

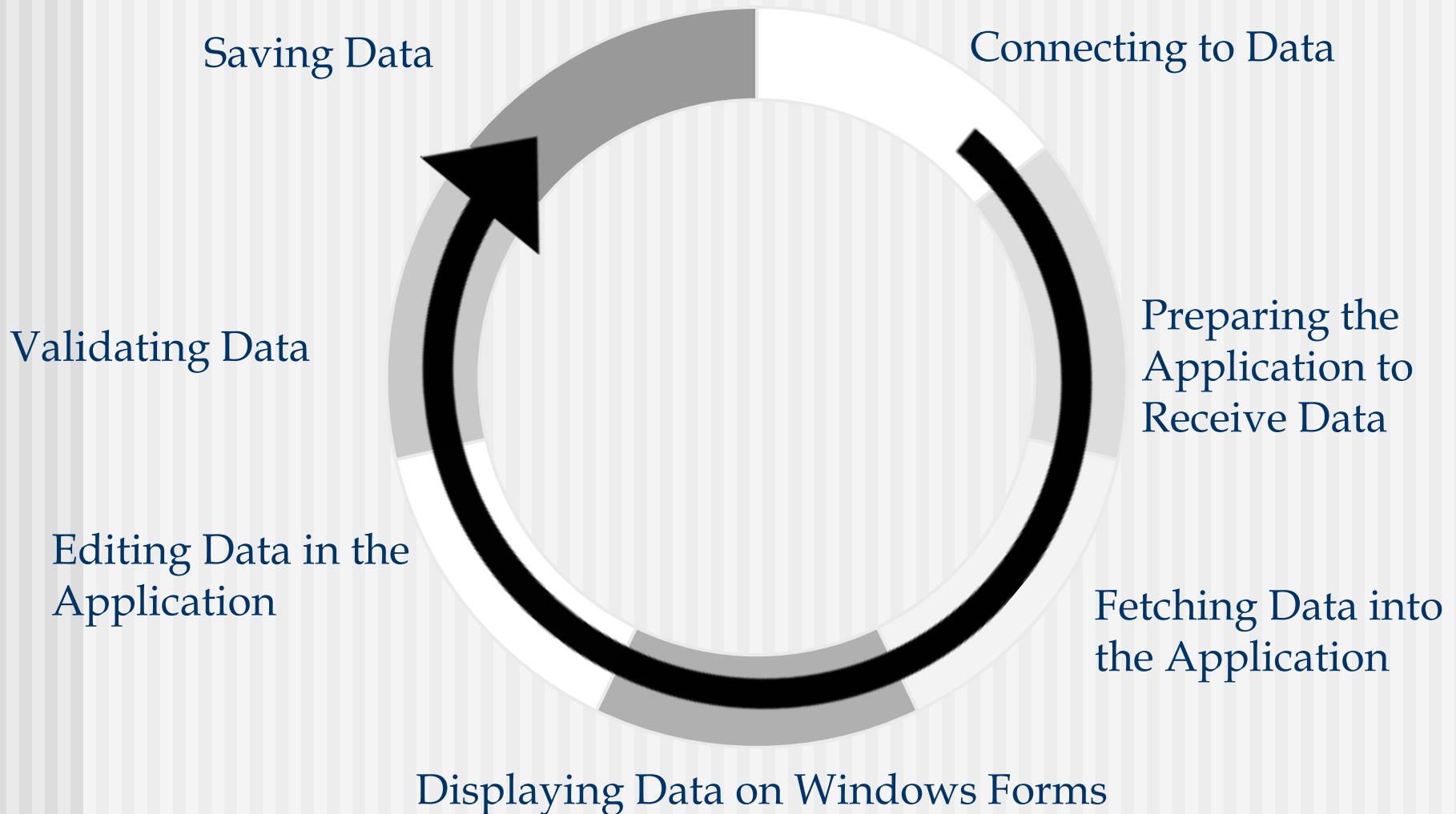
# Seminar 1

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# The Data Cycle

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- connecting to data: establish a two-way communication between the application and the database server (e.g., *TableAdapter*)
- preparing the app to receive data: when using a disconnected data model there are specific objects that temporarily store data (e.g., *datasets*, *LINQ to SQL* objects)
- fetching data: execute queries and stored procedures (e.g., by using *TableAdapters*)

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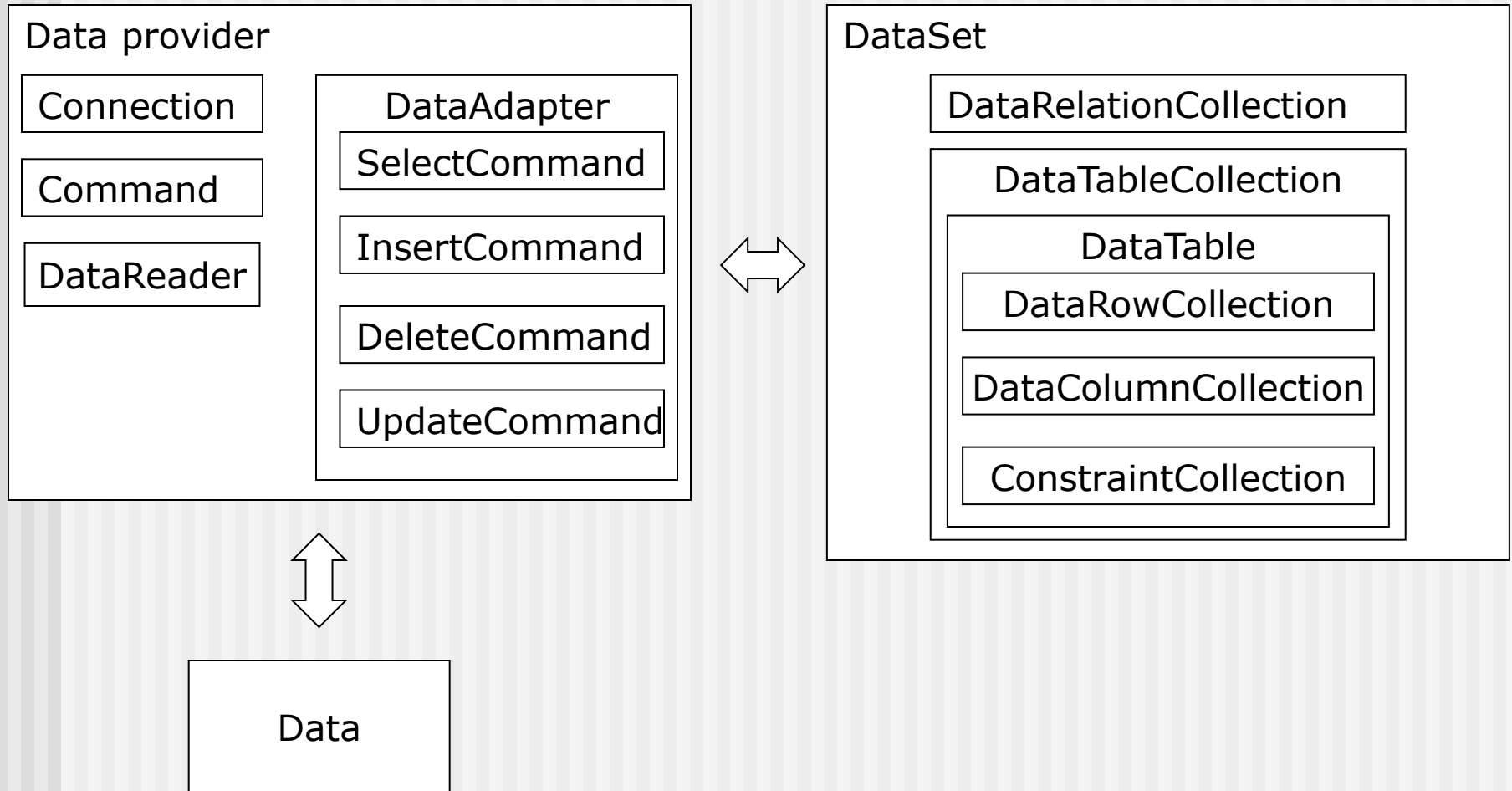
- displaying data: data-bound controls
- editing and validating data: add / modify / delete records; verify if the new values meet the requirements of the application
- saving data: send changes back to the database (e.g., *TableAdapterManager*)

# Data Models

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- typed / untyped datasets
- conceptual model based on the *Entity Data Model*
- *LINQ to SQL*

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# Datasets

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- System

- Data

- DataSet
    - DataTable
    - DataRelation
    - DataColumn
    - DataRow
    - Constraint

# Datasets - the DataSet class

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- object containing data tables that can temporarily store the data used in the application
- typed / untyped
- local in-memory cache
- also works when the application disconnects from the database
- structure similar to that of a relational database (tables, rows, columns, constraints, relationships)



# Datasets - the DataSet class

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- properties:

- *Tables* (*DataTableCollection*) – collection of tables in the DataSet
- *Relations* (*DataRelationCollection*) – collection of relations (child / parent tables)

- methods:

- *Clear()* – clears all rows in all tables
- *HasChanges()* – indicates whether there are new / deleted / modified rows

# Datasets - the DataTable class

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- properties:
  - *Rows (DataRowCollection)*
  - *Columns (DataColumnCollection)*
  - *ChildRelations and ParentRelations (DataRelationCollection)*

# Datasets - the DataRow class

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- properties:
  - *RowState* - possible values: *Added*, *Deleted*, *Modified*, *Unchanged*

# SqlConnection

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- represents a connection to a SQL Server database
- cannot be inherited
- if the SqlConnection goes out of scope, it is not closed => must ensure the connection is always closed (e.g., *Close*)
- properties:
  - *ConnectionString* - string used to open a SQL Server database  
(<http://www.connectionstrings.com/> )
  - *ConnectionTimeout* - time to wait to establish a connection before terminating the attempt and generating an error

# SqlConnection

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- methods:
  - *Open()*
  - *Close()*
- if a *SqlException* is generated, the *SqlConnection* remains open when the severity level  $\leq 19$

# SqlCommand

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- represents a Transact-SQL statement or stored procedure to be executed on a SQL Server database
- cannot be inherited
- properties:
  - *CommandText*
  - *CommandTimeout*
- methods:
  - *ExecuteNonQuery* – returns the number of affected rows

# SqlCommand

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- methods:
  - *ExecuteScalar* – returns the first column of the first row in the answer set
  - *ExecuteReader* – builds a SqlDataReader

## SqlDataReader

- reads a forward-only stream of rows from a SQL Server database

# SqlDataAdapter

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- bridge between a DataSet and SQL Server to obtain data and save changes back to the database
- a set of commands and a database connection
- properties:
  - *UpdateCommand* - statement / stored procedure used to update records in the data source
  - *InsertCommand* - statement / stored procedure used when inserting records into the data source
  - *DeleteCommand* - statement / stored procedure used to delete records



# SqlDataAdapter

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- methods:

- *Fill(DataSet, String)* - adds or refreshes rows in the DataSet object to match those in the data source (2<sup>nd</sup> param – name of table)
- *Update(DataSet, String)* – changes the values in the database by executing INSERT / UPDATE / DELETE statements for every added / modified / deleted row

# Console

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- it represents the standard input, output, error streams for console applications
- properties:
  - *WindowLeft, WindowTop, WindowHeight, WindowWidth, BackgroundColor, Title, etc.*
- methods:
  - *Write(...), WriteLine(...)*
  - *Read(), ReadLine(), ReadKey()*