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Creating, altering and dropping a database - Part 2

In Part 1 of SQL Server, we have seen, using SSMS to connect to SQL Server. In this part we will learn creating, altering and dropping a database.

A SQL Server database can be created, altered and dropped

1. Graphically using SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) or
2. Using a Query



Creating altering and dropping ...



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To create the database graphically

1. Right Click on Databases folder in the Object explorer
2. Select New Database
3. In the New Database dialog box, enter the Database name and click OK.

To Create the database using a query

[Create database DatabaseName](#)

Whether, you create a database graphically using the designer or, using a query, the following 2 files gets generated.

- .MDF file - Data File (Contains actual data)
- .LDF file - Transaction Log file (Used to recover the database)

To alter a database, once it's created

[Alter database DatabaseName Modify Name = NewDatabaseName](#)

Alternatively, you can also use system stored procedure

[Execute sp_renameDB 'OldDatabaseName','NewDatabaseName'](#)

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To Delete or Drop a database

[Drop Database DatabaseThatYouWantToDrop](#)

Dropping a database, deletes the LDF and MDF files.

You cannot drop a database, if it is currently in use. You get an error stating - **Cannot drop database "NewDatabaseName" because it is currently in use.** So, if other users are connected, you need to put the database in single user mode and then drop the database.

[Alter Database DatabaseName Set SINGLE_USER With Rollback Immediate](#)

With Rollback Immediate option, will rollback all incomplete transactions and closes the connection to the database.

Note: System databases cannot be dropped.

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Anonymous June 22, 2015 at 12:38 AM

Hi Venkat,

Is it possible to add sample links of scriptlets or snippets of databases and tables as a part of your download.

Additionally, TSQL based programming functions and procedures tutorials will be a good start for beginners.

thanks

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[Reply](#)**Nitesh Upare** April 2, 2016 at 4:59 AM

Hi Venkat,

If the size of the .LDF file is getting increased in GBs so how to decrease the size of it. In my case the size is increased about 48GB. I have tried with shrink option but it is not working.

Thanks.

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Simple take log backup of database and perform DBCC Shrink file operation on it.

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if we drop the database .ldf file will be deleted. then how it is used to recover the database?

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