

# HOST Function

Finds the host value from a valid URL. Input values must be of URL or String type and can be literals or column references. In this implementation, a host value includes everything from the end of the protocol identifier (if present) to the end of the extension (e.g. .com).

- For more information, see *Structure of a URL*.

## Basic Usage

### URL literal examples:

```
derive type:single value: HOST('http://www.example.com' ) as: 'myHost'
```

**Output:** Generates a column containing the value `www.example.com`.

### Column reference example:

```
derive type:single value: HOST(myURLs) as: 'myHost'
```

**Output:** Generates the new `myHost` column containing the host values extracted from the `myURLs` column.

## Syntax and Arguments

```
derive type:single value: HOST(column_url)
```

Argument	Required?	Data Type	Description
column_url	Y	string	Name of column or String or URL literal containing the host value to extract

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

### column\_url

Name of the column or URL or String literal whose values are used to extract the host value.

- Missing input values generate missing results.
- Multiple columns and wildcards are not supported.

### Usage Notes:

Required?	Data Type	Example Value
Yes	String literal or column reference (URL)	<code>http://www.example.com</code>

## Examples

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

### Example - Domain, Host, Subdomain, and Suffix functions

This examples illustrates how you can extract component parts of a URL using the following functions:

- DOMAIN - extracts the domain value from a URL. See *DOMAIN Function*.
- SUBDOMAIN - extracts the first group after the protocol identifier and before the domain value. See *SUBDOMAIN Function*.
- HOST - returns the complete value of the host from an URL. See *HOST Function*.
- SUFFIX - extracts the suffix of a URL. See *SUFFIX Function*.
- URLPARAMS - extracts the query parameters and values from a URL. See *URLPARAMS Function*.
- FILTEROBJECT - filters an Object value to show only the elements for a specified key. See *FILTEROBJECT Function*.

**Source:**

Your dataset includes the following values for URLs:

URL
www.example.com
example.com/support
http://www.example.com/products/
http://1.2.3.4
https://www.example.com/free-download
https://www.example.com/about-us/careers
www.app.example.com
www.some.app.example.com
some.app.example.com
some.example.com
example.com
http://www.example.com?q1=broken%20record
http://www.example.com?query=khakis&app=pants
http://www.example.com?q1=broken%20record&q2=broken%20tape&q3=broken%20wrist

**Transform:**

When the above data is imported into the application, the column is recognized as a URL. All values are registered as valid, even the IPv4 address.

To extract the domain and subdomain values:

```
derive type:single value: DOMAIN(URL) as: 'domain_URL'
```

```
derive type:single value: SUBDOMAIN(URL) as: 'subdomain_URL'
```

```
derive type:single value: HOST(URL) as: host_URL'
```

```
derive type:single value: SUFFIX(URL) as: 'suffix_URL'
```

You can use the Trifacta® pattern in the following transform to extract protocol identifiers, if present, into a new column:

```
extract col:URL on: `{start}%*://`
```

To clean this up, you might want to rename the column to protocol\_URL.

To extract the path values, you can use the following regular expression:

**NOTE:** Regular expressions are considered a developer-level method for pattern matching. Please use them with caution. See *Text Matching*.

```
extract col: URL on: /^[^*\:\\/\]\.*/
```

The above transform grabs a little too much of the URL. If you rename the column to `path_URL`, you can use the following regular expression to clean it up:

```
extract col:path_URL on: /[^*\:\.]/
```

Drop the `path_URL` column and rename the `path_URL1` column to the dropped one. Then:

```
derive type:single value: URLPARAMS(URL) as: 'urlParams'
```

If you wanted to just see the values for the `q1` parameter, you could add the following:

```
derive type:single value: FILTEROBJECT(urlParams,'q1') as: 'urlParam_q1'
```

**Results:**

URL	host_URL	path_URL	protocol_URL	subdomain_URL	domain_URL	suffix_URL	urlParams	urlParam_q
www.example.com	www.example.com			www	example	com		
example.com/support	example.com	/support			example	com		
http://www.example.com/products/	www.example.com	/products/	http://	www	example	com		
http://1.2.3.4	1.2.3.4		http://					
https://www.example.com/free-download	www.example.com	/free-download	https://	www	example	com		
https://www.example.com/about-us/careers	www.example.com	/about-us/careers	https://	www	example	com		

www. app. examp le.com	www.app. example. com			www.app	example	com		
www. some. app. examp le.com	www.some. app. example. com			www.some.app	example	com		
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http:// www. examp le. com? q1=br oken% 20reco rd	www. example. com		http://	www	example	com	{"q1":" broken record"}	{"q1":"broken record"}
http:// www. examp le. com? query= khakis &app= pants	www. example. com		http://	www	example	com	{"query":" khakis", " app":"pants"}	
http:// www. examp le. com? q1=br oken% 20reco rd&q2 =broke n% 20tape &q3=b roken % 20wrist	www. example. com		http://	www	example	com	{"q1":" broken record", "q2": "broken tape", "q3": " broken wrist"}	{"q1":"broken record"}