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FORMULAS QUICK REFERENCE

Summary

Working with formulas? Find out which operators can be used in which formulas and what each one does.

Math Operators

Operator	Description
+ (Add)	Calculates the sum of two values.
- (Subtract)	Calculates the difference of two values.
* (Multiply)	Multiplies its values.
/ (Divide)	Divides its values.
^ (Exponentiation)	Raises a number to a power of a specified number.
() (Open Parenthesis and Close Parenthesis)	Specifies that the expressions within the open parenthesis and close parenthesis are evaluated first. All other expressions are evaluated using standard operator precedence.

Logical Operators

Operator	Description
= and == (Equal)	Evaluates if two values are equivalent. The = and == operator are interchangeable.
<> and != (Not Equal)	Evaluates if two values are not equivalent.
< (Less Than)	Evaluates if a value is less than the value that follows this symbol.
> (Greater Than)	Evaluates if a value is greater than the value that follows this symbol.
<= (Less Than or Equal)	Evaluates if a value is less than or equal to the value that follows this symbol.
>= (Greater Than or Equal)	Evaluates if a value is greater than or equal to the value that follows this symbol.
&& (AND)	Evaluates if two values or expressions are both true. Use this operator as an alternative to the logical function AND.
|| (OR)	Evaluates if at least one of multiple values or expressions is true. Use this operator as an alternative to the logical function OR.

Text Operators

Operator	Description
& (Concatenate)	Connects two or more strings.

Date and Time Functions

Function	Description
DATE	Returns a date value from year, month, and day values you enter. Salesforce displays an error on the detail page if the value of the DATE function in a formula field is an invalid date, such as February 29 in a non-leap year.
DATEVALUE	Returns a date value for a date/time or text expression.
DATETIMEVALUE	Returns a year, month, day and GMT time value.
DAY	Returns a day of the month in the form of a number between 1 and 31.
MONTH	Returns the month, a number between 1 (January) and 12 (December) in number format of a given date.
NOW	Returns a date/time representing the current moment.
TODAY	Returns the current date as a date data type.
YEAR	Returns the four-digit year in number format of a given date.

Logical Functions

Function	Description
AND	Returns a TRUE response if all values are true; returns a FALSE response if one or more values are false.
BLANKVALUE	Determines if an expression has a value and returns a substitute expression if it does not. If the expression has a value, returns the value of the expression.
CASE	Checks a given expression against a series of values. If the expression is equal to a value, returns the corresponding result. If it is not equal to any values, it returns the `else_result`.
IF	Determines if expressions are true or false. Returns a given value if true and another value if false.
ISBLANK	Determines if an expression has a value and returns TRUE if it does not. If it contains a value, this function returns FALSE.
ISCLONE	Checks if the record is a clone of another record and returns TRUE if one item is a clone. Otherwise, returns FALSE.

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ISNEW	Checks if the formula is running during the creation of a new record and returns TRUE if it is. If an existing record is being updated, this function returns FALSE.
ISNULL	Determines if an expression is null (blank) and returns TRUE if it is. If it contains a value, this function returns FALSE. ⚠️ **Important:** Use ISBLANK instead of ISNULL in new formulas. ISBLANK has the same functionality as ISNULL, but also supports text fields. Salesforce will continue to support ISNULL, so you do not need to change any existing formulas.
ISNUMBER	Determines if a text value is a number and returns TRUE if it is. Otherwise, it returns FALSE.
NOT	Returns FALSE for TRUE and TRUE for FALSE.
NULLVALUE	Determines if an expression is null (blank) and returns a substitute expression if it is. If the expression is not blank, returns the value of the expression. ⚠️ **Important:** Use BLANKVALUE instead of NULLVALUE in new formulas. BLANKVALUE has the same functionality as NULLVALUE, but also supports text fields. Salesforce will continue to support NULLVALUE, so you do not need to change existing formulas.
OR	Determines if expressions are true or false. Returns TRUE if any expression is true. Returns FALSE if all expressions are false.
PRIORVALUE	Returns the previous value of a field.

Math Functions

Function	Description
ABS	Calculates the absolute value of a number. The absolute value of a number is the number without its positive or negative sign.
CEILING	Rounds a number up to the nearest integer.
DISTANCE	Calculates the distance between two locations in miles or kilometers.
EXP	Returns a value for e raised to the power of a number you specify.
FLOOR	Returns a number rounded down to the nearest integer.
GEOLOCATION	Returns a geolocation based on the provided latitude and longitude. Must be used with the DISTANCE function.
LN	Returns the natural logarithm of a specified number. Natural logarithms are based on the constant e value of 2.71828182845904.
LOG	Returns the base 10 logarithm of a number.

Function	Description
MAX	Returns the highest number from a list of numbers.
MIN	Returns the lowest number from a list of numbers.
MOD	Returns a remainder after a number is divided by a specified divisor.
ROUND	Returns the nearest number to a number you specify, constraining the new number by a specified number of digits.
SQRT	Returns the positive square root of a given number.

Text Functions

Function	Description
BEGINS	Determines if text begins with specific characters and returns TRUE if it does. Returns FALSE if it does not.
BR	Inserts a line break in a string of text.
CASESAFEID	Converts a 15-character ID to a case-insensitive 18-character ID.
CONTAINS	Compares two arguments of text and returns TRUE if the first argument contains the second argument. If not, returns FALSE.
FIND	Returns the position of a string within a string of text represented as a number.
GETSESSIONID	Returns the user's session ID.
HTMLENCODE	Encodes text and merge field values for use in HTML by replacing characters that are reserved in HTML, such as the greater-than sign (>), with HTML entity equivalents, such as `>`.
HYPERLINK	Creates a link to a URL specified that is linkable from the text specified.
IMAGE	Inserts an image with alternate text and height/width specifications.
INCLUDES	Determines if any value selected in a multi-select picklist field equals a text literal you specify.
ISPICKVAL	Determines if the value of a picklist field is equal to a text literal you specify.
JSENCODE	Encodes text and merge field values for use in JavaScript by inserting escape characters, such as a backslash (\), before unsafe JavaScript characters, such as the apostrophe (').
JSINHTMLENCODE	Encodes text and merge field values for use in JavaScript inside HTML tags by replacing characters that are reserved in HTML with HTML entity equivalents and inserting escape characters before unsafe JavaScript characters. `JSINHTMLENCODE(`*`someValue`*`)` is a convenience function that is equivalent to `JSENCODE(HTMLENCODE((`*`someValue`*`))`. That is, `JSINHTMLENCODE` first encodes *someValue* with `HTMLENCODE`, and then encodes the result with `JSENCODE`.

Function	Description
LEFT	Returns the specified number of characters from the beginning of a text string.
LEN	Returns the number of characters in a specified text string.
LOWER	Converts all letters in the specified text string to lowercase. Any characters that are not letters are unaffected by this function. Locale rules are applied if a locale is provided.
LPAD	Inserts characters you specify to the left-side of a text string.
MID	Returns the specified number of characters from the middle of a text string given the starting position.
RIGHT	Returns the specified number of characters from the end of a text string.
RPAD	Inserts characters that you specify to the right-side of a text string.
SUBSTITUTE	Substitutes new text for old text in a text string.
TEXT	Converts a percent, number, date, date/time, or currency type field into text anywhere formulas are used. Also, converts picklist values to text in approval rules, approval step rules, workflow rules, escalation rules, assignment rules, auto-response rules, validation rules, formula fields, field updates, and custom buttons and links.
TRIM	Removes the spaces and tabs from the beginning and end of a text string.
UPPER	Converts all letters in the specified text string to uppercase. Any characters that are not letters are unaffected by this function. Locale rules are applied if a locale is provided.
URLENCODE	Encodes text and merge field values for use in URLs by replacing characters that are illegal in URLs, such as blank spaces, with the code that represent those characters as defined in *RFC 3986, Uniform Resource Identifier (URI): Generic Syntax*. For example, blank spaces are replaced with %20, and exclamation points are replaced with %21.
VALUE	Converts a text string to a number.

Summary Functions

The following functions are available with summary, matrix, and joined reports.

Function	Description
PARENTGROUPVAL	This function returns the value of a specified parent grouping. A "parent" grouping is any level above the one containing the formula. You can only use this function in custom summary formulas for reports.
PREVGROUPVAL	This function returns the value of a specified previous grouping. A "previous" grouping is one that comes before the current grouping in the report. Choose the grouping level and increment. The increment is the number of columns or

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	rows before the current summary. The default is 1; the maximum is 12. You can only use this function in custom summary formulas for reports.

Advanced Functions

Function	Description
GETRECORDIDS	Returns an array of strings in the form of record IDs for the selected records in a list, such as a list view or related list.
INCLUDE	Returns content from an s-control snippet. Use this function to reuse common code in many s-controls.
ISCHANGED	Compares the value of a field to the previous value and returns TRUE if the values are different. If the values are the same, this function returns FALSE.
LINKTO	Returns a relative URL in the form of a link (href and anchor tags) for a custom s-control or Salesforce page.
REGEX	Compares a text field to a regular expression and returns TRUE if there is a match. Otherwise, it returns FALSE. A regular expression is a string used to describe a format of a string according to certain syntax rules.
REQUIRESCRIPT	Returns a script tag with source for a URL you specify. Use this function when referencing the Force.com AJAX Toolkit or other JavaScript toolkits.
URLFOR	Returns a relative URL for an action, s-control, Visualforce page, or a file in a static resource archive in a Visualforce page.
VLOOKUP	Returns a value by looking up a related value on a custom object similar to the VLOOKUP() Excel function.