



# DATABASE LAB

MySQL

# SOME STRING FUNCTIONS

## ○ ASCII

- Returns the ASCII value of a character
- `mysql> SELECT ASCII('a');`

## ○ Char\_length

- Returns the length of the string in characters
- `mysql> SELECT CHAR_LENGTH('university');`

## ○ Concat

- Adds two or more expressions together
- `mysql> SELECT CONCAT('delhi ', 'university');`

## ○ Concat\_ws

- Adds two or more expressions together with separator
- `mysql> SELECT CONCAT_WS('-', 'delhi ', 'university');`

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### ○ Field

- Returns the index position of a value in a list of values
- Syntax: `FIELD(value, val1, val2, val3, ...)`
- `mysql> SELECT FIELD ('a','k','d','s','a');`

### ○ Format

- The `FORMAT()` function formats a number to a format like `"#,###,###.##"`, rounded to a specified number of decimal places, then it returns the result as a string.
- Syntax: `FORMAT(number, decimal_places)`
- `mysql> SELECT FORMAT(123456789.789,2)`

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### ○ Insert()

- The INSERT() function inserts a string within a string at the specified position and for a certain number of characters.
- Syntax: INSERT(*string*, *position*, *number*, *string2*)
- `mysql> SELECT INSERT("univ.edu.in", 6, 3 "gov");`

### ○ Instr()

- The INSTR() function returns the position of the first occurrence of a string in another string
- Syntax: INSTR(*string*, *substring*)
- `mysql> SELECT INSTR("du.edu", "edu") AS MatchPosition;`

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- Lcase() or Lower()
  - Converts a string to lowercase
  - Syntax: Lcase(text), Lower(text)
  - `mysql>SELECT LCASE('UNIVERSITY')`
  - `mysql>SELECT LOWER('UNIVERSITY')`
- Ucase or Upper()
  - Converts a string to uppercase
  - Syntax: Ucase(text), Upper(text)
  - `mysql>SELECT UCASE('University')`
  - `mysql>SELECT UPPER('University')`

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### ○ LOCATE()

- The LOCATE() function returns the position of the first occurrence of a substring in a string.
- Syntax: LOCATE(*substring*, *string*, *start*)
- `mysql>`  
`SELECT LOCATE("com", "www.yahoo.com", 4) AS MatchPosition;`

## ○ LPAD()

- Left-pads a string with another string, to a certain length
- Syntax: LPAD(*string*, *length*, *lpad\_string*)
- `mysql>`  
`SELECT LPAD(CustomerName, 30, "*") AS LeftPad`  
`CustomerName FROM Customers;`

## ○ RPAD()

- Similar to LPAD() but it right-pads a string with another string, to a certain length

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### ○ LTRIM()

- The LTRIM() function removes leading spaces from a string
- Syntax: LTRIM(*string*)
- `mysql> SELECT LTRIM(' delhi');`

### ○ RTRIM()

- Similar to LTRIM. The RTRIM() function removes trailing spaces from a string



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### ○ REPEAT()

- The REPEAT() function repeats a string for a specified number of times
- Syntax: REPEAT(*string*, *number*)
- `mysql> SELECT REPEAT('abc',3);`

### ○ Replace

- The REPLACE() function replaces all occurrences of a substring within a string, with a new substring
- Syntax:  
REPLACE(*string*, *from\_substring*, *new\_substring*)
- `mysql> SELECT REPLACE("SQL Tutorial", "SQL", "HTML");`

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### ○ REVERSE()

- The REVERSE() function reverses a string and returns the result.
- Syntax: reverse(string)
- `mysql> SELECT REVERSE('delhi');`

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### ○ STRCMP()

- The STRCMP() function compares two strings
- Syntax: strcmp(string1, string2))
- If *string1* = *string2*, this function returns 0
- If *string1* < *string2*, this function returns -1
- If *string1* > *string2*, this function returns 1
- `mysql> SELECT STRCMP('abc','abb');`

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### ○ SUBSTR()

- The SUBSTR() function extracts a substring from a string (starting at any position).
- Syntax: SUBSTR(*string*, *start*, *length*)
- `mysql>`  
`SELECT SUBSTR(CustomerName, 2, 5) AS ExtractS`  
`tring FROM Customers;`

## ○ RIGHT() Function

- Extracts a specified number of characters from the right side of a string
- Syntax: RIGHT(str, len)
- `mysql> SELECT RIGHT('IIT Patna',5)`

## VIEW

- A **view** consists of a **stored query** accessible as a *virtual table* composed of the result set of a query
- Unlike ordinary tables in a relational database, a view does not form part of the physical schema
- It is a **dynamic**, virtual table computed from data in the database
- Changing the data in a table alters the data shown in subsequent invocations of the view

## VIEW

- A view is a *virtual table* that contains no physical data. It provides an alternative way to look at the data.
  - `mysql> CREATE VIEW cust_view AS`
  - `SELECT customer_name AS cust_name,`  
`customer_city AS cust_city FROM customer;`
- Once a view is created, it can be used like a table
  - `mysql> select * from cust_view;`

# USES OF VIEWS

- Hiding some information from some users
  - Consider a user who needs to know a customer's name, loan number and branch name, but has no need to see the loan amount.
  - **mysql> CREATE VIEW *cust\_loan\_data* AS  
SELECT *customer\_name*, *borrower.loan\_number*,  
*branch\_name*  
FROM *borrower*, *loan*  
WHERE *borrower.loan\_number* = *loan.loan\_number***
  - Grant the user permission to read *cust\_loan\_data*, but not *borrower* or *loan*



## USES OF VIEW (2)

- Views can act as aggregated tables, where the database engine aggregates data (sum, average etc.) and presents the calculated results as part of the data
  - `mysql>CREATE VIEW Category_Sales_For_1997 AS  
SELECT DISTINCT CategoryName, Count(Item),  
Sum(ProductSales)  
FROM Product, Sales  
WHERE Product.Id=Sales.Item.Id and Sales_year =  
1997  
GROUP BY CategoryName`