

F_SUBPERIOD

function from adhoc

Entrypoint subperiod **compatible with UTF-8**

Inputs/Outputs

Input	CSTRING(254)	period 1 in pattern [d]:h:m:s
	CSTRING(254)	period 2 in pattern [d]:h:m:s
Output	CSTRING(254)	period 2 subtracted from period 1

Syntax

Periods could be entered with 2- or 1-digit interval (dd:hh:mm:ss or d:h:m:s).

Negative periods start with a "-" in front.

Periods with pattern days:hours:seconds (4 intervals) or hours:minutes:seconds (3 intervals) are allowed.

The output of periods with less than 3 intervals or containing other characters is <null> or empty string.

For input also f.e. '0:26:0:0' instead of '1:2:0:0' allowed for 26 hours.

The output is always in pattern days:hours:minutes:seconds (4 * 2 digit intervalls).

If the second input period is greater than the first, the output is negative ("-") in front).

TestSQL

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SELECT '00:00:54:50' AS ISCORRECT, F_SUBPERIOD('0:1:10:0', '0:0:15:10')
FROM RDB$DATABASE;
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SELECT '-00:00:54:50' AS ISCORRECT, F_SUBPERIOD('0:0:15:10', '0:1:10:0')
FROM RDB$DATABASE;
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SELECT NULL AS ISCORRECT, F_SUBPERIOD(NULL, NULL) FROM RDB$DATABASE;
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