

# Data Types

A column's data type specifies the kind of information the column is intended to store.

In addition, a column's data type determines the operations that can be performed on the column.

### Data types can be divided into the five categories shown below:

Category	Description
Character	Strings of character data
Numeric	Numbers that don't include a decimal point (integers) and numbers that include a decimal point (real numbers)
Date and time	Dates, times, or both
Large Object (LOB)	Large strings of character or binary data
Spatial	Geographical values
JSON	JSON documents



# Introduction to Data Types

Character data types are intended for storing a string of one or more characters, which can include letters, numbers, symbols, or special characters.

The terms character, string, and text are used interchangeably to describe this type of data.

Date and time data types are intended for storing dates, times, or both dates and times.

# Introduction to Data Types

Numeric data types are intended for storing numbers that can be used for mathematical calculations.

At a basic level, you can divide numbers into two categories:

Integers are numbers that don't have a decimal point

**Real Numbers** are numbers that have a decimal point.



# Introduction to Data Types

- Numbers that don't include a decimal point are known as integers.
- Numbers that **include a decimal** point are known as real numbers.
- The date and time data types are often referred to as the date/time or temporal data types.
- The large object (LOB) data types are useful for storing images, sound, video, and large amounts of text.
- The spatial data types are useful for storing geometric or geographical values such as global positioning system (GPS) data. These data types are referred to as geometry types.
- The JSON data type is used for storing JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) documents.

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# **Character Types**

The CHAR type is used for fixed-length strings.

A column with this type uses the same amount of storage for each value regardless of the actual length of the string.

The VARCHAR type is used for variable-length strings.

A column with this type uses a varying amount of storage for each value depending on the length of the string.





Туре	Bytes	Description
CHAR (M)	Mx4	Fixed-length strings of character data where M is the number of characters, between 0 and 255. With the utf8mb4 character set, MySQL must reserve four bytes for each character in a CHAR column because that's the maximum possible length.
VARCHAR(M)	L+1	Variable-length strings of character data where M is the maxi- mum number of characters, between 0 and 255. For English and Latin characters, the number of bytes used to store the string is equal to length of the string (L) plus 1 byte to record its length.

# Character Types



Data type	Original value	Value stored	Bytes used
CHAR(2)	'CA'	'CA'	8
CHAR(10)	'CA'	'CA '	40
VARCHAR(10)	'CA'	'CA'	3
VARCHAR(20)	'California'	'California'	11
VARCHAR(20)	'New York'	'New York'	9
VARCHAR(20)	"Murach's MySQL"	"Murach's MySQL"	15



When a column is defined with a string type such as CHAR or VARCHAR, MySQL stores a numeric value for each character.

Then, it uses a character set to map the numeric values to the characters of the string.

The utf8mb3/utf8mb4 character sets are is the default for MySQL and are often referred to as just utf8.

Name	Description
latin1	The latin1 character set uses one byte per character to provide for most characters in Western European languages.
utf8mb3	The utf8mb3 character set uses one to three bytes per character to provide for all characters specified by the Unicode character set. This character set provides for most characters in most of the world's languages.
utf8mb4	The utf8mb4 character set uses one to four bytes per character to provide for all char- acters specified by the Unicode character set, plus additional characters like emojis.

# Integer Types

The integer types store numbers without any digits to the right of the decimal point.

Туре	Bytes	Value ranges
BIGINT	8	Signed: -9,223,372,036,854,775,808 to 9,223,372,036,854,775,807 Unsigned: 0 to 18,446,744,073,709,551,615
INT	4	Signed: -2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647 Unsigned: 0 to 4,294,967,295
MEDIUMINT	3	Signed: -8,388,608 5to 8,388,607 Unsigned: 0 and 16,777,215
SMALLINT	2	Signed: -32,768 and 32,767 Unsigned: 0 and 65,535
TINYINT	1	Signed: -128 and 127 Unsigned: 0 and 255



# Integer Types – Signed VS Unsigned

If the UNSIGNED attribute for the integer is set, it changes the range of acceptable values. If you try to store a negative integer in a column with the UNSIGNED attribute, an error occurs.

Data type	Original value	Value stored	Value displayed
INT	99	99	99
INT	-99	-99	-99
INT UNSIGNED	99	99	99
INT UNSIGNED	-99	None	None

# Integer Types – Zero Fill

If the ZEROFILL attribute for the integer is set, MySQL displays the integer with zeros padded from the left, up to the maximum display size.

If the ZEROFILL attribute is set, MySQL automatically sets the UNSIGNED attribute.

Data type	Original value	Value stored	Value displayed
INT ZEROFILL	99	99	000000099
INT(4) ZEROFILL	99	99	0099

# **Real Numbers - Exact**

Real numbers can include digits to the right of the decimal point.

The precision of a real number indicates the total number of digits that can be stored, and the scale indicates the number of digits that can be stored to the right of the decimal point. DECIMAL(max\_digits, decimals)

Туре	Bytes	Description
DECIMAL(M, D)	Vary	Fixed-precision numbers where M specifies the maximum number of total digits (the precision) and D specifies the number of digits to the right of the decimal (the scale). M can range from 1 to 65. D can range from 0 to 30 but can't be larger than M. The default is 0.

The DECIMAL type is considered an exact numeric type because its precision is exact.



If the UNSIGNED attribute for a real number is set, it prevents storing negative values in the column but does not affect the range of acceptable values

# Real Numbers – Floating-Point

Real numbers can include digits to the right of the decimal point.

The precision of a real number indicates the total number of digits that can be stored, and the scale indicates the number of digits that can be stored to the right of the decimal point.

Туре	Bytes	Description
DOUBLE	8	Double-precision floating-point numbers from -1.7976×10 <sup>308</sup> to 1.7976×10 <sup>308</sup> .
FLOAT	4	Single-precision floating-point numbers from $-3.4028 \times 10^{38}$ to $3.4028 \times 10^{38}$ .

The DOUBLE and FLOAT types store floating-point numbers, which have a limited number of significant digits. These data types are considered approximate numeric data types because they may not represent a value exactly.

For business applications, you typically use the exact numeric types, as there's seldom the need to work with the very large and very small numbers that the floating-point data types are designed for. However, for scientific applications, you may sometimes need to use the DOUBLE and FLOAT types.

# Date/Time Types



Туре	Bytes	Description
DATE	3	Dates from January 1, 1000 through December 31, 9999. The default format for display and entry is "yyyy-mm-dd".
TIME	3	Times in the range -838:59:59 through 838:59:59. The default format for display and entry is "hh:mm:ss".
DATETIME	8	Combination date and time from midnight January 1, 1970 to December 31, 9999. The default format for display and entry is "yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss".
TIMESTAMP	4	Combination date and time from midnight January 1, 1970 to the year 2037. The default format is "yyyy-mm-dd hh:mm:ss".
YEAR[(4)]	1	Years in 4-digit format. Allowable values are from 1901 to 2155.



# Date/Time Interpretation



- You can specify date and time values by coding a literal value. In most cases, you enclose the literal value in single quotes.
- For dates, MySQL uses the "yyyy-mm-dd" format. For times, MySQL uses the "hh:mm:ss" format, using a 24hour clock.
- If you don't specify a time when storing a DATETIME or TIMESTAMP value, MySQL stores a time value of 00:00:00 (12:00 midnight).

Literal value	Value stored in DATE column
'2018-08-15'	2018-08-15
'2018-8-15'	2018-08-15
'18-8-15'	2018-08-15
'20180815'	2018-08-15
20180815	2018-08-15
'2018.08.15'	2018-08-15
'18/8/15'	2018-08-15
'8/15/18'	None
'2018-02-31'	None
Literal value	Value stored in TIME column
'7:32'	07:32:00
110.22.111	
19:27:11.	19:32:11
'193211'	19:32:11 19:32:11
'193211' 193211' 193211	19:32:11 19:32:11 19:32:11
'193211' 193211' '19:61:11'	19:32:11 19:32:11 19:32:11 None
'193211' 193211 '19:61:11' Literal value	19:32:11 19:32:11 19:32:11 None Value stored in DATETIME or TIMESTAMP column
'193211' 193211 '193211 '19:61:11' Literal value '2018-08-15 19:32:11'	19:32:11 19:32:11 19:32:11 None Value stored in DATETIME or TIMESTAMP column 2018-08-15 19:32:11

# ENUM and SET

Туре	Bytes	Description
ENUM	1-2	Stores one value selected from a list of acceptable values.
SET	1-8	Stores zero or more values selected from a list of acceptable values.

Value	Stored in column ENUM ('Yes', 'No', 'Maybe')
'Yes'	'Yes'
'No'	'No'
'Maybe'	'Maybe'
'Possibly'	

	Stored in column
Value	SET ('Pepperoni', 'Mushrooms', 'Olives')
'Pepperoni'	'Pepperoni'
'Mushrooms'	'Mushrooms'
'Pepperoni, Bacon'	'Pepperoni'
'Olives, Pepperoni'	'Pepperoni, Olives'





# **ENUM and SET Details**

- The ENUM and SET types can be used to restrict the values that you store to a limited set of values.
   The ENUM column can take on exactly one value, but a SET column can take on zero, one, or up to 64 different values.
- You can define the set of acceptable values for an **ENUM** or **SET** column when you create a table. An **ENUM** column can have up to 65,535 acceptable values, but a **SET** column is limited to 64 acceptable values.
- To specify a value for an **ENUM** column, you code a single text string. If the string contains an acceptable value, that value is stored in the column. Otherwise, the column is assigned an empty string.
- If you don't specify a value for an ENUM column when you insert a row, MySQL assigns a default value that depends on whether the column allows null values. If the column allows null values, MySQL assigns a null value to the column. If it doesn't allow null values, MySQL assigns the first value in the set of acceptable values to the column.
- To specify values for a **SET** column, you code a single string with the values separated by commas. Each acceptable value is stored in the column, and any other values are ignored.
- When you store values in a **SET** column, MySQL stores the values using the order specified in the column definition, and it does not store duplicate values.





# Large Object Types

Туре	Bytes	Description		
LONGBLOB	L+4	Variable-length strings of binary data up to 4GB in length (L).		
MEDIUMBLOB	L+3	Variable-length strings of binary data up to 16MB in length (L).		
BLOB	L+2	Variable-length strings of binary data up to 65KB in length (L).		
tinyblob L+1		Variable-length strings of binary data up to 255 bytes in length (L).		
LONGTEXT	L+4	Variable-length strings of characters up to 4GB in length (L).		
MEDIUMTEXT	L+3	Variable-length strings of characters up to 16MB in length (L).		
TEXT	L+2	Variable-length strings of characters up to 65KB in length (L).		
TINYTEXT	L+1	Variable-length strings of characters up to 255 bytes in length (L).		

The BLOB types store strings of binary data and are referred to as binary large object (BLOB) types. The TEXT types store strings of character data and are sometimes referred to as character large object (CLOB) types.



### Implicitly convert a number to a string

SELECT

invoice\_total

, CONCAT('\$', invoice\_total)

FROM

invoices

#### Implicitly convert a string to a number

#### SELECT

invoice\_number

, 989319/invoice\_number

FROM

invoices

#### Implicitly convert a date to a number

#### SELECT

invoice\_date,

invoice\_date + 1

#### FROM

invoices

	invoice_number	989319/invoice_number	-
►	989319-457	1	
	263253241	0.0037580505988908225	
	963253234	0.0010270601385803393	-

	invoice_date	invoice_date + 1	Â	
▶	2014-04-08	20140409		
	2014-04-10	20140411	-	

## The syntax of the CAST function

CAST (expression AS cast\_type)

## The syntax of the CONVERT function

**CONVERT** (expression, cast\_type)

## Cast types you can use in these functions

CHAR[(N)] DATE DATETIME TIME SIGNED [INTEGER] UNSIGNED [INTEGER] DECIMAL[(M[,D])]

# A statement that uses the CAST function

#### SELECT

invoice\_id

- , invoice\_date
- , invoice\_total

						-
•	1	2014-04-08	3813.33	2014-04-08	3813	
	2	2014-04-10	40.20	2014-04-10	40	
	3	2014-04-13	138.75	2014-04-13	139	-

integer total

invoice id invoice date invoice total char date

- , CAST(invoice\_date AS CHAR(10)) AS char\_date
- , CAST(invoice\_total AS SIGNED) AS integer\_total

#### FROM

invoices

## A statement that uses the CONVERT function

#### SELECT

invoice\_id

- , invoice\_date
- , invoice\_total

	invoice_id	invoice_date	invoice_total	char_date	integer_total	^
Þ	1	2014-04-08	3813.33	2014-04-08	3813	
	2	2014-04-10	40.20	2014-04-10	40	
	3	2014-04-13	138.75	2014-04-13	139	-

```
, CONVERT(invoice_date, CHAR(10)) AS char_date
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```
, CONVERT(invoice_total, SIGNED) AS integer_total
```

#### FROM

invoices

## The FORMAT and CHAR functions

FORMAT (number, decimal)

CHAR(value1[,value2]...)

# **FORMAT** function examples

Function	Result
FORMAT (1234567.8901,2)	1,234,567.89
FORMAT (1234.56,4)	1,234.5600
FORMAT (1234.56,0)	1,235

Function	Description
FORMAT(number,decimal)	Converts the specified number to a character string with grouped digits separated by commas, rounded to the specified number of decimal digits. If decimal is zero, then the decimal point is omitted.
CHAR(value1[,value2])	Converts one or more numbers to a binary string. Each number is interpreted as an integer between 0 and 255.

# CHAR function examples for common control characters

Function	Control character
CHAR(9)	Tab
CHAR(10)	Line feed
CHAR(13)	Carriage return
SELECT	
CONCAT (	
vendor	_name, CHAR(13,10)
, vende	or_address1, CHAR(13,10)
, vende	or_city, ', ', vendor_state, ' ', vendor_zip_code
)	
FROM	US Postal Service
vendors	Attn: Supt. Window Services
WHERE	Madison, WI 53707
vendor_id	= 1;

# **TRY IT YOURSELF**

MYSQL – DATA TYPES

## Using the ap database, write a query to satisfy the following requirements:

1. Write a SELECT statement that returns these columns from the Invoices table:

The invoice\_total column

A column that uses the FORMAT function to return the invoice\_total column with 1 digit to the right of the decimal point

A column that uses the CONVERT function to return the invoice\_total column as an integer

A column that uses the CAST function to return the invoice\_total column

as an integer		invoice_total	total_format	total_convert	total_cast
	•	3813.33	3,813.3	3813	3813
		40.20	40.2	40	40
		138.75	138.8	139	139
		144.70	144.7	145	145
		15.50	15.5	16	16
		42.75	42.8	43	43
		172.50	172.5	173	173



MYSQL – DATA TYPES

## Using the ap database, write a query to satisfy the following requirements:

2. Write a SELECT statement that returns these columns from the Invoices table:

The invoice\_date column

A column that uses the CAST function to return the invoice\_date column with its full date and time

A column that uses the CAST function to return the invoice\_date column with just the year and the month

	invoice_date	invoice_datetime	invoice_char
•	2018-08-02	2018-08-02 00:00:00	2018-08
	2018-08-01	2018-08-01 00:00:00	2018-08
	2018-07-31	2018-07-31 00:00:00	2018-07
	2018-07-30	2018-07-30 00:00:00	2018-07
	2018-07-28	2018-07-28 00:00:00	2018-07
	2018-07-25	2018-07-25 00:00:00	2018-07

Write a SQL query that satisfies the requirements below.

## Requirements

- Use the database my\_guitar\_shop.
- SELECT the rows from the products table.
- Return a resultset that matches the results shown below.

## Results

	id	name	price	discount
•	3	Gibson SG	2517.00	52.00
	2	Gibson Les Paul	1199.00	30.00
	7	Fender Precision	799.99	30.00
	10	Tama 5-Piece Drum Set with Cymbals	799.99	15.00
	9	Ludwig 5-piece Drum Set with Cymbals	699.99	30.00
	1	Fender Stratocaster	699.00	30.00
	8	Hofner Icon	499.99	25.00
	4	Yamaha FG700S	489.99	38.00
	6	Rodriguez Caballero 11	415.00	39.00
	5	Washburn D10S	299.00	0.00

## SELECT

```
product_id AS id
```

- , product\_name AS name
- , list\_price AS price
- , discount\_percent as discount

### FROM

products

#### **ORDER BY**

list\_price DESC

Write a SQL query that satisfies the requirements below.

### Requirements

- Use the database my\_guitar\_shop.
- SELECT the rows from the customers table.
- Only include customers that have a last name that starts with a letter of the alphabet that comes after the letter N.
- Return a resultset that matches the results shown below.

## Results



```
SELECT
   CONCAT(last_name, ', ', first_name) AS customer_name
FROM
   customers
WHERE
   last_name > 'N'
ORDER BY
   last_name DESC
```

Write a SQL query that satisfies the requirements below.

## Requirements

- Use the database my\_guitar\_shop.
- SELECT the rows from the products table.
- Only include products that have a list price between seven hundred and fifty dollars and fifteen hundred dollars.
- Return a resultset that matches the results shown below.

## Results

	name	added	price
•	Gibson Les Paul	2011-12-05 16:33:13	1199.00
	Fender Precision	2012-06-01 11:29:35	799.99
	Tama 5-Piece Drum Set with Cymbals	2012-07-30 13:14:15	799.99

#### SELECT

```
product_name AS name
```

- , date\_added AS added
- , list\_price AS price

#### FROM

```
products
```

```
WHERE
```

list\_price BETWEEN 750 AND 1500

```
ORDER BY
```

date\_added ASC

Write a SQL query that satisfies the requirements below.

#### Requirements

- Use the database my\_guitar\_shop.
- SELECT the rows from the products table.
- Return the following columns and data:
  - product name
     The product\_name column.
  - list price
- The list\_price column.
- discount percent The discount\_percent column.
- discount amount A column that's calculated from the previous two columns.
- discount price
   A column that's calculated from the previous three columns.
- Round the discount amount and discount price columns to 2 decimal places.
- · Sort the resultset by discount price in ascending sequence.
- Use the LIMIT clause so the result set contains only the first 6 rows.
- Return a resultset that matches the results shown below.

#### Results

	Product Name	List Price	Discount Percent	Discount Amount	Discount Price
•	Rodriguez Caballero 11	415.00	39.00	161.85	253.15
	Washburn D10S	299.00	0.00	0.00	299.00
	Yamaha FG700S	489.99	38.00	186.20	303.79
	Hofner Icon	499.99	25.00	125.00	374.99
	Fender Stratocaster	699.00	30.00	209.70	489.30
	Ludwig 5-piece Drum Set with Cymbals	699.99	30.00	210.00	489.99

#### SELECT

```
product_name AS 'Product Name'
```

- , list\_price AS 'List Price'
- , discount\_percent
  - AS 'Discount Percent'
- , ROUND(list\_price \* discount\_percent \* .01, 2)
  - AS 'Discount Amount'
- , list\_price ROUND(list\_price \* discount\_percent \* .01, 2)
   AS 'Discount Price'

```
FROM
```

```
products
```

ORDER BY

Discount Price ASC

#### LIMIT 6

Write a SQL query that satisfies the requirements below.

### Requirements

- Use the database my\_guitar\_shop.
- SELECT the rows from the orders table.
- Return a resultset that matches the results shown below.

## Results

	Order	Customer	Amount	Ordered Date	Shipped Date
•	1	1	5.00	2012-03-28 09:40:28	2012-03-30 15:32:51
	2	2	5.00	2012-03-28 11:23:20	2012-03-29 12:52:14
	3	1	10.00	2012-03-29 09:44:58	2012-03-31 09:11:41
	4	3	5.00	2012-03-30 15:22:31	2012-04-03 16:32:21
	5	4	5.00	2012-03-31 05:43:11	2012-04-02 14:21:12
	7	6	15.00	2012-04-01 23:11:12	2012-04-03 10:21:35

#### SELECT

order\_id AS 'Order'

- , customer\_id AS 'Customer'
- , ship\_amount AS 'Amount'
- , order\_date AS 'Ordered Date'
- , ship\_date AS 'Shipped Date'

### FROM

orders

#### WHERE

ship\_date IS NOT NULL

Write a SQL query that satisfies the requirements below.

#### Requirements

- Use the database my\_guitar\_shop.
- SELECT the rows from the orders table.
- The second column should make use of the date format function.
- Return a resultset that matches the results shown below.

## Results

	Order Date	Order Date Formatted
•	2012-03-28 09:40:28	28-Mar-2012
	2012-03-28 11:23:20	28-Mar-2012
	2012-03-29 09:44:58	29-Mar-2012
	2012-03-30 15:22:31	30-Mar-2012
	2012-03-31 05:43:11	31-Mar-2012
	2012-03-31 18:37:22	31-Mar-2012
	2012-04-01 23:11:12	1-Apr-2012
	2012-04-02 11:26:38	2-Apr-2012
	2012-04-03 12:22:31	3-Apr-2012

### SELECT

order\_date AS 'Order Date'

- , DATE\_FORMAT(order\_date, '%e-%b-%Y')
  - AS 'Order Date Formatted'

FROM

orders