

**[BITE-SIZED POWER QUERY]**

# Custom Function for List of Dates

# Function: DateList

```
(from as date, to as date, step_function as function) as list =>
let
    endpoint_function
        = (step_function as function) as function => (date as date) as number =>
        let lookup =
            {
                {Date.AddDays, Number.From(date)},
                {Date.AddMonths, Date.Year(date)*12 + Date.Month(date)},
                {Date.AddQuarters, Date.Year(date)*4 + Date.QuarterOfYear(date)},
                {Date.AddWeeks, Date.Year(date)*52 + Date.WeekOfYear(date)},
                {Date.AddYears, Date.Year(date)}
            }
        in List.Select(lookup, each _{0} = step_function){0}{1},

    fn = endpoint_function(step_function),

    Steps = fn(to) - fn(from),

    Transformer = (element as number) => step_function(from,element),

    Result = List.Transform({0..Steps}, Transformer)
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Result
```

Pass a start and end date and a "step\_function" – one of Date.AddDays, Date.AddMonths, Date.AddQuarters, Date.AddWeeks or Date.AddYears

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endpoint\_function is configured by step\_function and returns a function that converts a date to a number.

The number serves as an endpoint to the numeric index of the list of dates.

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                }
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Define a lookup as a list of lists. For each sub-list, the first element is one of the valid step functions. The second element is a calculation to convert the date to a number.

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Select from the lookup that sub-list whose first element matches step\_function and return the second element (i.e. the date converted to a number)

1 Define fn as an endpoint\_function configured with the step function passed to DateList.

2 Calculate the number of steps using the difference between the number representation of the *to* date and the number representation of the *from* date

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fn = endpoint_function(step_function),  
Steps = fn(to) - fn(from),  
Transformer = (element as number) => step_function(from,element),
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Result = List.Transform({0..Steps}, Transformer)
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4 Transform the list of numbers from 0 to Steps using the Transformer function

3 Define a function with which to transform a list of numbers.

E.g.

In the case of **Date.AddMonths**, for a list {0,1,2}, add 0, 1 and 2 months respectively to the *from* date.

# Usage




## Incremented by days

= DateList(#date(2023,1,1),#date(2023,12,25),Date.AddDays)	
List	
1	1/1/2023
2	1/2/2023
3	1/3/2023
4	1/4/2023
5	1/5/2023
6	1/6/2023
7	1/7/2023
8	1/8/2023
9	1/9/2023
10	1/10/2023
11	1/11/2023
12	1/12/2023




## Incremented by months

= DateList(#date(2023,1,1),#date(2023,12,25),Date.AddMonths)	
List	
1	1/1/2023
2	2/1/2023
3	3/1/2023
4	4/1/2023
5	5/1/2023
6	6/1/2023
7	7/1/2023
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
## Incremented by quarters

			= DateList(#date(2023,1,1),#date(2023,12,25),Date.AddQuarters)
	List		
1	1/1/2023		
2	4/1/2023		
3	7/1/2023		
4	10/1/2023		

## Incremented by weeks

			= DateList(#date(2023,1,1),#date(2023,12,25),Date.AddWeeks)
	List		
1	1/1/2023		
2	1/8/2023		
3	1/15/2023		
4	1/22/2023		
5	1/29/2023		
6	2/5/2023		
7	2/12/2023		
8	2/19/2023		
9	2/26/2023		

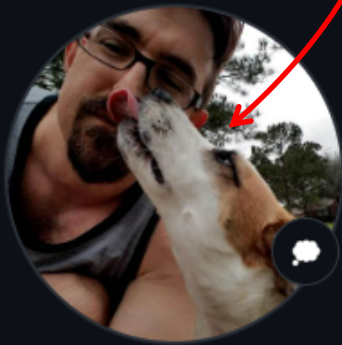
## Incremented by years

			= DateList(#date(2023,1,1),#date(2025,12,25),Date.AddYears)
	List		
1	1/1/2023		
2	1/1/2024		
3	1/1/2025		

For the code:  
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3     endpoint_function
4         = (step_function as function) as function =>
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```
1 (LeftTable as table, JoinColumns as list, RightTable as table, optional JoinColumnsRig
2 optional DuplicateColumnPrefix as text, optional JoinKind as number) =>
3 let
4
5     //a function to handle null (optional) parameters
```