
MySQL CASTING Notes (Deep Practical Guide)

Step 1: Create Database

```
CREATE DATABASE student_casting;
USE student_casting;
```

Step 2: Create Table (With VARCHAR Types)

```
CREATE TABLE students (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    name VARCHAR(50),
    marks VARCHAR(10),          -- String format (e.g. '85', '75.5')
    admission_date VARCHAR(20)  -- String format (e.g. '2024-06-01')
);
```

Step 3: Insert Sample Data

```
INSERT INTO students (name, marks, admission_date) VALUES
('Aakash', '85', '2024-06-01'),
('Bhavna', '92', '2024-06-02'),
('Chetan', '75.5', '2024-06-03'),
('Divya', '66.75', '2024-06-04'),
('Ekta', '90', '2024-06-05');
```

Step 4: Casting Queries with OUTPUT

◆ 1. String to Number (UNSIGNED)

```
SELECT name, marks, CAST(marks AS UNSIGNED) AS marks_number FROM students;
```

 Output:

name	marks	marks_number
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Aakash	85	85
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Bhavna	92	92
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```
name marks marks_number
```

Chetan	75.5	75
Divya	66.75	66
Ekta	90	90

☞ **Note:** Decimal values ka **only integer part** liya jaata hai in UNSIGNED.

◆ 2. String to Decimal (5,2)

```
SELECT name, marks, CAST(marks AS DECIMAL(5,2)) AS decimal_marks FROM students;
```

☞ **Output:**

```
name marks decimal_marks
```

Aakash	85	85.00
Bhavna	92	92.00
Chetan	75.5	75.50
Divya	66.75	66.75
Ekta	90	90.00

☞ **Note:** Decimal casting maintains full decimal value (2 digits after point).

◆ 3. String to Date

```
SELECT name, admission_date, CAST(admission_date AS DATE) AS proper_date FROM students;
```

☞ **Output:**

```
name admission_date proper_date
```

Aakash	2024-06-01	2024-06-01
Bhavna	2024-06-02	2024-06-02
Chetan	2024-06-03	2024-06-03
Divya	2024-06-04	2024-06-04
Ekta	2024-06-05	2024-06-05

☞ **Note:** Date casting useful for sorting & filtering by date.

◆ 4. Add 10 to Marks (Arithmetic after Casting)

```
SELECT name, CAST(marks AS UNSIGNED) + 10 AS updated_marks FROM students;
```

|| Output:

name updated_marks

Aakash 95
Bhavna 102
Chetan 85
Divya 76
Ekta 100

☞ Note: String to number cast is necessary for arithmetic operations.

◆ 5. Show Topper Students (90+ Marks)

```
SELECT name, CAST(marks AS UNSIGNED) AS real_marks
FROM students
WHERE CAST(marks AS UNSIGNED) >= 90;
```

|| Output:

name real_marks

Bhavna 92
Ekta 90

☞ Note: Filtering will fail without casting, as string '85' < '9' in ASCII logic.

❖ Bonus: CONVERT() Function (Same as CAST)

```
SELECT name, CONVERT(marks, DECIMAL(5,2)) AS converted_marks FROM students;
```

|| Output same as CAST with DECIMAL.

❖ Use of CASTING in MySQL

Use Case	Description
Convert string to number/date	For calculations and comparisons

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Sorting with correct data types '100' < '9' problem solved with cast	
Date formatting	Use CAST for valid DATE column filtering
Arithmetic operations	Add, subtract after number casting
Better data control	Avoid wrong results in WHERE clauses

2 topics —

✓ CONCATENATION

✓ NUMERIC FUNCTIONS

ko **Deep Book Format** me likh raha hoon:

Input Table → Query → Output → Matlab/Samjhaav → Note

MySQL Deep Notes (Part 1)

Topics:

1. ✓ CONCATENATION
 2. ✓ NUMERIC FUNCTIONS
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✓ Step 1: Database and Table Setup

```
CREATE DATABASE student_function;
USE student_function;

CREATE TABLE students (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    fname VARCHAR(50),
    lname VARCHAR(50),
    marks VARCHAR(10)
);
```

✓ Step 2: Insert Sample Data

```
INSERT INTO students (fname, lname, marks) VALUES
('Aakash', 'Singh', '85.5'),
('Bhavna', 'Sharma', '92'),
('Chetan', 'Kumar', NULL),
```

```
('Divya', 'Verma', '66.75'),  
('Ekta', NULL, '90');
```

◆ 1. CONCATENATION (नाम जोड़ना)

❖ Objective:

fname aur lname ko जोड़कर पूरा नाम banana.

❑ Before Table:

fname	lname
Aakash	Singh
Bhavna	Sharma
Chetan	Kumar
Divya	Verma
Ekta	NULL

❖ Query 1: Basic CONCAT (Risky)

```
SELECT CONCAT(fname, ' ', lname) AS full_name FROM students;
```

▲ Output:

full_name
Aakash Singh
Bhavna Sharma
Chetan Kumar
Divya Verma
NULL

! Explanation:

- `CONCAT()` function joins values.
 - If **any** part is `NULL`, whole result becomes `NULL`.
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❖ Query 2: Safe Version using `CONCAT_WS()`

```
SELECT CONCAT_WS(' ', fname, lname) AS full_name_safe FROM students;
```

↑ Output:

full_name_safe

Aakash Singh
Bhavna Sharma
Chetan Kumar
Divya Verma
Ekta

□ Note:

- **CONCAT_WS()** = **With Separator** (space in this case).
 - It ignores **NULL** values.
 - Best for **real-world names**, addresses, or combining strings.
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◆ 2. NUMERIC FUNCTIONS (अंक आधारित कार्य)

ଓ Objective:

marks column me string format me numbers hain. Us par mathematical operations karna hai.

❑ Before Table:

fname marks

Aakash	85.5
Bhavna	92
Chetan	NULL
Divya	66.75
Ekta	90

❖ Query 1: ROUND (निकटतम पूर्णांक)

```
SELECT fname, marks,  
       ROUND(CAST(marks AS DECIMAL(5,2))) AS rounded_marks  
FROM students;
```

↑ Output:

```
fname marks rounded_marks
Aakash 85.5 86
Bhavna 92 92
Chetan NULL NULL
Divya 66.75 67
Ekta 90 90
```

□ Note:

- ROUND() rounds decimal to nearest whole number.
 - CAST() used to convert string → number.
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❖ Query 2: FLOOR & CEIL

```
SELECT fname,
       FLOOR(CAST(marks AS DECIMAL(5,2))) AS floored,
       CEIL(CAST(marks AS DECIMAL(5,2))) AS ceiled
  FROM students;
```

↑ Output:

```
fname floored ceiled
Aakash 85 86
Bhavna 92 92
Divya 66 67
Ekta 90 90
```

□ Explanation:

- FLOOR() = neeche round karega (85.9 → 85)
 - CEIL() = upar round karega (85.1 → 86)
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❖ Query 3: MOD() & ABS()

```
SELECT fname,
       MOD(CAST(marks AS UNSIGNED), 10) AS mod_result,
```

```
ABS(-CAST(marks AS DECIMAL(5,2))) AS abs_val  
FROM students;
```

↑ Output:

fname	mod_result	abs_val
Aakash	5	85.50
Bhavna	2	92.00
Divya	6	66.75
Ekta	0	90.00

□ Meaning:

- MOD() → Divide karke **remainder** data hai ($85.5 \rightarrow 85 \rightarrow \text{mod } 10 = 5$)
- ABS() → Negative ko positive banata hai.

```
--  
SELECT MOD(10, 3); -- Output: 1
```

Matlab:
 $10 \div 3 = 3 * 3 = 9$
Bacha: 1 → wahi output hoga.

❑ MySQL Deep Notes (Part 2)

Topics:

- ✓ COALESCE
- ✓ DATE/TIME
- ✓ INTERVALS

Jaise tune kaha tha — same **Deep Style: Input Table → Query → Output → Explanation** format me.

❑ MySQL Deep Notes — Part 2 (With Table + Insert + Output)

Topics:

✓ Step 1: Create Table (Full Table for Part 2)

```
CREATE DATABASE student_part2;
USE student_part2;

CREATE TABLE students (
    id INT AUTO_INCREMENT PRIMARY KEY,
    fname VARCHAR(50),
    lname VARCHAR(50),
    marks VARCHAR(10),
    admission_date VARCHAR(20), -- stored as string for casting
    dob DATE -- real DATE type
);
```

✓ Step 2: Insert Data

```
INSERT INTO students (fname, lname, marks, admission_date, dob) VALUES
('Aakash', 'Singh', '85.5', '2024-06-01', '2003-05-20'),
('Bhavna', 'Sharma', '92', '2024-06-02', '2004-03-15'),
('Chetan', 'Kumar', NULL, '2024-06-03', '2002-12-10'),
('Divya', 'Verma', '66.75', '2024-06-04', '2003-08-09'),
('Ekta', NULL, '90', '2024-06-05', '2005-01-01');
```

◆ 1. COALESCE() — NULL ko replace karna

✓ Query

```
SELECT fname,
       COALESCE(marks, '0') AS safe_marks,
       COALESCE(lname, 'Not Given') AS safe_lname
FROM students;
```

↑ Output:

fname	safe_marks	safe_lname
Aakash	85.5	Singh
Bhavna	92	Sharma
Chetan	0	Kumar
Divya	66.75	Verma
Ekta	90	Not Given

□ Explanation:

- COALESCE() returns **first NOT NULL** value.
 - Real use: Jab kisi value ka fallback/default dena ho (like "Not Given", "0", etc).
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◆ 2. DATE / TIME Functions

❖ Query 1: Convert admission_date (string) → DATE

```
SELECT fname, admission_date, CAST(admission_date AS DATE) AS real_date
FROM students;
```

ANOTHER

```
SELECT
    fname,
    CONCAT(admission_date, '(VARCHAR)') AS admission_string,
    CONCAT(CAST(admission_date AS DATE), '(DATE)') AS real_date
FROM students;
```

Result Grid			
	fname	admission_string	real_date
▶	Aakash	2024-06-01 (VARCHAR)	2024-06-01 (DATE)
	Bhavna	2024-06-02 (VARCHAR)	2024-06-02 (DATE)
	Chetan	2024-06-03 (VARCHAR)	2024-06-03 (DATE)
	Divya	2024-06-04 (VARCHAR)	2024-06-04 (DATE)
	Ekta	2024-06-05 (VARCHAR)	2024-06-05 (DATE)

Result 6 ×

▲ Output:

fname	admission_date	real_date
Aakash	2024-06-01	2024-06-01
Bhavna	2024-06-02	2024-06-02
Chetan	2024-06-03	2024-06-03
Divya	2024-06-04	2024-06-04
Ekta	2024-06-05	2024-06-05



❖ Query 2: Year and Month of Birth

```
SELECT fname, dob,  
       YEAR(dob) AS birth_year,  
       MONTH(dob) AS birth_month  
FROM students;
```

▲ Output:

fname	dob	birth_year	birth_month
Aakash	2003-05-20	2003	5
Bhavna	2004-03-15	2004	3
Chetan	2002-12-10	2002	12
Divya	2003-08-09	2003	8
Ekta	2005-01-01	2005	1

❖ Query 3: Days since Admission (Using DATEDIFF)

```
SELECT fname,  
       DATEDIFF(CURDATE(), CAST(admission_date AS DATE)) AS days_passed  
FROM students;
```

(Assume today's date is: 2025-06-19)

▲ Output:

fname	days_passed
Aakash	383
Bhavna	382
Chetan	381
Divya	380
Ekta	379

◆ 3. INTERVALS — Date me Add / Subtract

❖ Query 1: Add 1 Year in DOB

```
SELECT fname, dob,  
       DATE_ADD(dob, INTERVAL 1 YEAR) AS dob_plus_1_year  
FROM students;
```

▲ Output:

fname dob dob_plus_1_year

Aakash 2003-05-20 2004-05-20

Bhavna 2004-03-15 2005-03-15

Chetan 2002-12-10 2003-12-10

❖ Query 2: Subtract 2 Months in DOB

```
SELECT fname,  
       DATE_SUB(dob, INTERVAL 2 MONTH) AS dob_minus_2mo  
FROM students;
```

▲ Output:

fname dob dob_minus_2mo

Aakash 2003-05-20 2003-03-20

Bhavna 2004-03-15 2004-01-15

❖ Query 3: Age Calculation (TIMESTAMPDIFF)

```
SELECT fname,  
       TIMESTAMPDIFF(YEAR, dob, CURDATE()) AS age  
FROM students;
```

▲ Output:

fname age

Aakash 22

Bhavna 21

Chetan 22

Divya 21

Ekta 20
