# Firebird 2.1 language reference update

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## DML statements

- DELETE
- EXECUTE BLOCK
- EXECUTE PROCEDURE
- INSERT
- MERGE
- SELECT
- UPDATE
- UPDATE OR INSERT

## Transaction control statements

- RELEASE SAVEPOINT
- ROLLBACK
- SAVEPOINT

- SET TRANSACTION

## PSQL statements

- BEGIN … BLOCKS may be empty
- BREAK
- CLOSE cursor
- DECLARE
- EXCEPTION
- EXECUTE PROCEDURE
- EXECUTE STATEMENT
- EXIT
- FETCH cursor
- FOR EXECUTE STATEMENT … DO
- FOR SELECT INTO … DO
- LEAVE
- OPEN cursor
- PLAN allowed in trigger code
- UDFs callable as void functions
- WHERE CURRENT OF valid again for view cursors

## Context variables

- CURRENT_CONNECTION
- CURRENT_ROLE
- CURRENT_TIME
- CURRENT_TIMESTAMP
- CURRENT_TRANSACTION
- CURRENT_USER
- DELETING
- GDSCODE
- INSERTING
- NEW
- 'NOW'
- OLD
- ROW_COUNT
- SQLCODE
- UPDATING

## Operators and predicates

- NULL literals allowed as operands
- || (string concatenator)
- ALL
- ANY / SOME
- IN
- IS [NOT] DISTINCT FROM
- NEXT VALUE FOR

- SOME

## Aggregate functions

- LIST()
- MAX()
- MIN()

## Internal functions

- ABS()
- ACOS()
- ASCII_CHAR()
- ASCII_VAL()
- ASIN()
- ATAN()
- ATAN2()
- BIN_AND()
- BIN_OR()
- BIN_SHL()
- BIN_SHR()
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- CAST()
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- COS()
- COSH()
- COT()
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- DATEDIFF()
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- EXP()
- EXTRACT()
- FLOOR()
- GEN_ID()
- GEN_UUID()
- HASH()
- IIF()
- LEFT()
- LN()
- LOG()
- LOG10()
- LOWER()
- LPAD()
- MAXVALUE()
- MINVALUE()

- MOD()
- NULLIF()
- OCTET_LENGTH()
- OVERLAY()
- PI()
- POSITION()
- POWER()
- RAND()
- RDB$GET_CONTEXT()
- RDB$SET_CONTEXT()
- REPLACE()
- REVERSE()
- RIGHT()
- ROUND()
- RPAD()
- SIGN()
- SIN()
- SINH()
- SQRT()
- SUBSTRING()
- TAN()
- TANH()
- TRIM()
- TRUNC()
- UPPER()

## External functions

- abs
- acos
- addDay
- addHour
- addMilliSecond
- addMinute
- addMonth
- addSecond
- addWeek
- addYear
- ascii_char
- ascii_char
- asin
- atan
- atan2
- bin_and
- bin_or
- bin_xor
- ceiling
- cos
- cosh
- cot

- dow
- dpower
- floor
- getExactTimestamp
- i64round
- i64truncate
- ln
- log
- log10
- lower
- lpad
- ltrim
- mod
- *nullif
- *nvl
- pi
- rand
- right
- round, i64round
- rpad
- rtrim
- sdow
- sign
- sin
- sinh
- sqrt
- srand
- sright
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- strlen
- substr
- substrlen
- tan
- tanh
- truncate, i64truncate

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