

Conversion Functions

CAST()

`cast(expression AS data_type)` - converts a given value from one data type to another.

Example:

```
cast(sale_date as string)
```

```
cast('1999-07-20 00:00:00' as timestamp)
```

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```

TO_TIMESTAMP()

`to_timestamp(s)` - Explicitly converts string s to timestamp.

Example:

```
to_timestamp('1999-07-20 00:00:00')
```

UNIX_TIMESTAMP()

`unix_timestamp(ts)` - Convert timestamp ts to integer values representing the number of seconds since the epoch: 1970/1/1.

Example:

```
unix_timestamp('1999-07-20 00:00:00') -> 932428800
```

See Also

[Data Types](#)