

Building dates from parts

TIME SERIES ANALYSIS IN SQL SERVER



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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
<code>CONVERT()</code>	251,997
<code>CAST()</code>	240,347
<code>PARSE()</code>	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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Anatomy of a DATETIMEOFFSET

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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

`CAST()`

`CONVERT()`

`PARSE()`

Safe Functions

`TRY_CAST()`

`TRY_CONVERT()`

`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'.

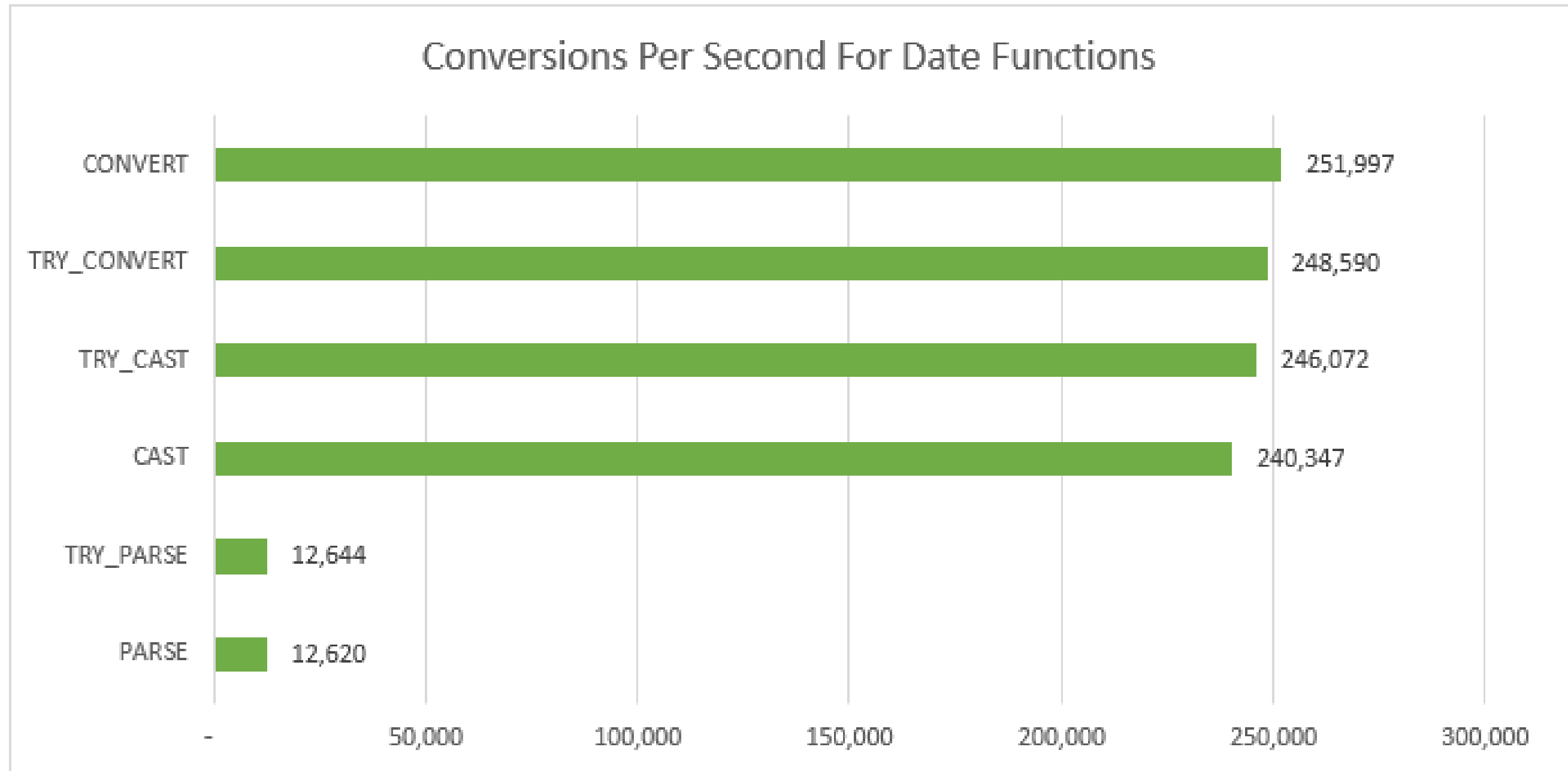
Doing right when everything goes wrong

```
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;

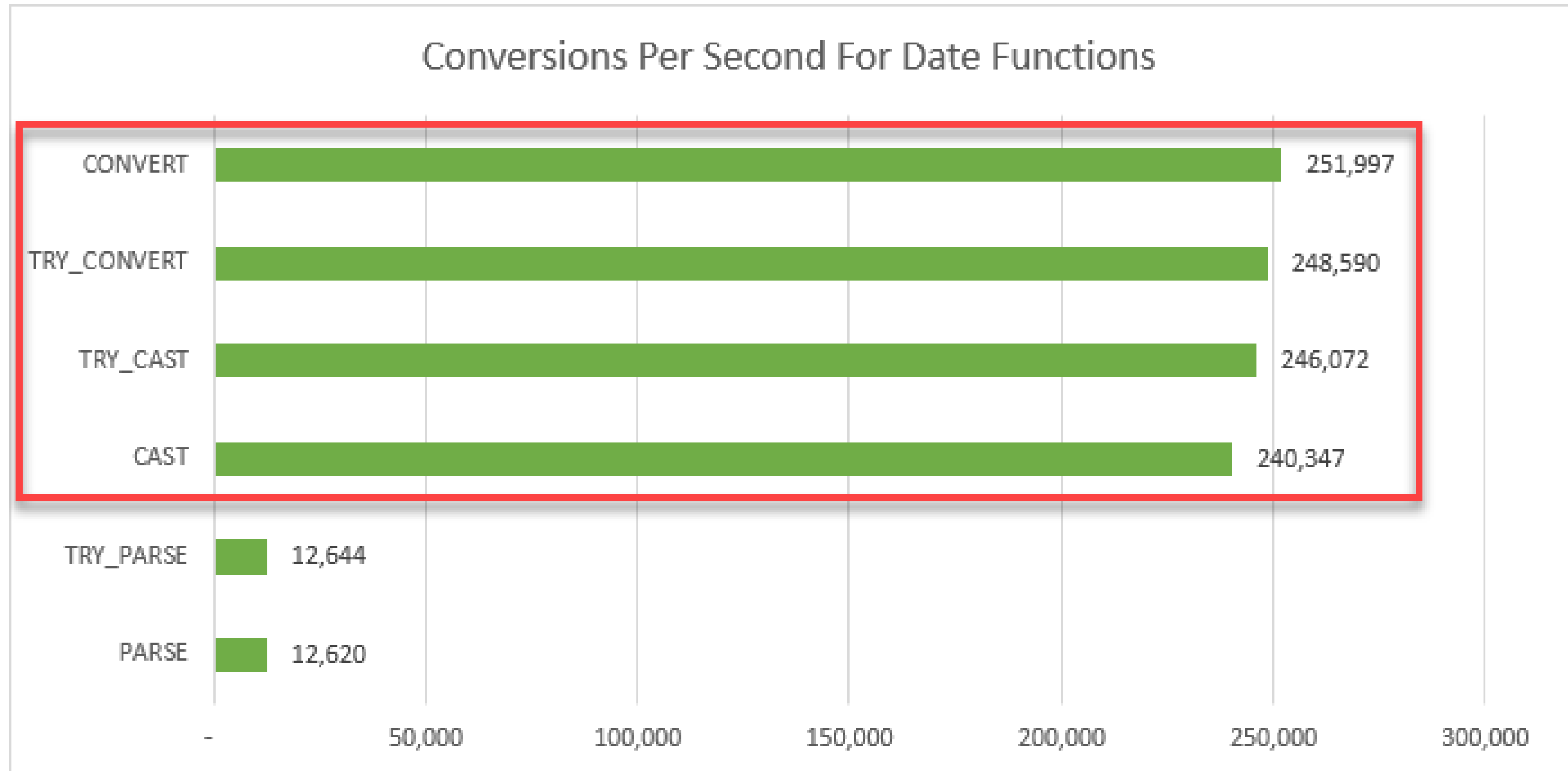
GO
```

January13US	Smarch1FR
2019-01-13	NULL

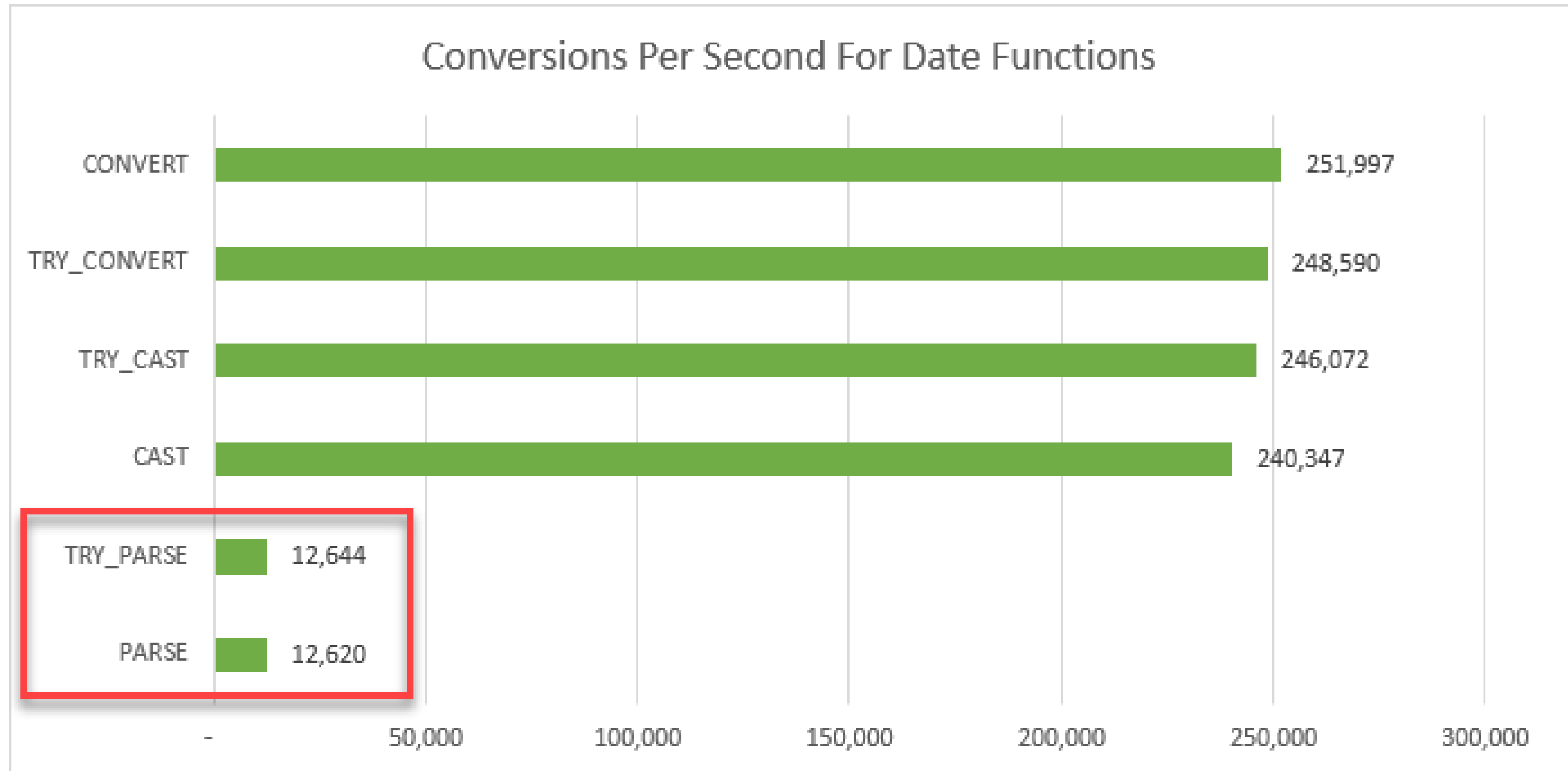
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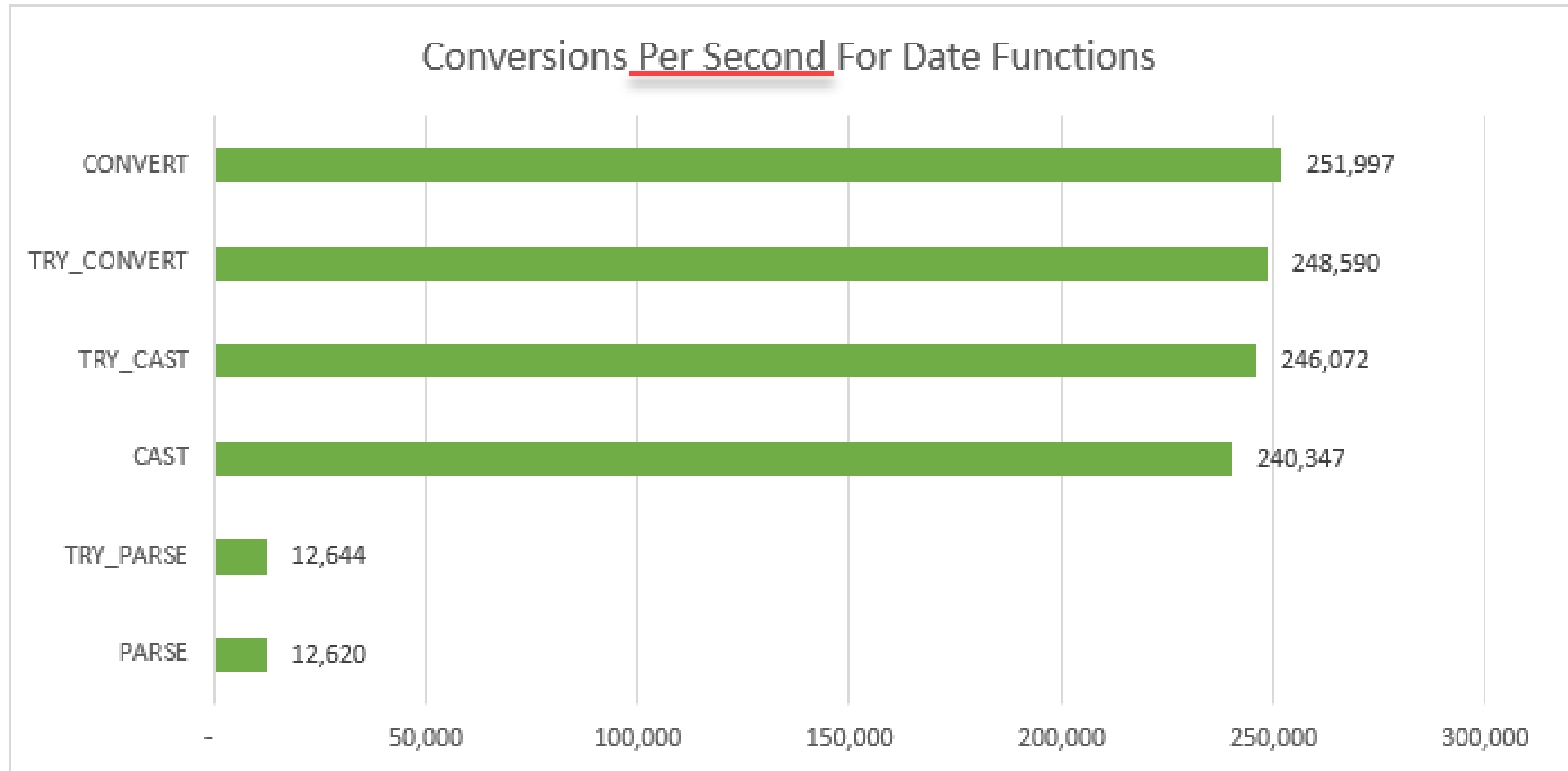
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