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MySQL Functions

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MySQL has many built-in functions.

This reference contains string, numeric, date, and some advanced functions in MySQL.

MySQL String Functions

Function	Description
<u>ASCII</u>	Returns the ASCII value for the specific character
CHAR_LENGTH	Returns the length of a string (in characters)
CHARACTER LENGTH	Returns the length of a string (in characters)

CONCAT	Adds two or more expressions together
CONCAT_WS	Adds two or more expressions together with a separator
FIELD	Returns the index position of a value in a list of values
FIND IN SET	Returns the position of a string within a list of strings
<u>FORMAT</u>	Formats a number to a format like "#,###,###.##", rounded to a specified number of decimal places
INSERT	Inserts a string within a string at the specified position and for a certain number of characters
INSTR	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a string in another string
LCASE	Converts a string to lower-case
<u>LEFT</u>	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from left)
<u>LENGTH</u>	Returns the length of a string (in bytes)
LOCATE	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a substring in a string
LOWER	Converts a string to lower-case
LPAD	Left-pads a string with another string, to a certain length
<u>LTRIM</u>	Removes leading spaces from a string
MID	Extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position)
POSITION	Returns the position of the first occurrence of a substring in a string
REPEAT	Repeats a string as many times as specified

REPLACE	Replaces all occurrences of a substring within a string, with a new substring
REVERSE	Reverses a string and returns the result
RIGHT	Extracts a number of characters from a string (starting from right)
RPAD	Right-pads a string with another string, to a certain length
RTRIM	Removes trailing spaces from a string
SPACE	Returns a string of the specified number of space characters
STRCMP	Compares two strings
SUBSTR	Extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position)
SUBSTRING	Extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position)
SUBSTRING_INDEX	Returns a substring of a string before a specified number of delimiter occurs
TRIM	Removes leading and trailing spaces from a string
<u>UCASE</u>	Converts a string to upper-case
<u>UPPER</u>	Converts a string to upper-case

MySQL Numeric Functions

<u>ABS</u>	Returns the absolute value of a number
<u>ACOS</u>	Returns the arc cosine of a number
ASIN	Returns the arc sine of a number
<u>ATAN</u>	Returns the arc tangent of one or two numbers
ATAN2	Returns the arc tangent of two numbers
AVG	Returns the average value of an expression
CEIL	Returns the smallest integer value that is >= to a number
CEILING	Returns the smallest integer value that is >= to a number
COS	Returns the cosine of a number
COT	Returns the cotangent of a number
COUNT	Returns the number of records returned by a select query
DEGREES	Converts a value in radians to degrees
DIV	Used for integer division
EXP	Returns e raised to the power of a specified number
FLOOR	Returns the largest integer value that is <= to a number
GREATEST	Returns the greatest value of the list of arguments
<u>LEAST</u>	Returns the smallest value of the list of arguments
LN	Returns the natural logarithm of a number

LOG	Returns the natural logarithm of a number, or the logarithm of a number to a specified base
LOG10	Returns the natural logarithm of a number to base 10
LOG2	Returns the natural logarithm of a number to base 2
MAX	Returns the maximum value in a set of values
MIN	Returns the minimum value in a set of values
MOD	Returns the remainder of a number divided by another number
<u>PI</u>	Returns the value of PI
<u>POW</u>	Returns the value of a number raised to the power of another number
POWER	Returns the value of a number raised to the power of another number
RADIANS	Converts a degree value into radians
RAND	Returns a random number
ROUND	Rounds a number to a specified number of decimal places
SIGN	Returns the sign of a number
SIN	Returns the sine of a number
<u>SQRT</u>	Returns the square root of a number
<u>SUM</u>	Calculates the sum of a set of values
<u>TAN</u>	Returns the tangent of a number

TRUNCATE

Truncates a number to the specified number of decimal places

MySQL Date Functions

Function	Description
<u>ADDDATE</u>	Adds a time/date interval to a date and then returns the date
<u>ADDTIME</u>	Adds a time interval to a time/datetime and then returns the time/datetime
<u>CURDATE</u>	Returns the current date
CURRENT DATE	Returns the current date
CURRENT_TIME	Returns the current time
CURRENT_TIMESTAMP	Returns the current date and time
CURTIME	Returns the current time
<u>DATE</u>	Extracts the date part from a datetime expression
DATEDIFF	Returns the number of days between two date values
DATE_ADD	Adds a time/date interval to a date and then returns the date
DATE_FORMAT	Formats a date
DATE_SUB	Subtracts a time/date interval from a date and then returns the date
DAY	Returns the day of the month for a given date

<u>DAYNAME</u>	Returns the weekday name for a given date
DAYOFMONTH	Returns the day of the month for a given date
DAYOFWEEK	Returns the weekday index for a given date
DAYOFYEAR	Returns the day of the year for a given date
<u>EXTRACT</u>	Extracts a part from a given date
FROM_DAYS	Returns a date from a numeric datevalue
HOUR	Returns the hour part for a given date
LAST_DAY	Extracts the last day of the month for a given date
LOCALTIME	Returns the current date and time
LOCALTIMESTAMP	Returns the current date and time
MAKEDATE	Creates and returns a date based on a year and a number of days value
MAKETIME	Creates and returns a time based on an hour, minute, and second value
MICROSECOND	Returns the microsecond part of a time/datetime
MINUTE	Returns the minute part of a time/datetime
MONTH	Returns the month part for a given date
MONTHNAME	Returns the name of the month for a given date
NOW	Returns the current date and time
PERIOD_ADD	Adds a specified number of months to a period

PERIOD_DIFF	Returns the difference between two periods
QUARTER	Returns the quarter of the year for a given date value
SECOND	Returns the seconds part of a time/datetime
SEC_TO_TIME	Returns a time value based on the specified seconds
STR_TO_DATE	Returns a date based on a string and a format
<u>SUBDATE</u>	Subtracts a time/date interval from a date and then returns the date
SUBTIME	Subtracts a time interval from a datetime and then returns the time/datetime
SYSDATE	Returns the current date and time
TIME	Extracts the time part from a given time/datetime
TIME_FORMAT	Formats a time by a specified format
TIME_TO_SEC	Converts a time value into seconds
TIMEDIFF	Returns the difference between two time/datetime expressions
TIMESTAMP	Returns a datetime value based on a date or datetime value
TO_DAYS	Returns the number of days between a date and date "0000-00-00"
WEEK	Returns the week number for a given date
WEEKDAY	Returns the weekday number for a given date
WEEKOFYEAR	Returns the week number for a given date
YEAR	Returns the year part for a given date

YEARWEEK

Returns the year and week number for a given date

MySQL Advanced Functions

Function	Description
BIN	Returns a binary representation of a number
BINARY	Converts a value to a binary string
CASE	Goes through conditions and return a value when the first condition is met
CAST	Converts a value (of any type) into a specified datatype
COALESCE	Returns the first non-null value in a list
CONNECTION_ID	Returns the unique connection ID for the current connection
CONV	Converts a number from one numeric base system to another
CONVERT	Converts a value into the specified datatype or character set
CURRENT_USER	Returns the user name and host name for the MySQL account that the server used to authenticate the current client
<u>DATABASE</u>	Returns the name of the current database
<u>IF</u>	Returns a value if a condition is TRUE, or another value if a condition is FALSE
IFNULL	Return a specified value if the expression is NULL, otherwise return the expression
ISNULL	Returns 1 or 0 depending on whether an expression is NULL

LAST_INSERT_ID	Returns the AUTO_INCREMENT id of the last row that has been inserted or updated in a table
NULLIF	Compares two expressions and returns NULL if they are equal. Otherwise, the first expression is returned
SESSION_USER	Returns the current MySQL user name and host name
SYSTEM_USER	Returns the current MySQL user name and host name
<u>USER</u>	Returns the current MySQL user name and host name
VERSION	Returns the current version of the MySQL database

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