Returns the sign of the argument as -1, 0, or 1, depending on whether X is negative, zero, or positive.

```
mysql> SELECT SIGN(-32);
    -> -1
mysql> SELECT SIGN(0);
    -> 0
mysql> SELECT SIGN(234);
    -> 1
```

• SIN(X)

Returns the sine of X, where X is given in radians.

• SQRT(X)

Returns the square root of a nonnegative number *x*.

```
mysql> SELECT SQRT(4);
-> 2
mysql> SELECT SQRT(20);
-> 4.4721359549996
mysql> SELECT SQRT(-16);
-> NULL
```

• TAN(X)

Returns the tangent of *X*, where *X* is given in radians.

```
mysql> SELECT TAN(PI());
-> -1.2246063538224e-16
mysql> SELECT TAN(PI()+1);
-> 1.5574077246549
```

• TRUNCATE(X,D)

Returns the number X, truncated to D decimal places. If D is 0, the result has no decimal point or fractional part. D can be negative to cause D digits left of the decimal point of the value X to become zero.

All numbers are rounded toward zero.

12.7 Date and Time Functions

This section describes the functions that can be used to manipulate temporal values. See Section 11.3, "Date and Time Types", for a description of the range of values each date and time type has and the valid formats in which values may be specified.

Table 12.13 Date/Time Functions

Name	Description			
ADDDATE()	Add time values (intervals) to a date value			
ADDTIME()	Add time			
CONVERT_TZ()	Convert from one time zone to another			
CURDATE()	Return the current date			
CURRENT_DATE(), CURRENT_DATE	Synonyms for CURDATE()			
CURRENT_TIME(), CURRENT_TIME	Synonyms for CURTIME()			
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(), CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Synonyms for NOW()			
CURTIME()	Return the current time			
DATE()	Extract the date part of a date or datetime expression			
DATE_ADD()	Add time values (intervals) to a date value			
DATE_FORMAT()	Format date as specified			
DATE_SUB()	Subtract a time value (interval) from a date			
DATEDIFF()	Subtract two dates			
DAY()	Synonym for DAYOFMONTH()			
DAYNAME()	Return the name of the weekday			
DAYOFMONTH()	Return the day of the month (0-31)			
DAYOFWEEK()	Return the weekday index of the argument			
DAYOFYEAR()	Return the day of the year (1-366)			
EXTRACT()	Extract part of a date			
FROM_DAYS()	Convert a day number to a date			
FROM_UNIXTIME()	Format Unix timestamp as a date			
GET_FORMAT()	Return a date format string			
HOUR()	Extract the hour			
LAST_DAY	Return the last day of the month for the argument			
LOCALTIME(), LOCALTIME	Synonym for NOW()			
LOCALTIMESTAMP, LOCALTIMESTAMP()	Synonym for NOW()			
MAKEDATE()	Create a date from the year and day of year			
MAKETIME()	Create time from hour, minute, second			
MICROSECOND()	Return the microseconds from argument			
MINUTE()	Return the minute from the argument			
MONTH()	Return the month from the date passed			
MONTHNAME()	Return the name of the month			
NOW()	Return the current date and time			
PERIOD_ADD()	Add a period to a year-month			
PERIOD_DIFF()	Return the number of months between periods			
QUARTER()	Return the quarter from a date argument			

Name	Description			
SEC_TO_TIME()	Converts seconds to 'HH:MM:SS' format			
SECOND()	Return the second (0-59)			
STR_TO_DATE()	Convert a string to a date			
SUBDATE()	Synonym for DATE_SUB() when invoked with three arguments			
SUBTIME()	Subtract times			
SYSDATE()	Return the time at which the function executes			
TIME()	Extract the time portion of the expression passed			
TIME_FORMAT()	Format as time			
TIME_TO_SEC()	Return the argument converted to seconds			
TIMEDIFF()	Subtract time			
TIMESTAMP()	With a single argument, this function returns the date or datetime expression; with two arguments, the sum of the arguments			
TIMESTAMPADD()	Add an interval to a datetime expression			
TIMESTAMPDIFF()	Subtract an interval from a datetime expression			
TO_DAYS()	Return the date argument converted to days			
TO_SECONDS()	Return the date or datetime argument converted to seconds since Year 0			
UNIX_TIMESTAMP()	Return a Unix timestamp			
UTC_DATE()	Return the current UTC date			
UTC_TIME()	Return the current UTC time			
UTC_TIMESTAMP()	Return the current UTC date and time			
WEEK()	Return the week number			
WEEKDAY()	Return the weekday index			
WEEKOFYEAR()	Return the calendar week of the date (1-53)			
YEAR()	Return the year			
YEARWEEK()	Return the year and week			

Here is an example that uses date functions. The following query selects all rows with a <code>date_col</code> value from within the last 30 days:

```
mysql> SELECT something FROM tbl_name
   -> WHERE DATE_SUB(CURDATE(),INTERVAL 30 DAY) <= date_col;</pre>
```

The query also selects rows with dates that lie in the future.

Functions that expect date values usually accept datetime values and ignore the time part. Functions that expect time values usually accept datetime values and ignore the date part.

Functions that return the current date or time each are evaluated only once per query at the start of query execution. This means that multiple references to a function such as NOW() within a single query always produce the same result. (For our purposes, a single query also includes a call to a stored program (stored routine, trigger, or event) and all subprograms called by that program.) This principle also applies to CURDATE(), CURTIME(), UTC_DATE(), UTC_TIME(), UTC_TIMESTAMP(), and to any of their synonyms.

The CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(), CURRENT_TIME(), CURRENT_DATE(), and FROM_UNIXTIME() functions return values in the connection's current time zone, which is available as the value of the

time_zone system variable. In addition, UNIX_TIMESTAMP() assumes that its argument is a datetime value in the current time zone. See Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support".

Some date functions can be used with "zero" dates or incomplete dates such as '2001-11-00', whereas others cannot. Functions that extract parts of dates typically work with incomplete dates and thus can return 0 when you might otherwise expect a nonzero value. For example:

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFMONTH('2001-11-00'), MONTH('2005-00-00');
-> 0, 0
```

Other functions expect complete dates and return NULL for incomplete dates. These include functions that perform date arithmetic or that map parts of dates to names. For example:



Note

From MySQL 5.5.16 to 5.5.20, a change in handling of a date-related assertion caused several functions to become more strict when passed a DATE() function value as their argument and reject incomplete dates with a day part of zero. These functions are affected: CONVERT_TZ(), DATE_ADD(), DATE_SUB(), DAYOFYEAR(), LAST_DAY(), TIMESTAMPDIFF(), TO_DAYS(), TO_SECONDS(), WEEK(), WEEKDAY(), WEEKOFYEAR(), YEARWEEK(). Because this changes date-handling behavior in General Availability-status series MySQL 5.5, the change was reverted in 5.5.21.

• ADDDATE(date, INTERVAL expr unit), ADDDATE(expr, days)

When invoked with the INTERVAL form of the second argument, ADDDATE() is a synonym for DATE_ADD(). The related function SUBDATE() is a synonym for DATE_SUB(). For information on the INTERVAL unit argument, see the discussion for DATE_ADD().

```
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2008-01-02', INTERVAL 31 DAY);
    -> '2008-02-02'
mysql> SELECT ADDDATE('2008-01-02', INTERVAL 31 DAY);
    -> '2008-02-02'
```

When invoked with the *days* form of the second argument, MySQL treats it as an integer number of days to be added to *expr*.

```
mysql> SELECT ADDDATE('2008-01-02', 31);
-> '2008-02-02'
```

• ADDTIME(expr1,expr2)

ADDTIME() adds expr2 to expr1 and returns the result. expr1 is a time or datetime expression, and expr2 is a time expression.

CONVERT_TZ(dt,from_tz,to_tz)

CONVERT_TZ() converts a datetime value dt from the time zone given by $from_tz$ to the time zone given by to_tz and returns the resulting value. Time zones are specified as described in

Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support". This function returns NULL if the arguments are invalid.

If the value falls out of the supported range of the TIMESTAMP type when converted from from_tz to UTC, no conversion occurs. The TIMESTAMP range is described in Section 11.1.2, "Date and Time Type Overview".

```
mysql> SELECT CONVERT_TZ('2004-01-01 12:00:00','GMT','MET');
-> '2004-01-01 13:00:00'
mysql> SELECT CONVERT_TZ('2004-01-01 12:00:00','+00:00','+10:00');
-> '2004-01-01 22:00:00'
```



Note

To use named time zones such as 'MET' or 'Europe/Moscow', the time zone tables must be properly set up. See Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support", for instructions.

• CURDATE()

Returns the current date as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD' or YYYYMMDD format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

```
mysql> SELECT CURDATE();
-> '2008-06-13'
mysql> SELECT CURDATE() + 0;
-> 20080613
```

• CURRENT_DATE, CURRENT_DATE()

CURRENT_DATE and CURRENT_DATE() are synonyms for CURDATE().

• CURRENT_TIME, CURRENT_TIME()

CURRENT_TIME and CURRENT_TIME() are synonyms for CURTIME().

• CURRENT_TIMESTAMP, CURRENT_TIMESTAMP()

CURRENT_TIMESTAMP and CURRENT_TIMESTAMP() are synonyms for NOW().

• CURTIME()

Returns the current time as a value in 'HH:MM:SS' or HHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The value is expressed in the current time zone.

```
mysql> SELECT CURTIME();
-> '23:50:26'
mysql> SELECT CURTIME() + 0;
-> 235026.000000
```

• DATE(expr)

Extracts the date part of the date or datetime expression *expr*.

```
mysql> SELECT DATE('2003-12-31 01:02:03');
-> '2003-12-31'
```

DATEDIFF(expr1,expr2)

DATEDIFF() returns <code>expr1 - expr2</code> expressed as a value in days from one date to the other. <code>expr1</code> and <code>expr2</code> are date or date-and-time expressions. Only the date parts of the values are used in the calculation.

```
mysql> SELECT DATEDIFF('2007-12-31 23:59:59','2007-12-30');
    -> 1
mysql> SELECT DATEDIFF('2010-11-30 23:59:59','2010-12-31');
    -> -31
```

DATE_ADD(date, INTERVAL expr unit), DATE_SUB(date, INTERVAL expr unit)

These functions perform date arithmetic. The *date* argument specifies the starting date or datetime value. *expr* is an expression specifying the interval value to be added or subtracted from the starting date. *expr* is a string; it may start with a – for negative intervals. *unit* is a keyword indicating the units in which the expression should be interpreted.

The INTERVAL keyword and the *unit* specifier are not case sensitive.

The following table shows the expected form of the expr argument for each unit value.

unit Value	Expected expr Format
MICROSECOND	MICROSECONDS
SECOND	SECONDS
MINUTE	MINUTES
HOUR	HOURS
DAY	DAYS
WEEK	WEEKS
MONTH	MONTHS
QUARTER	QUARTERS
YEAR	YEARS
SECOND_MICROSECOND	'SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'
MINUTE_MICROSECOND	'MINUTES:SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'
MINUTE_SECOND	'MINUTES:SECONDS'
HOUR_MICROSECOND	'HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'
HOUR_SECOND	'HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS'
HOUR_MINUTE	'HOURS:MINUTES'
DAY_MICROSECOND	'DAYS HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS.MICROSECONDS'
DAY_SECOND	'DAYS HOURS:MINUTES:SECONDS'
DAY_MINUTE	'DAYS HOURS:MINUTES'
DAY_HOUR	'DAYS HOURS'
YEAR_MONTH	'YEARS-MONTHS'

The return value depends on the arguments:

- DATETIME if the first argument is a DATETIME (or TIMESTAMP) value, or if the first argument is a DATE and the *unit* value uses HOURS, MINUTES, or SECONDS.
- · String otherwise.

To ensure that the result is <code>DATETIME</code>, you can use <code>CAST()</code> to convert the first argument to <code>DATETIME</code>.

MySQL permits any punctuation delimiter in the <code>expr</code> format. Those shown in the table are the suggested delimiters. If the <code>date</code> argument is a <code>DATE</code> value and your calculations involve only <code>YEAR</code>, <code>MONTH</code>, and <code>DAY</code> parts (that is, no time parts), the result is a <code>DATE</code> value. Otherwise, the result is a <code>DATETIME</code> value.

Date arithmetic also can be performed using INTERVAL together with the + or - operator:

```
date + INTERVAL expr unit
date - INTERVAL expr unit
```

INTERVAL *expr unit* is permitted on either side of the + operator if the expression on the other side is a date or datetime value. For the - operator, INTERVAL *expr unit* is permitted only on the right side, because it makes no sense to subtract a date or datetime value from an interval.

```
mysql> SELECT '2008-12-31 23:59:59' + INTERVAL 1 SECOND;
       -> '2009-01-01 00:00:00'
mysql> SELECT INTERVAL 1 DAY + '2008-12-31';
       -> '2009-01-01'
mysql> SELECT '2005-01-01' - INTERVAL 1 SECOND;
       -> '2004-12-31 23:59:59'
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2000-12-31 23:59:59',
                      INTERVAL 1 SECOND):
       -> '2001-01-01 00:00:00'
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2010-12-31 23:59:59',
                      INTERVAL 1 DAY);
       -> '2011-01-01 23:59:59
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2100-12-31 23:59:59',
                      INTERVAL '1:1' MINUTE_SECOND);
       -> '2101-01-01 00:01:00'
mysql> SELECT DATE_SUB('2005-01-01 00:00:00',
                      INTERVAL '1 1:1:1' DAY_SECOND);
       -> '2004-12-30 22:58:59'
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('1900-01-01 00:00:00'
                     INTERVAL '-1 10' DAY_HOUR);
       -> '1899-12-30 14:00:00'
mysql> SELECT DATE_SUB('1998-01-02', INTERVAL 31 DAY);
       -> '1997-12-02'
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('1992-12-31 23:59:59.000002',
                 INTERVAL '1.999999' SECOND_MICROSECOND);
        -> '1993-01-01 00:00:01.000001'
```

If you specify an interval value that is too short (does not include all the interval parts that would be expected from the <code>unit</code> keyword), MySQL assumes that you have left out the leftmost parts of the interval value. For example, if you specify a <code>unit</code> of <code>DAY_SECOND</code>, the value of <code>expr</code> is expected to have days, hours, minutes, and seconds parts. If you specify a value like <code>'1:10'</code>, MySQL assumes that the days and hours parts are missing and the value represents minutes and seconds. In other words, <code>'1:10'</code> <code>DAY_SECOND</code> is interpreted in such a way that it is equivalent to <code>'1:10'</code> <code>MINUTE_SECOND</code>. This is analogous to the way that MySQL interprets <code>TIME</code> values as representing elapsed time rather than as a time of day.

Because expr is treated as a string, be careful if you specify a nonstring value with INTERVAL. For example, with an interval specifier of HOUR_MINUTE, 6/4 evaluates to 1.5000 and is treated as 1 hour, 5000 minutes:

```
mysql> SELECT 6/4;
-> 1.5000
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2009-01-01', INTERVAL 6/4 HOUR_MINUTE);
-> '2009-01-04 12:20:00'
```

To ensure interpretation of the interval value as you expect, a CAST() operation may be used. To treat 6/4 as 1 hour, 5 minutes, cast it to a DECIMAL value with a single fractional digit:

If you add to or subtract from a date value something that contains a time part, the result is automatically converted to a datetime value:

If you add MONTH, YEAR_MONTH, or YEAR and the resulting date has a day that is larger than the maximum day for the new month, the day is adjusted to the maximum days in the new month:

```
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2009-01-30', INTERVAL 1 MONTH);
-> '2009-02-28'
```

Date arithmetic operations require complete dates and do not work with incomplete dates such as '2006-07-00' or badly malformed dates:

```
mysql> SELECT DATE_ADD('2006-07-00', INTERVAL 1 DAY);
    -> NULL
mysql> SELECT '2005-03-32' + INTERVAL 1 MONTH;
    -> NULL
```

DATE_FORMAT(date,format)

Formats the date value according to the format string.

The following specifiers may be used in the format string. The % character is required before format specifier characters.

Specifier	Description
%a	Abbreviated weekday name (SunSat)
%b	Abbreviated month name (JanDec)
%C	Month, numeric (012)
%D	Day of the month with English suffix (0th, 1st, 2nd, 3rd,)
%d	Day of the month, numeric (0031)
%e	Day of the month, numeric (031)
%f	Microseconds (000000999999)
%H	Hour (0023)
%h	Hour (0112)
%I	Hour (0112)
%i	Minutes, numeric (0059)
%j	Day of year (001366)
%k	Hour (023)
%1	Hour (112)

Specifier	Description		
%M	Month name (JanuaryDecember)		
%m	Month, numeric (0012)		
%p	AM or PM		
%r	Time, 12-hour (hh:mm:ss followed by AM or PM)		
%S	Seconds (0059)		
%S	Seconds (0059)		
%T	Time, 24-hour (hh:mm:ss)		
%U	Week (0053), where Sunday is the first day of the week; WEEK() mode 0		
%u	Week (0053), where Monday is the first day of the week; WEEK () mode 1		
%∇	Week (0153), where Sunday is the first day of the week; $WEEK()$ mode 2; used with X		
%V	Week (0153), where Monday is the first day of the week; WEEK() mode 3; used with $\$x$		
%W	Weekday name (SundaySaturday)		
%W	Day of the week (0=Sunday6=Saturday)		
%X	Year for the week where Sunday is the first day of the week, numeric, four digits; used with $\$ v$		
%x	Year for the week, where Monday is the first day of the week, numeric, four digits; used with $\ensuremath{\$_{\rm V}}$		
%Y	Year, numeric, four digits		
%y	Year, numeric (two digits)		
88	A literal % character		
% <i>X</i>	x, for any "x" not listed above		

Ranges for the month and day specifiers begin with zero due to the fact that MySQL permits the storing of incomplete dates such as $^12014-00-00^{\circ}$.

The language used for day and month names and abbreviations is controlled by the value of the lc_time_names system variable (Section 10.7, "MySQL Server Locale Support").

For the U, U, U, U, and U specifiers, see the description of the U function for information about the mode values. The mode affects how week numbering occurs.

DATE_FORMAT() returns a string with a character set and collation given by character_set_connection and collation_connection so that it can return month and weekday names containing non-ASCII characters.

• DATE_SUB(date,INTERVAL expr unit)

See the description for DATE_ADD().

• DAY(date)

DAY() is a synonym for DAYOFMONTH().

• DAYNAME(date)

Returns the name of the weekday for *date*. The language used for the name is controlled by the value of the lc_time_names system variable (Section 10.7, "MySQL Server Locale Support").

```
mysql> SELECT DAYNAME('2007-02-03');
-> 'Saturday'
```

• DAYOFMONTH(date)

Returns the day of the month for date, in the range 1 to 31, or 0 for dates such as '0000-00-00' or '2008-00-00' that have a zero day part.

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFMONTH('2007-02-03');
-> 3
```

• DAYOFWEEK(date)

Returns the weekday index for date (1 = Sunday, 2 = Monday, ..., 7 = Saturday). These index values correspond to the ODBC standard.

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFWEEK('2007-02-03');
-> 7
```

• DAYOFYEAR(date)

Returns the day of the year for date, in the range 1 to 366.

```
mysql> SELECT DAYOFYEAR('2007-02-03');
-> 34
```

• EXTRACT(unit FROM date)

The EXTRACT() function uses the same kinds of unit specifiers as DATE_ADD() or DATE_SUB(), but extracts parts from the date rather than performing date arithmetic.

• FROM_DAYS(N)

Given a day number N, returns a DATE value.

```
mysql> SELECT FROM_DAYS(730669);
-> '2007-07-03'
```

Use FROM_DAYS() with caution on old dates. It is not intended for use with values that precede the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582). See Section 12.8, "What Calendar Is Used By MySQL?".

FROM_UNIXTIME(unix_timestamp), FROM_UNIXTIME(unix_timestamp,format)

Returns a representation of the <code>unix_timestamp</code> argument as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The value is expressed in the current time zone. <code>unix_timestamp</code> is an internal timestamp value such as is produced by the <code>UNIX_TIMESTAMP()</code> function.

If format is given, the result is formatted according to the format string, which is used the same way as listed in the entry for the DATE_FORMAT() function.

Note: If you use <code>UNIX_TIMESTAMP()</code> and <code>FROM_UNIXTIME()</code> to convert between <code>TIMESTAMP</code> values and Unix timestamp values, the conversion is lossy because the mapping is not one-to-one in both directions. For details, see the description of the <code>UNIX_TIMESTAMP()</code> function.

• GET_FORMAT({DATE|TIME|DATETIME}, {'EUR'|'USA'|'JIS'|'ISO'|'INTERNAL'})

Returns a format string. This function is useful in combination with the <code>DATE_FORMAT()</code> and the <code>STR_TO_DATE()</code> functions.

The possible values for the first and second arguments result in several possible format strings (for the specifiers used, see the table in the DATE_FORMAT() function description). ISO format refers to ISO 9075, not ISO 8601.

Function Call	Result
GET_FORMAT(DATE, 'USA')	'%m.%d.%Y'
GET_FORMAT(DATE,'JIS')	'%Y-%m-%d'
GET_FORMAT(DATE,'ISO')	'%Y-%m-%d'
GET_FORMAT(DATE,'EUR')	'%d.%m.%Y'
GET_FORMAT(DATE,'INTERNAL')	'%Y%m%d'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'USA')	'%Y-%m-%d %H.%i.%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'JIS')	'%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'ISO')	'%Y-%m-%d %H:%i:%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'EUR')	'%Y-%m-%d %H.%i.%s'
GET_FORMAT(DATETIME, 'INTERNAL')	'%Y%m%d%H%i%s'
GET_FORMAT(TIME, 'USA')	'%h:%i:%s %p'
GET_FORMAT(TIME,'JIS')	'%H:%i:%s'
GET_FORMAT(TIME,'ISO')	'%H:%i:%s'
GET_FORMAT(TIME, 'EUR')	'%H.%i.%s'
GET_FORMAT(TIME,'INTERNAL')	'%H%i%s'

TIMESTAMP can also be used as the first argument to <code>GET_FORMAT()</code>, in which case the function returns the same values as for <code>DATETIME</code>.

• HOUR(time)

Returns the hour for time. The range of the return value is 0 to 23 for time-of-day values. However, the range of TIME values actually is much larger, so HOUR can return values greater than 23.

```
mysql> SELECT HOUR('10:05:03');
    -> 10
mysql> SELECT HOUR('272:59:59');
    -> 272
```

• LAST DAY(date)

Takes a date or datetime value and returns the corresponding value for the last day of the month. Returns NULL if the argument is invalid.

• LOCALTIME, LOCALTIME()

LOCALTIME and LOCALTIME() are synonyms for NOW().

• LOCALTIMESTAMP, LOCALTIMESTAMP()

LOCALTIMESTAMP and LOCALTIMESTAMP() are synonyms for NOW().

• MAKEDATE(year, dayofyear)

Returns a date, given year and day-of-year values. <code>dayofyear</code> must be greater than 0 or the result is <code>NULL</code>.

• MAKETIME(hour, minute, second)

Returns a time value calculated from the *hour*, *minute*, and *second* arguments.

```
mysql> SELECT MAKETIME(12,15,30);
-> '12:15:30'
```

• MICROSECOND(expr)

Returns the microseconds from the time or datetime expression expr as a number in the range from 0 to 9999999.

```
mysql> SELECT MICROSECOND('12:00:00.123456');
-> 123456
mysql> SELECT MICROSECOND('2009-12-31 23:59:59.000010');
-> 10
```

• MINUTE(time)

Returns the minute for time, in the range 0 to 59.

```
mysql> SELECT MINUTE('2008-02-03 10:05:03');
-> 5
```

• MONTH(date)

Returns the month for *date*, in the range 1 to 12 for January to December, or 0 for dates such as '0000-00-00' or '2008-00-00' that have a zero month part.

```
mysql> SELECT MONTH('2008-02-03');
-> 2
```

• MONTHNAME (date)

Returns the full name of the month for *date*. The language used for the name is controlled by the value of the lc_time_names system variable (Section 10.7, "MySQL Server Locale Support").

```
mysql> SELECT MONTHNAME('2008-02-03');
-> 'February'
```

• NOW()

Returns the current date and time as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context. The value is expressed in the current time zone.

```
mysql> SELECT NOW();
-> '2007-12-15 23:50:26'
mysql> SELECT NOW() + 0;
-> 20071215235026.000000
```

NOW() returns a constant time that indicates the time at which the statement began to execute. (Within a stored function or trigger, NOW() returns the time at which the function or triggering statement began to execute.) This differs from the behavior for SYSDATE(), which returns the exact time at which it executes.

In addition, the SET TIMESTAMP statement affects the value returned by NOW() but not by SYSDATE(). This means that timestamp settings in the binary log have no effect on invocations of SYSDATE(). Setting the timestamp to a nonzero value causes each subsequent invocation of

NOW() to return that value. Setting the timestamp to zero cancels this effect so that NOW() once again returns the current date and time.

See the description for SYSDATE() for additional information about the differences between the two functions.

PERIOD ADD(P,N)

Adds N months to period P (in the format YYMM or YYYYMM). Returns a value in the format YYYYMM. Note that the period argument P is *not* a date value.

```
mysql> SELECT PERIOD_ADD(200801,2);
-> 200803
```

• PERIOD_DIFF(P1,P2)

Returns the number of months between periods P1 and P2. P1 and P2 should be in the format YYMM or YYYYMM. Note that the period arguments P1 and P2 are not date values.

```
mysql> SELECT PERIOD_DIFF(200802,200703);
-> 11
```

QUARTER(date)

Returns the quarter of the year for *date*, in the range 1 to 4.

```
mysql> SELECT QUARTER('2008-04-01');
-> 2
```

SECOND(time)

Returns the second for time, in the range 0 to 59.

```
mysql> SELECT SECOND('10:05:03');
-> 3
```

• SEC_TO_TIME(seconds)

Returns the <u>seconds</u> argument, converted to hours, minutes, and seconds, as a <u>TIME</u> value. The range of the result is constrained to that of the <u>TIME</u> data type. A warning occurs if the argument corresponds to a value outside that range.

• STR TO DATE(str,format)

The server scans str attempting to match format to it. The format string can contain literal characters and format specifiers beginning with %. Literal characters in format must match literally in str. Format specifiers in format must match a date or time part in str. For the specifiers that can be used in format, see the DATE_FORMAT() function description.

```
mysql> SELECT STR_TO_DATE('01,5,2013','%d,%m,%Y');
-> '2013-05-01'
mysql> SELECT STR_TO_DATE('May 1, 2013','%M %d,%Y');
-> '2013-05-01'
```

Scanning starts at the beginning of str and fails if format is found not to match. Extra characters at the end of str are ignored.

Unspecified date or time parts have a value of 0, so incompletely specified values in *str* produce a result with some or all parts set to 0:

Range checking on the parts of date values is as described in Section 11.3.1, "The DATE, DATETIME, and TIMESTAMP Types". This means, for example, that "zero" dates or dates with part values of 0 are permitted unless the SQL mode is set to disallow such values.

```
mysql> SELECT STR_TO_DATE('00/00/0000', '%m/%d/%Y');
-> '0000-00-00'
mysql> SELECT STR_TO_DATE('04/31/2004', '%m/%d/%Y');
-> '2004-04-31'
```

If the NO_ZERO_DATE or NO_ZERO_IN_DATE SQL mode is enabled, zero dates or part of dates are disallowed. In that case, $STR_TO_DATE()$ returns NULL and generates a warning:



Note

You cannot use format "%X%V" to convert a year-week string to a date because the combination of a year and week does not uniquely identify a year and month if the week crosses a month boundary. To convert a year-week to a date, you should also specify the weekday:

```
mysql> SELECT STR_TO_DATE('200442 Monday', '%X%V %W');
-> '2004-10-18'
```

• SUBDATE(date, INTERVAL expr unit), SUBDATE(expr, days)

When invoked with the INTERVAL form of the second argument, SUBDATE() is a synonym for DATE_SUB(). For information on the INTERVAL unit argument, see the discussion for DATE_ADD().

```
mysql> SELECT DATE_SUB('2008-01-02', INTERVAL 31 DAY);
-> '2007-12-02'
mysql> SELECT SUBDATE('2008-01-02', INTERVAL 31 DAY);
-> '2007-12-02'
```

The second form enables the use of an integer value for *days*. In such cases, it is interpreted as the number of days to be subtracted from the date or datetime expression *expr*.

```
mysql> SELECT SUBDATE('2008-01-02 12:00:00', 31);
-> '2007-12-02 12:00:00'
```

• SUBTIME(expr1,expr2)

SUBTIME() returns expr1 - expr2 expressed as a value in the same format as expr1. expr1 is a time or datetime expression, and expr2 is a time expression.

• SYSDATE()

Returns the current date and time as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

SYSDATE() returns the time at which it executes. This differs from the behavior for NOW(), which returns a constant time that indicates the time at which the statement began to execute. (Within a stored function or trigger, NOW() returns the time at which the function or triggering statement began to execute.)

In addition, the SET TIMESTAMP statement affects the value returned by NOW() but not by SYSDATE(). This means that timestamp settings in the binary log have no effect on invocations of SYSDATE().

Because SYSDATE() can return different values even within the same statement, and is not affected by SET TIMESTAMP, it is nondeterministic and therefore unsafe for replication if statement-based binary logging is used. If that is a problem, you can use row-based logging.

Alternatively, you can use the --sysdate-is-now option to cause SYSDATE() to be an alias for NOW(). This works if the option is used on both the master and the slave.

The nondeterministic nature of SYSDATE() also means that indexes cannot be used for evaluating expressions that refer to it.

• TIME(expr)

Extracts the time part of the time or datetime expression expr and returns it as a string.

This function is unsafe for statement-based replication. Beginning with MySQL 5.5.1, a warning is logged if you use this function when binlog_format is set to STATEMENT. (Bug #47995)

```
mysql> SELECT TIME('2003-12-31 01:02:03');
    -> '01:02:03'
mysql> SELECT TIME('2003-12-31 01:02:03.000123');
    -> '01:02:03.000123'
```

• TIMEDIFF(expr1,expr2)

TIMEDIFF() returns expr1 - expr2 expressed as a time value. expr1 and expr2 are time or date-and-time expressions, but both must be of the same type.

The result returned by <code>TIMEDIFF()</code> is limited to the range allowed for <code>TIME</code> values. Alternatively, you can use either of the functions <code>TIMESTAMPDIFF()</code> and <code>UNIX_TIMESTAMP()</code>, both of which return integers.

TIMESTAMP(expr), TIMESTAMP(expr1,expr2)

With a single argument, this function returns the date or datetime expression *expr* as a datetime value. With two arguments, it adds the time expression *expr2* to the date or datetime expression *expr1* and returns the result as a datetime value.

```
mysql> SELECT TIMESTAMP('2003-12-31');
-> '2003-12-31 00:00:00'
mysql> SELECT TIMESTAMP('2003-12-31 12:00:00','12:00:00');
-> '2004-01-01 00:00:00'
```

• TIMESTAMPADD(unit, interval, datetime_expr)

Adds the integer expression <code>interval</code> to the date or datetime expression <code>datetime_expr</code>. The unit for <code>interval</code> is given by the <code>unit</code> argument, which should be one of the following values:

MICROSECOND (microseconds), SECOND, MINUTE, HOUR, DAY, WEEK, MONTH, QUARTER, or YEAR.

It is possible to use $FRAC_SECOND$ in place of MICROSECOND, but $FRAC_SECOND$ is deprecated. $FRAC_SECOND$ was removed in MySQL 5.5.3.

The *unit* value may be specified using one of keywords as shown, or with a prefix of SQL_TSI_. For example, DAY and SQL_TSI_DAY both are legal.

```
mysql> SELECT TIMESTAMPADD(MINUTE,1,'2003-01-02');
-> '2003-01-02 00:01:00'
mysql> SELECT TIMESTAMPADD(WEEK,1,'2003-01-02');
-> '2003-01-09'
```

TIMESTAMPDIFF(unit, datetime_expr1, datetime_expr2)

Returns <code>datetime_expr2</code> – <code>datetime_expr1</code>, where <code>datetime_expr1</code> and <code>datetime_expr2</code> are date or datetime expressions. One expression may be a date and the other a datetime; a date value is treated as a datetime having the time part <code>'00:00:00'</code> where necessary. The unit for the result (an integer) is given by the <code>unit</code> argument. The legal values for <code>unit</code> are the same as those listed in the description of the <code>TIMESTAMPADD()</code> function.



Note

The order of the date or datetime arguments for this function is the opposite of that used with the TIMESTAMP() function when invoked with 2 arguments.

• TIME_FORMAT(time, format)

This is used like the <code>DATE_FORMAT()</code> function, but the <code>format</code> string may contain format specifiers only for hours, minutes, seconds, and microseconds. Other specifiers produce a <code>NULL</code> value or 0.

If the time value contains an hour part that is greater than 23, the %H and %k hour format specifiers produce a value larger than the usual range of 0..23. The other hour format specifiers produce the hour value modulo 12.

```
mysql> SELECT TIME_FORMAT('100:00', '%H %k %h %I %l');
-> '100 100 04 04 4'
```

TIME_TO_SEC(time)

Returns the time argument, converted to seconds.

• TO_DAYS(date)

Given a date date, returns a day number (the number of days since year 0).

TO_DAYS() is not intended for use with values that precede the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582), because it does not take into account the days that were lost when the calendar was changed. For dates before 1582 (and possibly a later year in other locales), results from this function are not reliable. See Section 12.8, "What Calendar Is Used By MySQL?", for details.

Remember that MySQL converts two-digit year values in dates to four-digit form using the rules in Section 11.3, "Date and Time Types". For example, '2008-10-07' and '08-10-07' are seen as identical dates:

```
mysql> SELECT TO_DAYS('2008-10-07'), TO_DAYS('08-10-07');
-> 733687, 733687
```

In MySQL, the zero date is defined as '0000-00-00', even though this date is itself considered invalid. This means that, for '0000-00-00' and '0000-01-01', TO_DAYS() returns the values shown here:

This is true whether or not the ALLOW_INVALID_DATES SQL server mode is enabled.

TO_SECONDS(expr)

Given a date or datetime expr, returns a the number of seconds since the year 0. If expr is not a valid date or datetime value, returns NULL.

Like TO_DAYS(), TO_SECONDS() is not intended for use with values that precede the advent of the Gregorian calendar (1582), because it does not take into account the days that were lost when the calendar was changed. For dates before 1582 (and possibly a later year in other locales), results from this function are not reliable. See Section 12.8, "What Calendar Is Used By MySQL?", for details.

Like TO_DAYS(), TO_SECONDS(), converts two-digit year values in dates to four-digit form using the rules in Section 11.3, "Date and Time Types".

TO_SECONDS() is available beginning with MySQL 5.5.0.

In MySQL, the zero date is defined as '0000-00-00', even though this date is itself considered invalid. This means that, for '0000-00-00' and '0000-01-01', $TO_SECONDS()$ returns the values shown here:

This is true whether or not the ALLOW_INVALID_DATES SQL server mode is enabled.

UNIX_TIMESTAMP(), UNIX_TIMESTAMP(date)

If called with no argument, returns a Unix timestamp (seconds since '1970-01-01 00:00:00' UTC) as an unsigned integer. If UNIX_TIMESTAMP() is called with a date argument, it returns the value of the argument as seconds since '1970-01-01 00:00:00' UTC. date may be a DATE string, a DATETIME string, a TIMESTAMP, or a number in the format YYMMDD or YYYYMMDD. The server interprets date as a value in the current time zone and converts it to an internal value in UTC. Clients can set their time zone as described in Section 10.6, "MySQL Server Time Zone Support".

```
mysql> SELECT UNIX_TIMESTAMP();
    -> 1447431666
mysql> SELECT UNIX_TIMESTAMP('2015-11-13 10:20:19');
    -> 1447431619
```

When UNIX_TIMESTAMP() is used on a TIMESTAMP column, the function returns the internal timestamp value directly, with no implicit "string-to-Unix-timestamp" conversion. If you pass an out-of-range date to UNIX_TIMESTAMP(), it returns 0. The valid range of values is the same as for the TIMESTAMP data type: '1970-01-01 00:00:01.000000' UTC to '2038-01-19 03:14:07.999999' UTC.

Note: If you use UNIX_TIMESTAMP() and FROM_UNIXTIME() to convert between TIMESTAMP values and Unix timestamp values, the conversion is lossy because the mapping is not one-to-one in both directions. For example, due to conventions for local time zone changes, it is possible for two UNIX_TIMESTAMP() to map two TIMESTAMP values to the same Unix timestamp value. FROM_UNIXTIME() will map that value back to only one of the original TIMESTAMP values. Here is an example, using TIMESTAMP values in the CET time zone:

If you want to subtract <code>UNIX_TIMESTAMP()</code> columns, you might want to cast the result to signed integers. See Section 12.10, "Cast Functions and Operators".

• UTC DATE, UTC DATE()

Returns the current UTC date as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD' or YYYYMMDD format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

```
mysql> SELECT UTC_DATE(), UTC_DATE() + 0;
-> '2003-08-14', 20030814
```

• UTC_TIME, UTC_TIME()

Returns the current UTC time as a value in 'HH:MM:SS' or HHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

```
mysql> SELECT UTC_TIME(), UTC_TIME() + 0;
-> '18:07:53', 180753.000000
```

• UTC_TIMESTAMP, UTC_TIMESTAMP()

Returns the current UTC date and time as a value in 'YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS' or YYYYMMDDHHMMSS.uuuuuu format, depending on whether the function is used in a string or numeric context.

```
mysql> SELECT UTC_TIMESTAMP(), UTC_TIMESTAMP() + 0;
-> '2003-08-14 18:08:04', 20030814180804.000000
```

• WEEK(date[,mode])

This function returns the week number for <code>date</code>. The two-argument form of <code>WEEK()</code> enables you to specify whether the week starts on Sunday or Monday and whether the return value should be in the range from 0 to 53 or from 1 to 53. If the <code>mode</code> argument is omitted, the value of the <code>default_week_format</code> system variable is used. See Section 5.1.5, "Server System Variables".

The following table describes how the *mode* argument works.

Mode	First day of week	Range	Week 1 is the first week		
0	Sunday	0-53	with a Sunday in this year		
1	Monday	0-53	with 4 or more days this year		
2	Sunday	1-53	with a Sunday in this year		
3	Monday	1-53	with 4 or more days this year		
4	Sunday	0-53	with 4 or more days this year		
5	Monday	0-53	with a Monday in this year		

Mode	First day of week	Range	Week 1 is the first week	
6	Sunday	1-53	with 4 or more days this year	
7	Monday	1-53	with a Monday in this year	

For *mode* values with a meaning of "with 4 or more days this year," weeks are numbered according to ISO 8601:1988:

- If the week containing January 1 has 4 or more days in the new year, it is week 1.
- Otherwise, it is the last week of the previous year, and the next week is week 1.

Note that if a date falls in the last week of the previous year, MySQL returns 0 if you do not use 2, 3, 6, or 7 as the optional *mode* argument:

```
mysql> SELECT YEAR('2000-01-01'), WEEK('2000-01-01',0);
-> 2000, 0
```

One might argue that WEEK() should return 52 because the given date actually occurs in the 52nd week of 1999. WEEK() returns 0 instead so that the return value is "the week number in the given year." This makes use of the WEEK() function reliable when combined with other functions that extract a date part from a date.

If you prefer a result evaluated with respect to the year that contains the first day of the week for the given date, use 0, 2, 5, or 7 as the optional *mode* argument.

```
mysql> SELECT WEEK('2000-01-01',2);
-> 52
```

Alternatively, use the YEARWEEK() function:

```
mysql> SELECT YEARWEEK('2000-01-01');
-> 199952
mysql> SELECT MID(YEARWEEK('2000-01-01'),5,2);
-> '52'
```

WEEKDAY(date)

Returns the weekday index for *date* (0 = Monday, 1 = Tuesday, ... 6 = Sunday).

```
mysql> SELECT WEEKDAY('2008-02-03 22:23:00');
-> 6
mysql> SELECT WEEKDAY('2007-11-06');
-> 1
```

WEEKOFYEAR(date)

Returns the calendar week of the date as a number in the range from 1 to 53. WEEKOFYEAR() is a compatibility function that is equivalent to WEEK(date, 3).

```
mysql> SELECT WEEKOFYEAR('2008-02-20');
```

-> 8

• YEAR(date)

Returns the year for date, in the range 1000 to 9999, or 0 for the "zero" date.

```
mysql> SELECT YEAR('1987-01-01');
-> 1987
```

• YEARWEEK(date), YEARWEEK(date, mode)

Returns year and week for a date. The year in the result may be different from the year in the date argument for the first and the last week of the year.

The mode argument works exactly like the mode argument to week(). For the single-argument syntax, a mode value of 0 is used. Unlike week(), the value of $default_week_format$ does not influence yearweek().

```
mysql> SELECT YEARWEEK('1987-01-01');
-> 198652
```

Note that the week number is different from what the WEEK() function would return (0) for optional arguments 0 or 1, as WEEK() then returns the week in the context of the given year.

12.8 What Calendar Is Used By MySQL?

MySQL uses what is known as a proleptic Gregorian calendar.

Every country that has switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar has had to discard at least ten days during the switch. To see how this works, consider the month of October 1582, when the first Julian-to-Gregorian switch occurred.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

There are no dates between October 4 and October 15. This discontinuity is called the *cutover*. Any dates before the cutover are Julian, and any dates following the cutover are Gregorian. Dates during a cutover are nonexistent.

A calendar applied to dates when it was not actually in use is called *proleptic*. Thus, if we assume there was never a cutover and Gregorian rules always rule, we have a proleptic Gregorian calendar. This is what is used by MySQL, as is required by standard SQL. For this reason, dates prior to the cutover stored as MySQL DATE or DATETIME values must be adjusted to compensate for the difference. It is important to realize that the cutover did not occur at the same time in all countries, and that the later it happened, the more days were lost. For example, in Great Britain, it took place in 1752, when Wednesday September 2 was followed by Thursday September 14. Russia remained on the Julian calendar until 1918, losing 13 days in the process, and what is popularly referred to as its "October Revolution" occurred in November according to the Gregorian calendar.

For integer expressions, the preceding remarks about expression *evaluation* apply somewhat differently for expression *assignment*; for example, in a statement such as this:

```
CREATE TABLE t SELECT integer_expr;
```

In this case, the table in the column resulting from the expression has type INT or BIGINT depending on the length of the integer expression. If the maximum length of the expression does not fit in an INT, BIGINT is used instead. The length is taken from the max_length value of the SELECT result set