as a string in a specified format.

Syntax:

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```
FORMAT(expression, format)
```

Examples:

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```
SELECT FORMAT(GETDATE(), 'D') AS LongDate; -- Output: Monday, December 9, 2024
(Formatted in a Long date format) SELECT FORMAT(GETDATE(), 'dd-MM-yyyy HH:mm') AS
```

CustomFormat; -- Output: 09-12-2024 14:25 (Custom date-time format)

Use Case Example

Consider a table `orders` with a column `OrderDate` :

OrderID	OrderDate
101	2024-11-20 10:30:00
102	2024-12-01 14:45:00
103	2024-12-07 09:20:00

Query:

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```
SELECT OrderID, DAY(OrderDate) AS DayOfMonth, MONTH(OrderDate) AS Month,
YEAR(OrderDate) AS Year, FORMAT(OrderDate, 'dddd') AS DayName, DATEDIFF(DAY,
OrderDate, GETDATE()) AS DaysSinceOrder FROM Orders;
```

Output:

OrderID	DayOfMonth	Month	Year	DayName	DaysSinceOrder
101	20	11	2024	Wednesday	19
102	1	12	2024	Sunday	8
103	7	12	2024	Saturday	2

This example shows how to extract various date parts and calculate the difference between dates.