

# 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.

## 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 IjKIMnO			
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:

<b>Transformation Name</b>	Edit column with formula
<b>Parameter: Columns</b>	uppercase
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	UPPER(input)

<b>Transformation Name</b>	Edit column with formula
<b>Parameter: Columns</b>	lowercase
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	LOWER(input)

<b>Transformation Name</b>	Edit column with formula
<b>Parameter: Columns</b>	propercase
<b>Parameter: Formula</b>	PROPER(input)

**Results:**

input	uppercase	lowercase	propercase
AbCdEfGh IjKIMnO	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.