

Date of the first  
Monday of a year in  
Python, R, Excel,  
Power Query, T-SQL,  
MySQL

# In Python, using timedelta

```
from datetime import date, timedelta
```

```
def get_first_monday(year):  
    d = date(year, 1, 1)  
    return d + timedelta(days=(7 - d.weekday()) % 7)
```

```
get_first_monday(2021)
```

Create a date that represents the 1<sup>st</sup> of January

**timedelta** creates an interval to add to Jan 1.

Subtract the weekday of Jan 1 (where Mon=0 and Sun=6) from 7, to give us a # of days. So, if Jan 1 is a Saturday, then  $\text{days} = 7 - 5 = 2$ .

Then take that # modulo 7 to calculate the number of days in the interval (between 0 and 6).

Add the interval to Jan 1 to get the date of the first Monday of the year.

```
1 from datetime import date, timedelta  
2  
3 def get_first_monday(year):  
4     d = date(year, 1, 1)  
5     return d + timedelta(days=(7 - d.weekday()) % 7)  
6  
7 get_first_monday(2021)  
  
✓ 0.0s  
datetime.date(2021, 1, 4)
```

# In R, using lubridate::floor\_date

Create a date that represents the 7<sup>th</sup> of January

```
get_first_monday <- function(year) {  
  d <- as.Date(paste(year, '01-07', sep = '-'))  
  y <- lubridate::floor_date(d, 'week', 1)  
  return(y)  
}
```

```
get_first_monday(2021)
```

`floor_date` in the `lubridate` library rounds down the date in the 1st argument to the beginning of the interval named in the 2nd arg. The 3rd arg is an optional override for the beginning of a week.

Here, we're getting the beginning of the week that contains the 7<sup>th</sup> of January, where a week begins on a Monday.

```
1 get_first_monday <- function(year) {  
2   d <- as.Date(paste(year, '01-07', sep = '-'))  
3   y <- lubridate::floor_date(d, 'week', 1)  
4   return(y)  
5 }  
6  
7 get_first_monday(2021)
```

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# In Excel

```
=LET(  
  d, DATE(H2, 1, 1),  
  d + MOD((7 - WEEKDAY(d, 3)), 7)  
)
```

C2		=LET(d,DATE(B2,1,1),d+MOD((7-WEEKDAY(d,3)),7))	
	A	B	C
1			
2		2021	1/4/2021 Mon
3		2022	1/3/2022 Mon
4		2023	1/2/2023 Mon
5		2024	1/1/2024 Mon
6		2025	1/6/2025 Mon
7		2026	1/5/2026 Mon
8		2027	1/4/2027 Mon
9		2028	1/3/2028 Mon
10		2029	1/1/2029 Mon
11		2030	1/7/2030 Mon
12		2031	1/6/2031 Mon

This is very simple in Excel using the same modulo math.

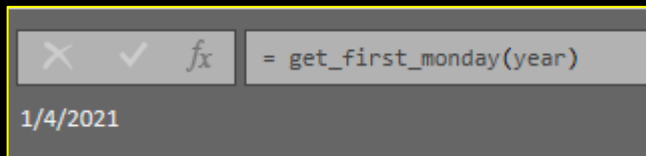
Setting the 2<sup>nd</sup> argument to the weekday function to 3 means that Monday=0 and Sunday=6.

# In Power Query

```
let
    year = 2021,
    get_first_monday = (year) =>
        let first_day = #date(year, 1, 1)
        in Date.AddDays(
            first_day,
            Number.Mod( 7 - Date.DayOfWeek(first_day) + 1 , 7
        )
    )
in
    get_first_monday(year)
```

The logic in Power Query is the same.

We use modulo math to add some days to Jan 1 to get the date of the first Monday of the year.



# In T-SQL, using DATEADD and DATEPART

DATEFIRST defines on which weekday a week begins. 1 = Monday.

```
SET DATEFIRST 1;
DECLARE @Year varchar(4) = '2021'
DECLARE @Date datetime = @Year + '-01-01'
SELECT
    DATEADD(
        DAY,
        (7 - DATEPART(WEEKDAY, @Date) + 1) % 7,
        @Date
    ) AS FirstMondayOfYear;
```

The calculation is similar to Python.

i.e. add between 0 and 6 days to Jan 1.

DATEPART(WEEKDAY... returns a value between 1 and 7, so we include + 1 to make the calculation work.

	FirstMondayOfYear
1	2021-01-04 00:00:00.000

# In MySQL

```
SET @Year = '2021';
SET @Date = CONCAT(@Year, '-01-01');
SELECT
    DATE_ADD(
        @Date,
        INTERVAL (7 - DAYOFWEEK(@Date) + 2) % 7 DAY
    ) AS FirstMondayOfYear;
```

Again, we add an interval to Jan 1.

The syntax is slightly different.

INTERVAL {#} UNIT

e.g. INTERVAL 5 DAYS to add 5 days.

	FirstMondayOfYear
1	2021-01-04 00:00:00.000