Functions, views, system tables, triggers, MERGE instruction – in SQL Server

Functions defined by users

- the programmer can define his/her own functions; these ones can be use later in SQL queries;

- 3 types of functions defined by users in SQL Server

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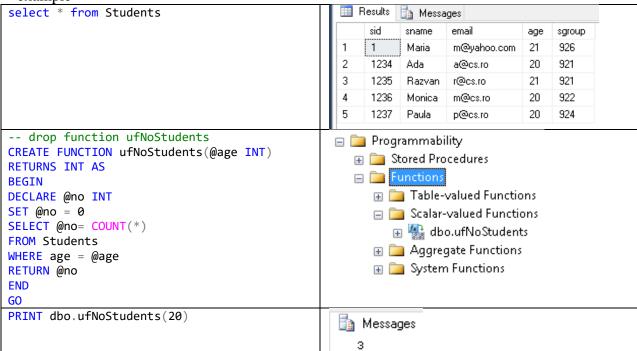
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                                                                                          CREATE FUNCTION <Inline_Function_Name,
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                                                                                                        CREATE FUNCTION < Scalar_Function_Name,
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sysname, FunctionName>
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          -- Add the parameters for the function
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           <@param2, sysname, @p2>
                                                  <data_type_for_param2, , char>
                                                                                                       RETURNS < Function_Data_Type, ,int>
<Data_Type_For_Param2, , char>
                                                                                                        AS
                                                                                                        BEGIN
                                                 RETURNS
RETURNS TABLE
                                                  <@Table_Variable_Name, sysname, @Table_Var>
                                                                                                                  -- Declare the return variable here
                                                                                                                  DECLARE <@ResultVar, sysname,
                                                 TABLE
RETURN
                                                                                                        @Result> <Function_Data_Type, ,int>
                                                            -- Add the column definitions for the
          -- Add the SELECT statement with
                                                 TABLE variable here
                                                                                                                  -- Add the T-SQL statements to compute the
parameter references here
                                                            <Column_1, sysname, c1>
                                                                                                        return value here
                                                  <Data_Type_For_Column1, , int>,
          SELECT 0
                                                                                                                  SELECT < @ResultVar, sysname,
                                                            <Column_2, sysname, c2>
                                                                                                        @Result> = <@Param1, sysname, @p1>
GO
                                                  <Data_Type_For_Column2, , int>
                                                                                                                  -- Return the result of the function
                                                 AS
                                                                                                                  RETURN <@ResultVar, sysname,
                                                 BEGIN
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Fill the table variable with the rows for	
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	GO
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END	
GO	

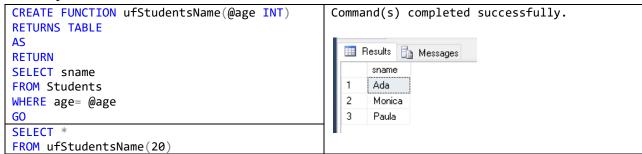
a. Scalar functions

- return a value
- disadvantage in the case of a scalar function that operates on more rows, SQL Server executes the function once for each row from the result, fact that can have a significant impact through the performance
- example

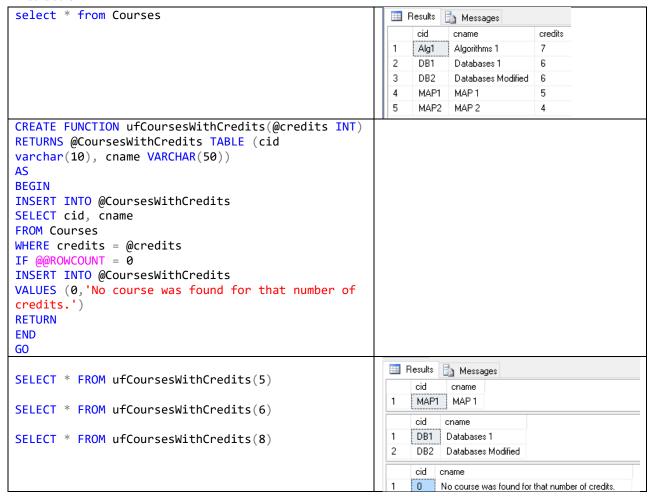


b. Inline table-valued functions

- return a table
- can be used anywhere where a table can be inside of a T-SQL query (ussualy in the FROM clause)
- example



- c. Multi-statement table-valued functions
- returns a table
- the difference with the inline table-valued functions is that these ones can have more than one instruction

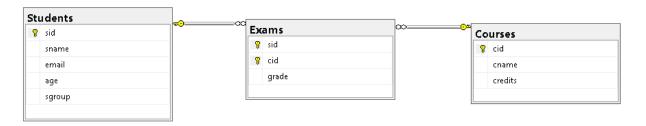


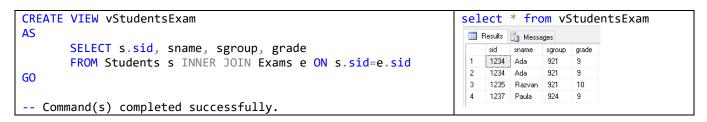
<u>Views</u>

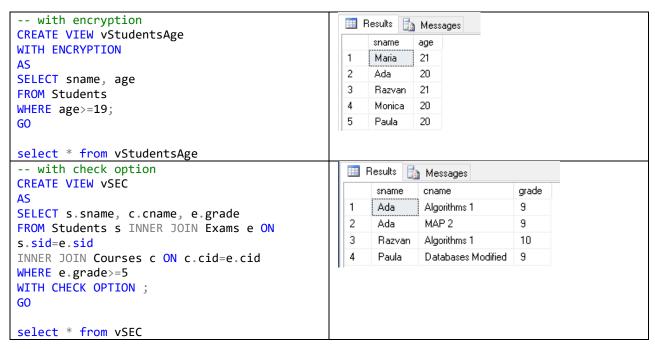
- a view creates a virtual table that represent the dates from one or more tables in an alternative way;
- the content of the virtual table (columns and rows) is defined by a query;
- it can have a maximum of 1024 columns;
- the syntax

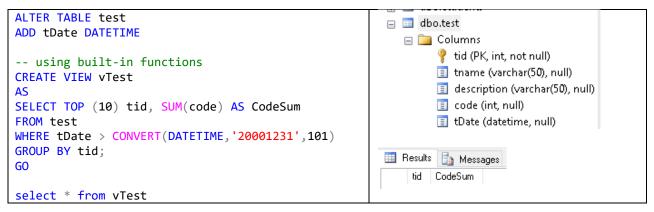
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CREATE VIEW view_name
AS SELECT_instruction
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- example



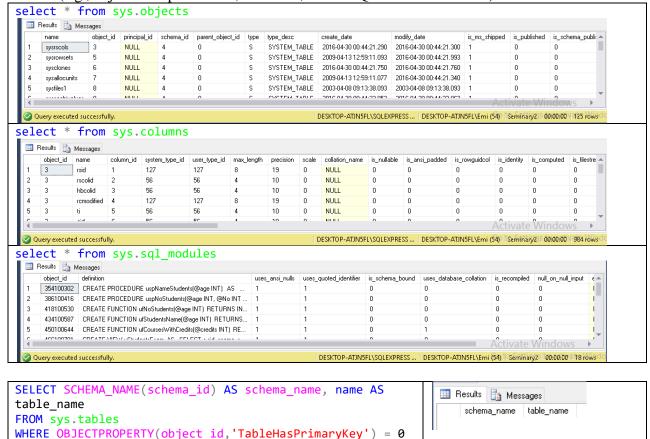






System Tables

- special tables with information about all the objects created in a database (tables, columns, indexes, stored procedures, functions defined by the user, views, and so on)
- are managed by the server (are not modified directly by the user)
- examples:
- sys.objects contains a row for each object (constraint, stored procedure, table and so on) created in a database;
- sys.columns a row for each column of an object that has columns, e.g. tables or views;
- sys.sql_modules a row for each object that it is a defined module in the SQL language in SQL Server (e.g., objects like procedures, functions, with a SQL module associated).



Triggers

- a special type of stored procedures;

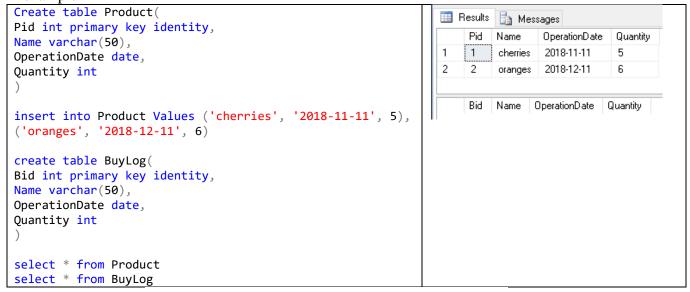
ORDER BY schema name, table name;

- are automatically executed when a DML (Data Manipulation Language) instruction is executed (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) or a DDL (Data Definition Language) instruction (e.g. CREATE_DATABASE, CREATE_TABLE, DROP_TABLE, DROP_LOGIN, UPDATE_STATISTICS, DROP_TRIGGER, ALTER_TABLE);
- are not executed directly
- trigger syntax for the instruction INSER/UPDATE/DELETE on a table or view:

```
CREATE TRIGGER < trigger_name>
ON { table | view}
[ WITH < trigger_option_DML > [ ,...n ] ]
```

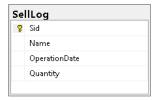
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{ FOR | AFTER | INSTEAD OF }
{ [INSERT] [,] [UPDATE] [,] [DELETE] }
[ WITH APPEND ]
[ NOT FOR REPLICATION ]
AS
{ sql_instruction [;] [ ,...n ] |
EXTERNAL NAME <method specifier[;] > }
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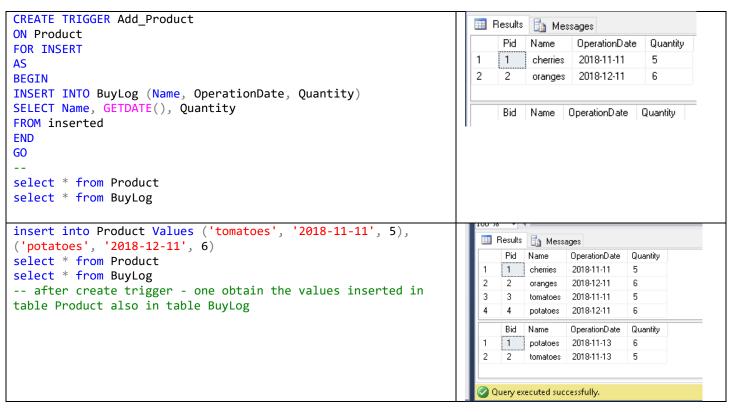
- the execution moment for a trigger is specified through one of the options:
- FOR, AFTER the DML trigger is starting only when all the operations specified in the starting instruction have been executed with success (more triggers can be defined);
 - INSTEAD OF the DML trigger is executed instead of the starting action.
- if more triggers are defined for the same action, these ones are executed random;
- when a trigger is executed, one can access 2 special tables called *inserted* and *deleted*.
- example

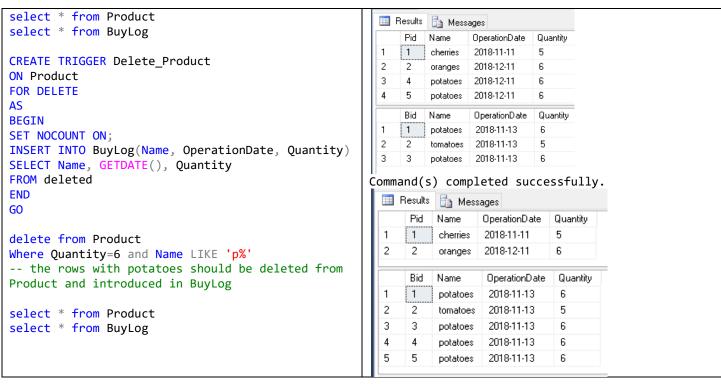




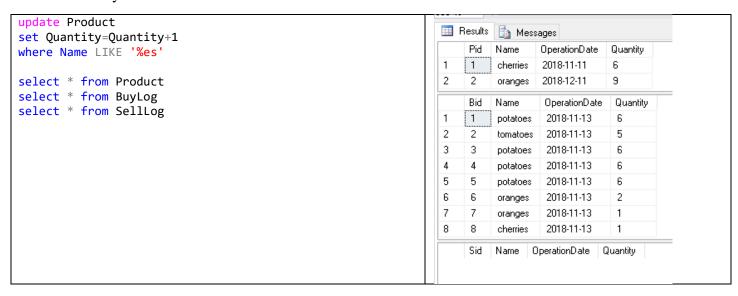








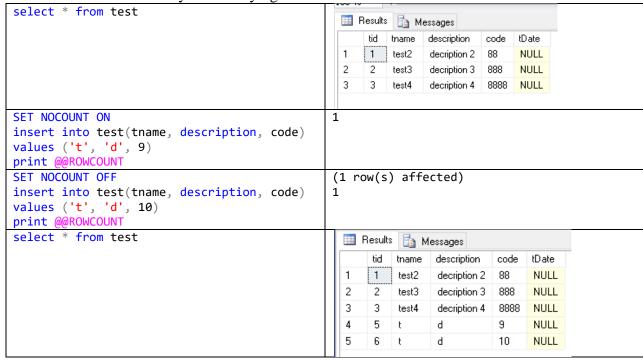
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create table SellLog(
                                                                        🔠 Results 🔓 Messages
Sid int primary key identity,
                                                                            Pid
                                                                                Name
                                                                                       OperationDate
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Name varchar(50),
                                                                                       2018-11-11
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OperationDate date,
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Quantity int)
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select * from BuyLog
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select * from SellLog
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CREATE TRIGGER Modify Update Product
                                                                      Command(s) completed successfully.
ON Product
FOR UPDATE
AS
BEGIN
SET NOCOUNT ON;
INSERT INTO SellLog(Name, OperationDate, Quantity)
SELECT d.Name, GETDATE(), d.Quantity - i.Quantity
FROM deleted d INNER JOIN inserted i ON d.Pid = i.Pid
WHERE i.Quantity < d.Quantity</pre>
INSERT INTO BuyLog(Name, OperationDate, Quantity)
SELECT i.Name, GETDATE(), i.Quantity - d.Quantity
FROM deleted d INNER JOIN inserted i ON d.Pid = i.Pid
WHERE i.Quantity > d.Quantity
END
GO
update Product
                                                                        Results
                                                                                 Messages
set Quantity=8
                                                                            Pid
                                                                                Name
                                                                                        OperationDate |
                                                                                                   Quantity
WHERE Quantity=6
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SET NOCOUNT

SET NOCOUNT ON/OFF

- the number of the affected rows by a T-SQL instruction or by a stored procedure:
 - no run (ON) the count is not returned.
 - run (OFF) the count is returned.
- @@ROWCOUNT always is modifying.



Change Data Capture (CDC)

- information about the DML changes on the table/database;
- introduced in SQL Server 2008;
- sys.sp_cdc_enable_db CDC for the database;
- sys.sp_cdc_enable_table CDC for the monitories tables;

- allows the data archiving and monitoring without a supplementary programming effort (e.g., by writing triggers);
- the changing from the tables created by the user are monitored;
- the result data from the monitoring are stored in tables that can queried with SQL;
- mirror tables are created and contain the columns of the monitoring tables + the metadata that describe the changes.

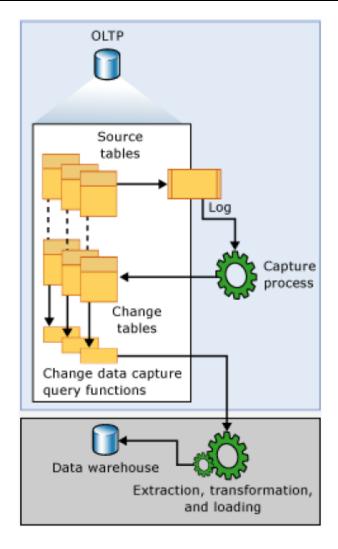
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EXECUTE sys.sp cdc enable db
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```
EXECUTE sys.sp_cdc_enable_table
    @source_schema = N'dbo'
, @source_name = N'test'
, @role_name = N'cdc_Admin';
```

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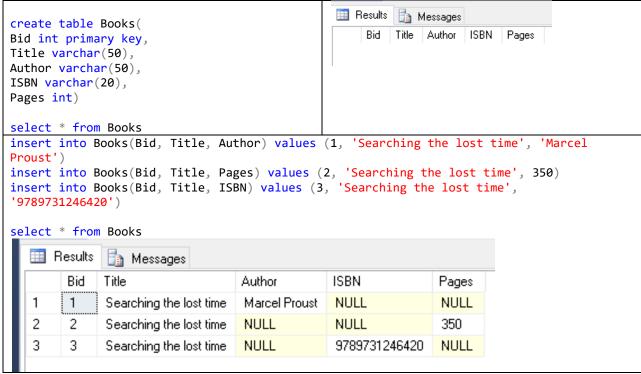


MERGE instruction

- allows the comparison between the rows from a source table and a destination table;
- based on the result of the comparison, one can execute INSERT, UPDATE or DELETE commands, e.g., one can execute modification operations / delete operations on a destination table based on the result of a join with a source table.

```
MERGE Table_Definition AS Destination
USING (Source_Table) AS Source
ON (Search_terms)
WHEN MATCHED THEN
UPDATE SET
or
DELETE
WHEN NOT MATCHED [BY TARGET] THEN
INSERT
WHEN NOT MATCHED BY SOURCE THEN
UPDATE SET
or
DELETE
```

- example



```
MERGE Books
USING
(SELECT MAX(Bid) Bid, Title, MAX(Author) Author, MAX(ISBN) ISBN, MAX(Pages) Pages
FROM Books
GROUP BY Title) MergeData ON Books.Bid = MergeData.Bid
WHEN MATCHED THEN
```

```
UPDATE SET Books.Title = MergeData.Title,
Books.Author = MergeData.Author,
Books.ISBN = MergeData.ISBN,
Books.Pages = MergeData.Pages
WHEN NOT MATCHED BY SOURCE THEN DELETE;
Warning: Null value is eliminated by an aggregate or other SET operation.
(3 row(s) affected)
select * from Books
 🚃 Results 🛅 Messages
      Bid
           Title
                             Author
                                         ISBN
                                                       Pages
      3
           Searching the lost time | Marcel Proust | 9789731246420
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