

### 9.1.6. NULL Values

The `NULL` value means "no data." `NULL` can be written in any lettercase.

Be aware that the `NULL` value is different from values such as `0` for numeric types or the empty string for string types. See [Section A.5.3, "Problems with NULL Values"](#).

For text file import or export operations performed with `LOAD DATA INFILE` or `SELECT ... INTO OUTFILE`, `NULL` is represented by the `\N` sequence. See [Section 13.1.5, "LOAD DATA INFILE Syntax"](#).