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Native procedures and functions

Every SQL92 implementation, including MySQL, provides some functions specified by the SQL92 specification, plus some of its own. To the extent you use functions in SQL scripts, then, porting to other DBMSs will inevitably present portability problems. The only possible course of action is to wade in and use what is available, leaving portability worries for later. As a California lady used to say about the dinner dishes, "Don't worry, we may have an earthquake tonight!"

There are control flow, aggregate, numeric, bit, date, string, data type, geometric (OpenGIS, [Chapter 4](#)), en/decoding, session, system, and miscellaneous functions.

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