

TO_DATE Function

- Converts various date formats to the internal format (DD-MON-YY) used by Oracle 10g

The screenshot shows a SQL*Plus window with a text area containing the following SQL query:

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SELECT order#, orderdate, shipdate
FROM orders
WHERE orderdate = TO_DATE('March 31, 2005', 'Month DD, YYYY');
```

Below the text area are four buttons: Execute, Load Script, Save Script, and Cancel.

The results of the query are displayed in a table with three columns: ORDER#, ORDERDATE, and SHIPDATE.

ORDER#	ORDERDATE	SHIPDATE
1000	31-MAR-05	02-APR-05
1001	31-MAR-05	01-APR-05
1002	31-MAR-05	01-APR-05

FIGURE 10-26 Using the TO_DATE function