

## Re: Converting and formatting DATE field

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Hi

SQLServer does not have a date only datatype, therefore it will store a time portion. If you don't specify the time portion when the datetime is inserted it will be defaulted to 00:00:00.000. Without formatting the output you will get a date and time. Try using:

```
SELECT CONVERT(char(10),col1,101) FROM MyTable
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when you retrieve the data.

John

"Olivia" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:336901c3fd66\$8cba0a80\$a501280a@phx.gbl...

> *I need to load a string date data (from a text file) into  
> a datetime type field.*

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> *CONVERT(VARCHAR, COL1, 101) -- These one doesn't work  
> because my destination field is a datatype and the load  
> fails. No matter what style I use (100, 101, 102, etc)*

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> *CONVERT(DATETIME, COL1, 101) -- This one, the load  
> succeeds but no matter what style I use (100, 101, 102,  
> etc) it always return the same date format:*

> *2002-11-19 00:00:00.000*

> *I would like to be able to format this date and show only  
> the date without time or uses mm/dd/yyyy or mm-dd-yyyy,  
> etc.*

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> *Thanks in advance for your help. Olivia*

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