

# Lag

The `Lag` function returns a member that precedes the specified member by a specified number of positions in its level.

## Syntax

```
Member_Expression.Lag(Index)
```

## Return Value

Returns the member that follows a specified member by a specified number of positions in the same level.

## Input Parameters

### Member\_Expression

An MDX expression that returns a member.

### Index

A numeric expression that specifies a number of member positions.

## Examples

The following example returns the order quantity for 2011, given the specified member 2013.

```
SELECT
{
  [Order Date Dimension].[Order Date Month Hierarchy].[Order YearMonth].[2010].Lag(2)
} ON 0 ,
{[Measures].[orderquantity1]} on 1
FROM [Internet Sales Cube]
```