SQL Date Data Types SUSHMIT PARTAKKE

MySQL comes with the following data types for storing a date or a date/time value in the database:

- `DATE` - format YYYY-MM-DD

- `DATETIME` - format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS

- `TIMESTAMP` - format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS

- `YEAR` - format YYYY or YY

SQL Server comes with the following data types for storing a date or a date/time value in the database:

- `DATE` - format YYYY-MM-DD

- `DATETIME` - format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS

- `SMALLDATETIME` - format: YYYY-MM-DD HH:MI:SS

- `TIMESTAMP` - format: a unique number

==Note: The date datatypes are chosen for a column when you create a new table in your database!==

SQL Working with Dates

You need to create table,or alter table with date attribute.

Following is the query sample to use **date datatype**

```
SQL> create table orders(id number primary key, name char(20), orderDate date);

Table created.
```

```
SQL> insert into orders
  2  (id, name, orderDate)
  3  values(11,'sitnagpur',TO_DATE('2025-01-29', 'YYYY-MM-DD'));

1 row created.
```

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM orders WHERE orderDate = TO_DATE('2008-11-11', 'YYYY-MM-DD');

no rows selected

SQL> SELECT * FROM orders WHERE orderDate = TO_DATE('2025-01-29', 'YYYY-MM-DD');

        ID NAME                 ORDERDATE
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        11 sitnagpur            29-JAN-25
```

Look at the following table:

Orders Table

OrderId	ProductName	OrderDate
1	Geitost	2008-11-11
2	Camembert Pierrot	2008-11-09
3	Mozzarella di Giovanni	2008-11-11
4	Mascarpone Fabioli	2008-10-29

Now we want to select the records with an OrderDate of "2008-11-11" from the table above.

We use the following SELECT statement:

```
SELECT * FROM Orders WHERE OrderDate='2008-11-11'
```

The result-set will look like this:

OrderId	ProductName	OrderDate
1	Geitost	2008-11-11
3	Mozzarella di Giovanni	2008-11-11

Note: Two dates can easily be compared if there is no time component involved!

Now, assume that the "Orders" table looks like this (notice the added time-component in the "OrderDate" column):

OrderId	ProductName	OrderDate
1	Geitost	2008-11-11 13:23:44
2	Camembert Pierrot	2008-11-09 15:45:21
3	Mozzarella di Giovanni	2008-11-11 11:12:01

If we use the same `SELECT` statement as above:

`SELECT * FROM Orders WHERE OrderDate='2008-11-11'`

we will get no result! This is because the query is looking only for dates with no time portion.

Date Functions Samples for you to execute with all possible types:

1. ORACLE SQL (SQLPLUS) Date Functions

1.1 Getting the Current Date and Time

```
SQL> select sysdate from age;

SYSDATE
---------
30-JAN-25
30-JAN-25
30-JAN-25
```

```
SELECT SYSDATE FROM dual; -- Returns the current date and time SELECT
SYSTIMESTAMP FROM dual; -- Returns the current date and timestamp
(including fractional seconds and time zone)
```

```
SQL> select systimestamp from age;

SYSTIMESTAMP
------------------------------------------
30-JAN-25 03.11.18.367000 PM +05:30
30-JAN-25 03.11.18.367000 PM +05:30
30-JAN-25 03.11.18.367000 PM +05:30
```

1.2 Formatting Dates (`TO_CHAR`)

```sql
SELECT TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'YYYY-MM-DD HH24:MI:SS') FROM dual; -- Format
date as string
SELECT TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'DD-MON-YYYY') FROM dual; -- Example:
29-JAN-2025
SELECT TO_CHAR(SYSDATE, 'Day, Month DD, YYYY') FROM dual; -- Example:
Tuesday, January 29, 2025
```

```
SQL> select to_char(sysdate , 'dd-mm-yy') from age;

TO_CHAR(
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30-01-25
30-01-25
30-01-25
```

1.3 Converting Strings to Dates (`TO_DATE`)

```sql
SELECT TO_DATE('2025-01-29', 'YYYY-MM-DD') FROM dual; -- Convert
string to date
SELECT TO_DATE('29-JAN-25', 'DD-MON-RR') FROM dual; -- Uses RR format
for 2-digit year
```

```
SQL> select to_date(sysdate , 'dd-mm-yy') from age;

TO_DATE(S
---------
30-JAN-25
30-JAN-25
30-JAN-25
```

1.4 Date Arithmetic

```sql
SELECT SYSDATE + 7 FROM dual; -- Adds 7 days
SELECT SYSDATE - 7 FROM dual; -- Subtracts 7 days
```

```
SQL> select sysdate + 7 from age;

SYSDATE+7
---------
06-FEB-25
06-FEB-25
06-FEB-25
```

```
SELECT SYSDATE + INTERVAL '2' MONTH FROM dual; -- Adds 2 months SELECT
SYSDATE + INTERVAL '5' YEAR FROM dual; -- Adds 5 years
```

```
SQL> select sysdate + interval '7' year from age;

SYSDATE+I
---------
30-JAN-32
30-JAN-32
30-JAN-32
```

1.5 Extracting Date Parts

```
SELECT EXTRACT(YEAR FROM SYSDATE) FROM dual; -- Returns year
SELECT EXTRACT(MONTH FROM SYSDATE) FROM dual; -- Returns month SELECT
EXTRACT(DAY FROM SYSDATE) FROM dual; -- Returns day
```

```
SQL> SELECT EXTRACT(YEAR FROM SYSDATE) FROM dual;

EXTRACT(YEARFROMSYSDATE)
------------------------
                    2025
```

1.6 Finding the First and Last Day of the Month

```
SELECT TRUNC(SYSDATE, 'MM') FROM dual; -- First day of the current
month
SELECT LAST_DAY(SYSDATE) FROM dual; -- Last day of the current month
```

```
SQL> SELECT TRUNC(SYSDATE, 'MM') FROM dual;

TRUNC(SYS
---------
01-JAN-25
```

1.7 Difference Between Two Dates (`MONTHS_BETWEEN`)

```
SELECT MONTHS_BETWEEN(TO_DATE('2025-12-31', 'YYYY-MM-DD'), SYSDATE)
FROM dual; -- Returns the difference in months
```

```
SQL> SELECT MONTHS_BETWEEN(TO_DATE('2025-12-31', 'YYYY-MM-DD'), SYSDATE) FROM dual;

MONTHS_BETWEEN(TO_DATE('2025-12-31','YYYY-MM-DD'),SYSDATE)
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                                               11.0116002
```

1.8 Adding Time Components

```
SQL> SELECT SYSTIMESTAMP + INTERVAL '5' HOUR FROM dual;

SYSTIMESTAMP+INTERVAL'5'HOUR
---------------------------------------------------------
30-JAN-25 08.22.51.512000000 PM +05:30
```

```
SELECT SYSTIMESTAMP + INTERVAL '5' HOUR FROM dual; -- Adds 5 hours
SELECT SYSTIMESTAMP + INTERVAL '30' MINUTE FROM dual; -- Adds 30
minutes
SELECT SYSTIMESTAMP + INTERVAL '10' SECOND FROM dual; -- Adds 10
seconds
```

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2. MySQL Date Functions

2.1 Getting the Current Date and Time

```sql
SELECT NOW(); -- Current date and time
SELECT CURDATE(); -- Current date only
SELECT CURTIME(); -- Current time only
```

2.2 Formatting Dates (`DATE_FORMAT`)

```sql
SELECT DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s'); -- Example: 2025-01-29
14:30:00
SELECT DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%W, %M %d, %Y'); -- Example: Tuesday,
January 29, 2025
```

2.3 Converting Strings to Dates (`STR_TO_DATE`)

```sql
SELECT STR_TO_DATE('29-01-2025', '%d-%m-%Y'); -- Convert string to
date
SELECT STR_TO_DATE('2025-01-29 14:30:00', '%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s'); --
Convert string to datetime
```

2.4 Date Arithmetic

```sql
SELECT NOW() + INTERVAL 7 DAY; -- Adds 7 days
SELECT NOW() - INTERVAL 7 DAY; -- Subtracts 7 days
SELECT NOW() + INTERVAL 2 MONTH; -- Adds 2 months
SELECT NOW() + INTERVAL 5 YEAR; -- Adds 5 years
```

2.5 Extracting Date Parts

```sql
SELECT YEAR(NOW()); -- Returns the current year
SELECT MONTH(NOW()); -- Returns the current month
```

```
SELECT DAY(NOW()); -- Returns the current day
```

2.6 Finding the First and Last Day of the Month

```
SELECT DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%Y-%m-01'); -- First day of the current
month
SELECT LAST_DAY(NOW()); -- Last day of the current month
```

2.7 Difference Between Two Dates (`TIMESTAMPDIFF`)

```
SELECT TIMESTAMPDIFF(MONTH, '2025-01-01', '2025-12-31'); -- Returns 11
months
```

2.8 Adding Time Components

```
SELECT NOW() + INTERVAL 5 HOUR; -- Adds 5 hours
SELECT NOW() + INTERVAL 30 MINUTE; -- Adds 30 minutes
SELECT NOW() + INTERVAL 10 SECOND; -- Adds 10 seconds
```

Key Differences Between SQL*Plus (Oracle) and MySQL

Feature	Oracle (SQL*Plus)	MySQL
Current Date	`SYSDATE`	`NOW()`
Formatting Dates	`TO_CHAR(date, 'format')`	`DATE_FORMAT(date, 'format')`

String to Date Conversion	`TO_DATE(string, 'format')`	`STR_TO_DATE(string, 'format')`
Date Arithmetic	`SYSDATE + INTERVAL 'X' UNIT`	`NOW() + INTERVAL X UNIT`
Extracting Date Parts	`EXTRACT(part FROM date)`	`YEAR(), MONTH(), DAY()`
First/Last Day of Month	`TRUNC(SYSDATE, 'MM'), LAST_DAY(SYSDATE)`	`DATE_FORMAT(NOW(), '%Y-%m-01'), LAST_DAY(NOW())`