# Overview of basic arithmetic operators

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#### **Topics**

- Overview of basic arithmetic operators
- The CURRENT\_DATE, CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP, NOW() functions
- The AGE() function
- The EXTRACT(), DATE\_PART(), and DATE\_TRUNC() functions

#### Adding and subtracting date / time data

```
SELECT date '2005-09-11' - date '2005-09-10';
```

#### Adding and subtracting date / time data

```
SELECT date '2005-09-11' + integer '3';
```

#### Adding and subtracting date / time data

```
SELECT date '2005-09-11 00:00:00' - date '2005-09-09 12:00:00';
```

#### Calculating time periods with AGE

```
SELECT AGE(timestamp '2005-09-11 00:00:00', timestamp '2005-09-09 12:00:00');
```

```
+-----+
| interval
|-----|
| 1 day 12:00:00 |
+-----
```

#### DVDs, really??

13 years 11 mons 12 days 00:56:21 |

```
SELECT
    AGE(rental_date)
FROM rental;
 age
 13 years 11 mons 12 days 01:06:30 |
  13 years 11 mons 12 days 01:05:27 |
```



#### Date / time arithmetic using INTERVALs

```
SELECT rental_date + INTERVAL '3 days' as expected_return
FROM rental;
```

```
+-----+
| expected_return |
|-----|
| 2005-05-27 22:53:30 |
+-----+
```

#### Date / time arithmetic using INTERVALs

```
SELECT timestamp '2019-05-01' + 21 * INTERVAL '1 day';
```

```
+-----+
| timestamp without timezone |
|-----|
| 2019-05-22 00:00:00 |
+-----+
```

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# Functions for retrieving current date/time

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```
SELECT NOW();
```



```
SELECT NOW()::timestamp;
```

```
+-----+
| now()
|------|
| 2019-04-19 02:51:18.448641 |
+------
```



PostgreSQL specific casting

```
SELECT NOW()::timestamp;
```

**CAST()** function

```
SELECT CAST(NOW() as timestamp);
```

SELECT CURRENT\_TIMESTAMP;



```
SELECT CURRENT_TIMESTAMP(2);
```



#### **Current date and time**

```
SELECT CURRENT_DATE;
```

```
+----+
| current_date |
|-----|
| 2019-04-19 |
|+----+
```

#### **Current date and time**

```
SELECT CURRENT_TIME;
```

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# Extracting and transforming date / time data

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#### Extracting and transforming date and time data

Exploring the EXTRACT() , DATE\_PART() and DATE\_TRUNC() functions

Transactional timestamp precision not useful for analysis

2005-05-13 08:53:53

Often need to extract parts of timestamps

2005 or 5 or 2 or Friday

Or convert / truncate timestamp precision to standardize

2005-05-13 00:00:00

#### Extracting and transforming date / time data

EXTRACT( field FROM source )

```
SELECT EXTRACT(quarter FROM timestamp '2005-01-24 05:12:00') AS quarter;
```

DATE\_PART('field', source)

```
SELECT DATE_PART('quarter', timestamp '2005-01-24 05:12:00') AS quarter;
```

#### Extracting sub-fields from timestamp data

Transactional data from DVD Rentals payment table

```
SELECT * FROM payment;
```

#### Extracting sub-fields from timestamp data

Data from payment table by year and quarter

```
SELECT
  EXTRACT(quarter FROM payment_date) AS quarter,
  EXTRACT(year FROM payment_date) AS year,
  SUM(amount) AS total_payments
FROM
  payment
GROUP BY 1, 2;
```

Results

#### Truncating timestamps using DATE\_TRUNC()

The DATE\_TRUNC() function will truncate timestamp or interval data types.

• Truncate timestamp '2005-05-21 15:30:30' by year

```
SELECT DATE_TRUNC('year', TIMESTAMP '2005-05-21 15:30:30');
```

```
Result: 2005-01-01 00:00:00
```

• Truncate timestamp '2005-05-21 15:30:30' by month

```
SELECT DATE_TRUNC('month', TIMESTAMP '2005-05-21 15:30:30');
```

```
Result: 2005-05-01 00:00:00
```



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