

MS SQL New Functions, Syntaxes, Tips & Tricks

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Strings – SQL 2019

String or binary data would be truncated

Old error message

Msg 8152, Level 16, State 30, Line 18

String or binary data would be truncated.

New error message

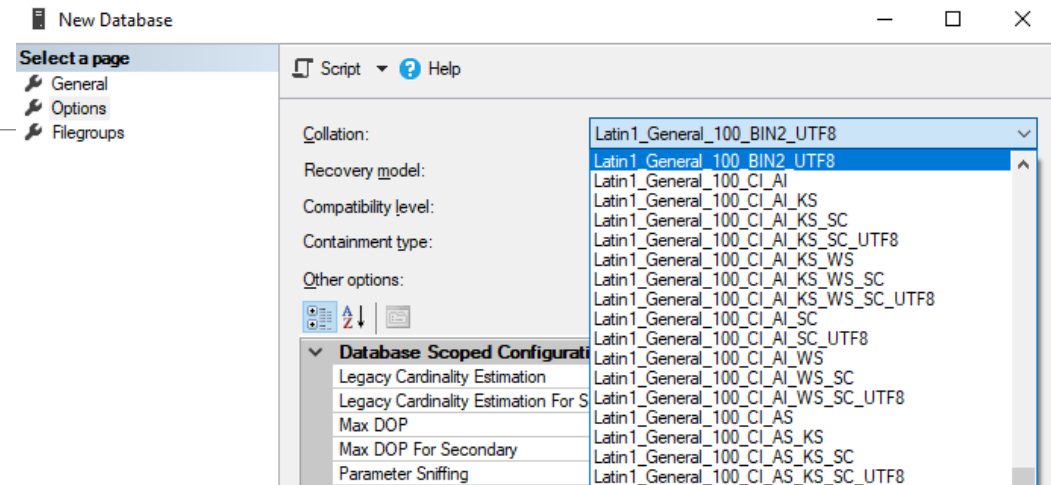
Msg 2628, Level 16, State 1, Line 35

String or binary data would be truncated in table
'SomeDatabase.dbo.SomeTable ', column 'Col'. Truncated value: 'XXX'

```
ALTER DATABASE SCOPED CONFIGURATION SET  
VERBOSE_TRUNCATION_WARNINGS = OFF;
```

Strings – SQL 2019 UTF8

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SQL 2019 supports UTF 8 collation -> SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8

```
USE NONUTF8
GO
```

```
DECLARE @v VARCHAR(100) = 'SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8';
SELECT @v AS String, DATALENGTH(@v) AS DataLengthValue;
DECLARE @nv NVARCHAR(100) = N'SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8';
SELECT @nv AS String, DATALENGTH(@nv) AS DataLengthValue;
GO
```

String	DataLengthValue
SQL 2019 ?????????? ?????????? UTF 8	35

String	DataLengthValue
SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8	70

```
USE UTF8;
GO
```

```
DECLARE @8v VARCHAR(100) = 'SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8';
SELECT @8v AS String, DATALENGTH(@8v) AS DataLengthValue;
DECLARE @8nv NVARCHAR(100) = N'SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8';
SELECT @8nv AS String, DATALENGTH(@8nv) AS DataLengthValue;
GO
```

String	DataLengthValue
1 SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8	54

String	DataLengthValue
1 SQL 2019 підтримує сортування UTF 8	70

COMPRESS AND DECOMPRESS

2016+

ROW, PAGE...

Syntax:

COMPRESS (expression)

- **Expression** - nvarchar(n), nvarchar(max), varchar(n), varchar(max), varbinary(n), varbinary(max), char(n), nchar(n), or binary(n) expression.

- **Return**

GZIP

INDEX

XML, Log-s, Rarely used data

COMPRESS AND DECOMPRESS

Opposite of COMPRESS?

Syntax:

DECOMPRESS (expression)

- **Expression** - Is a varbinary(n), varbinary(max), or binary(n)
- **Return** -> data in varbinary(max)

Casting is recommended

STRING_SPLIT – SQL 2016

STRING_SPLIT (string , separator)

- table-valued function
- splitting string values by a separator

STRING_SPLIT – SQL 2022

STRING_SPLIT (string , separator [, enable_ordinal])

STRING_AGG – SQL 2017

STRING_AGG

- string aggregation using a separator

DATE_BUCKET

DATE_BUCKET(<datepart>, <bucket_width>, <input date/time> [, <origin>])

datePart

day

week

month

quarter

year

hour

minute

second

millisecond

Abbreviations

dd, d

wk, ww

mm, m

qq, q

yy, yyyy

hh

mi, n

ss, s

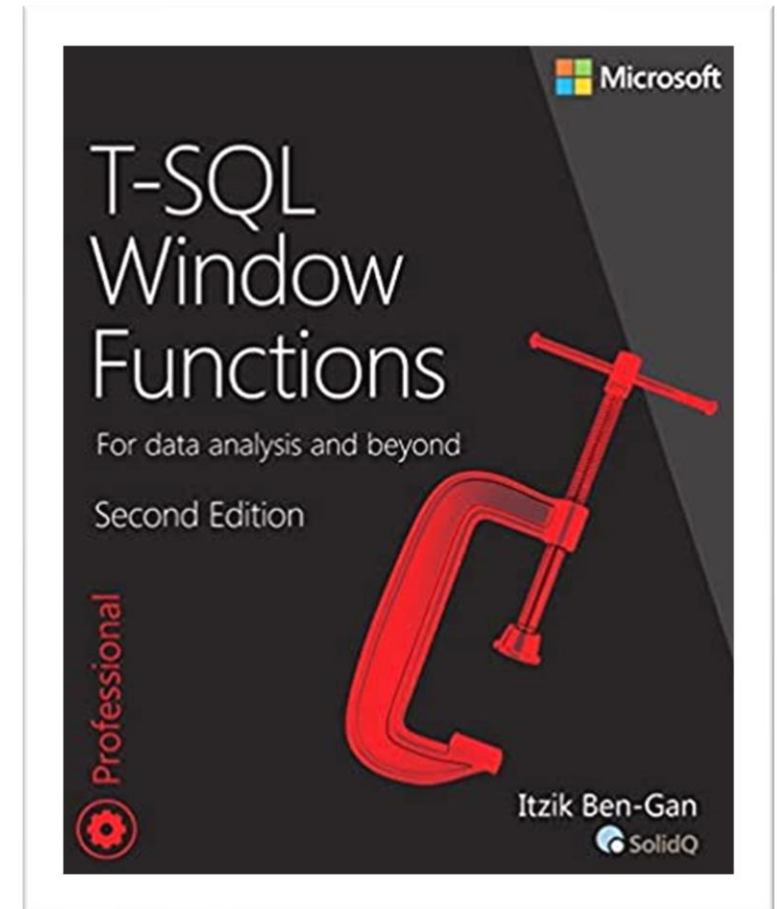
ms

GENERATE_SERIES

GENERATE_SERIES(<start>, <stop> [, STEP = <step>])

WINDOW

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The WINDOW Clause

```
WINDOW window_name AS (  
    [ reference_window_name ]  
    [ <PARTITION BY clause> ]  
    [ <ORDER BY clause> ]  
    [ <ROW or RANGE clause> ]  
)
```

```
SELECT  
FROM  
WHERE  
GROUP BY  
HAVING  
WINDOW  
ORDER BY
```

FIRST_VALUE, LAST_VALUE

FIRST/LAST_VALUE ([scalar_expression])

OVER ([partition_by_clause] order_by_clause [rows_range_clause])

TRIM, LTRIM, RTRIM

LTRIM (character_expression , [characters])

RTRIM (character_expression , [characters])

TRIM ([LEADING | TRAILING | BOTH] [characters FROM] string)

IS NOT DISTINCT (The Distinct Predicate)

IS [NOT] DISTINCT FROM

```
DECLARE @dt AS DATE = '20220212';
```

```
SELECT orderid, shippeddate
```

```
FROM Sales.Orders
```

```
WHERE shippeddate = @dt;
```

```
DECLARE @dt AS DATE = NULL; ??
```

GREATEST() & LEAST()

GREATEST/LEAST (expression1 [,...expressionN])

same data type or [implicitly convert](#)

NULL

Types not supported for comparison: varchar(max), varbinary(max) or nvarchar(max) exceeding 8,000 bytes, cursor, geometry, geography, image, non-byte-ordered user-defined types, ntext, table, text, and xml.

Approximate Percentile Functions

PERCENTILE_CONT i PERCENTILE_DISC - SQL Server 2005 and later

APPROX_PERCENTILE_CONT i APPROX_PERCENTILE_DISC

JSON enhancements

SQL 2016

Functions - ISJSON, JSON_VALUE, JSON_QUERY, JSON_MODIFY

Operators - FOR JSON i OPENJSON

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SQL 2022

ISJSON

JSON_PATH_EXISTS

JSON_OBJECT

JSON_ARRAY

DATETRUNC

DATETRUNC (datepart, date)



DEMO