

PROPER Function

Converts an input string to propercase. Input can be a column reference or a string literal.

Propercase is strict title case. If the first character of any non-breaking segment of letters in the string is an alphabetical character, it is capitalized. Otherwise, the string is unchanged. See the examples below.

Wrangle vs. SQL: This function is part of Wrangle , a proprietary data transformation language. Wrangle is not SQL. For more information, see *Wrangle Language*.

Basic Usage

Column reference example:

```
proper(MyName)
```

Output: Returns the string values in the `MyName` column value written in Proper Case.

String literal example:

```
proper('Hello, world')
```

Output: The string `Hello, World` is written to the new column.

Syntax and Arguments

```
proper(column_string)
```

Argument	Required?	Data Type	Description
column_string	Y	string	Name of the column or string literal to be applied to the function

For more information on syntax standards, see *Language Documentation Syntax Notes*.

column_string

Name of the column or string constant to be converted.

- Missing string or column values generate missing string results.
- String constants must be quoted ('Hello, World').
- Multiple columns and wildcards are not supported.

Usage Notes:

Required?	Data Type	Example Value
Yes	String literal or column reference	myColumn

Examples

Tip: For additional examples, see *Common Tasks*.

Example - uppercase, lowercase, propercase functions

Source:

In the following example, you can see a number of input values in the leftmost column. The output columns are blank.

input	uppercase	lowercase	propercase
AbCdEfGh IjKlMnO			
go West, young man!			
Oh, *(\$%(&! That HURT!			
A11 w0rk and n0 0play makes Jack a dull boy.			

Transformation:

To generate uppercase, lowercase, and propercase values in the output columns, use the following transforms:

Transformation Name	Edit column with formula
Parameter: Columns	uppercase
Parameter: Formula	UPPER(input)

Transformation Name	Edit column with formula
Parameter: Columns	lowercase
Parameter: Formula	LOWER(input)

Transformation Name	Edit column with formula
Parameter: Columns	propercase
Parameter: Formula	PROPER(input)

Results:

input	uppercase	lowercase	propercase
AbCdEfGh IjKlMnO	ABCDEFGH IJKLMNO	abcdefgh ijklmno	Abcdefgh Ijklmno
go West, young man!	GO WEST, YOUNG MAN!	go west, young man!	Go West, Young Man!
Oh, *(\$%(&! That HURT!	OH, *(\$%(&! THAT HURT!	oh, *(\$%(&! that hurt!	Oh, *(\$%(&! That Hurt!
A11 w0rk and n0 0play makes Jack a dull boy.	A11 WORK AND NO 0PLAY MAKES JACK A DULL BOY.	a11 w0rk and n0 0play makes jack a dull boy.	A11 W0rk And NO 0play Makes Jack A Dull Boy.