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## Get DateTime with time as 23:59:59

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I'm trying to do a where statement that specifies a DateTime field is between the start and end of the previous month.

To do this, I need to specify that the first day of the previous month has a time of 00:00:00 and the last day of the previous month has a time of 23:59:59.



This second condition is giving me a headache..



Can someone help me out?

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Cheers

**MSSQL 2008** 



asked Jul 21 '11 at 3:18



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If you need to compare months, why not just extract the month from the datetime with month()? - evil otto Jul 21 '11 at 4:06

## 4 Answers



try:



why 3 milliseconds?, this is because Microsoft SQL Server DATETIME columns have at most a 3 millisecond resolution (something that is not going to change). So all we do is subtract 3 milliseconds

answered Jul 21 '11 at 3:22



3 It actually gets you 23:59:59.997 – gbn Jul 21 '11 at 6:08



You can also use the less than '<' without the equal. So that you don't need 23:59:59.



Eg. WHERE DateCreated < '20111201 00:00:00'



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+1, this is how you do it. If you just go for 23:59:59 you overlook the entire second between 23:59:59.000 and 23:59:59.999. Even if you specify the milliseconds, using < rather than <= is still just cleaner. – Joel Coehoorn Jul 21 '11 at 3:27

@Joel Coehoorn That is correct however if you are given a date that is not 00:00:00, you will first have to truncate it and then add 1 day, and then it doesn't look cleaner than substracting 3 ms and using <=, additionally it forces you to use < and in my opinion between is much cleaner and because it is inclusive you would have to use the last millisecond. — Oscar Gomez Jul 21 '11 at 3:31 /



Try this, it could be helpful for you I use one of these two ways to work with time portion in DATETIME fields to do comparisons EX: get a user log for one day, i.e. from Today's date at 12:00:00 AM till Today's date but at 12:00:00 PM

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DECLARE @FromDate datetime
DECLARE @ToDate datetime

SET @FromDate = GETDATE()

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. ..... .................
SET @FromDate = CONVERT(DATETIME, CONVERT(varchar(11),@FromDate, 111 ) + ' 00:00:00',
111)
SET @ToDate = CONVERT(DATETIME, CONVERT(varchar(11),@ToDate, 111) + ' 23:59:59', 111)
Print '----- '
PRINT @FromDate
PRINT @ToDate
DECLARE @TEST FROM DATETIME
SET @TEST FROM = dateadd(month,
((YEAR(@FromDate)-1900)*12)+MONTH(@FromDate)-1,DAY(@FromDate)-1) + ' 12:00:00'
DECLARE @TEST TO DATETIME
SET @TEST TO = dateadd(month,((YEAR(@ToDate)-1900)*12)+MONTH(@ToDate)-1,DAY(@ToDate)-1)
+ ' 23:59:59'
Print '----- '
PRINT @TEST FROM
PRINT @TEST TO
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This will print the following in SQL Query editor screen

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Dec 28 2011 3:18PM
Dec 28 2011 3:18PM

Dec 28 2011 12:00AM
Dec 28 2011 11:59PM

Dec 28 2011 12:00PM
Dec 28 2011 11:59PM
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References The way using the convert is from my experience, the other way is from this link <a href="http://weblogs.sqlteam.com/jeffs/archive/2007/01/02/56079.aspx">http://weblogs.sqlteam.com/jeffs/archive/2007/01/02/56079.aspx</a> Have fun:)

answered Dec 28 '11 at 13:17



+1 for this method I love it! Can Lack you how to add milliseconds? For example I want the end date to 1210/20/20 E0.E0.E0.002 to add 000 ms



Try this query for using Datetime datatype to get

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2018-01-29 23:59:59.997



select dateadd(ms, -3, (dateadd(day, +1, convert(varchar, GETDATE(), 101))))

answered Jan 29 '18 at 21:39

