Type Compatibility

The following tables shows which types are compatible, where source types are listed down the left hand side and destination types along the top.

src\dest	Bool	Byte	DateTime	Decimal	Double	Int16	Int32	Int64	Single	String	Blob	Clob
	(*)											
Bool (*)	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Byte	partial	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
DateTime	no	no	yes	no	no	no	no	no	no	yes	no	yes
Decimal	partial	partial	no	yes	yes	partial	partial	partial	partial	yes	no	yes
Double	partial	partial	no	yes	yes	partial	partial	partial	partial	yes	no	yes
Int16	partial	partial	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	yes
Int32	partial	partial	no	yes	yes	partial	yes	yes	partial	yes	no	yes
Int64	partial	partial	no	partial	partial	partial	partial	yes	partial	yes	no	yes
Single	partial	partial	no	yes	yes	partial	partial	partial	yes	yes	no	yes
String	partial2	yes	yes	yes								
Blob	no	yes	yes	yes								
Clob	no	partial2	yes	yes	yes							

yes: types are compatible, conversion should always succeed.

no: types are not compatible

partial: types are compatible but not all values in the source are valid for the destination type. Conversion should always succeed for values that are valid in the destination. For other values, success depends on the **shift** and **truncate** parameters mentioned in section 2.1.

partial2:

for numeric destination types, types are compatible only if the source string value is numeric.

for dateTime destination, types are compatible only if the source string is in the FDO datetime format.