

# Parent

## Syntax

```
Member_Expression.Parent
```

## Input Parameters

### Member\_Expression

A valid Multidimensional Expressions (MDX) expression that returns a member.

## Return Value

The Parent function returns the parent member of the specified member. In the case of the (All) member, this function returns a NULL value that is detectable with ISEMPTY().



**Note:** Rather than chaining together .parent calls (e.g. .currentMember.parent.parent) it is strongly recommended that you use the ANCESTOR function to avoid performance problems.

## Example

Return the Parent Product's Sales Amount

```
([Product].[Product Categories].CurrentMember.Parent, [Measures].[Internet Sales Amount Local])
```