

FUNCTIONS IN SQLSERVER:(23-10-2024)

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- to perform some task as per the given input values and it must return a value.
- sqlserver supports the following two types of functions.

- 1) Pre-defined functions
 - Use in SQL & T/SQL.
- 2) User-defined functions
 - Use in T/SQL.

1) Pre-defined functions:

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- these functions are again classified into two types.
 - i) Single row functions
 - ii) Multiple row functions

i) Single row functions:

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- these functions are always return a single value only.
 - > Mathematical functions
 - > Character / String functions
 - > Date & Time functions
 - > Null function (i.e ISNULL())
 - > Ranking functions
 - > Conversion functions

syntax to call function:

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SELECT <FNAME>(value/(s))

Mathematical functions:

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ABS():

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- to convert (-ve) sign values into (+ve) sign values.

syntax:

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abs(n)

EX:

SELECT ABS(-12) AS RESULT;-----> 12

SELECT ENAME,SAL,COMM,ABS(COMM-SAL) AS RESULT FROM EMP;

CEILING():

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- it return a value which is equals to or greater than to the given expression.

syntax:

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ceiling(n)

EX:

SELECT CEILING(9.0) AS RESULT-----> 9

SELECT CEILING(9.4) AS RESULT-----> 10

FLOOR():

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- it return a value which is equals to or less than to the given expression.

syntax:

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floor(n)

EX:

SELECT FLOOR(9.0) AS RESULT----->9

SELECT FLOOR(9.8) AS RESULT----->9

POWER():

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- it return the power of the given expression.

syntax:

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power(m,n)

EX:

SELECT POWER(2,3) AS RESULT-----> 8

SELECT POWER(SAL,2) AS RESULT FROM EMP;

SQRT():

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- it return the square root value of the given expression.

syntax:

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sqrt(n)

EX:

SELECT SQRT(25) AS RESULT

SELECT SQRT(SAL) AS RESULT FROM EMP

SQUARE():

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- it return the square value of the given expression.

syntax:

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square(n)

EX:

SELECT SQUARE(10) AS RESULT

SELECT SQUARE(SAL) AS RESULT FROM EMP

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Character / String functions:

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LEN():

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- it return the length of the given string expression.

syntax:

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len(string)

EX:

SELECT LEN('HELLO') AS RESULT

SELECT LEN('WEL COME') AS RESULT

EX:

SELECT ENAME,LEN(ENAME) AS RESULT FROM EMP

SELECT * FROM EMP WHERE LEN(ENAME)=5

SELECT * FROM EMP WHERE LEN(ENAME)>5

SELECT * FROM EMP WHERE LEN(ENAME)<5

LTRIM():

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- to remove unwanted spaces(characters) from the left side of the given string expression.

syntax:

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ltrim(string)

EX:

SELECT LTRIM(' SMITH') AS RESULT

SELECT LEN(LTRIM(' SMITH')) AS RESULT

RTRIM():

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- to remove unwanted spaces(characters) from the right side of the given string expression.

syntax:

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 rtrim(string)

EX:

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SELECT RTRIM('SMITH      ') AS RESULT
SELECT LEN(RTRIM('SMITH      ')) AS RESULT
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LOWER():

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- to convert upper case characters into lower case characters.

syntax:

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 lower(string)

EX:

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SELECT LOWER('HELLO') AS RESULT
SELECT ENAME,LOWER(ENAME) FROM EMP;
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UPDATE EMP SET ENAME=LOWER(ENAME) WHERE JOB='ANALYST';
UPDATE EMP SET ENAME=LOWER(ENAME);
```

UPPER():

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- to convert lower case characters into upper case characters.

syntax:

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 upper(string)

EX:

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SELECT UPPER('hello') AS RESULT
UPDATE EMP SET ENAME=upper(ENAME);
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LEFT():

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- to return the no.of characters from the left side of the given string expression as per specified number.

syntax:

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left(string,<number>)

EX:

SELECT LEFT('WELCOME',1) AS RESULT-----> W

SELECT LEFT('WELCOME',3) AS RESULT-----> WEL

RIGHT():

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- to return the no.of characters from the right side of the given string expression as per specified number.

syntax:

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right(string,<number>)

EX:

SELECT RIGHT('WELCOME',1) AS RESULT-----> E

SELECT RIGHT('WELCOME',3) AS RESULT-----> OME

REVERSE():

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- to reverse the characters from the given string expression.

syntax:

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reverse(string)

EX:

SELECT REVERSE('SAI') AS RESULT -----> IAS

SELECT ENAME,REVERSE(ENAME) FROM EMP;

REPLICATE():

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- to repeat the given string expression as per the given number.

syntax:

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replicate(string,number)

EX:

SELECT REPLICATE('SMITH',5) AS RESULT

SELECT ENAME,REPLICATE(ENAME,3) FROM EMP;

REPLACE():

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- to replace the required old characters with new characters in the given string expression.

syntax:

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replace(string, '<old characters>', '<new characters>')

EX:

SELECT REPLACE('JACK AND JUE', 'J', 'BL') AS RESULT -----> BLACK AND BLUE

SELECT REPLACE('HELLO', 'ELL', 'D') AS RESULT-----> HDO

SELECT REPLACE('HELLO', 'L', 'XYZ') AS RESULT-----> HEXYZXYZO

SUBSTRING():

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- it return the required substring from the given string expression.

syntax:

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substring(string, <starting position of character>, <length of characters>)

Expression :

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W E L C O M E

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

EX:

SELECT SUBSTRING('WELCOME', 1, 2) AS RESULT-----> WE

SELECT SUBSTRING('WELCOME', 3, 4) AS RESULT-----> LCOM

SELECT SUBSTRING('WELCOME', 6, 1) AS RESULT-----> M

SELECT SUBSTRING('WELCOME', 4, 2) AS RESULT-----> CO

SELECT SUBSTRING('WELCOME', -4, 2) AS RESULT-----> (negative position are not allowed)

Date & Time functions:

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GETDATE():

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- it return the current date and time information of the system.

syntax:

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getdate()

EX:

SELECT GETDATE() AS RESULT

DAY(),MONTH(),YEAR():

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- these functions are return day,month,year part from the given date expression.

syntax:

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day(date),month(date),year(date)

EX:

SELECT DAY('2022-09-29') AS RESULT-----> 29

SELECT MONTH('2022-09-29') AS RESULT-----> 9

SELECT YEAR('2022-09-29') AS RESULT-----> 2022

DATENAME():

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- it return the name of day and month as per the given interval.

syntax:

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datetime(<interval>,date)

EX:

SELECT DATENAME(DW,GETDATE()) AS RESULT

SELECT DATENAME(MM,GETDATE()) AS RESULT

SELECT DATENAME(YYYY,GETDATE()) AS RESULT

DATEADD():

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- to add no.of days,months and years to the given date expression.

syntax:

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dateadd(<interval>,<number>,date)

EX:

SELECT DATEADD(DD,30,GETDATE()) AS RESULT

SELECT DATEADD(MM,5,GETDATE()) AS RESULT

SELECT DATEADD(YYYY,2,GETDATE()) AS RESULT

DATEDIFF():

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- it return the no.of days,months and years are differences in between the given two date expressions.

syntax:

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datediff(<interval>,<date1>,<date2>)

EX:

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SELECT DATEDIFF(DD,'2022-10-24',GETDATE()) AS RESULT
SELECT DATEDIFF(MM,'2022-10-24',GETDATE()) AS RESULT
SELECT DATEDIFF(YYYY,'2022-10-24',GETDATE()) AS RESULT
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DATEPART():

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- it return the specified interval from the given date expression.

syntax:

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datepart(<interval>,date)

EX:

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SELECT DATEPART(DD,GETDATE()) AS RESULT
SELECT DATEPART(MM,GETDATE()) AS RESULT
SELECT DATEPART(YYYY,GETDATE()) AS RESULT
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Ranking functions:

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- to assign rank numbers to each row wise / to each group of rows wise in the table.

- there two ranking functions in sqlserver.

i) Rank()

ii) Dense_Rank()

EX:

ENAME	SALARY	RANK()	DENSE_RANK()
=====	=====	=====	=====
A	85000	1	1
B	72000	2	2
C	72000	2	2
D	64000	4	3
E	55000	5	4
F	55000	5	4
G	48000	7	5
H	32000	8	6

- Rank(),Dense_Rank() functions are assigning same rank number to the same values but Rank() will skip the next sequence rank number in the order for every duplicate value whereas Dense_rank() will not skip the next sequence rank number in the order for every duplicate value.

syntax:

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ranking function name()over([partition by <column name>] order by <column name>
<asc/desc>)

Here,

partition by clause is optional

order by clause is mandatory

Examples without Partition by clause:

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EX:

SELECT ENAME,SAL,RANK()OVER(ORDER BY SAL DESC) AS RANKS FROM EMP

SELECT ENAME,SAL,DENSE_RANK()OVER(ORDER BY SAL DESC) AS RANKS FROM EMP

Examples with Partition by clause:

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EX:

SELECT ENAME,JOB,SAL,RANK()OVER(PARTITION BY JOB ORDER BY SAL DESC) AS
RANKS FROM EMP

SELECT ENAME,JOB,SAL,DENSE_RANK()OVER(PARTITION BY JOB ORDER BY SAL
DESC) AS RANKS FROM EMP

Conversion Function:

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CAST():

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- it is a pre-defined function which is used to convert from one
datatype to another datatype.

syntax:

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cast(<expression> as <target datatype>)

EX:

SELECT CAST(10.23 AS INT) AS RESULT -----> 10

SELECT CAST(10.23 AS VARCHAR) AS RESULT -----> '10.23'

SELECT CAST(10.23 AS MONEY) AS RESULT -----> 10.23

Concatenation operator (+):

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- to add two or more than two string expressions.

syntax:

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expression1 + expression2 + expression3 +;

EX:

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SELECT 'THE EMPLOYEE'+ ' '+ENAME+' '+IS WORKING AS A'+ ' '+JOB FROM EMP;  
SELECT 'THE EMPLOYEE'+ ' '+ENAME+' '+SALARY IS'+ ' '+CAST(SAL AS VARCHAR) FROM  
EMP  
SELECT 'THE EMPLOYEE'+ ' '+ENAME+' '+JOINED ON'+ ' '+CAST(HIREDATE AS VARCHAR)  
FROM EMP
```

ii) Multiple row functions:

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SUM():

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- it return total value.

Ex:

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SELECT SUM(SAL) FROM EMP;  
SELECT SUM(SAL) FROM EMP WHERE DEPTNO=20;
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AVG():

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- it return average value.

Ex:

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SELECT AVG(SAL) FROM EMP;  
SELECT AVG(SAL) FROM EMP WHERE DEPTNO=20;
```

MAX():

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- it return maximum value.

EX:

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SELECT MAX(SAL) FROM EMP;  
SELECT MAX(SAL) FROM EMP WHERE JOB='MANAGER';  
SELECT MAX(HIREDATE) FROM EMP;
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MIN():

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- it return minimum value.

EX:

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SELECT MIN(SAL) FROM EMP WHERE JOB='MANAGER';  
SELECT MIN(HIREDATE) FROM EMP;
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COUNT():

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i) COUNT(*):

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- counting all rows including duplicates and nulls in a table.

EX:

SELECT COUNT(*) FROM EMP; -----> 14

ii) COUNT(COLUMN NAME):

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- counting all values including duplicates but not nulls in a specific column.

EX:

SELECT COUNT(MGR) FROM EMP;-----> 13

iii) COUNT(DISTINCT <COLUMN NAME>):

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- counting the unique values from a column.(i.e no duplicates & no nulls)

EX:

SELECT COUNT(DISTINCT MGR) FROM EMP;-----> 6

NOTE:

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- multiple row functions are also called as "Aggregative functions / Grouping functions" in SQLSERVER.

