

# LEFT

Applies to:

CELONIS 4.0

CELONIS 4.2

CELONIS 4.3

CELONIS 4.4

CELONIS 4.5

CELONIS 4.6

## Description

`LEFT` returns the first  $n$  characters of a string. If the string is smaller than  $n$  characters, the whole string is returned.

Supported input column types: [STRING](#)

Output column type: [STRING](#)

NULL-values: If the value is NULL, the result is NULL

## Syntax

```
LEFT ( table.column, n )
```

## Examples

[1] Get first character of string.

Query

Column1

LEFT ( "Table1"."Column1" , 1)

Input

Table1

Column1 : STRING
'abc'
'bc'
''
null
''
null
'Left'
'Right'

Output

Result

Column1 : STRING
'a'
''
''
null
''
null
'L'
'R'