Data types and system functions in MySQL

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Supported data type classes

Numeric Data Types
Date & Time
String

Numeric data types

- Bit(M)
 - Number of bits
- Integer
 - Comes in different sizes (tinyint, smallint, mediumint, int, largeint)
- Boolean = tinyint(1)
- Decimal(M,D)
 - specify M as the total number of digits (the precision) and D as the number of digits after the decimal point (the scale).
 - Example Decimal(4,2) for dollars amounts from -\$99.99 to \$99.99
- Float: four bytes for single-precision values
- Double: eight bytes for double-precision values
- The FLOAT and DOUBLE types represent approximate numeric data values.
- Can use unsigned with integer, float, double, decimal

Numeric Type Limitations

Data type	Limitations, Size	Examples
BIT[N]	64	BIT(5)
BOOL,BOOLEAN	Alias for TINYINT TRUE=1, FALSE = 0	
TINYINT	-127 to 127	
MEDIUMINT	signed range is -8,388,608 to 838,8607	
INTEGER, INT	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	
BIGINT	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807	
DECIMAL(M,D)	DECIMAL(65,30)	DECIMAL(5,2)
FLOAT(M,D)	38 DECIMAL PLACES Accurate to ~7 decimal places	FLOAT(15,10)
DOUBLE(M,D)	308 DECIMAL PLACES Accurate to ~15 decimal places	DOUBLE(30,10)

String data types

- CHAR(n) n from 0 to 255
 - length indicates the number of characters you want to store
- VARCHAR(n) n from 0 to 65,535
 - length indicates the maximum number of characters you want to store
- BINARY(b) n from 0 to 255
 - contain binary strings rather than character strings
- VARBINARY(n) n from 0 to 65,535
- BLOB: TINYBLOB from 0 to 255, BLOB from 0 to 65,535, MEDIUMBLOB a maximum length of 16,777,215, LONGBLOB – maximum length of 4GB
- TEXT: TINYTEXT from 0 to 255, TEXT 0 to 65,535, MEDIUMTEXT maximum length of 16,777,215, LONGTEXT maximum length of 4GB
- ENUM
 - Value chosen from a list of permitted values that are listed in the column specification at table creation time Example: size ENUM('x-small', 'small', 'medium', 'large')
 - The index of each value is as shown:
 - Value = Index
 - NULL = NULL
 - " = 0
 - 'x-small' = 1
 - 'small' = 2
 - 'medium' = 3
 - 'large' = 4
- SET
 - string object that can have zero or more values, each of which must be chosen from a list of permitted values specified when the table is created
 - members separated by commas

Date & Time

- DATE
 - The supported range is '1000-01-01' to '9999-12-31'
- DATETIME
 - supported range is '1000-01-01 00:00:00.000000'
 to '9999-12-31 23:59:59.999999'
- TIMESTAMP
 - The range is '1970-01-01 00:00:01.000000' UTC to '2038-01-19 03:14:07.999999' UTC
 - Stored as the number of seconds since the epoch '1970-01-01 00:00:00' UTC
- TIME
 - displayed as [HH:MM:SS]
 - Range is from -838:59:59.000000' to '838:59:59.000000'
- YEAR
 - Range is from 1901 to 2051

System Provided Functions

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Casting and Conversion

Numeric functions

- Simple arithmetic operations
 - The arithmetic operators: +, -, *, /
 - DIV() division return value has the same data result as the input values
 - MOD for the remainder of division or use the modulo key %
 - POWER(BASE, EXPONENT), synonym POW power function
 - ABS(N) absolute value function
 - SIGN(N) returns the sign of the provided number n
- Base arithmetic
 - CONV(NUMBER, BASE, NEWBASE) convert a number from one base to another. Current My SQL limitation is BASE 36
- Rounding Functions
 - ROUND(n) round a number to a whole number
 - ROUND(N, NUMDIGITS) round specify number of digits
 - TRUNCATE(N,NUMDIGITS) limit value of n to numdigits
 - CEILING(N) round the number n up
 - FLOOR(N) round a number n down
- Random number generator
 - RAND() generate a random number
 - RAND(seed) generate a random number seeded with the number seed will generate the same collection of numbers for each run
- Trigonometric functions, log functions
- Complete list:
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/mathematical-functions.html

String functions

- Length number of bytes in a string
- Char_length number of characters in string
- Left (string, num) extract the left most num characters from string
- Right(string,num) extract the rightmost num characters from string
- Mid(string,start,num) extract num characters from string starting at position start
- Concat(string1,string2,...,stringn) concatentate strings together
- Concat_ws(delimited, string1, string2) concatenate string2 to string1
 using the delimited string as a separator
- Locate(substring, string) returns the character position of substring in string
- Upper(string), Lower(string) change string to the corresponding case
- Reverse(string) reverse the order of the characters in string
- Complete list
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/string-functions.html

Regular Expressions

- Specifies a pattern for a complex search.
- Clause: expression REGEXP format
 - Returns 1 if the format matches the expression else 0
- Special characters for matching
 - ^ matches the beginning of a string
 - \$ matches the end of a string
 - . Match any character
 - a* match any sequence of zero of more a characters
 - a+ match any sequence of one of more a characters
 - a? match either zero or one a character
 - de abc match either sequence de or abc
 - (abc)* match zero or more instances of the sequence abc
 - a{m,n} match m to n instances of a
 - 2 backslashes allow you to match a special character \\.

NULL related functions

- COALESCE(EXPR1, EXPR2,...,EXPRN) returns the first expression from the list that is not NULL
- IFNULL(expr1, expr2) returns first argument that is NOT NULL, returns expr1, if expr1 is not NULL otherwise returns expr2
- NULLIF(expr1, expr2) compares exp1 to exp2. If they are equal returns NULL, if they are not equal returns exp1
- NULL SAFE equality operator <=> (MYSQL specific)
 - SELECT NULL <=> NULL; -- returns TRUE;
- A complete set of comparison and NULL related functions
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/comparisonoperators.html

Common Date functions

- NOW() returns the current date and time
- Dayname(date) return the day of the provided date Sunday Saturday
- Dayofmonth() return the day of the month values 1 12
- Dayofyear() return the day of the year where Jan 1 = 1
- Dayofweek() returns the day name number 'Monday' = 2
- Monthname(now()) return the month of the provided date
- Adddate('2015-12-31', INTERVAL exp unit); add a specific interval to a date
 - Example: Adddate('2010-12-31', INTERVAL 31 day) 31 days after Dec 31, 2010
- SUBDATE('2015-01-02', INTERVAL exp unit); subtract a specific interval from a date
- Description of date and time variables
- https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/date-and-time-type-overview.html
- DATE_FORMAT(date, "%W, %D OF %M %Y) format a date using the provided format
- List of interval formats formats
- https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/date-and-time-functions.html#function date-add
- Complete list of functions
- https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/date-and-time-functions.html

Time functions

- Time_to_sec('00:30:00') return the seconds portion of a time variable
- Sec_to_time() convert seconds variable to a time variable
- To_char(date, fmt_specifer) convert a date to a character string
 - %d the day of the month, %M the long name of the month, %Y the year
- Addtime(time1,time2) add time together
- Subtime(time1,time2) subtract time
- Complete list of functions
- https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/date-and-timefunctions.html

Conversion functions

- BINARY string convert a string to binary
 - Short hand notation for CAST(string as binary)
- CAST(expr as type) cast expression to type
- CONVERT(expr , type)
 - ODBC syntax
- CONVERT(expr USING type) convert expression to type
 - Can specify a particular character set
 - Standard SQL syntax
- Full description of data type conversion function
- http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/castfunctions.html#function cast

AGGREGATE FUNCTIONS

- Counting functions
 - COUNT count records , COUNT(DISTINCT) count distinct values
- Statistical functions
 - SUM, MIN, MAX, AVG, STD, STDDEV, VARIANCE
- Sample and Population variance and standard deviation
 - STDDEV_SAMP, STDDEV_POP
 - VAR_POP, VAR_SAMP
- Bit function operations
 - BIT_AND, BIT_OR, BIT_XOR
- One text function
 - GROUP_CONCAT Concatenate strings based on groups
 - Complete list
 - http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/group-by-functions.html

Using the AP database,

- Return the vendor name and full mailing address as one field
- Count the number of vendors
- Count the number of invoices per vendor
- Calculate the total payment by vendor, return the vendor name and the total
- Calculate the total payment by vendor, return the vendor id and the total payment for vendor for vendors who paid more than \$100