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How to get the last generated identity column value in SQL Server - Part 8

From the previous session, we understood that identity column values are auto generated. There are several ways in sql server, to retrieve the last identity value that is generated. The most common way is to use SCOPE_IDENTITY() built in function.

Apart, from using SCOPE_IDENTITY(), you also have @@IDENTITY and IDENT_CURRENT('TableName') function.



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Example queries for getting the last generated identity value

Select SCOPE_IDENTITY()
Select @@IDENTITY
Select IDENT_CURRENT('tblPerson')

Let's now understand the difference between, these 3 approaches.

SCOPE_IDENTITY() returns the last identity value that is created in the same session (Connection) and in the same scope (in the same Stored procedure, function, trigger). Let's say, I have 2 tables tblPerson1 and tblPerson2, and I have a trigger on tblPerson1 table, which will insert a record into tblPerson2 table. Now, when you insert a record into tblPerson1 table, SCOPE_IDENTITY() returns the idetentity value that is generated in tblPerson1 table, where as @@IDENTITY returns, the value that is generated in tblPerson2 table. So, @@IDENTITY returns the last identity value that is created in the same session without any consideration to the scope. IDENT_CURRENT('tblPerson') returns the last identity value created for a specific table across any session and any scope.

In brief:

SCOPE_IDENTITY() - returns the last identity value that is created in the same session and in the same scope.

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@@IDENTITY - returns the last identity value that is created in the same session and across any scope.

IDENT_CURRENT('TableName') - returns the last identity value that is created for a specific table across any session and any scope.

6 comments:



Gaurav Dighe December 21, 2013 at 9:01 PM

Hello,

Can you please upload the Presentations of SQL Server. That would be really beneficial. Thank You

Reply

Anonymous March 16, 2014 at 9:15 AM

IF WE USE ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED THREE FUNCTION BEFORE THE INSERT STATEMENT WAHT WILL BE THE O/P

thanks wasim.add@gmail.com

Reply



siva d May 18, 2014 at 9:49 AM

Hello Wasim,

If you execute SCOPE_IDENTITY() or @@IDENTITY for the first time in the current session before insert statement then you will get NULL.

When it comes to IDENT_CURRENT('TABLENAME'), the result is same if no data is inserted by any of the sessions.

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jits April 6, 2015 at 1:46 AM

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Hello Sir.

When I insert record in table and get identity column that work fine. But problem is that when exception in program like(Primary Key) occurs then data not save in table but Identity column increment? (in my program Identity column is not primary key)

Reply



raju July 25, 2016 at 11:56 PM

Hi Jits Look at the below code.. the answer for ur question..

When error occurs the Identity value is skipped ...

So if u don't want to skip the Identity value use the below code..

Here i have taken Email as Unique Key .. So when i insert same email id again i will get error number as 2627 for Unique key violation..

Begin Transaction

insert into tblPerson values('bobayya','hbc',2)

if(@@Error = 2627)

Begin

Declare @Id int

Set @Id = @@IDENTITY

DBCC CheckIdent('tblPerson',reseed, @ld)

end

Else

Begin

Commit Transaction

End

In the above code when error occurs ,, i m just setting the ld to current Identity value .. so when u insert the row next time the Id value is not skipped.. it will continue consecutively...

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Unknown June 5, 2019 at 12:54 PM

I can't understand what these functions used for? can you please help me to understand

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