



Using Single-Row Functions to Customize Output

Objectives

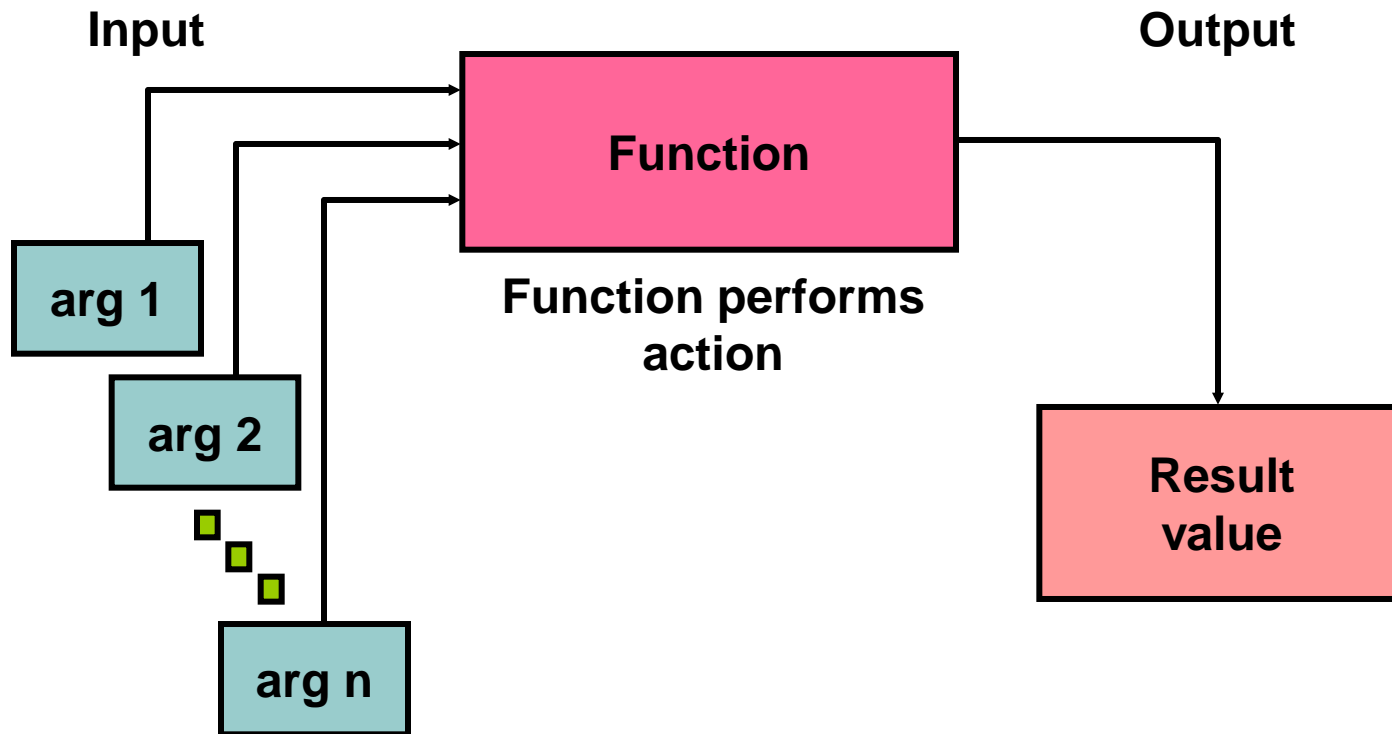
After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

- Describe various types of functions available in SQL
- Use character, number, and date functions in `SELECT` statements

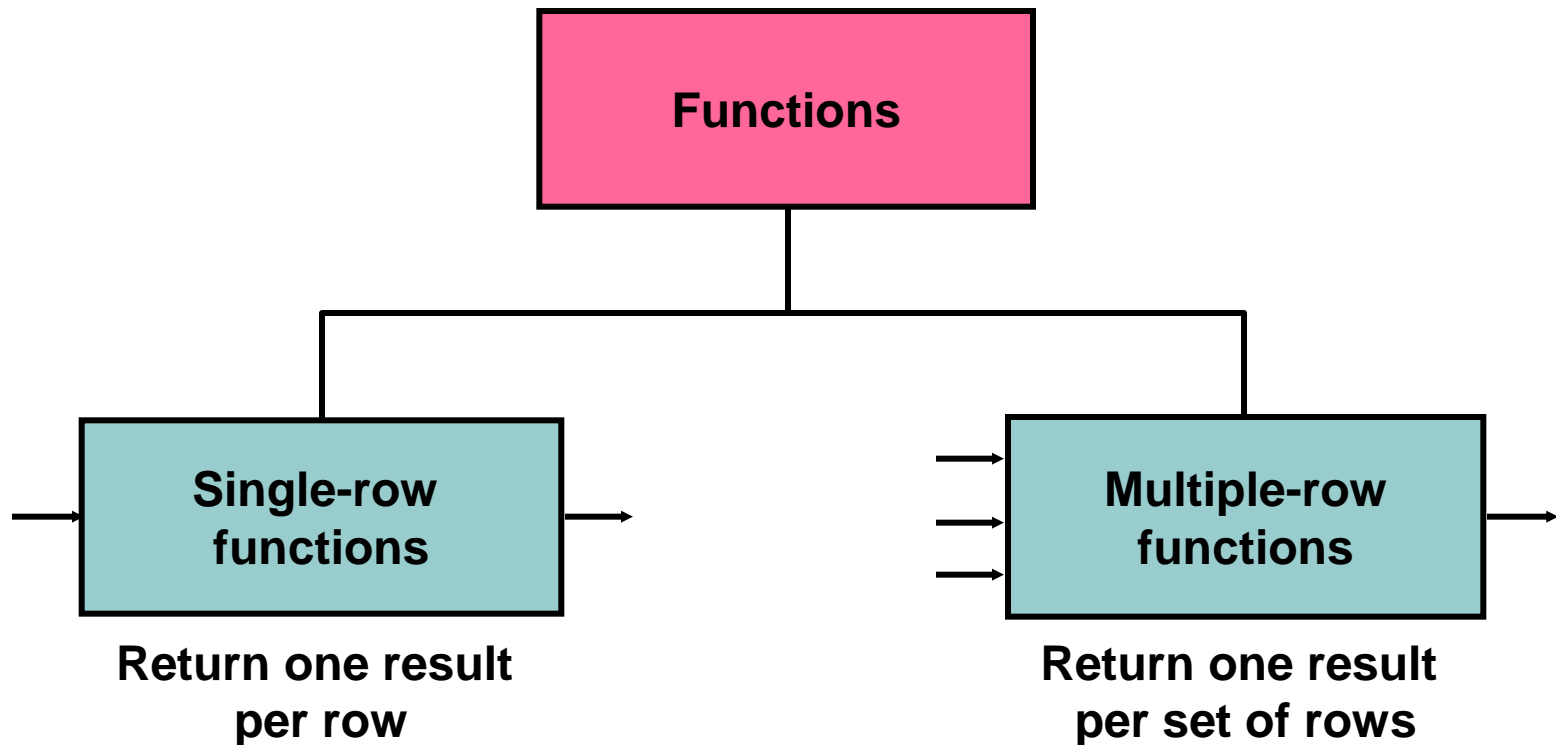
Lesson Agenda

- Single-row SQL functions
- Character functions
- Number functions
- Working with dates
- Date functions

SQL Functions



Two Types of SQL Functions



Single-Row Functions

Single-row functions:

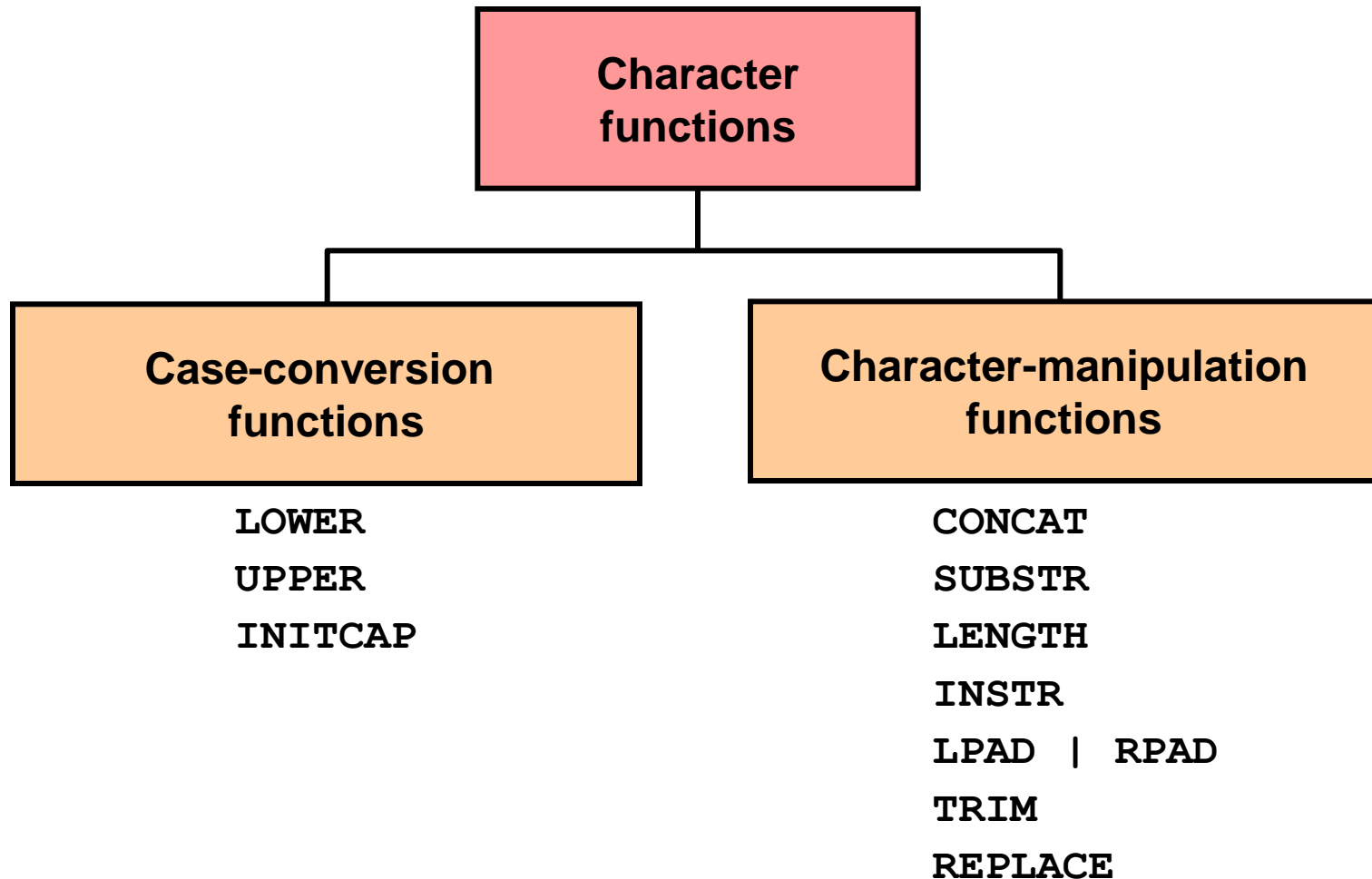
- Manipulate data items
- Accept arguments and return one value
- Act on each row that is returned
- Return one result per row
- May modify the data type
- Can be nested
- Accept arguments that can be a column or an expression

```
function_name [(arg1, arg2,...)]
```

Lesson Agenda

- Single-row SQL functions
- **Character functions**
- Number functions
- Working with dates
- Date functions

Character Functions



Case-Conversion Functions

These functions convert the case for character strings:

Function	Result
<code>LOWER('SQL Course')</code>	sql course
<code>UPPER('SQL Course')</code>	SQL COURSE
<code>INITCAP('SQL Course')</code>	Sql Course

Using Case-Conversion Functions

Display the employee number, name, and department number for employee Higgins:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, department_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  last_name = 'higgins';
```

0 rows selected

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, department_id
FROM   employees
WHERE  LOWER(last_name) = 'higgins';
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	205	Higgins	110

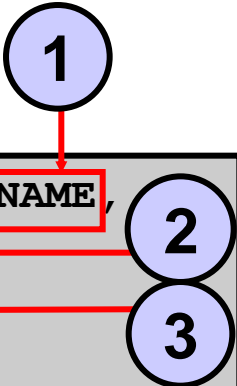
Character-Manipulation Functions

These functions manipulate character strings:


Function	Result
CONCAT('Hello', 'World')	HelloWorld
SUBSTR('HelloWorld',1,5)	Hello
LENGTH('HelloWorld')	10
INSTR('HelloWorld', 'W')	6
LPAD(salary,10,'*')	*****24000
RPAD(salary, 10, '*')	24000*****
REPLACE ('JACK and JUE','J','BL')	BLACK and BLUE
TRIM('H' FROM 'HelloWorld')	elloWorld

Using the Character-Manipulation Functions

```
SELECT employee_id, CONCAT(first_name, last_name) NAME,  
       job_id, LENGTH (last_name),  
       INSTR(last_name, 'a') "Contains 'a'?"  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  SUBSTR(job_id, 4) = 'REP';
```



	EMPLOYEE_ID	NAME	JOB_ID	LENGTH(LAST_NAME)	Contains 'a'?
1	174	EllenAbel	SA_REP	4	0
2	176	JonathonTaylor	SA_REP	6	2
3	178	KimberelyGrant	SA_REP	5	3
4	202	PatFay	MK_REP	3	2



Lesson Agenda

- Single-row SQL functions
- Character functions
- **Number functions**
- Working with dates
- Date Functions

Number Functions

- **ROUND:** Rounds value to a specified decimal
- **TRUNC:** Truncates value to a specified decimal
- **MOD:** Returns remainder of division

Function	Result
ROUND (45.926, 2)	45.93
TRUNC (45.926, 2)	45.92
MOD (1600, 300)	100

Lesson Agenda

- Single-row SQL functions
- Character functions
- Number functions
- **Working with dates**
- Date functions

Working with Dates

- The Oracle database stores dates in an internal numeric format: century, year, month, day, hours, minutes, and seconds.
- The default date display format is DD-MON-RR.
 - Enables you to store 21st-century dates in the 20th century by specifying only the last two digits of the year
 - Enables you to store 20th-century dates in the 21st century in the same way

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date
FROM   employees
WHERE  hire_date < '01-FEB-88';
```

	LAST_NAME	HIRE_DATE
1	King	17-JUN-87
2	Whalen	17-SEP-87

Using the SYSDATE Function

SYSDATE is a function that returns:

- Date
- Time

```
SELECT sysdate  
FROM dual;
```

	SYSDATE
1	31-MAY-07

Lesson Agenda

- Single-row SQL functions
- Character functions
- Number functions
- Working with dates
- **Date functions**

Date-Manipulation Functions

Function	Result
MONTHS_BETWEEN	Number of months between two dates
ADD_MONTHS	Add calendar months to date
NEXT_DAY	Next day of the date specified
LAST_DAY	Last day of the month
ROUND	Round date
TRUNC	Truncate date

Using Date Functions

Function	Result
MONTHS_BETWEEN ('01-SEP-95', '11-JAN-94')	19.6774194
ADD_MONTHS ('31-JAN-96', 1)	'29-FEB-96'
NEXT_DAY ('01-SEP-95', 'FRIDAY')	'08-SEP-95'
LAST_DAY ('01-FEB-95')	'28-FEB-95'

Using ROUND and TRUNC Functions with Dates

Assume SYSDATE = '25-JUL-03':

Function	Result
ROUND (SYSDATE, 'MONTH')	01-AUG-03
ROUND (SYSDATE , 'YEAR')	01-JAN-04
TRUNC (SYSDATE , 'MONTH')	01-JUL-03
TRUNC (SYSDATE , 'YEAR')	01-JAN-03

Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Perform calculations on data using functions
- Modify individual data items using functions

Practice 3: Overview

This practice covers the following topics:

- Writing a query that displays the current date
- Creating queries that require the use of numeric, character, and date functions
- Performing calculations of years and months of service for an employee