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Re: Date Functions in SQL for DB2 / AS400 / iSeries

On 2 Apr., 06:22, "travo" wrote:

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Hi,

just remove the double quotes!

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Birgitta



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Hope my \$.02 is really worth it. 😊

Duane

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They worked for me in SQL Script Processor window with or without the parentheses. I successfully ran all of the following and got the correct results:

```
select current date - 5 years from sysibm.sysdummy1;
```

```
select current date - 3 months from sysibm.sysdummy1;
```

select current date - 30 days from sysibm.sysdummy1;

It could be the original poster is on a version/release of OS/400 that doesn't support these.



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Duane, I don't think think you need to run the actual SELECT in embedded SQL. Using VALUES clause should suffice, i.e.:

```
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```

It may save few MIPS of runtime.

Elvis



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```
> C/EXEC SQL
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```

Instead of values(), also SET can be used:

```
C/Exec SQL Set :CvtDate = Current_Date - 30 Days
C/End-Exec
```

I assume, because the original poster has to use the scalar function Julian_Day(), the date stored in the database file was no real date, but a character representation of a date. To convert a character representation into a date also the scalar function DATE() can be used.



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