

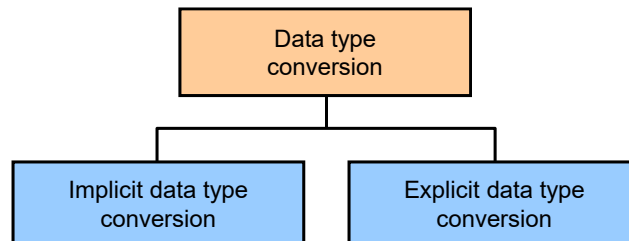
Using Conversion Functions and Conditional Expressions

Objectives

After completing this lesson, you should be able to do the following:

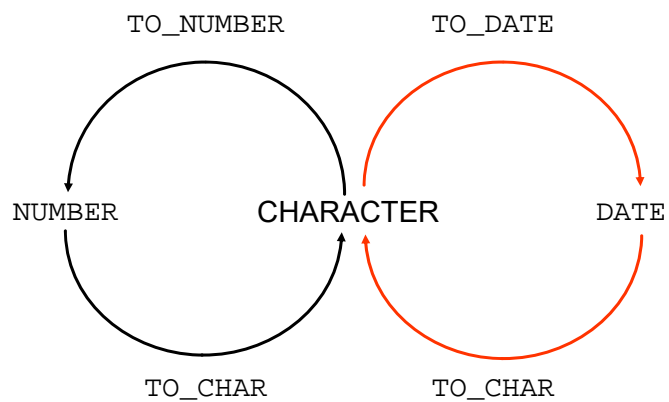
- Describe the various types of conversion functions that are available in SQL
- Use the `TO_CHAR`, `TO_NUMBER`, and `TO_DATE` conversion functions
- Apply conditional expressions in a `SELECT` statement

Conversion Functions



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Explicit Data Type Conversion



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Using the TO_CHAR Function with Dates

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

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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

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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	King	17 June 2003
2	Kochhar	21 September 2005
3	De Haan	13 January 2001
4	Hunold	3 January 2006
5	Ernst	21 May 2007
6	Lorentz	7 February 2007
7	Mourgos	16 November 2007
8	Rajs	17 October 2003

...

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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

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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

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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'])
```

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General Functions

The following functions work with any data type and pertain to using nulls:

- `NVL (expr1, expr2)`
- `NVL2 (expr1, expr2, expr3)`
- `COALESCE (expr1, expr2, ..., exprn)`

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NVL Function

Converts a null value to an actual value:

- Data types that can be used are date, character, and number.
- Data types must match:
 - `NVL(commission_pct,0)`
 - `NVL(hire_date,'01-JAN-97')`
 - `NVL(job_id,'No Job Yet')`

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Using the NVL Function

```
SELECT last_name, salary, NVL(commission_pct, 0),  
(salary*12) + (salary*12*NVL(commission_pct, 0)) AN_SAL  
FROM employees;
```

	LAST_NAME	SALARY	NVL(COMMISSION_PCT,0)	AN_SAL
1	King	24000	0	288000
2	Kochhar	17000	0	204000
3	De Haan	17000	0	204000
4	Hunold	9000	0	108000
5	Ernst	6000	0	72000
6	Lorentz	4200	0	50400
7	Mourgos	5800	0	69600
8	Rajs	3500	0	42000
9	Davies	3100	0	37200
10	Matos	2600	0	31200

...

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Using the NVL2 Function

```
SELECT last_name, salary, commission_pct,  
NVL2(commission_pct,  
      'SAL+COMM', 'SAL') income  
FROM employees WHERE department_id IN (50, 80);
```

	LAST_NAME	SALARY	COMMISSION_PCT	INCOME
1	Mourgos	5800	(null)	SAL
2	Rajs	3500	(null)	SAL
3	Davies	3100	(null)	SAL
4	Matos	2600	(null)	SAL
5	Vargas	2500	(null)	SAL
6	Zlotkey	10500	0.2	SAL+COMM
7	Abel	11000	0.3	SAL+COMM
8	Taylor	8600	0.2	SAL+COMM

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Using the COALESCE Function

- The advantage of the COALESCE function over the NVL function is that the COALESCE function can take multiple alternative values.
- If the first expression is not null, the COALESCE function returns that expression; otherwise, it does a COALESCE of the remaining expressions.

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Using the COALESCE Function

```
SELECT last_name, salary, commission_pct,  
COALESCE((salary+(commission_pct*salary)), salary+2000)"New Salary"  
FROM employees;
```

	LAST_NAME	SALARY	COMMISSION_PCT	NewSalary
1	King	24000	(null)	26000
2	Kochhar	17000	(null)	19000
3	De Haan	17000	(null)	19000
4	Hunold	9000	(null)	11000
5	Ernst	6000	(null)	8000
6	Lorentz	4200	(null)	6200
7	Mourgos	5800	(null)	7800
8	Rajs	3500	(null)	5500
9	Davies	3100	(null)	5100
10	Matos	2600	(null)	4600
11	Vargas	2500	(null)	4500
12	Zlotkey	10500	0.2	12600
13	Abel	11000	0.3	14300
14	Taylor	8600	0.2	10320
15	Grant	7000	0.15	8050
16	Whalen	4400	(null)	6400
17	Hartstein	13000	(null)	15000
18	Fay	6000	(null)	8000
19	Higgins	12008	(null)	14008
20	Gietz	8300	(null)	10300

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Conditional Expressions

- Provide the use of the IF-THEN-ELSE logic within a SQL statement
- Use the following methods:
 - CASE expression
 - Searched CASE expression
 - DECODE function

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CASE Expression

Facilitates conditional inquiries by doing the work of an IF-THEN-ELSE statement:

```
CASE expr WHEN comparison_expr1 THEN return_expr1  
      [WHEN comparison_expr2 THEN return_expr2  
      WHEN comparison_exprn THEN return_exprn  
      ELSE else_expr]  
END
```

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Using the CASE Expression

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary,
       CASE job_id WHEN 'IT_PROG' THEN 1.10*salary
                   WHEN 'ST_CLERK' THEN 1.15*salary
                   WHEN 'SA_REP' THEN 1.20*salary
                   ELSE salary END "REVISED_SALARY"
FROM employees;
```

	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	SALARY	REVISED_SALARY
1	King	AD_PRES	24000	24000
...				
4	Hunold	IT_PROG	9000	9900
5	Ernst	IT_PROG	6000	6600
6	Lorentz	IT_PROG	4200	4620
7	Mourgos	ST_MAN	5800	5800
8	Rajs	ST_CLERK	3500	4025
9	Davies	ST_CLERK	3100	3565
10	Matos	ST_CLERK	2600	2990
11	Vargas	ST_CLERK	2500	2875
...				
13	Abel	SA_REP	11000	13200
14	Taylor	SA_REP	8600	10320
15	Grant	SA_REP	7000	8400

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Searched CASE Expression

```
CASE
  WHEN condition1 THEN use_expression1
  WHEN condition2 THEN use_expression2
  WHEN condition3 THEN use_expression3
  ELSE default_use_expression
END
```

```
SELECT last_name, salary,
       (CASE WHEN salary < 5000 THEN 'Low'
             WHEN salary < 10000 THEN 'Medium'
             WHEN salary < 20000 THEN 'Good'
             ELSE 'Excellent'
          END) qualified_salary
FROM employees;
```

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DECODE Function

Facilitates conditional inquiries by doing the work of a CASE expression or an IF-THEN-ELSE statement:

```
DECODE(col/expression, search1, result1
      [, search2, result2,...,]
      [, default])
```

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Using the DECODE Function

```
SELECT last_name, job_id, salary,
       DECODE(job_id, 'IT_PROG', 1.10*salary,
                'ST_CLERK', 1.15*salary,
                'SA_REP', 1.20*salary,
                salary)
       REVISED_SALARY
FROM   employees;
```

	LAST_NAME	JOB_ID	SALARY	REVISED_SALARY
...				
4	Hunold	IT_PROG	9000	9900
5	Ernst	IT_PROG	6000	6600
6	Lorentz	IT_PROG	4200	4620
7	Mourgos	ST_MAN	5800	5800
8	Rajs	ST_CLERK	3500	4025
9	Davies	ST_CLERK	3100	3565
10	Matos	ST_CLERK	2600	2990
11	Vargas	ST_CLERK	2500	2875
12	Zlotkey	SA_MAN	10500	10500
...				
13	Abel	SA_REP	11000	13200
14	Taylor	SA_REP	8600	10320
15	Grant	SA_REP	7000	8400

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Using the DECODE Function

Display the applicable tax rate for each employee in department 80:

```
SELECT last_name, salary,  
       DECODE (TRUNC(salary/2000, 0),  
               0, 0.00,  
               1, 0.09,  
               2, 0.20,  
               3, 0.30,  
               4, 0.40,  
               5, 0.42,  
               6, 0.44,  
               0.45) TAX_RATE  
FROM   employees  
WHERE  department_id = 80;
```

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Summary

In this lesson, you should have learned how to:

- Alter date formats for display using functions
- Convert column data types using functions
- Use NVL functions
- Use IF-THEN-ELSE logic and other conditional expressions in a SELECT statement

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