



**How to collect the first 10 or  
every 4th event ?**

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I want my extended event session to stop collecting data after 10 events have been captured. My GoogleFu is failing me. Any suggestions? #sqlhelp @erinstellato

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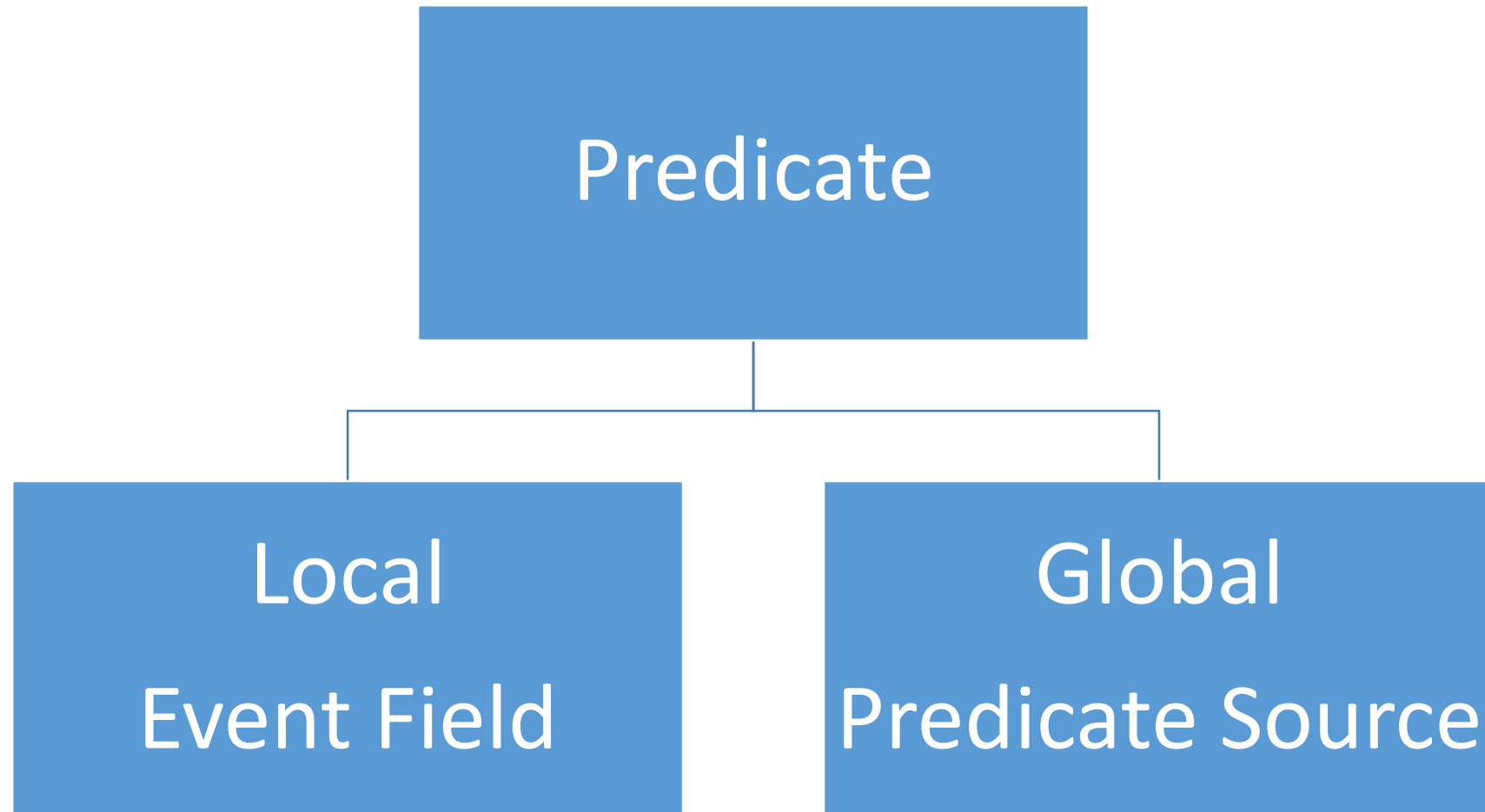


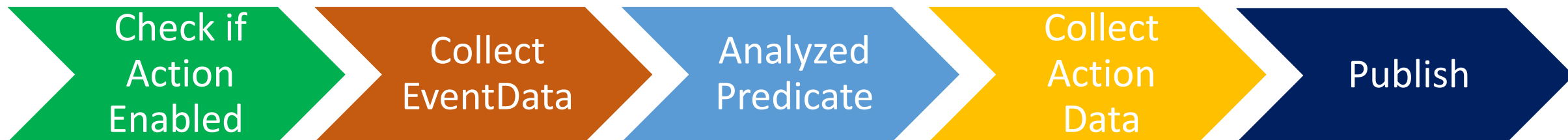
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Replying to @dan\_clemens

In your predicate for the event, you need: AND  
package0.counter <= 10  
and you want that to be LAST in your predicate syntax. Then, XE will only capture the first 10 times the event files, based on it meeting ALL the other predicates first. More here: [blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/extended\\_event...](https://blogs.msdn.microsoft.com/extended_event/)

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```
ADD EVENT sqlserver.sql_statement_completed(  
  ACTION(sqlserver.session_id,sqlserver.sql_text)  
  WHERE ([sqlserver].[sql_text] like '%This is the%'  
  AND [package0].[divides_by_uint64]([package0].[counter],(4))  
  AND [sqlserver].[session_id]=(54)))
```

Are these the two session\_id  
referring to same thing?

```
package_name.pred_compare(field/pred_source, value)
```



```
package0.divides_by_uint64(package0.counter, 4)
```

	name	description	package
1	divides_by_uint64	Whether a uint64 divides another with no remainder	package0
2	equal_ansi_string	Equality operator between two ANSI string values	package0
3	equal_binary_data	Equality operator between two Binary values	package0
4	equal_boolean	Equality operator between two Boolean values	package0
5	equal_float64	Equality operator between two 64-bit double values	package0
6	equal_guid	Equality operator between two GUID values	package0
7	equal_i_ansi_string	Equality operator between two ANSI string values	package0
8	equal_i_sql_ansi_string	Equality operator between two SQL ANSI string values	sqlserver
9	equal_i_sql_unicode_string	Equality operator between two SQL UNICODE string ...	sqlserver
10	equal_i_unicode_string	Equality operator between two UNICODE string values	package0



# Resource

- [Try a sample: Using the counter predicate for event sampling](#)
- [Today's Subject: Predicates](#)
- [Reading event data 101: What's up with the XML?](#)
- [Why I hate the ring buffer target in Extended Events](#)



## Work

- 13 years as DBA
- MCSE Data Management and Analytics
- 10 years in Merchant Marine

## Outside Work

- Running—One 26.2 and Many 13.1
- Shuttling 3 kids

## Giving Back

- Co-organizer NESQL User Group
- Frequent speaker local user groups, SQL Saturdays & Virtual groups
- Answering questions at #sqlhelp & dba.stackexchange
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