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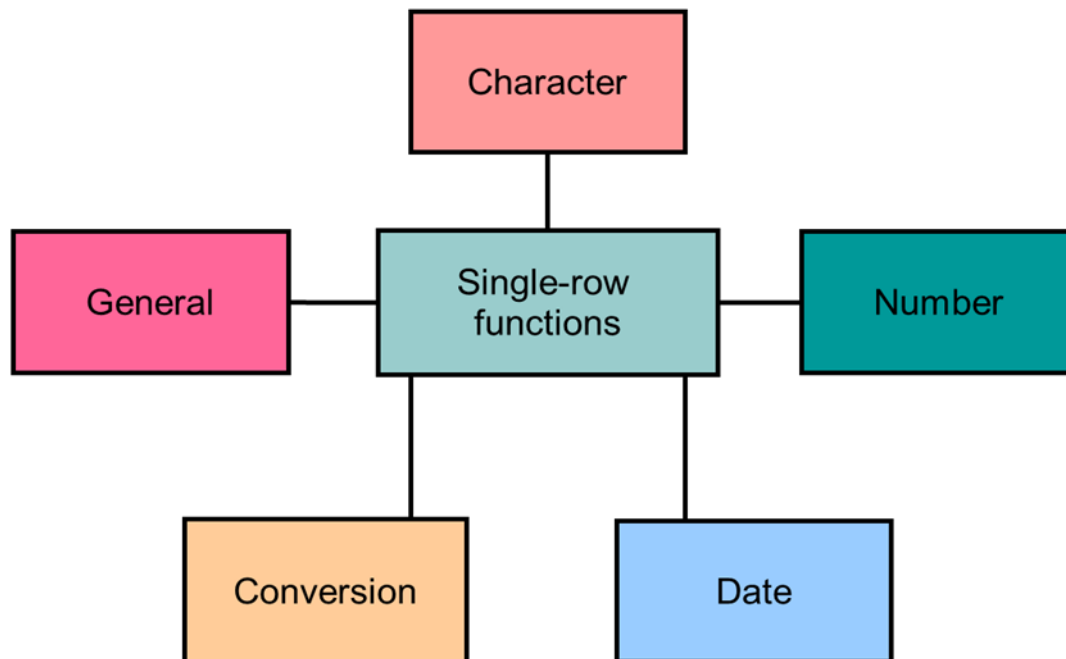
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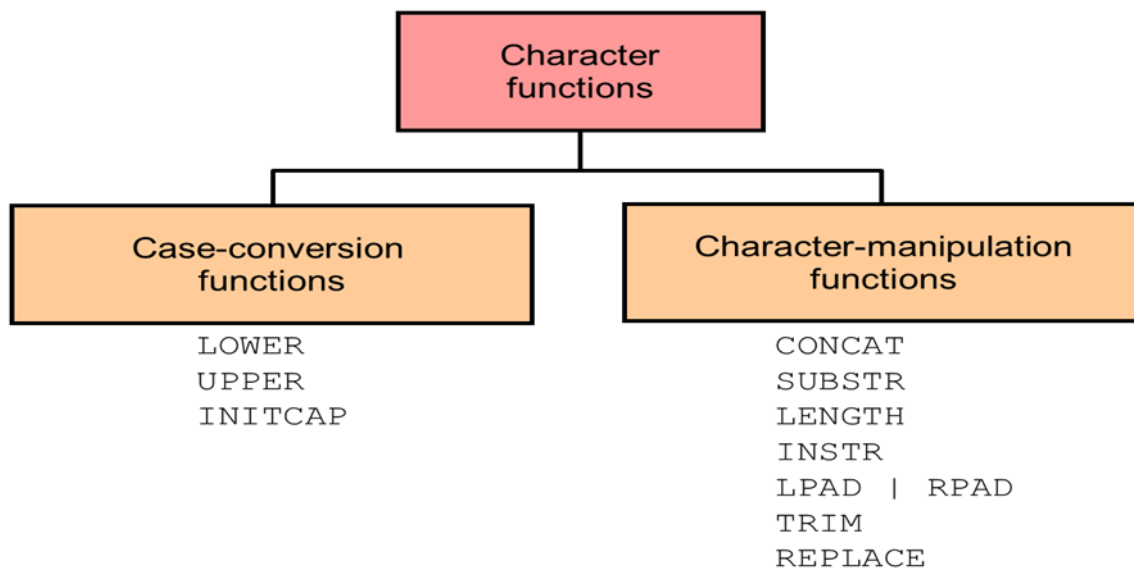
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Using Single-Row Functions to
Customize Output

Single-Row Functions



Character Functions



Case-Conversion Functions

These functions convert the case for character strings:

Function	Result
LOWER(SQL Course)	sql course
UPPER(SQL Course)	SQL COURSE
INITCAP(SQL Course)	Sql Course

Using Case-Conversion Functions

Display the employee number, name, and department number for employee Higgins:

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, department_id
FROM employees
WHERE last_name = 'higgins';
```

0 rows selected

```
SELECT employee_id, last_name, department_id
FROM employees
WHERE LOWER(last_name) = 'higgins';
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	LAST_NAME	DEPARTMENT_ID
1	205	Higgins	110

Character-Manipulation Functions

These functions manipulate character strings:

Function	Result
CONCAT('Hello', 'World')	HelloWorld
SUBSTR('HelloWorld', 1, 5)	Hello
LENGTH('HelloWorld')	10
INSTR('HelloWorld', 'W')	6
LPAD(salary, 10, '*')	*****24000
RPAD(salary, 10, '*')	24000*****
REPLACE('JACK and JUE', 'J', 'BL')	BLACK and BLUE
TRIM('H' FROM 'HelloWorld')	elloWorld

Using the Character-Manipulation Functions

```

SELECT employee_id, CONCAT(first_name, last_name) NAME,
       job_id, LENGTH(last_name),
       INSTR(last_name, 'a') "Contains 'a'?"
FROM employees
WHERE SUBSTR(job_id, 4) = 'REP';
    
```

	EMPLOYEE_ID	NAME	JOB_ID	LENGTH(LAST_NAME)	Contains 'a?'
1	202	PatFay	MK_REP	3	2
2	174	EllenAbel	SA_REP	4	0
3	176	JonathonTaylor	SA_REP	6	2
4	178	KimberelyGrant	SA_REP	5	3

Numeric Functions

- **ROUND:** Rounds value to a specified decimal
- **TRUNC:** Truncates value to a specified decimal
- **MOD:** Returns remainder of division

Function	Result
ROUND(45.926, 2)	45.93
TRUNC(45.926, 2)	45.92
MOD(1600, 300)	100

Using the **ROUND** Function

```
SELECT ROUND(45.923, 2), ROUND(45.923, 0),  
       ROUND(45.923, -1)  
FROM   DUAL;
```

	1	2	3
1	ROUND(45.923,2)	ROUND(45.923,0)	ROUND(45.923,-1)
	45.92	46	50

1 2 3

DUAL is a public table that you can use to view results from functions and calculations.

Using the **TRUNC** Function

```
SELECT TRUNC(45.923, 2), TRUNC(45.923),  
       TRUNC(45.923, -1)  
FROM   DUAL;
```

	1	2	3
1	TRUNC(45.923,2)	TRUNC(45.923)	TRUNC(45.923,-1)
	45.92	45	40

1 2 3

Using the **MOD** Function

For all employees with the job title of Sales Representative, calculate the remainder of the salary after it is divided by 5,000.

```
SELECT last_name, salary, MOD(salary, 5000)  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  job_id = 'SA_REP';
```

	1	2	3
1	Abel	11000	1000
2	Taylor	8600	3600
3	Grant	7000	2000

Working with Dates

- The Oracle Database stores dates in an internal numeric format: century, year, month, day, hours, minutes, and seconds.
- The default date display format is DD-MON-RR.
 - Enables you to store 21st-century dates in the 20th century by specifying only the last two digits of the year
 - Enables you to store 20th-century dates in the 21st century in the same way

```
SELECT last_name, hire_date
FROM   employees
WHERE  hire_date < '01-FEB-88';
```

	LAST_NAME	HIRE_DATE
1	Whalen	17-SEP-87
2	King	17-JUN-87

RR Date Format

Current Year	Specified Date	RR Format	YY Format
1995	27-OCT-95	1995	1995
1995	27-OCT-17	2017	1917
2001	27-OCT-17	2017	2017
2001	27-OCT-95	1995	2095

		If the specified two-digit year is:	
		0–49	50–99
If two digits of the current year are:	0–49	The return date is in the current century	The return date is in the century before the current one
	50–99	The return date is in the century after the current one	The return date is in the current century

Using the **SYSDATE** Function

SYSDATE is a function that returns:

- Date
- Time

```
SELECT sysdate
FROM   dual;
```

	SYSDATE
1	10-JUN-09

Arithmetic with Dates

- Add to or subtract a number from a date for a resultant date value.
- Subtract two dates to find the number of days between those dates.
- Add hours to a date by dividing the number of hours by 24.

Using Arithmetic Operators with Dates

```
SELECT last_name, (SYSDATE-hire_date)/7 AS WEEKS
FROM employees
WHERE department_id = 90;
```

	LAST_NAME	WEEKS
1	King	1147.102432208994708994708994708995
2	Kochhar	1028.959575066137566137566137566138
3	De Haan	856.102432208994708994708994708995

Date-Manipulation Functions

Function	Result
MONTHS_BETWEEN	Number of months between two dates
ADD_MONTHS	Add calendar months to date
NEXT_DAY	Next day of the date specified
LAST_DAY	Last day of the month
ROUND	Round date
TRUNC	Truncate date

Using Date Functions

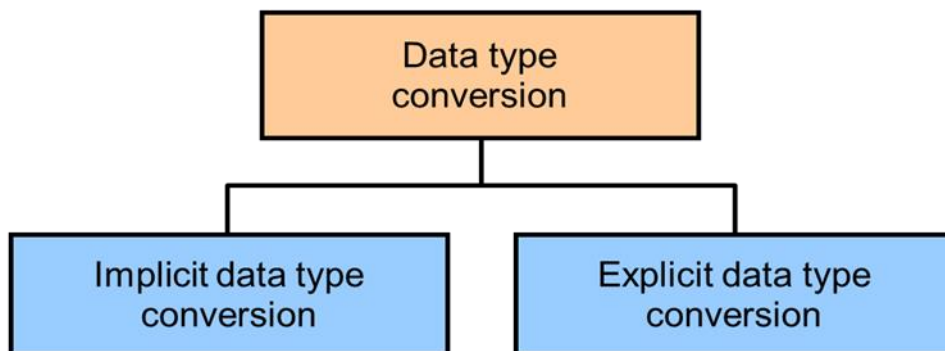
Function	Result
MONTHS_BETWEEN ('01-SEP-95', '11-JAN-94')	19.6774194
ADD_MONTHS ('31-JAN-96', 1)	'29-FEB-96'
NEXT_DAY ('01-SEP-95', 'FRIDAY')	'08-SEP-95'
LAST_DAY ('01-FEB-95')	'28-FEB-95'

Using **ROUND** and **TRUNC** Functions with Dates

Assume `SYSDATE = '25-JUL-03'`:

Function	Result
<code>ROUND (SYSDATE, 'MONTH')</code>	01-AUG-03
<code>ROUND (SYSDATE , 'YEAR')</code>	01-JAN-04
<code>TRUNC (SYSDATE , 'MONTH')</code>	01-JUL-03
<code>TRUNC (SYSDATE , 'YEAR')</code>	01-JAN-03

Conversion Functions



Implicit Data Type Conversion

In expressions, the Oracle server can automatically convert the following:

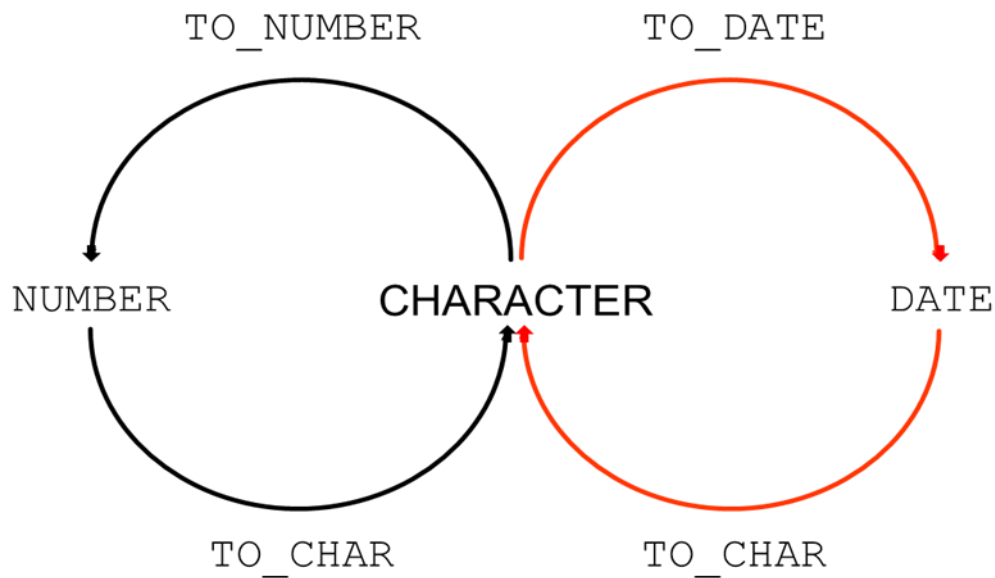
From	To
<code>VARCHAR2</code> or <code>CHAR</code>	<code>NUMBER</code>
<code>VARCHAR2</code> or <code>CHAR</code>	<code>DATE</code>

Implicit Data Type Conversion

For expression evaluation, the Oracle server can automatically convert the following:

From	To
<code>NUMBER</code>	<code>VARCHAR2</code> or <code>CHAR</code>
<code>DATE</code>	<code>VARCHAR2</code> or <code>CHAR</code>

Explicit Data Type Conversion



Using the **TO_CHAR** Function with Dates

```
TO_CHAR(date, 'format_model')
```

The format model:

- Must be enclosed with single quotation marks
- Is case-sensitive
- Can include any valid date format element
- Has an `fm` element to remove padded blanks or suppress leading zeros
- Is separated from the date value by a comma

Elements of the Date Format Model

Element	Result
YYYY	Full year in numbers
YEAR	Year spelled out (in English)
MM	Two-digit value for the month
MONTH	Full name of the month
MON	Three-letter abbreviation of the month
DY	Three-letter abbreviation of the day of the week
DAY	Full name of the day of the week
DD	Numeric day of the month

Elements of the Date Format Model

- Time elements format the time portion of the date:

HH24:MI:SS AM	15:45:32 PM
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- Add character strings by enclosing them with double quotation marks:

DD "of" MONTH	12 of OCTOBER
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- Number suffixes spell out numbers:

ddsph	fourteenth
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Using the **TO_CHAR** Function with Dates

```
SELECT last_name,
       TO_CHAR(hire_date, 'fmDD Month YYYY')
       AS HIREDATE
FROM   employees;
```

	LAST_NAME	HIREDATE
1	Whalen	17 September 1987
2	Hartstein	17 February 1996
3	Fay	17 August 1997
4	Higgins	7 June 1994
5	Gietz	7 June 1994
6	King	17 June 1987
7	Kochhar	21 September 1989
8	De Haan	13 January 1993
9	Hunold	3 January 1990
10	Ernst	21 May 1991

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Using the **TO_CHAR** Function with Numbers

```
TO_CHAR(number, 'format_model')
```

These are some of the format elements that you can use with the **TO_CHAR** function to display a number value as a character:

Element	Result
9	Represents a number
0	Forces a zero to be displayed
\$	Places a floating dollar sign
L	Uses the floating local currency symbol
.	Prints a decimal point
,	Prints a comma as a thousands indicator

Using the **TO_CHAR** Function with Numbers

```
SELECT TO_CHAR(salary, '$99,999.00') SALARY
FROM   employees
WHERE  last_name = 'Ernst';
```

	SALARY
1	\$6,000.00

Using the **TO_NUMBER** and **TO_DATE** Functions

- Convert a character string to a number format using the **TO_NUMBER** function:

```
TO_NUMBER(char[, 'format_model'])
```

- Convert a character string to a date format using the **TO_DATE** function:

```
TO_DATE(char[, 'format_model'])
```

- These functions have an **fx** modifier. This modifier specifies the exact match for the character argument and date format model of a **TO_DATE** function.

Using the **TO_CHAR** and **TO_DATE** Function with the **RR** Date Format

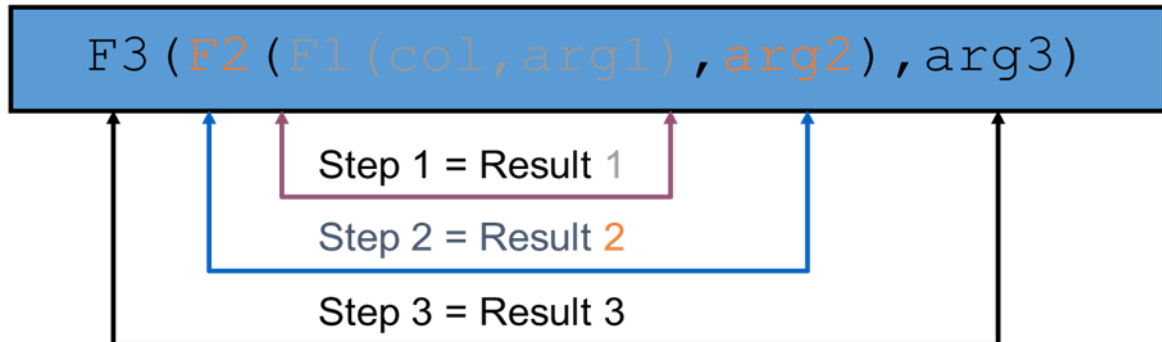
To find employees hired before 1990, use the **RR** date format, which produces the same results whether the command is run in 1999 or now:

```
SELECT last_name, TO_CHAR(hire_date, 'DD-Mon-YYYY')
FROM   employees
WHERE  hire_date < TO_DATE('01-Jan-90', 'DD-Mon-RR');
```

	LAST_NAME	TO_CHAR(HIRE_DATE,'DD-MON-YYYY')
1	Whalen	17-Sep-1987
2	King	17-Jun-1987
3	Kochhar	21-Sep-1989

Nesting Functions

- Single-row functions can be nested to any level.
- Nested functions are evaluated from the deepest level to the least deep level.



Nesting Functions: Example 1

```
SELECT last name,  
       UPPER(CONCAT(SUBSTR (LAST_NAME, 1, 8), '_US'))  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  department_id = 60;
```

	LAST_NAME	UPPER(CONCAT(SUBSTR(LAST_NAME,1,8),'_US'))
1	Hunold	HUNOLD_US
2	Ernst	ERNST_US
3	Lorentz	LORENTZ_US

Nesting Functions: Example 2

```
SELECT TO_CHAR(ROUND((salary/7), 2), '99G999D99',  
             'NLS_NUMERIC_CHARACTERS = ','.' )  
       "Formatted Salary"  
FROM   employees;
```

	Formatted Salary
1	628,57
2	1.857,14
3	857,14
4	1.714,29
5	1.185,71
6	3.428,57

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