### **Chapter 9**

## How to use functions



### **Objectives**

### **Applied**

- Code queries that require any of the functions presented in this chapter for working with string, numeric, and date/time data.
- Code queries that use any of the general purpose functions presented in this chapter.

### Knowledge

• Describe how the use of functions can solve the problems associated with (1) sorting string data that contains numeric values, and (2) doing date or time searches.



### Some of the string functions

```
LEN (string)
LTRIM(string)
RTRIM(string)
TRIM(string)
LEFT (string, length)
RIGHT (string, length)
SUBSTRING(string, start, length)
REPLACE (search, find, replace)
TRANSLATE (search, find, replace)
REVERSE (string)
CHARINDEX(find, search[, start])
PATINDEX(find, search)
CONCAT (value1, value2[, value3]...)
CONCAT WS(delimiter, value1, value2[, value3]...)
LOWER (string)
UPPER(string)
SPACE (integer)
```



### **String function examples**

runction	Result
LEN('SQL Server')	10
LEN(' SQL Server ')	12
LEFT('SQL Server', 3)	'SQL'
LTRIM(' SQL Server ')	'SQL Server '
RTRIM(' SQL Server ')	' SQL Server'
TRIM(' SQL Server ')	'SQL Server'
LOWER('SQL Server')	'sql server'
UPPER('ca')	CA
PATINDEX('%v_r%', 'SQL Server')	8
CHARINDEX('SQL', ' SQL Server')	3
CHARINDEX('-', '(559) 555-1212')	10
SUBSTRING('(559) 555-1212', 7, 8)	555-1212
REPLACE (RIGHT ('(559) 555-1212', 13), ') ', '-')	559-555-1212
TRANSLATE('(XDG) 197.TS224', '().', '[]-')	[XDG] 197-TS224
CONCAT('Run time: ',1.52,' seconds')	Run time: 1.52 seconds
CONCAT_WS('.', 559, 555, 1212)	559.555.1212



Function

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### A SELECT statement that uses three functions

	VendorName	Contact Name	Phone
1	Abbey Office Fumishings	Francis, K.	555-8300
2	BFI Industries	Kaleigh, E.	555-1551
3	Bill Marvin Electric Inc	Hostlery, K.	555-5106
4	Cal State Termite	Hunter, D.	555-1534
5	California Business Machines	Rohansen, A.	555-5570
6	California Data Marketing	Jonessen, M.	555-3801



### How to sort by a string column that contains numbers (part 1)

### Sorted by the ID column

```
SELECT * FROM StringSample
ORDER BY ID;
```

	ID	Name	AtID
1	1	Lizbeth Darien	01
2	17	Lance Pinos-Potter	17
3	2	Damell O'Sullivan	02
4	20	Jean Paul Renard	20
5	3	Alisha von Strump	03



### How to sort by a string column that contains numbers (part 2)

### Sorted by the ID column cast to an integer

```
SELECT * FROM StringSample
ORDER BY CAST(ID AS int);
```

	ID	Name	AltID
1	1	Lizbeth Darien	01
2	2	Damell O'Sullivan	02
3	3	Alisha von Strump	03
4	17	Lance Pinos-Potter	17
5	20	Jean Paul Renard	20

### How to use the string functions to parse a string

```
SELECT Name,
    LEFT(Name, CHARINDEX(' ', Name) - 1) AS First,
    RIGHT(Name, LEN(Name) - CHARINDEX(' ', Name) ) AS Last
FROM StringSample;
```

	Name	First	Last
1	Lizbeth Darien	Lizbeth	Darien
2	Damell O'Sullivan	Damell	O'Sullivan
3	Lance Pinos-Potter	Lance	Pinos-Potter
4	Jean Paul Renard	Jean	Paul Renard
5	Alisha von Strump	Alisha	von Strump



### Some of the numeric functions

```
ROUND (number, length[, function])
ISNUMERIC (expression)
ABS (number)
CEILING (number)
FLOOR (number)
SQUARE (float_number)
SQRT (float_number)
RAND ([integer])
```



### **Examples that use the numeric functions (part 1)**

Function	Result
ROUND (12.5,0)	13.0
ROUND (12.4999,0)	12.0000
ROUND (12.4999,1)	12.5000
ROUND (12.4999,-1)	10.0000
ROUND (12.5,0,1)	12.0
ISNUMERIC(-1.25)	1
<pre>ISNUMERIC('SQL Server')</pre>	0
ISNUMERIC('2020-04-30')	0



### **Examples that use the numeric functions (part 2)**

Function	Result
ABS (-1.25)	1.25
CEILING(-1.25)	-1
FLOOR(-1.25)	-2
CEILING(1.25)	2
FLOOR(1.25)	1
SQUARE (5.2786)	27.86361796
SQRT (125.43)	11.199553562531
RAND()	0.243729



### The RealSample table

ID	R
1	1.0000000000000011
2	1
3	0.99999999999999
4	1234.56789012345
5	999.04440209348
6	24.04849

### How to search for approximate real values

### A SELECT statement that searches for a range of values

```
SELECT * FROM RealSample WHERE R BETWEEN 0.99 AND 1.01;
```

#### A SELECT statement that searches for rounded values

```
SELECT * FROM RealSample
WHERE ROUND(R,2) = 1;
```





### A SELECT statement that formats real numbers

R_decimal	R_varchar	R_LEN	R_Formatted	^
1.000	1.000	5	1.000	
1.000	1.000	5	1.000	
1.000	1.000	5	1.000	
1234.568	1234.568	8	1234.568	
999.044	999.044	7	999.044	
24.048	24.048	6	24.048	~
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### Some of the date/time functions (part 1)

```
GETDATE()

GETUTCDATE()

SYSDATETIME()

SYSUTCDATETIME()

SYSDATETIMEOFFSET()

DAY(date)

MONTH(date)

YEAR(date)

DATENAME(datepart,date)

DATEPART(datepart,date)
```



### Some of the date/time functions (part 2)

```
DATEADD (datepart, number, date)

DATEDIFF (datepart, startdate, enddate)

TODATETIMEOFFSET (datetime2, tzoffset)

SWITCHOFFSET (datetimeoffset, tzoffset)

EOMONTH (startdate[,months])

DATEFROMPARTS (year, month, day)

ISDATE (expression)
```



### Date part values and abbreviations (part 1)

### **Argument** Abbreviations

year yy, yyyy

quarter qq, q

month mm, m

dayofyear dy, y

day dd, d

week wk, ww

weekday dw

### Date part values and abbreviations (part 2)

**Argument** Abbreviations

hour hh

minute mi, n

second ss, s

millisecond ms

microsecond mcs

nanosecond ns

tzoffset tz



### **Examples that use date/time functions (part 1)**

#### **Function** Result 2020-04-30 14:10:13.813 GETDATE () GETUTCDATE () 2020-04-30 21:10:13.813 2020-04-30 14:10:13.8160822 SYSDATETIME () 2020-04-30 21:10:13.8160822 SYSUTCDATETIME () 2020-04-30 14:10:13.8160822 SYSDATETIMEOFFSET () -07.00MONTH ('2020-04-30') 4 DATEPART (month, '2020-04-30') DATENAME (month, '2020-04-30') April DATENAME (m, '2020-04-30') April



### **Examples that use date/time functions (part 2)**

Function	Result
EOMONTH ('2020-02-01')	2020-02-29
EOMONTH('2020-02-01',2)	2020-04-30
DATEFROMPARTS (2020, 4, 3)	2020-04-03
ISDATE('2020-04-30')	1
ISDATE('2020-04-31')	0
ISDATE('23:59:59')	1
TSDATE ('23:99:99')	0



### **Examples that use the DAY, MONTH, and YEAR functions**

Function	Result
DAY('2020-04-30')	30
MONTH ('2020-04-30')	4
YEAR('2020-04-30')	2020



### **Examples that use the DATEPART function**

Function	Result
DATEPART (day, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	30
DATEPART (month, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	4
DATEPART(year, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	2020
DATEPART (hour, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	11
DATEPART (minute, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	35
DATEPART (second, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	0
DATEPART(quarter, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	2
DATEPART (dayofyear, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	121
DATEPART (week, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	18
DATEPART (weekday, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	5
DATEPART (millisecond, '11:35:00.1234567')	123
DATEPART (microsecond, '11:35:00.1234567')	123456
DATEPART (nanosecond, '11:35:00.1234567')	123456700
DATEPART(tzoffset, '11:35:00.1234567 -07:00')	-420



### **Examples that use the DATENAME function**

Function	Result
DATENAME (day, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	30
DATENAME (month, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	April
DATENAME (year, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	2020
DATENAME (hour, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	11
DATENAME (minute, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	35
DATENAME (second, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	0
DATENAME (quarter, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	2
DATENAME (dayofyear, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	121
DATENAME (week, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	18
DATENAME (weekday, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')	Thursday
DATENAME (millisecond, '11:35:00.1234567')	123
DATENAME (microsecond, '11:35:00.1234567')	123456
DATENAME (nanosecond, '11:35:00.1234567')	123456700
DATENAME(tzoffset, '11:35:00.1234567 -07:00')	-07:00



### **Examples that use the DATEADD function**

#### **Function**

```
DATEADD (day, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (month, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (year, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (hour, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (minute, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (second, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (quarter, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (week, 1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (month, -1, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')

DATEADD (year, 1.5, '2020-04-30 11:35:00')
```

#### Result

```
2020-05-01 11:35:00.000

2020-05-30 11:35:00.000

2021-04-30 11:35:00.000

2020-04-30 12:35:00.000

2020-04-30 11:36:00.000

2020-04-30 11:35:01.000

2020-07-30 11:35:00.000

2020-05-07 11:35:00.000

2020-03-30 11:35:00.000
```

### **Examples that use the DATEDIFF function**

Function	Result
DATEDIFF(day, '2019-07-01', '2020-04-30')	304
DATEDIFF (month, '2019-07-01', '2020-04-30')	9
DATEDIFF(year, '2019-07-01', '2020-04-30')	1
DATEDIFF(hour, '06:46:45', '11:35:00')	5
DATEDIFF(minute, '06:46:45', '11:35:00')	289
DATEDIFF(second, '06:46:45', '11:35:00')	17295
DATEDIFF(quarter, '2019-07-01', '2020-04-30')	3
DATEDIFF(week, '2019-07-01', '2020-04-30')	43
DATEDIFF (day, '2020-04-30', '2019-07-01')	-304



### **Examples that use the addition and subtraction operators**

# Operation CAST('2020-04-30 11:35:00' AS smalldatetime) + 1 CAST('2020-04-30 11:35:00' AS smalldatetime) - 1 CAST(CAST('2020-04-30' AS datetime) - CAST('2019-07-01' AS datetime) AS int) Result 2020-05-01 11:35:00 2020-04-29 11:35:00 304 304



### The DateSample table: Date searches

	ID	Start Date
1	1	1990-11-01 00:00:00.000
2	2	2010-10-28 00:00:00.000
3	3	2015-06-30 00:00:00.000
4	4	2016-10-28 10:00:00.000
5	5	2019-10-28 13:58:32.823
6	6	2019-11-01 09:02:25.000

#### A search condition that fails to return a row

```
SELECT * FROM DateSample
WHERE StartDate = '2019-10-28';
```



### SELECT statements that ignore time values (part 1)

### Use the date type to remove time values (SQL Server 2008 or later)

```
SELECT * FROM DateSample
WHERE CONVERT(date, StartDate) = '2019-10-28';
```

### Search for a range of dates

### Search for month, day, and year components



### SELECT statements that ignore time values (part 2)

#### Use the CAST function to remove time values

#### Use the CONVERT function to remove time values

#### The result set

```
ID StartDate
1 5 2019-10-28 13:58:32.823
```



### The DateSample table: Time searches

	ID	StartDate
1	1	1990-11-01 00:00:00.000
2	2	2010-10-28 00:00:00.000
3	3	2015-06-30 00:00:00.000
4	4	2016-10-28 10:00:00.000
5	5	2019-10-28 13:58:32.823
6	6	2019-11-01 09:02:25.000

### Two search conditions that fail to return a row

```
SELECT * FROM DateSample
WHERE StartDate = CAST('10:00:00' AS datetime);
SELECT * FROM DateSample
WHERE StartDate >= '09:00:00' AND
    StartDate < '12:59:59:999';</pre>
```



### Two SELECT statements that ignore date values

### Use the time type to remove date values (SQL Server 2008 or later)

### Use the CONVERT function to remove date values (prior to SQL Server 2008)

#### The result set





### The syntax of the simple CASE function

```
CASE input_expression

WHEN when_expression_1 THEN result_expression_1

[WHEN when_expression_2 THEN result_expression_2]...

[ELSE else_result_expression]

END
```

### A SELECT statement with a simple CASE function

```
SELECT InvoiceNumber, TermsID,

CASE TermsID

WHEN 1 THEN 'Net due 10 days'
WHEN 2 THEN 'Net due 20 days'
WHEN 3 THEN 'Net due 30 days'
WHEN 4 THEN 'Net due 60 days'
WHEN 5 THEN 'Net due 90 days'
END AS Terms

FROM Invoices;
```

	InvoiceNumber	TemsID	Terms
6	963253261	3	Net due 30 days
7	963253237	3	Net due 30 days
8	125520-1	1	Net due 10 days



### The syntax of the searched CASE function

```
WHEN conditional expression 1 THEN result expression 1
   [WHEN conditional expression 2
        THEN result expression 2]...
   [ELSE else result expression]
END
A SELECT with a searched CASE function
SELECT InvoiceNumber, InvoiceTotal, InvoiceDate,
    InvoiceDueDate,
    CASE
        WHEN DATEDIFF (day, InvoiceDueDate, GETDATE()) > 30
            THEN 'Over 30 days past due'
        WHEN DATEDIFF (day, InvoiceDueDate, GETDATE()) > 0
            THEN '1 to 30 days past due'
        ELSE 'Current'
    END AS Status
FROM Invoices
WHERE InvoiceTotal - PaymentTotal - CreditTotal > 0;
```



CASE

### The result set for the searched CASE example

	InvoiceNumber	InvoiceTotal	InvoiceDate	InvoiceDueDate	Status
9	134116	90.36	2020-01-28	2020-02-17	Current
10	0-2436	10976.06	2020-01-31	2020-02-29	Current
11	547480102	224.00	2020-02-01	2020-02-29	Current



### The syntax of the IIF function

IIF(conditional\_expression, true\_value, false\_value)

### A SELECT statement with an IIF function

	VendorID	SumInvoices	InvoiceRange
1	34	1200.12	High
2	37	564.00	Low
3	48	856.92	Low
4	72	21927.31	High
5	80	265.36	Low
6	81	936.93	Low
7	82	600.00	Low
8	83	2154.42	High



### The syntax of the CHOOSE function

CHOOSE(index, value1, value2 [,value3]...)

### A SELECT statement with a CHOOSE function

	InvoiceNumber	InvoiceDate	InvoiceTotal	NetDue
1	39104	2020-01-10	85.31	30 days
2	963253264	2020-01-18	52.25	30 days
3	31361833	2020-01-21	579.42	20 days
4	263253268	2020-01-21	59.97	30 days
5	263253270	2020-01-22	67.92	30 days



### The syntax of the COALESCE function

```
COALESCE (expression 1 [, expression 2]...)
```

### The syntax of the ISNULL function

ISNULL(check\_expression, replacement\_value)

### A SELECT statement with a COALESCE function

```
SELECT PaymentDate,

COALESCE (PaymentDate, '1900-01-01') AS NewDate
FROM Invoices;
```

### The same statement with an ISNULL function



# The result set for the ISNULL example

	Payment Date	NewDate
111	2020-03-03	2020-03-03
112	NULL	1900-01-01
113	NULL	1900-01-01
114	2020-03-04	2020-03-04



# A SELECT statement that substitutes a different data type

	VendorName	InvoiceTotal
1	Abbey Office Fumishings	17.50
2	American Booksellers Assoc	No invoices
3	American Express	No invoices
4	ASC Signs	No invoices
5	Ascom Hasler Mailing Systems	No invoices



# The syntax of the GROUPING function

GROUPING (column name)

### A summary query with a GROUPING function

```
CASE

WHEN GROUPING(VendorState) = 1 THEN 'All'
ELSE VendorState

END AS VendorState,

CASE

WHEN GROUPING(VendorCity) = 1 THEN 'All'
ELSE VendorCity

END AS VendorCity,
COUNT(*) AS QtyVendors

FROM Vendors

WHERE VendorState IN ('IA', 'NJ')

GROUP BY VendorState, VendorCity WITH ROLLUP

ORDER BY VendorState DESC, VendorCity DESC;
```



# The result set for the GROUPING example

	VendorState	VendorCity	QtyVendors
1	NJ	Washington	1
2	NJ	Fairfield	1
3	NJ	East Brunswick	2
4	NJ	All	4
5	IA	Washington	1
6	IA	Fairfield	1
7	IA	All	2
8	All	All	6



# The syntax for the four ranking functions

```
ROW_NUMBER()
    OVER ([partition_by_clause] order_by_clause)

RANK()
    OVER ([partition_by_clause] order_by_clause)

DENSE_RANK()
    OVER ([partition_by_clause] order_by_clause)

NTILE(integer_expression)
    OVER ([partition_by_clause] order_by_clause)
```



# A query with a ROW\_NUMBER function

SELECT ROW\_NUMBER() OVER(ORDER BY VendorName) AS RowNumber, VendorName

FROM Vendors;

	RowNumber	VendorName
1	1	Abbey Office Fumishings
2	2	American Booksellers Assoc
3	3	American Express
4	4	ASC Signs
5	5	Ascom Hasler Mailing Systems



### A query that uses the PARTITION BY clause

SELECT ROW\_NUMBER() OVER(PARTITION BY VendorState ORDER BY VendorName) As RowNumber, VendorName, VendorState

FROM Vendors;

	RowNumber	VendorName	VendorState
1	1	AT&T	AZ
2	2	Computer Library	AZ
3	3	Wells Fargo Bank	AZ
4	1	Abbey Office Fumishings	CA
5	2	American Express	CA
6	3	ASC Signs	CA



# A query with RANK and DENSE\_RANK functions

	Rank	DenseRank	InvoiceTotal	InvoiceNumber
1	1	1	6.00	25022117
2	1	1	6.00	24863706
3	1	1	6.00	24780512
4	4	2	9.95	21-4923721
5	4	2	9.95	21-4748363
6	6	3	10.00	4-321-2596



# A query that uses the NTILE function

```
SELECT TermsDescription,
   NTILE(2) OVER (ORDER BY TermsID) AS Tile2,
   NTILE(3) OVER (ORDER BY TermsID) AS Tile3,
   NTILE(4) OVER (ORDER BY TermsID) AS Tile4
FROM Terms;
```

	TermsDescription	Tile2	Tile3	Tile4
1	Net due 10 days	1	1	1
2	Net due 20 days	1	1	1
3	Net due 30 days	1	2	2
4	Net due 60 days	2	2	3
5	Net due 90 days	2	3	4



### The syntax of the analytic functions



# The columns in the SalesReps table

Column name Data type

RepID int

RepFirstName varchar(50)

RepLastName varchar(50)

#### The columns in the SalesTotals table

Column name Data type

RepID int

SalesYear char(4)

SalesTotal money



# A query that uses the FIRST\_VALUE and LAST\_VALUE functions

```
SELECT SalesYear, RepFirstName + ' ' +
RepLastName AS RepName, SalesTotal,
FIRST_VALUE (RepFirstName + ' ' + RepLastName)
OVER (PARTITION BY SalesYear
ORDER BY SalesTotal DESC)
AS HighestSales,
LAST_VALUE (RepFirstName + ' ' + RepLastName)
OVER (PARTITION BY SalesYear
ORDER BY SalesTotal DESC
RANGE BETWEEN UNBOUNDED PRECEDING AND
UNBOUNDED FOLLOWING)
AS LowestSales
FROM SalesTotals JOIN SalesReps
ON SalesTotals.RepID = SalesReps.RepID;
```



# The result set for the FIRST\_VALUE and LAST\_VALUE example

	SalesYear	RepName	SalesTotal	Highest Sales	LowestSales
1	2017	Jonathon Thomas	1274856.38	Jonathon Thomas	Sonja Martinez
2	2017	Andrew Markasian	1032875.48	Jonathon Thomas	Sonja Martinez
3	2017	Sonja Martinez	978465.99	Jonathon Thomas	Sonja Martinez
4	2018	Andrew Markasian	1132744.56	Andrew Markasian	Lydia Kramer
5	2018	Sonja Martinez	974853.81	Andrew Markasian	Lydia Kramer
6	2018	Jonathon Thomas	923746.85	Andrew Markasian	Lydia Kramer
7	2018	Phillip Winters	655786.92	Andrew Markasian	Lydia Kramer
8	2018	Lydia Kramer	422847.86	Andrew Markasian	Lydia Kramer
9	2019	Jonathon Thomas	998337.46	Jonathon Thomas	Lydia Kramer
10	2019	Sonja Martinez	887695.75	Jonathon Thomas	Lydia Kramer
11	2019	Phillip Winters	72443.37	Jonathon Thomas	Lydia Kramer
12	2019	Lydia Kramer	45182.44	Jonathon Thomas	Lydia Kramer



### A query that uses the LAG function

```
SELECT RepID, SalesYear, SalesTotal AS CurrentSales,
    LAG(SalesTotal, 1, 0)
        OVER (PARTITION BY RepID ORDER BY SalesYear)
            AS LastSales,
    SalesTotal - LAG(SalesTotal, 1, 0)
        OVER (PARTITION BY REPID ORDER BY SalesYear)
            AS Change
```

FROM SalesTotals;

	RepID	SalesYear	Current Sales	LastSales	Change
1	1	2017	1274856.38	0.00	1274856.38
2	1	2018	923746.85	1274856.38	-351109.53
3	1	2019	998337.46	923746.85	74590.61
4	2	2017	978465.99	0.00	978465.99
5	2	2018	974853.81	978465.99	-3612.18
6	2	2019	887695.75	974853.81	-87158.06



### A query that uses four more functions

SELECT SalesYear, RepID, SalesTotal,

PERCENT\_RANK() OVER (PARTITION BY SalesYear

ORDER BY SalesTotal) AS PctRank,

CUME\_DIST() OVER (PARTITION BY SalesYear

ORDER BY SalesTotal) AS CumeDist,

PERCENTILE\_CONT(.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY SalesTotal)

OVER (PARTITION BY SalesYear) AS PercentileCont,

PERCENTILE\_DISC(.5) WITHIN GROUP (ORDER BY SalesTotal)

OVER (PARTITION BY SalesYear) AS PercentileDisc

FROM SalesTotals;

	SalesYear	RepID	SalesTotal	PctRank	CumeDist	PercentileCont	Percentile Disc
1	2017	2	978465.99	0	0.333333333333333	1032875.48	1032875.48
2	2017	3	1032875.48	0.5	0.66666666666667	1032875.48	1032875.48
3	2017	1	1274856.38	1	1	1032875.48	1032875.48
4	2018	5	422847.86	0	0.2	923746.85	923746.85
5	2018	4	655786.92	0.25	0.4	923746.85	923746.85
6	2018	1	923746.85	0.5	0.6	923746.85	923746.85
7	2018	2	974853.81	0.75	0.8	923746.85	923746.85
8	2018	3	1132744.56	1	1	923746.85	923746.85
9	2019	5	45182.44	0	0.25	480069.56	72443.37
10	2019	4	72443.37	0.3333	0.5	480069.56	72443.37
11	2019	2	887695.75	0.6666	0.75	480069.56	72443.37
12	2019	1	998337.46	1	1	480069.56	72443.37



#### **Terms to know**

- Logical functions
- Ranking functions
- Analytic functions

