

Welcome to this course!

FUNCTIONS FOR MANIPULATING DATA IN SQL SERVER



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Topics covered

- The most important data types
- Functions for these types:
 - Date and time functions
 - String functions
 - Functions for numeric operations

Categories of data types

- Exact numerics
- Approximate numerics
- Date and time
- Character strings
- Unicode character strings
- Binary strings
- *Other data types*

Exact numerics

- Whole numbers
 - smallint
 - tinyint
 - int
 - bigint
- Decimal numbers
 - numeric
 - decimal
 - money
 - smallmoney

Exact numerics - integers

Numbers without a decimal point

Data type	Storage
bigint	8 Bytes
int	4 Bytes
smallint	2 Bytes
tinyint	1 Byte

Exact numerics - decimals

1234567.675

S (scale) = number of decimal digits stored to the right of the decimal point

P (precision) = maximum total number of decimal digits that will be stored

Precision	Storage
1 – 9	5 Bytes
10 – 19	9 Bytes
20 – 28	13 Bytes
29 - 38	17 Bytes

Approximate numerics

- Float
- Real
- Store **approximate** numeric values

Date and time data types

Data type	Format	Accuracy
time	hh:mm:ss[.nnnnnnnn]	100 nanoseconds
date	YYYY-MM-DD	1 day
smalldatetime	YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss	1 minute
datetime	YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss[.nnn]	0.00333 second
datetime2	YYYY-MM-DD hh:mm:ss[.nnnnnnnn]	100 nanoseconds

Character and Unicode character data types

Character data types store character strings (ASCII)

- char
- varchar
- text

Unicode data types are used for storing Unicode data (non-ASCII)

- nchar
- nvarchar
- ntext

Other data types

- binary
- image
- cursor
- rowversion
- uniqueidentifier
- xml
- Spatial Geometry / Geography Types

Let's see what you know!

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Implicit conversion

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Data comparison

Keep in mind: for comparing two values, they need to be of the same type.

Otherwise:

- SQL Server converts from one type to another (**IMPLICIT**)
- The developer explicitly converts the data (**EXPLICIT**)

Example of possible conversions

```
SELECT  
  company  
  bean_type,  
  cocoa_percent  
FROM ratings;
```

Example of possible conversions

```
SELECT
  company
  bean_type,
  cocoa_percent
FROM ratings
WHERE cocoa_percent > 0.5;
```

company	bean_type	cocoa_percent
Amedei	Blend	0.7000
Bonnat	Trinitario	0.7500
...

Example of possible conversions

```
SELECT
  company
  bean_type,
  cocoa_percent
FROM ratings
WHERE cocoa_percent > -2;
```

company	bean_type	cocoa_percent
Amedei	Blend	0.7000
Bonnat	Trinitario	0.7500
...

Example of possible conversions

```
SELECT
  company
  bean_type,
  cocoa_percent
FROM ratings
WHERE cocoa_percent > GETDATE();
```

company	bean_type	cocoa_percent
...

Example of possible conversions

```
SELECT
  company
  bean_type,
  cocoa_percent
FROM ratings
WHERE cocoa_percent > 'A';
```

```
| result |
|-----|
| Error converting data type varchar to numeric. |
```

Example of possible conversions

```
SELECT
  company
  bean_type,
  cocoa_percent
FROM ratings
WHERE cocoa_percent > '0.5';
```

company	bean_type	cocoa_percent
Amedei	Blend	0.7000
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...

Data type precedence

1. user-defined data types (**highest**)
2. datetime
3. date
4. float
5. decimal
6. int
7. bit
8. nvarchar (including nvarchar(max))
9. varchar (including varchar(max))
10. binary (**lowest**)

Data type precedence

! [Data type precedence, from highest to lowest]

Implicit conversion between data types

To → From ↓	DATETIME	FLOAT	DECIMAL	INT	BIT	NVARCHAR	VARCHAR
DATETIME		✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
FLOAT	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DECIMAL	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
INT	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
BIT	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
NVARCHAR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
VARCHAR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

Performance impact of implicit conversion

- Implicit conversion is done for each row of the query
- Implicit conversion can be prevented with a good database schema design.

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Explicit conversion

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Implicit and explicit conversion

- **IMPLICIT** - performed automatically, behind the scenes
- **EXPLICIT** - performed with the functions `CAST()` and `CONVERT()`
 - `CAST()` and `CONVERT()` are used to convert from one data type to another

CAST()

```
CAST(expression AS data_type [(length)])
```

SELECT

```
CAST(3.14 AS int) AS DECIMAL_TO_INT,  
CAST('3.14' AS decimal(3,2)) AS STRING_TO_DECIMAL,  
CAST(GETDATE() AS nvarchar(20)) AS DATE_TO_STRING,  
CAST(GETDATE() AS float) AS DATE_TO_FLOAT;
```

DECIMAL_TO_INT	STRING_TO_DECIMAL	DATE_TO_STRING	DATE_TO_FLOAT
3	3.14	Apr 11 2019 1:01PM	43531.7052687886

CONVERT()

```
CONVERT(data_type [(length)], expression [,style])
```

SELECT

```
CONVERT(int, 3.14) AS DECIMAL_TO_INT,  
CONVERT(decimal(3,2), '3.14') AS STRING_TO_DECIMAL,  
CONVERT(nvarchar(20), GETDATE(), 104) AS DATE_TO_STRING,  
CONVERT(float, GETDATE()) AS DATE_TO_FLOAT;
```

DECIMAL_TO_INT	STRING_TO_DECIMAL	DATE_TO_STRING	DATE_TO_FLOAT
3	3.14	11.04.2019	43531.7052687886

CAST() vs. CONVERT()

- `CAST()` comes from the SQL standard and `CONVERT()` is SQL Server specific
- `CAST()` is available in most database products
- `CONVERT()` performs slightly better in SQL Server

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