Left

Syntax

`LEFT(String, length)`

Input Parameters

String (Required)

String expression from which the leftmost characters are returned. If string is NULL, NULL is returned.

Length (Required)

A numeric expression indicating the number of characters to return. If 0, a zero-length string `("")` is returned. If greater than or equal to the number of characters in string, the entire string is returned.

Return Value

Returns a String containing a specified number of characters from the left side of a string.

Example

Return the left 4 characters from the member's name.

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LEFT([Order Date Dimension].[Order Retail445].currentMember.NAME, 4)
```