

Transact-SQL (T-SQL)

- (Microsoft's) Extension of SQL Language. (Oracle has PLSQL)
- Allows procedural programming of databases.
- Enables the implementation of business logic at Database level.
- Includes:
 - Anonymous Blocks (NOT stored single use)
 - Stored procedures (stored – no return value)
 - Stored Functions (stored – has return value)
 - Triggers (stored – executed based on events)
- Full SSR (Sequence, Selection, Repetition)
- No Object Oriented Capability

Anonymous Blocks

- Starts with BEGIN, finishes with END;

```
-----  
1 BEGIN  
2 SELECT 'HELLO WORLD';  
3 END;
```

```
-----  
HELLO WORLD  
-----
```

Variables

- Have data types and store values just like C#

```
1 BEGIN
2 DECLARE @MYVAR NVARCHAR(100);
3 SELECT @MYVAR = 'GOODBYE WORLD';
4 SELECT CONCAT('HELLO WORLD : ', @MYVAR);
5 END;
```

```
HELLO WORLD : GOODBYE WORLD
```

Stored Procedures

- *Have a name, stored in DB, can be called repeatedly*
- *no return value (stored functions do that)*

```
1 CREATE PROCEDURE TESTPROCEDURE AS
2 BEGIN
3 DECLARE @MYVAR NVARCHAR(100);
4 SELECT @MYVAR = 'GOODBYE PROCEDURE';
5 SELECT CONCAT('HELLO PROCEDURE : ', @MYVAR);
6 END;
```

Query succeeded: Affected rows: 0.

```
1 EXEC TESTPROCEDURE;
```

```
HELLO PROCEDURE : GOODBYE PROCEDURE
```

Parameters

- Used to pass input into stored procedure (and functions)

```
CREATE PROCEDURE TESTPARAMS @FIRSTNAME NVARCHAR(30), @SURNAME NVARCHAR(30) AS  
BEGIN  
    SELECT CONCAT('HELLO ', @FIRSTNAME, ' ', @SURNAME);  
END;
```

Query succeeded: Affected rows: 0.

```
--  
EXEC TESTPARAMS @FIRSTNAME = 'Tim', @SURNAME = 'Baird';
```

HELLO Tim Baird

Default Parameter Values

```
1 CREATE PROCEDURE TESTPARAMS2
2     @FIRSTNAME NVARCHAR(30) = 'John',
3     @SURNAME NVARCHAR(30) = 'Doe' AS
4 BEGIN
5     SELECT CONCAT('Hello ', @FIRSTNAME, ' ', @SURNAME);
6 END;
7
```

Query succeeded: Affected rows: 0.

```
1 EXEC TESTPARAMS2 @FIRSTNAME = 'Anh', @SURNAME = 'Nguyen';
```

Hello Anh Nguyen

```
1 EXEC TESTPARAMS2;
```

Hello John Doe

Conditional Logic

```
1 BEGIN
2 DECLARE @MYVAR INT;
3 SELECT @MYVAR = 5;
4
5 IF @MYVAR < 4
6     SELECT 'IT IS LESS THAN FOUR';
7 ELSE
8     SELECT 'IT IS GREATER THEN FOUR';
9
10 END;
11 |
```

IT IS GREATER THEN FOUR

```
1 BEGIN
2 DECLARE @MYVAR INT;
3 SELECT @MYVAR = 4;
4
5 SELECT
6     CASE
7         WHEN @MYVAR < 4 THEN 'IT IS LESS THAN 4'
8         WHEN @MYVAR > 4 THEN 'IT IS GREATER THAN 4'
9         WHEN @MYVAR = 4 THEN 'IT IS FOUR'
10    END
11 END;
```

IT IS FOUR

Repetition (Loops)

- *No FOR loops – can simulate them with WHILE loops*

```
1 BEGIN
2 DECLARE @COUNTER INT;
3 SELECT @COUNTER = 10;
4 DECLARE @OUTPUT NVARCHAR(100);
5 SELECT @OUTPUT = '';
6
7     WHILE @COUNTER > 0
8     BEGIN
9         SET @OUTPUT = CONCAT(@OUTPUT, ' ', @COUNTER);
10        SET @COUNTER = @COUNTER - 1;
11    END;
12
13    SELECT CONCAT(@OUTPUT, ' ', 'BLASTOFF!!');
14 END;
```

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 BLASTOFF!!

Stored Functions

- Returns a Value.
- This means you don't output the value from the function but rather have another block which calls the function and outputs its return value.

```
1 CREATE FUNCTION GETHELLO (@PNAME NVARCHAR(30)) RETURNS NVARCHAR(30) AS
2 BEGIN
3     RETURN CONCAT('HELLO ', @PNAME);
4 END;
```

Query succeeded: Affected rows: 0.

```
1 BEGIN
2     SELECT dbo.GETHELLO('Tim');
3 END;
```

HELLO Tim