

Document: Mandatory Assignment 1, Blog DB.

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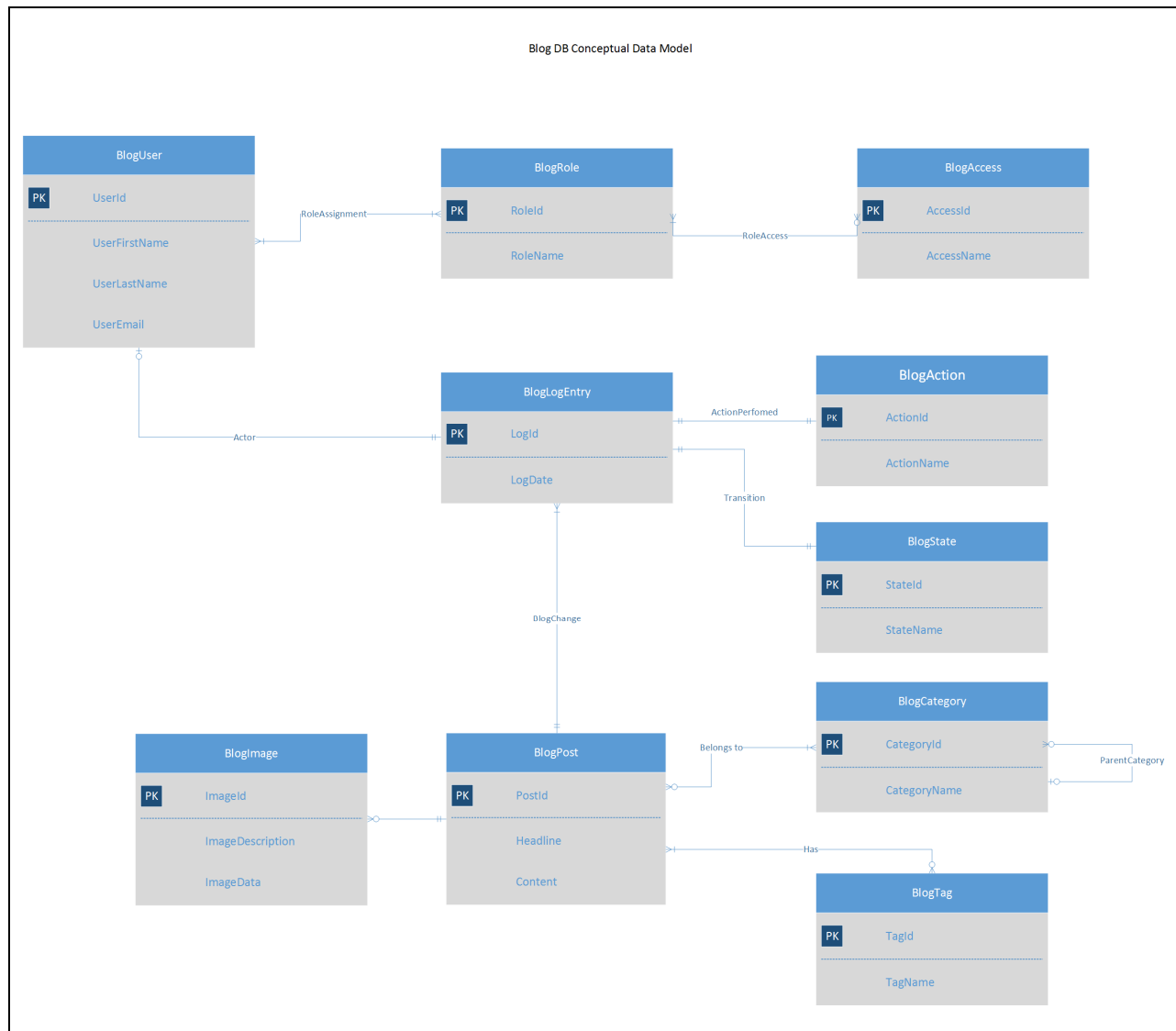
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1. Start of the blog

1.1 Data Model

Conceptual Model

Below you can see the conceptual/logical data model for the Blog DB. Since this database is rather simple there are no distinctions between the conceptual and the logical data model.



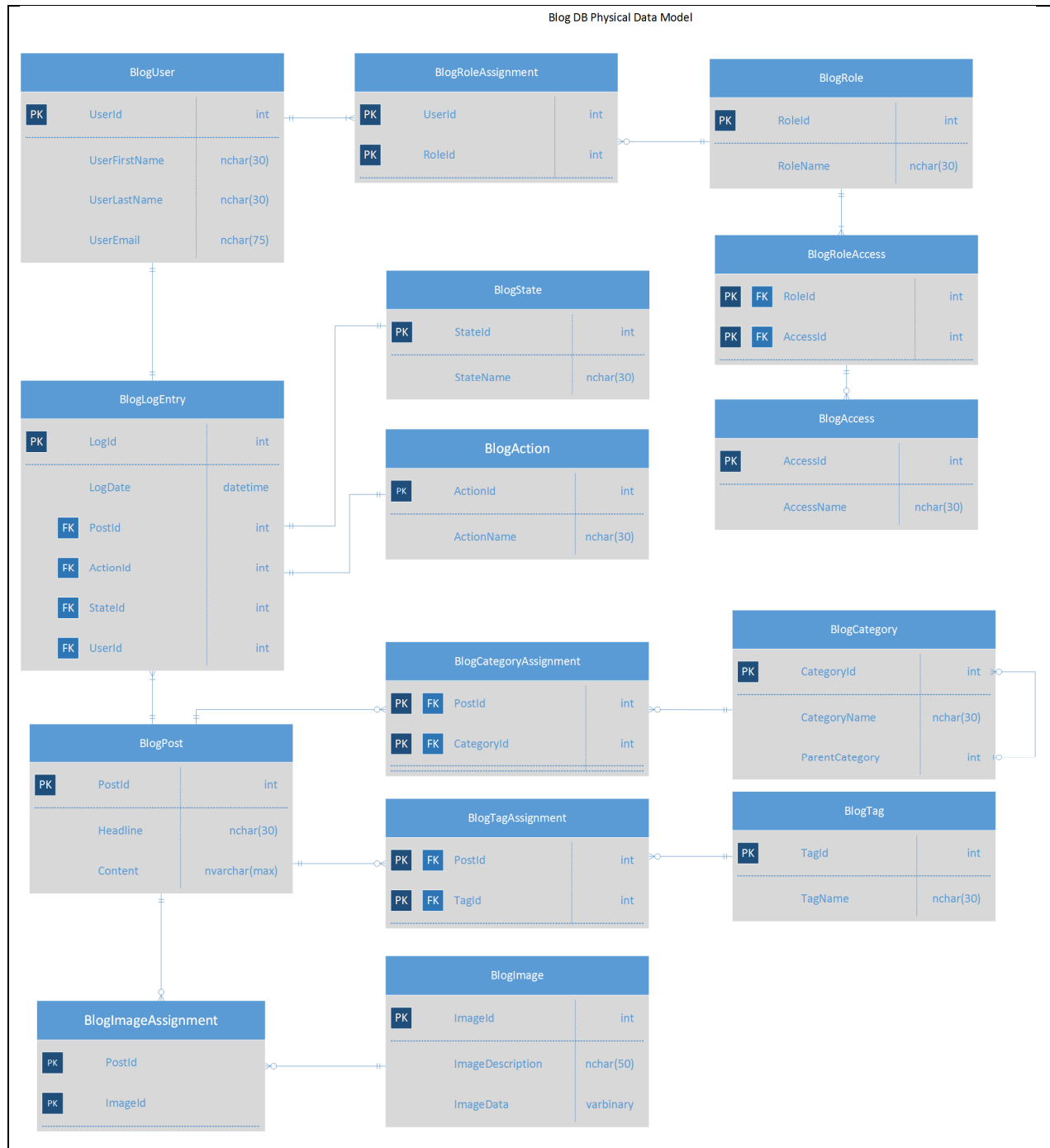
Given this data model we can:

- Register users and assign one or more roles to the user.
- Assign access levels to roles.
- Create blog posts that belongs to multiple categories, have multiple tags and contains multiple images. A blog post must belong to at least one category.
- Support a hierarchy of categories, a category may have sub-categories.
- Perform actions (like create, edit, publish, delete etc.) on the blog post.
- Log blog actions by user and date.
- Track (using the log) the blog state transitions caused by actions.

One might argue that the BlogLogEntry table should not be part of the conceptual model. However, since transitions between states are considered important information, it is modelled here. Assigning or removing tags or categories need not be logged. The model can be extended to support this if needed.

Physical Model

Knowing that the Blog DB should be implemented in Microsoft SQL Server, I have created a physical data model as well. The physical data model displays further details such as attributes, corresponding data types and junction tables used to implement many-to-many relations.



The junction tables are:

- BlogRoleAssignment (users assigned to roles).
- BlogRoleAccess (access level(s) for roles).
- BlogCategoryAssignment (categories assigned to a blog post).
- BlogTagAssignment (tags assigned to a blog post).
- BlogImageAssignment (images used in a blog post).

1.2 SQL

Q1 - Add Blog Post

Assuming we have the following tags and categories in our Blog DB:

| TagId | TagName | CategoryId | CategoryName | ParentId |
|-------|--------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| 1 | Mast | 1 | Bådtyper | NULL |
| 2 | Rig | 2 | Kølbåd | 1 |
| 3 | Fortøjring | 3 | Jolle | 1 |
| 4 | Påhængsmotor | 4 | Motorbåd | 1 |
| | | 5 | Kajak | 1 |
| | | 6 | Beklædning | NULL |
| | | 7 | Sejlområder | NULL |
| | | 8 | Klubber | 7 |

And the users:

| UserId | UserFirstName | UserLastName | UserEmail |
|--------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| 1 | Brian | Munksgaard | brian.munksgaard@gmail.com |
| 2 | Emil | Munksgaard | emil.munksgaard@gmail.com |
| 3 | Lucas | Munksgaard | lucas.munksgaard@gmail.com |
| 4 | Mikkel | Munksgaard | mikkelm.munksgaard@gmail.com |

And the possible blog states:

| StateId | StateName |
|---------|-----------|
| 1 | Draft |
| 2 | Published |
| 3 | Archived |
| 4 | Hidden |

We can then establish a blog post with the following SQL statements:

```
USE BlogDB;

-- Insert blog post.
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogPost (Headline, Content)
VALUES ('Optimist', 'Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten eller optien, er bla bla bla .....');

-- Assign category.
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment (PostId, CategoryId)
VALUES (1, 3); -- Første blog post er om joller.
```

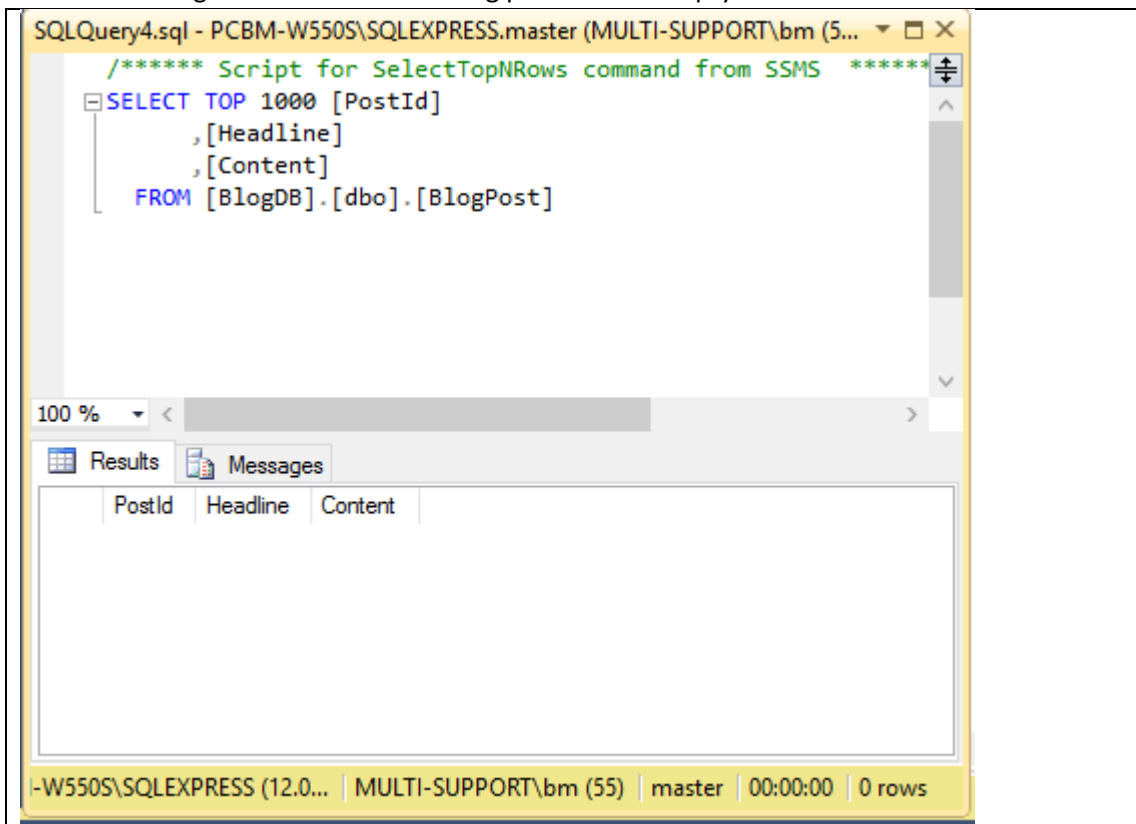
```

-- Assign tags.
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogTagAssignment (PostId, TagId)
VALUES (1, 1), -- Mast
       (1, 2) -- Rig

-- Add log entry.
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogLogEntry (LogDate, PostId, ActionId, StateId, UserId)
VALUES (
    GETDATE(),
    1, /* PostId */
    1, /* Action: Create */
    1, /* State: Draft */
    1 /* User: Brian Munksgaard */
);

```

Before executing the statements the blog post table is empty:



After executing the statements the blog post table looks like this:

The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'SQLQuery2.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.master (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (59))'. The query is:

```

/***** Script for SelectTopNRows command from SSMS *****/
SELECT TOP 1000 [PostId]
, [Headline]
, [Content]
FROM [BlogDB].[dbo].[BlogPost]
  
```

The 'Results' tab shows a single row of data:

| | PostId | Headline | Content |
|---|--------|----------|---|
| 1 | 1 | Optimist | Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten eller opti... |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: '-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (59) | master | 00:00:00 | 1 rows'.

Joining the relevant tables you can see the user Brian created a blog entry with the headline Optimist and that the blog entry is a draft:

The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'DisplayBlogEntry.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (57))*'. The query is:

```

USE BlogDB;

SELECT a.Headline, a.Content, b.LogDate,
      UserName = CONCAT(RTRIM(c.UserFirstName), ' ', RTRIM(c.UserLastName)), d.StateName
FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogLogEntry AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN dbo.BlogUser AS c ON b.UserId = c.UserId
JOIN dbo.BlogState AS d ON b.StateId = d.StateId
  
```

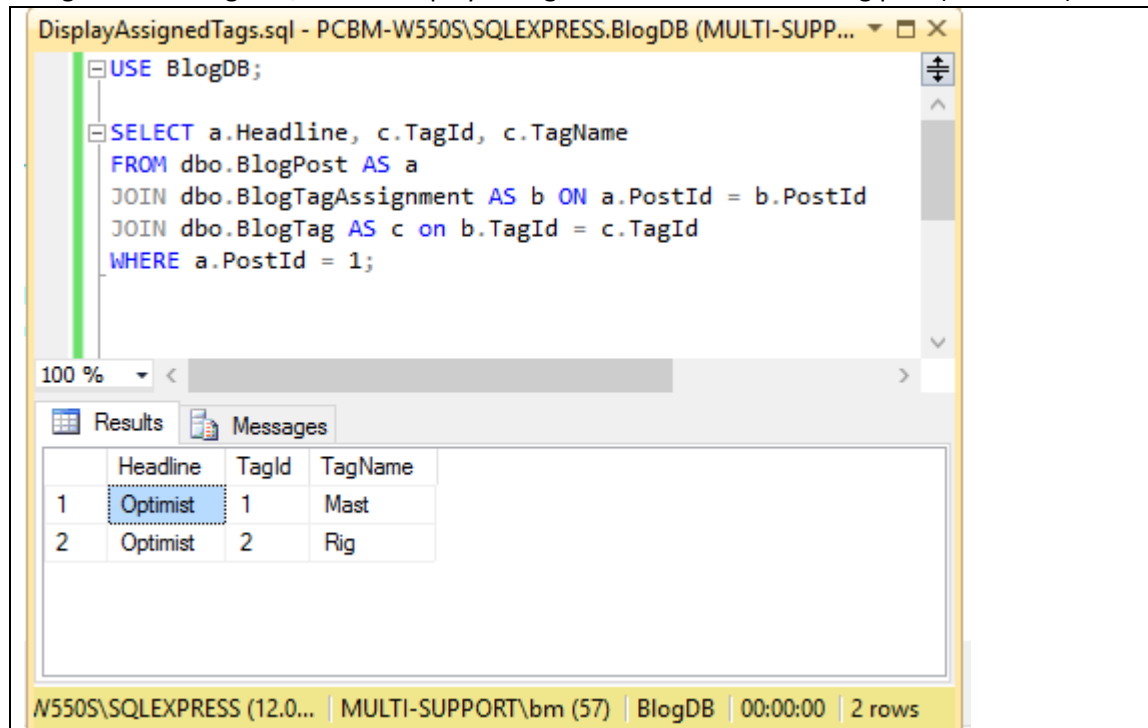
The 'Results' tab shows a single row of data:

| | Headline | Content | LogDate | UserName | StateName |
|---|----------|---|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Optimist | Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten eller opti... | 2015-09-29 08:58:54.540 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: 'Query executed successful... | PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (57) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 1 rows'.

Q2 – Display assigned tags

Using the following SQL, we can display all tags associated with first blog post (PostId = 1):



The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled "DisplayAssignedTags.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPP...". The query is as follows:

```
USE BlogDB;

SELECT a.Headline, c.TagId, c.TagName
FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogTagAssignment AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN dbo.BlogTag AS c ON b.TagId = c.TagId
WHERE a.PostId = 1;
```

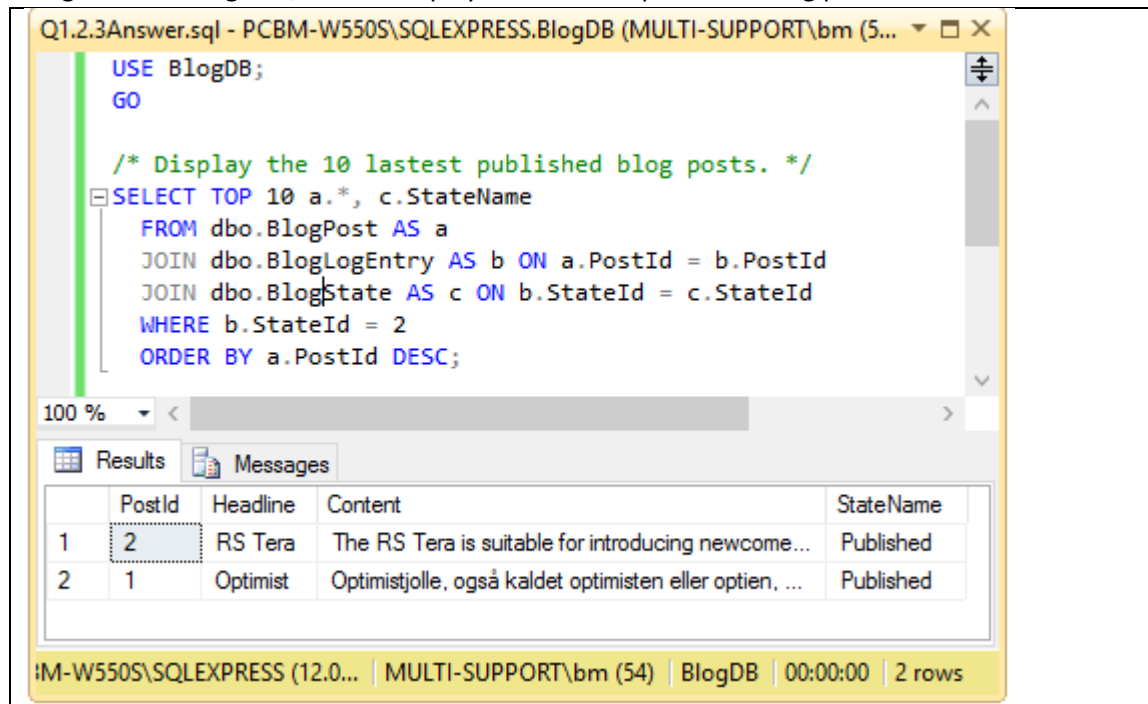
The query results are displayed in a table with the following data:

| | Headline | TagId | TagName |
|---|----------|-------|---------|
| 1 | Optimist | 1 | Mast |
| 2 | Optimist | 2 | Rig |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: "W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (57) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 2 rows".

Q3 – Display 10 latest published posts

Using the following SQL, we can display the 10 latest published blog posts:



The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled "Q1.2.3Answer.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (5...". The query is as follows:

```
USE BlogDB;
GO

/* Display the 10 latest published blog posts. */
SELECT TOP 10 a.*, c.StateName
FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogLogEntry AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN dbo.BlogState AS c ON b.StateId = c.StateId
WHERE b.StateId = 2
ORDER BY a.PostId DESC;
```

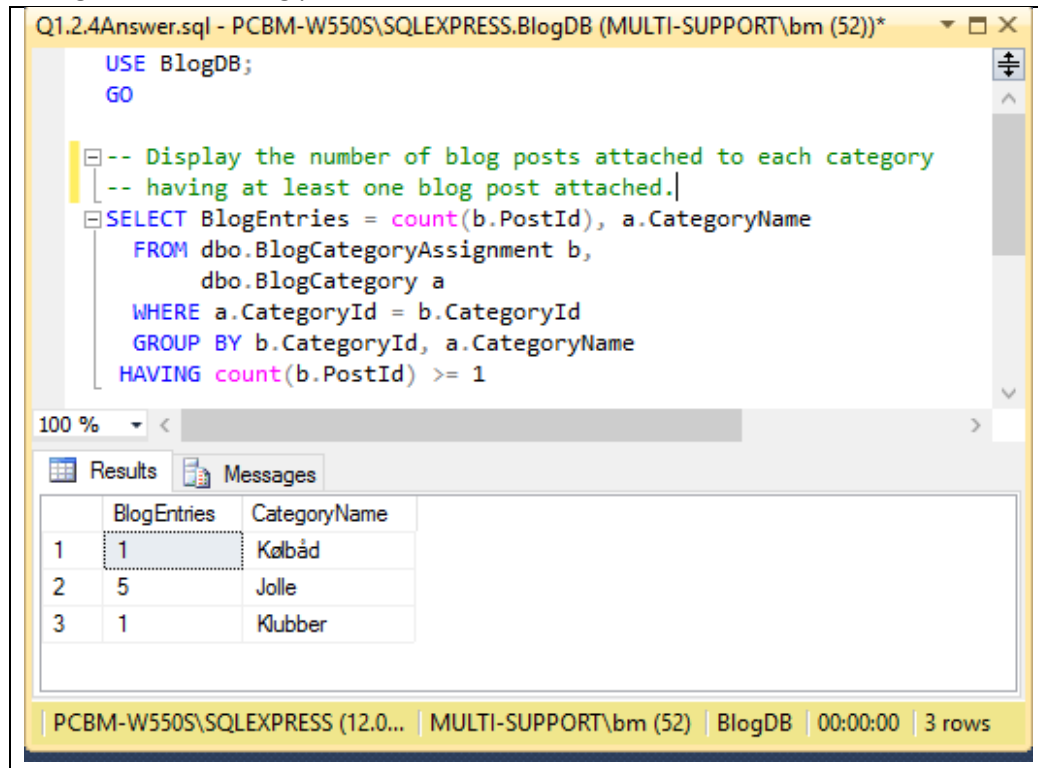
The query results are displayed in a table with the following data:

| | PostId | Headline | Content | StateName |
|---|--------|----------|---|-----------|
| 1 | 2 | RS Tera | The RS Tera is suitable for introducing newcome... | Published |
| 2 | 1 | Optimist | Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten eller optien, ... | Published |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: "M-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (54) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 2 rows".

Q4 – Display the number of blog posts attached to each category

Using the following SQL we can display the number of blog posts attached to each category having at least one blog post attached.



The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'Q1.2.4Answer.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (52))*'. The query is as follows:

```
USE BlogDB;
GO

-- Display the number of blog posts attached to each category
-- having at least one blog post attached.
SELECT BlogEntries = count(b.PostId), a.CategoryName
FROM dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment b,
     dbo.BlogCategory a
WHERE a.CategoryId = b.CategoryId
GROUP BY b.CategoryId, a.CategoryName
HAVING count(b.PostId) >= 1
```

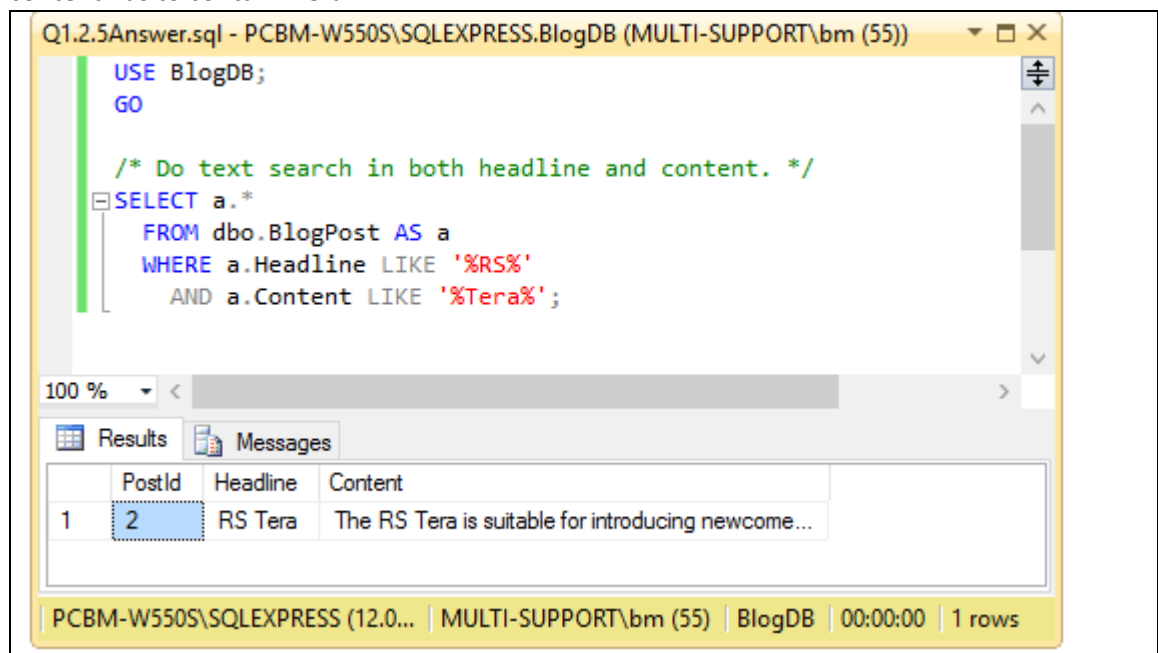
The 'Results' tab shows the following data:

| | BlogEntries | CategoryName |
|---|-------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1 | Kølbåd |
| 2 | 5 | Jolle |
| 3 | 1 | Klubber |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (52) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 3 rows

Q5 – Perform a text search in both headline and content of a blog post

Below is an example of a blog post text search. The headline has to contain 'RS' and the content has to contain 'Tera'.



The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'Q1.2.5Answer.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (55))'. The query is as follows:

```
USE BlogDB;
GO

/* Do text search in both headline and content. */
SELECT a.*
FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
WHERE a.Headline LIKE '%RS%'
      AND a.Content LIKE '%Tera%';
```

The 'Results' tab shows the following data:

| | PostId | Headline | Content |
|---|--------|----------|--|
| 1 | 2 | RS Tera | The RS Tera is suitable for introducing newcome... |

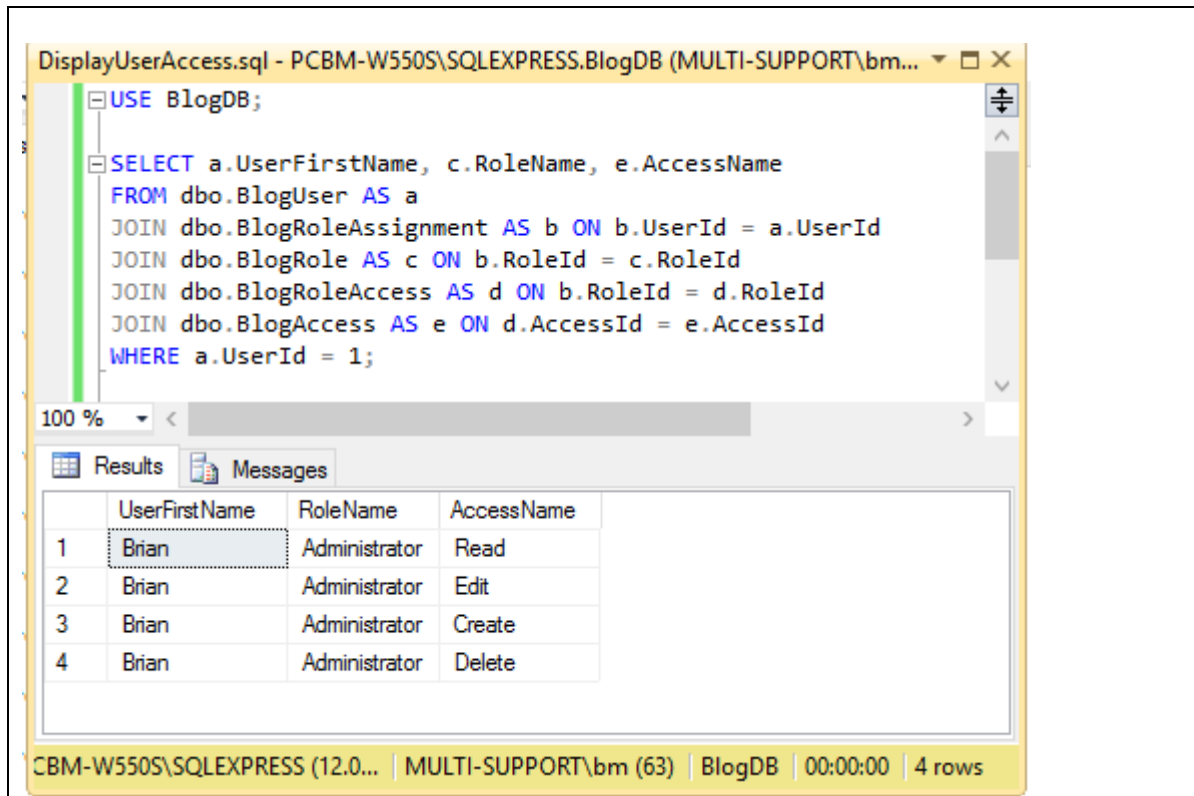
The status bar at the bottom indicates: PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (55) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 1 rows

2. Expansion of blog

2.1 Expansion of the data model

The data model for the blog already handles user rights. As you can see in the E/R diagram, a user can be assigned one or more roles and a role can have one or more modes of access.

Querying the database like below, we can see that the user Brian is assigned to the Administrator role and that the administrator role has Read, Edit, Create and Delete access.



```
USE BlogDB;

SELECT a.UserFirstName, c.RoleName, e.AccessName
FROM dbo.BlogUser AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogRoleAssignment AS b ON b.UserId = a.UserId
JOIN dbo.BlogRole AS c ON b.RoleId = c.RoleId
JOIN dbo.BlogRoleAccess AS d ON b.RoleId = d.RoleId
JOIN dbo.BlogAccess AS e ON d.AccessId = e.AccessId
WHERE a.UserId = 1;
```

| | UserFirstName | RoleName | AccessName |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 1 | Brian | Administrator | Read |
| 2 | Brian | Administrator | Edit |
| 3 | Brian | Administrator | Create |
| 4 | Brian | Administrator | Delete |

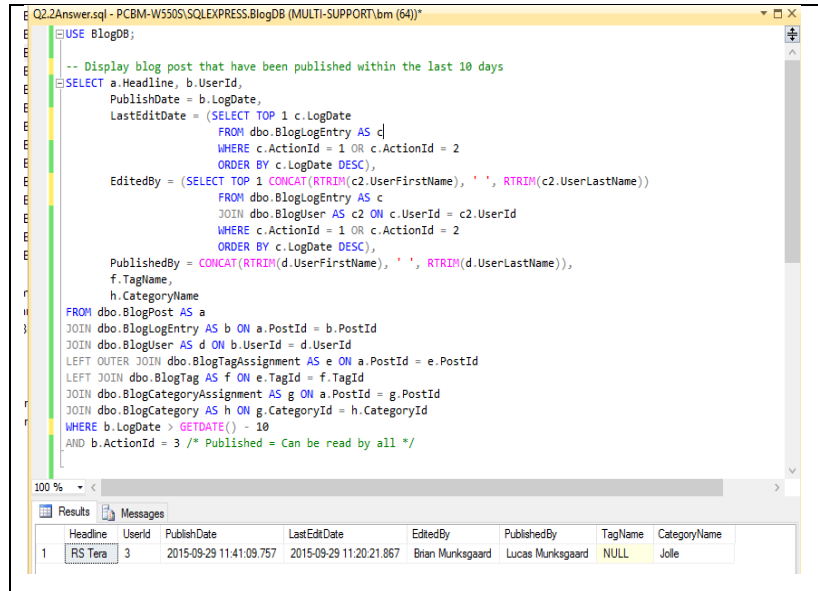
CBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (63) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 4 rows

Using role based access control is more convenient than controlling access for each user. Say that commentators should be able to delete blog post. Using role based access we need only assign delete rights to the commentator role. Using user based access control each user registered as a commentator needs to be updated.

2.2 Date

Using the BlogEntryLog table we can determine when various actions have been performed on a blog post.

In order to retrieve blog post from the last 10 days that are allowed to be read by all (read by all = published) we can use the following monster SQL statement:



The screenshot shows a SQL query in SQL Server Enterprise Manager. The query is a complex JOIN statement that retrieves blog post information from the BlogPost, BlogLogEntry, BlogUser, BlogTagAssignment, and BlogCategoryAssignment tables. It filters for posts published within the last 10 days and that are allowed to be read by all (ActionId = 3). The results table shows one row for a post titled 'RS Tera' by user '3' (Brian Munksgaard), published on 2015-09-29 11:41:09.757, with tags 'Mast' and 'Rig'.

```
USE BlogDB;

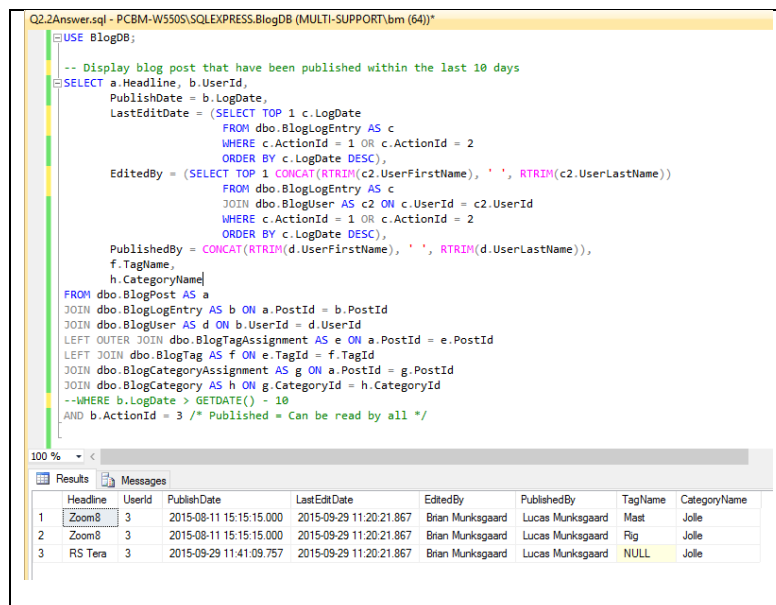
-- Display blog post that have been published within the last 10 days
SELECT a.Headline, b.UserId,
       PublishDate = b.LogDate,
       LastEditDate = (SELECT TOP 1 c.LogDate
                       FROM dbo.BlogLogEntry AS c
                       WHERE c.ActionId = 1 OR c.ActionId = 2
                       ORDER BY c.LogDate DESC),
       EditedBy = (SELECT TOP 1 CONCAT(RTRIM(c2.UserFirstName), ' ', RTRIM(c2.UserLastName))
                  FROM dbo.BlogLogEntry AS c
                  JOIN dbo.BlogUser AS c2 ON c.UserId = c2.UserId
                  WHERE c.ActionId = 1 OR c.ActionId = 2
                  ORDER BY c.LogDate DESC),
       PublishedBy = CONCAT(RTRIM(d.UserFirstName), ' ', RTRIM(d.UserLastName)),
       f.TagName,
       h.CategoryName
FROM   dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN   dbo.BlogLogEntry AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN   dbo.BlogUser AS d ON b.UserId = d.UserId
LEFT OUTER JOIN dbo.BlogTagAssignment AS e ON a.PostId = e.PostId
LEFT JOIN dbo.BlogTag AS f ON e.TagId = f.TagId
JOIN   dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment AS g ON a.PostId = g.PostId
JOIN   dbo.BlogCategory AS h ON g.CategoryId = h.CategoryId
WHERE  b.LogDate > GETDATE() - 10
AND    b.ActionId = 3 /* Published = Can be read by all */

-- Results
-- Messages
```

| | Headline | UserId | PublishDate | LastEditDate | EditedBy | PublishedBy | TagName | CategoryName |
|---|----------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | RS Tera | 3 | 2015-09-29 11:41:09.757 | 2015-09-29 11:20:21.867 | Brian Munksgaard | Lucas Munksgaard | NULL | Jolle |

The LEFT OUTER JOIN on the BlogTagAssignment is needed because a blog post need not have a tag. A blog post must be in a category so no OUTER JOIN is needed here.

Ignoring the publish date, so we retrieve all published blog posts we get the Zoom8 post. This post has tags assigned which are also displayed:



The screenshot shows the same SQL query as above, but with the publish date filter removed. The results table now shows three rows: 'Zoom8' (published 2015-08-11 15:15:15.000), 'Zoom8' (published 2015-08-11 15:15:15.000), and 'RS Tera' (published 2015-09-29 11:41:09.757). The 'Zoom8' posts have tags 'Mast' and 'Rig' assigned.

```
USE BlogDB;

-- Display blog post that have been published within the last 10 days
SELECT a.Headline, b.UserId,
       PublishDate = b.LogDate,
       LastEditDate = (SELECT TOP 1 c.LogDate
                       FROM dbo.BlogLogEntry AS c
                       WHERE c.ActionId = 1 OR c.ActionId = 2
                       ORDER BY c.LogDate DESC),
       EditedBy = (SELECT TOP 1 CONCAT(RTRIM(c2.UserFirstName), ' ', RTRIM(c2.UserLastName))
                  FROM dbo.BlogLogEntry AS c
                  JOIN dbo.BlogUser AS c2 ON c.UserId = c2.UserId
                  WHERE c.ActionId = 1 OR c.ActionId = 2
                  ORDER BY c.LogDate DESC),
       PublishedBy = CONCAT(RTRIM(d.UserFirstName), ' ', RTRIM(d.UserLastName)),
       f.TagName,
       h.CategoryName
FROM   dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN   dbo.BlogLogEntry AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN   dbo.BlogUser AS d ON b.UserId = d.UserId
LEFT OUTER JOIN dbo.BlogTagAssignment AS e ON a.PostId = e.PostId
LEFT JOIN dbo.BlogTag AS f ON e.TagId = f.TagId
JOIN   dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment AS g ON a.PostId = g.PostId
JOIN   dbo.BlogCategory AS h ON g.CategoryId = h.CategoryId
--WHERE b.LogDate > GETDATE() - 10
AND    b.ActionId = 3 /* Published = Can be read by all */

-- Results
-- Messages
```

| | Headline | UserId | PublishDate | LastEditDate | EditedBy | PublishedBy | TagName | CategoryName |
|---|----------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | Zoom8 | 3 | 2015-08-11 15:15:15.000 | 2015-09-29 11:20:21.867 | Brian Munksgaard | Lucas Munksgaard | Mast | Jolle |
| 2 | Zoom8 | 3 | 2015-08-11 15:15:15.000 | 2015-09-29 11:20:21.867 | Brian Munksgaard | Lucas Munksgaard | Rig | Jolle |
| 3 | RS Tera | 3 | 2015-09-29 11:41:09.757 | 2015-09-29 11:20:21.867 | Brian Munksgaard | Lucas Munksgaard | NULL | Jolle |

2.3 Recursive Categories

Q1 – Data model with self join

The data model already supports recursive categories. In the physical model this is implemented by adding an extra attribute ParentCategory to the BlogCategory table.

Q2/Q3 – First and second level categories

In order to retrieve all first level categories we use the first statement shown below. In order to retrieve all first and second level categories we use the second statement shown below:

The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window titled "Q2.3.2Answer.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (...". The window contains two SQL queries and their results.

Query 1: Retrieve first level categories.

```
USE BlogDB;

-- Retrieve first level categories.
SELECT a.CategoryName AS Level1
FROM dbo.BlogCategory AS a
WHERE a.ParentId IS NULL;
```

Results:

| | Level1 |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Bådtyper |
| 2 | Beklædning |
| 3 | Sejlmråder |
| 4 | Oplevelser |

Query 2: Retrieve first and second level categories.

```
SELECT a.CategoryName AS Level1,
       b.CategoryName AS Level2
FROM dbo.BlogCategory AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogCategory AS b ON a.CategoryId = b.ParentId
WHERE a.ParentId IS NULL;
```

Results:

| | Level1 | Level2 |
|---|------------|----------|
| 1 | Bådtyper | Kølbåd |
| 2 | Bådtyper | Jolle |
| 3 | Bådtyper | Motorbåd |
| 4 | Bådtyper | Kajak |
| 5 | Sejlmråder | Klubber |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: "M-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (69) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 9 rows".

3 Automation of SQL in blog

3.1 What goes where

As a rule of thumb, stored procedures handles:

- Table creation
- Database updates including complex, multiple statements, updates to the database.
- Complex queries that requires conditional logic (if/then/else).
- Parameterized units of work that is to be executed over and over again.

Views, on the other hand, are simpler and are only used for retrieving data:

- No parameters.
- One SQL statement only.
- Views are queries, not updates. However, under certain conditions you can perform updates to the underlying tables in a view. In my humble opinion this is a no-go.
- Good for often used (complex) joins.

In the table below we can see which tasks got where, that is which task is done in either a stored procedure or a view.

| Question | Function | SP or View |
|----------|--|------------------|
| Q1.2.1 | Add blog post | Stored procedure |
| Q1.2.2 | Retrieve tags associated with a blog post | View |
| Q1.2.3 | Retrieve published blog posts | View |
| Q1.2.4 | Retrieve the number of blog post for the categories that have at least one blog post attached. | View |
| Q1.2.5 | Perform text search in both blog headline and blog content. | Stored Procedure |
| Q2.2 | Retrieve published blog posts with relevant meta data. | View |
| Q2.3 | Retrieve category levels | View |

3.2 Create Table Script

The following script creates the stored procedure DropCreateTables which creates all tables, primary keys and foreign key references used in the blog database.

```
USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.DropCreateTables') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.DropCreateTables;
GO

-- =====
-- Author:          Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 17-09-2015
-- Description: This stored procedure is used to
--              delete and create the tables
--              used in the BlogDB.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.DropCreateTables
AS
BEGIN
```

```

/* First remove junction tables */
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogLogEntry', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE
dbo.BlogLogEntry;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogRoleAssignment', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE
dbo.BlogRoleAssignment;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogImageAssignment', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE
dbo.BlogImageAssignment;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogTagAssignment', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE
dbo.BlogTagAssignment;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE
dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogRoleAccess', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE
dbo.BlogRoleAccess;

/* Remove rest of the tables */
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogAction', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogAction;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogRole', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogRole;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogState', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogState;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogCategory', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE
dbo.BlogCategory;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogTag', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogTag;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogImage', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogImage;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogAccess', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogAccess;

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogPost', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogPost;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogUser', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogUser;

BEGIN TRANSACTION CreateTransaction;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON;
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON;

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogRole (
    RoleId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    RoleName nchar(30) NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogState (
    StateId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    StateName nchar(30) NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogUser (
    UserId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    UserFirstName nchar(30) NOT NULL,
    UserLastName nchar(30) NOT NULL,
    UserEmail nchar(75) NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogCategory (
    CategoryId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    CategoryName nchar(30) NOT NULL,
    ParentId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogCategory(CategoryId)
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogTag (
    TagId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    TagName nchar(30)
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogAccess (
    AccessId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    AccessName nchar(30) NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogRoleAccess (
    RoleId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogRole(RoleId),
    AccessId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogAccess(AccessId)
    PRIMARY KEY (RoleId, AccessId)
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogRoleAssignment (
    UserId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogUser(UserId),
    RoleId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogRole(RoleId)

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PRIMARY KEY (UserId, RoleId)
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogImage (
    ImageId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    ImageDescription nchar(50) NOT NULL,
    ImageData varbinary NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogPost (
    PostId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    Headline nchar(30) NOT NULL,
    Content nvarchar(MAX) NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogImageAssignment (
    PostId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogPost(PostId),
    ImageId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogImage(ImageId)
PRIMARY KEY (PostId, ImageId)
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogTagAssignment (
    PostId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogPost(PostId),
    TagId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogTag(TagId)
PRIMARY KEY (PostId, TagId)
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment (
    PostId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogPost(PostId),
    CategoryId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogCategory(CategoryId)
PRIMARY KEY (PostId, CategoryId)
) ON [PRIMARY];

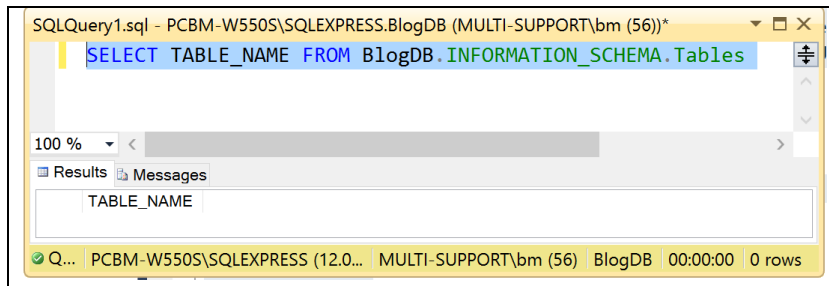
CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogAction (
    ActionId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    ActionName nchar(30) NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogLogEntry (
    LogId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    LogDate datetime,
    PostId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogPost(PostId),
    ActionId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogAction(ActionId),
    StateId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogState(StateId),
    UserId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogUser(UserId),
) ON [PRIMARY];

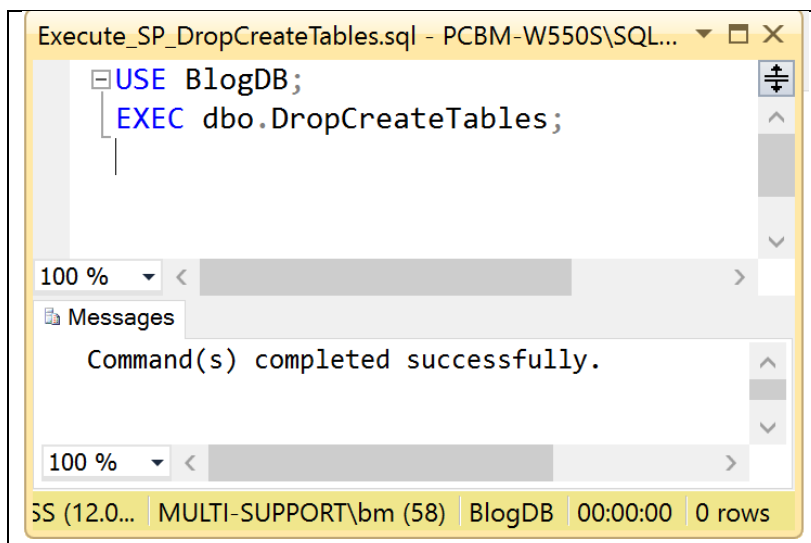
IF @@ERROR <> 0
BEGIN
    ROLLBACK TRANSACTION CreateTransaction;
END
ELSE
BEGIN
    COMMIT TRANSACTION CreateTransaction;
END;
END

```

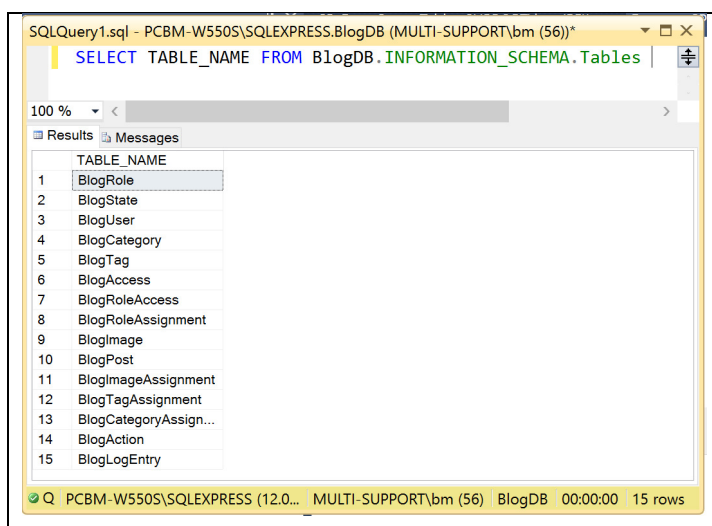
Using the SQL below, we can see that we have a blog database without any tables:



After executing the stored procedure like:



We can list that tables in the blog database again:



And we can now confirm that the tables have been created.

3.3 Create Foreign Keys

The foreign key are created during table creation.

3.4 Create Test Data

Below we can see the SQL script, that creates the stored procedures used to populate the blog database with test data. Three stored procedures are created:

| Stored Procedure | Purpose |
|---------------------|--|
| CleanupDB | Drops and creates all database tables. |
| PopulateDB | Populates entities. |
| PopulateDBJunctions | Populates junctions/relations. |

SQL Script for creating stored procedures used to populate the DB:

```
USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.CleanupDB') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.CleanupDB;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.PopulateDB') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.PopulateDB;
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.PopulateDBJunctions') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE
dbo.PopulateDBJunctions;
GO

-- =====
-- Author:          Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 01-10-2015
-- Description: This stored procedure is used to
--              cleanup the BlogDB tables by
--              dropping and creating them.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.CleanupDB
AS
BEGIN
    EXEC dbo.DropCreateTables;
END;
GO

-- =====
-- Author:          Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 01-10-2015
-- Description: This stored procedure is used to
--              populate the BlogDB with test
--              data.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.PopulateDB
AS
BEGIN

    BEGIN TRANSACTION PopulateTransaction;

    /* Insert actions */
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogAction (ActionName)
    VALUES
        ('Create'),
        ('Edit'),
        ('Publish'),
        ('Hide'),
        ('Delete')
```



```

/* Insert roles */
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogRole (RoleName)
VALUES
    ('Author'),
    ('Administrator'),
    ('Commentator');

/* Insert blog access modes */
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogAccess (AccessName)
VALUES
    ('Read'),
    ('Edit'),
    ('Create'),
    ('Delete');

/* Insert categories */
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogCategory (CategoryName, ParentId)
VALUES
    ('Bådtyper', NULL),      -- Top level category
    ('Kølbåd', 1),          -- Parent -> Bådtyper
    ('Jolle', 1),           -- Parent -> Bådtyper
    ('Motorbåd', 1),        -- Parent -> Bådtyper
    ('Kajak', 1),           -- Parent -> Bådtyper
    ('Beklædning', NULL),   -- Top level category
    ('Sejlmråder', NULL),   -- Top level category
    ('Klubber', 7),         -- Parent -> Sejlmråder
    ('Oplevelser', NULL);   -- Top level category

/* Insert blog states */
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogState (StateName)
VALUES
    ('Draft'),
    ('Published'),
    ('Archived'),
    ('Hidden');

/* Insert blog tags */
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogTag (TagName)
VALUES
    ('Mast'),
    ('Rig'),
    ('Fortøjring'),
    ('Påhængsmotor');

/* Insert blog users */
INSERT INTO dbo.BlogUser (UserFirstName, UserLastName, UserEmail)
VALUES
    ('Brian', 'Munksgaard', 'brian.munksgaard@gmail.com'),
    ('Emil', 'Munksgaard', 'emil.munksgaard@gmail.com'),
    ('Lucas', 'Munksgaard', 'lucas.munksgaard@gmail.com'),
    ('Mikkel', 'Munksgaard', 'mikkelm.munksgaard@gmail.com');

IF @@ERROR <> 0
BEGIN
    ROLLBACK TRANSACTION PopulateTransaction;
    RETURN 1;
END
ELSE
BEGIN
    COMMIT TRANSACTION PopulateTransaction;
    RETURN 0;
END;

END;
GO

-- =====
-- Author:          Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 01-10-2015
-- Description: This stored procedure is used to
--              populate the BlogDB junction
--              tables with test data.
-- =====

```

```

CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.PopulateDBJunctions
AS
BEGIN

    BEGIN TRANSACTION PopulateTransaction;

    /* Assign role access */
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogRoleAccess (RoleId, AccessId)
    VALUES
        (1, 1), /* Author read */
        (1, 2), /* Author edit */
        (1, 3), /* Author create */
        (2, 1), /* Administrator read */
        (2, 2), /* Administrator edit */
        (2, 3), /* Administrator create */
        (2, 4), /* Administrator delete */
        (3, 1), /* Commentator read */
        (3, 2); /* Commentator edit */

    /* Assign roles to users */
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogRoleAssignment (UserId, RoleId)
    VALUES
        (1, 2), /* Brian som Administrator */
        (2, 3), /* Emil som Commentator. */
        (3, 1), /* Lucas som Author */
        (4, 3); /* Mikkell som Commentator */

    IF @@ERROR <> 0
    BEGIN
        ROLLBACK TRANSACTION PopulateTransaction;
        RETURN 1;
    END
    ELSE
    BEGIN
        COMMIT TRANSACTION PopulateTransaction;
        RETURN 0;
    END;
END;

```

The stored procedures are executed like below:

```

USE BlogDB;

-- Clean database.
EXEC dbo.CleanupDB;

DECLARE @Status AS int;
SET @Status = 0;

-- Populate entities.
EXEC @Status = dbo.PopulateDB;

-- Populate junctions/reactions.
IF @Status = 0
BEGIN
    EXEC @Status = dbo.PopulateDBJunctions;
END;

-- Any errors? Cleanup database.
IF @Status <> 0
BEGIN
    PRINT 'Errors have occurred.';
    EXEC dbo.CleanupDB;
END;

```

3.5 Create Relevant Views

Previously the following view candidates were identified:

| Question | Function | SP or View |
|----------|--|------------|
| Q1.2.2 | Retrieve tags associated with a blog post | View |
| Q1.2.3 | Retrieve published blog posts | View |
| Q1.2.4 | Retrieve the number of blog post for the categories that have at least one blog post attached. | View |
| Q2.2 | Retrieve published blog posts with relevant meta data. | View |
| Q2.3 | Retrieve category levels | View |

The views are created with the SQL script shown below:

```
-- Retrieve tags associated with a blog post.
CREATE VIEW DisplayAssignedTagsView AS
SELECT a.Headline, c.TagId, c.TagName
FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogTagAssignment AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN dbo.BlogTag AS c ON b.TagId = c.TagId;
GO

-- Retrieve latest 10 published blog posts.
CREATE VIEW DisplayTenLastesPublishedBlogPostsView
AS
SELECT TOP 10 a.*, c.StateName
FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogLogEntry AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN dbo.BlogState AS c ON b.StateId = c.StateId
WHERE b.StateId = 2
ORDER BY a.PostId DESC;
GO

-- Retrieve the number of blog post for the categories.
-- that have at least one blog post attached.
CREATE VIEW DisplayNumberOfBlogPostForCategory
AS
SELECT BlogEntries = count(b.PostId), a.CategoryName
FROM dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment b,
     dbo.BlogCategory a
WHERE a.CategoryId = b.CategoryId
GROUP BY b.CategoryId, a.CategoryName
HAVING count(b.PostId) >= 1
GO

-- Retrieve published blog posts with relevant meta data.
CREATE VIEW dbo.PublishedView AS
SELECT a.Headline, b.UserId,
       PublishDate = b.LogDate,
       LastEditDate = (SELECT TOP 1 c.LogDate
                       FROM dbo.BlogLogEntry AS c
                       WHERE c.ActionId =
1 OR c.ActionId = 2
                       ORDER BY
c.LogDate DESC),
       EditedBy = (SELECT TOP 1 CONCAT(RTRIM(c2.UserFirstName), ' ',
RTRIM(c2.UserLastName))
FROM
dbo.BlogLogEntry AS c
FROM
dbo.BlogUser AS c2 ON c.UserId = c2.UserId
WHERE c.ActionId =
1 OR c.ActionId = 2
```

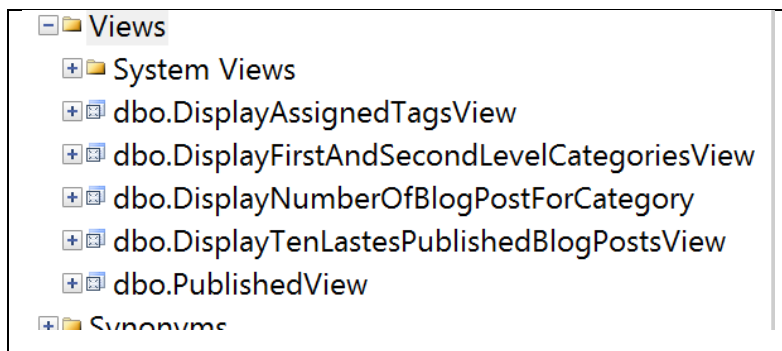
```

ORDER BY
c.LogDate DESC),
        PublishedBy = CONCAT(RTRIM(d.UserFirstName), ' ', RTRIM(d.UserLastName)),
        f.TagName,
        h.CategoryName
FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogLogEntry AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN dbo.BlogUser AS d ON b.UserId = d.UserId
LEFT OUTER JOIN dbo.BlogTagAssignment AS e ON a.PostId = e.PostId
LEFT JOIN dbo.BlogTag AS f ON e.TagId = f.TagId
JOIN dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment AS g ON a.PostId = g.PostId
JOIN dbo.BlogCategory AS h ON g.CategoryId = h.CategoryId
AND b.ActionId = 3 /* Published = Can be read by all */
;
GO

-- Display first and second level categories.
CREATE VIEW DisplayFirstAndSecondLevelCategoriesView AS
SELECT a.CategoryName AS Level1,
       b.CategoryName AS Level2
FROM dbo.BlogCategory AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogCategory AS b ON a.CategoryId = b.ParentId
WHERE a.ParentId IS NULL;
GO

```

After running the script we can see that the views have been created in the database:



In order to display the blog posts published within the last 10 days along with relevant meta data we use the PublishedView view:

The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'UseView.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (54))'. The query is as follows:

```
USE BlogDB;

-- Display blog post that have been published within the last 10 days
SELECT * from dbo.PublishedView
WHERE PublishDate > GETDATE() - 10;
```

The 'Results' tab shows a single row of data:

| | Headline | UserId | PublishDate | LastEditDate | EditedBy | PublishedBy | TagName | CategoryName |
|---|----------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------|--------------|
| 1 | RS Tera | 3 | 2015-10-01 11:52:40.913 | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Lucas Munksgaard | NULL | Jolle |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: 'Query executed successfully. PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (54) BlogDB 00:00:00 1 rows'.

3.6 Create Relevant Stored Procedures

Previously the following stored procedure candidates were identified:

| Question | Function | SP or View |
|----------|---|------------------|
| Q1.2.1 | Add blog post (AddBlogEntry) | Stored procedure |
| Q1.2.5 | Perform text search in both blog headline and blog content (SearchBlogEntry). | Stored Procedure |

AddBlogEntry

The procedure AddBlogEntry is created with the statements below:

```
USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.AddBlogEntry') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.AddBlogEntry;
GO

-- =====
-- Author: Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 30-09-2015
-- Description: This stored procedure is used to
-- add a blog entry to the blog.
```

```

=====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.AddBlogEntry
    @UserId int,
    @CategoryId int,
    @Headline nchar(30),
    @Content nvarchar(MAX)
AS
BEGIN

    BEGIN TRANSACTION AddBlogEntryTransaction;

    -- Add the post.
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogPost (Headline, Content)
    VALUES (@Headline, @Content);

    DECLARE @PostId AS int;
    SET @PostId = SCOPE_IDENTITY();

    -- Assign the category.
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogCategoryAssignment (PostId, CategoryId)
    VALUES (@PostId, @CategoryId);

    -- Update the log.
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogLogEntry (LogDate, PostId, ActionId, StateId, UserId)
    VALUES (
        GETDATE(),
        @PostId,
        1, -- Action: Create.
        1, -- State: Draft.
        @UserId
    );

    IF @@ERROR <> 0
        BEGIN
            ROLLBACK TRANSACTION AddBlogEntryTransaction;
        END
    ELSE
        BEGIN
            COMMIT TRANSACTION AddBlogEntryTransaction;
        END;
END;

```

After running the script above, we now have the following stored procedures.

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```

select *
from BlogDB.information_schema.routines
where routine_type = 'PROCEDURE'

```

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Results Messages

| | SPECIFIC_CATALOG | SPECIFIC_SCHEMA | SPECIFIC_NAME | ROUTINE_CATALOG | ROUTINE_SCHEMA | ROUTINE_NAME |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | BlogDB | dbo | CleanupDB | BlogDB | dbo | CleanupDB |
| 2 | BlogDB | dbo | PopulateDB | BlogDB | dbo | PopulateDB |
| 3 | BlogDB | dbo | PopulateDBJunctions | BlogDB | dbo | PopulateDBJunctions |
| 4 | BlogDB | dbo | DropCreateTables | BlogDB | dbo | DropCreateTables |
| 5 | BlogDB | dbo | AddBlogEntry | BlogDB | dbo | AddBlogEntry |
| 6 | BlogDB | dbo | AddBlogEntryWithImage | BlogDB | dbo | AddBlogEntryWithImage |

Query executed successfully. PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0.1742.1) MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (64) BlogDB 00:00:00

We can then add blog entries by executing the stored procedure:

```

USE BlogDB;

EXEC dbo.AddBlogEntry
    @UserId = 1, -- Brian
    @CategoryId = 3, -- Jolle
    @Headline = 'Optimist',
    @Content = 'Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten eller optien, er
standarden for enmandsjoller, og er generelt den mest udbredte og hurtigst voksende
jollestype. Oftest starter man med at sejle den, omkring 7-14 års alderen. Jollen styres og
trimmes udelukkende med roret, sværdet, skødet, sprydstagen, bommedhalet og sejlerens
placering i båden. Optimistsejlerne blive delt op i A-, B-, og C-sejlere, hvor c-sejlere
er de mindst øvede og a-sejlere er mest øvede.';

EXEC dbo.AddBlogEntry
    @UserId = 1, -- Brian
    @CategoryId = 3, -- Jolle
    @Headline = 'RS Tera',
    @Content = 'The RS Tera is suitable for introducing newcomers to the sport
of sailing, but is also a good boat to race.[2] The boat is highly robust, and it is built
with a self draining cockpit and is easy to right after a capsize, in addition to which it
has a floating daggerboard. The boat is fairly small and light, meaning it is possible to
transport on a roof rack, and that it is manageable on the water by younger children. The
mast comes in two pieces, and the boom is padded. Furthermore, the RS Tera can be rowed
and has oarlocks.[3] Built with a Comptec PE3 hull, the RS Tera has been described to have
a modern look.';

EXEC dbo.AddBlogEntry
    @UserId = 1, -- Brian
    @CategoryId = 2, -- Kølbåd
    @Headline = 'J/70',
    @Content = 'The J/70 Speedster (22.75 feet) is J/Boats first ramp-launchable
keelboat - designed to fulfill the growing need for an easy-to-own, high performance one-
design that is exciting to sail, stable enough sailboat for the family, and built to last.
With fleet discussions underway around the world, J/70 is on-track to take the world by
storm.';

EXEC dbo.AddBlogEntry
    @UserId = 1, -- Brian
    @CategoryId = 3, -- Jolle

```

```

        @Headline = 'RS Feva',
        @Content = 'The RS Feva is a two-person sailing dinghy designed by Paul
Handley in 2002. It is manufactured and distributed by RS Sailing.The RS Feva is an
International Sailing Federation (ISAF) International Class, a Royal Yachting Association
(RYA) Supported Junior Class, and has been selected by the Dansk Sejlunion (Danish Sailing
Association) and Norges Seilforbund (Norwegian Sailing Federation) for major sailing
growth projects.';

EXEC dbo.AddBlogEntry
        @UserId = 1, -- Brian
        @CategoryId = 3, -- Jolle
        @Headline = 'Laser',
        @Content = 'The Laser is one of the most popular single-handed dinghies in
the world. As of 2012, there are more than 200,000 boats worldwide. A commonly cited
reason for its popularity is that it is robust and simple to rig and sail in addition to
its durability. The Laser also provides very competitive racing due to the very tight
class association controls which eliminate differences in hull, sails and equipment.';

EXEC dbo.AddBlogEntry
        @UserId = 1, -- Brian
        @CategoryId = 8, -- Klub
        @Headline = 'Silkeborg Sejlklub',
        @Content = 'Klubben er en hyggelig lille sejlklub, hvor vi nyder
sejlerlivets mange glæder på Silkeborgsøerne. Vi byder velkommen til enkeltpersoner,
voksne som børn og familier. ';

```

SearchBlogEntry

The stored procedure SearchBlogEntry is created using the script below:

```

USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.SearchBlogEntry') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.SearchBlogEntry;
GO

-- =====
-- Author:          Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 01-10-2015
-- Description:      This stored procedure is used to
--                   perform a text search in the blog
--                   entries. Both Headline and Content
--                   attributes are searched. If either
--                   one contains the search text,
--                   the blog entry is returned.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.SearchBlogEntry
    @SearchText varchar(50)
AS
BEGIN

    DECLARE @_SearchText AS varchar(50);
    SET @_SearchText = '%' + LTRIM(RTRIM(@SearchText)) + '%';

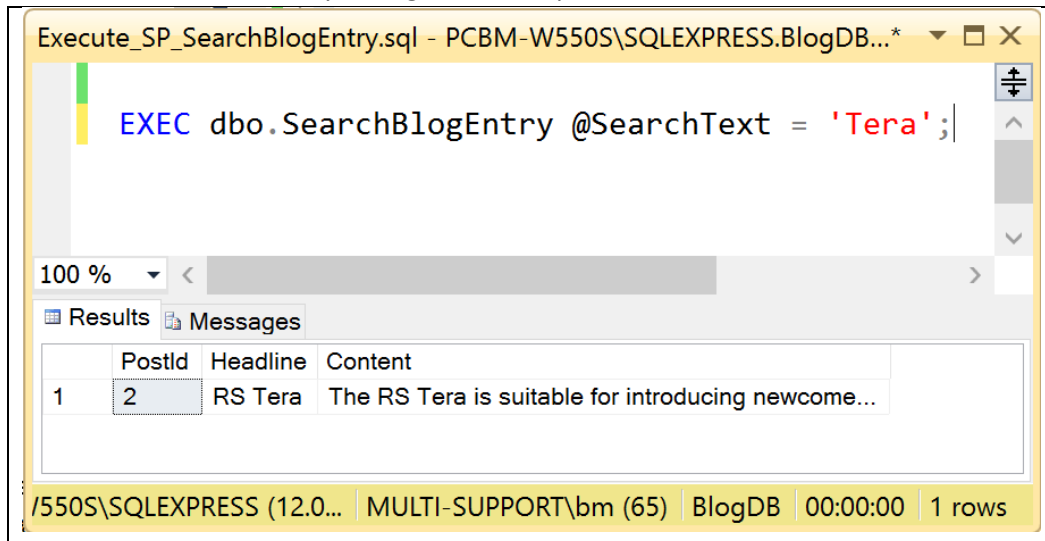
    PRINT @_SearchText;

    SELECT *
    FROM dbo.BlogPost AS a
    WHERE a.Headline LIKE @_SearchText
    OR a.Content LIKE @_SearchText;

END;

```


We can then do a search by calling the stored procedure:



The search is a contains-search, but since the search is done in a stored procedure, the developer need not know how this is done in SQL.

3.7 Create new Views and Stored Procedures

The following stored procedures and views may assist developers in their daily work with the database:

| Type | Name | Description |
|------|----------------------------|---|
| SP | PublishBlogEntry | Like adding an entry to the blog, publishing an entry should also be handled in a stored procedure. The same reasons apply: One unit of work that either fails or succeeds and is executed as close to database as possible. Also, future changes to the publishing procedure are handled in the procedure. Influence on the application developer is at a minimum. |
| SP | AddDefaultUser | Adding a user to the database involves multiple tables that needs to updated and/or inserted into (Adding the user, Assigning a role). Considering this as a unit of work that either fails or succeeds, the ideal solution is to use a stored procedure. |
| View | DisplayDraftsView | Managing a blog also mean keeping information on the blog and in the blog database in a good state. As a blog administrator you might want the possibility to identify drafts older than x days and not being worked on, so proper action (delete, notify user etc.) can be taken. |
| View | DisplayRoleAssignmentsView | In a production system it is not advisable to have too many administrators. Using this view you can quickly list the number users assigned to each role. |

PublishBlogEntry

The script for creating the PublishBlogEntry stored procedure is shown below:

```
USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.PublishBlogEntry') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.PublishBlogEntry;
GO

-- =====
-- Author:          Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 01-10-2015
-- Description:      This stored procedure is used to
--                  publish a blog entry to the blog.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.PublishBlogEntry
    @UserId int,
    @PostId int
AS
BEGIN

    BEGIN TRANSACTION PostBlogEntryTransaction;

    -- First determine whether or not the user has the required
    -- access rights.
    DECLARE @CanEdit AS int;
    EXEC @CanEdit = dbo.CanEdit @UserId;

    -- If the user has edit rights mark the blog entry as published.
    IF @CanEdit = 0
    BEGIN
        INSERT INTO dbo.BlogLogEntry (LogDate, PostId, ActionId,
StateId, UserId)
        VALUES (
            GETDATE(),
            @PostId,
            3, /* Action: Publish */
            2, /* State: Published */
            @UserId);
    END

    IF @@ERROR <> 0
    BEGIN
        ROLLBACK TRANSACTION PostBlogEntryTransaction;
    END
    ELSE
    BEGIN
        COMMIT TRANSACTION PostBlogEntryTransaction;
    END;
END;
```

The stored procedure CanEdit looks like this:

```
USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.CanEdit') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.CanEdit;
GO

-- =====
```

```

-- Author: Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 01-10-2015
-- Description: This stored procedure is used to
--              determine whether or not a user
--              has edit rights.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.CanEdit
    @UserId int
AS
BEGIN

    IF EXISTS (
        SELECT e.AccessName
        FROM dbo.BlogUser AS a
        JOIN dbo.BlogRoleAssignment AS b ON b.UserId = a.UserId
        JOIN dbo.BlogRole AS c ON b.RoleId = c.RoleId
        JOIN dbo.BlogRoleAccess AS d ON b.RoleId = d.RoleId
        JOIN dbo.BlogAccess AS e ON d.AccessId = e.AccessId
        WHERE a.UserId = @UserId
              AND e.AccessName = 'Edit'
    )
    BEGIN
        RETURN 0; -- Can Edit.
    END
    ELSE
    BEGIN
        RETURN 1; -- No can do.
    END;
END;

```

Having the following posts:

| | PostId | Headline | Content |
|---|--------|--------------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Optimist | Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten eller optien, e... |
| 2 | 2 | RS Tera | The RS Tera is suitable for introducing newcomer... |
| 3 | 3 | J/70 | The J/70 Speedster (22.75 feet) is J/Boats first ra... |
| 4 | 4 | RS Feva | The RS Feva is a two-person sailing dinghy desig... |
| 5 | 5 | Laser | The Laser is one of the most popular single-hande... |
| 6 | 6 | Silkeborg Sejlklub | Klubben er en hyggelig lille sejlklub, hvor vi nyder ... |

We will now publish the post with PostId number 4.

The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window titled 'Execute_SP_PublishBlogPost.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\b...'. The query editor contains the following SQL code:

```

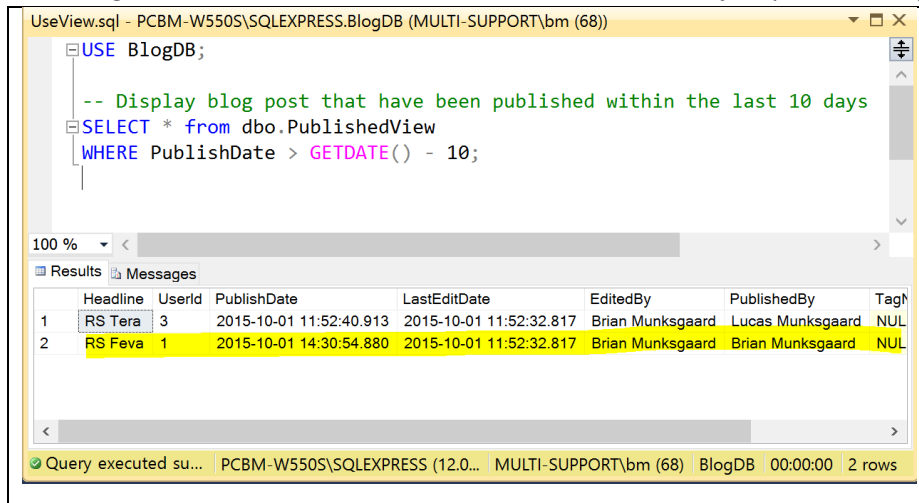
USE BlogDB;

-- Publish blog post number 4 as user number 1 (Brian).
EXEC dbo.PublishBlogEntry
    @UserId = 1, /* Brian */
    @PostId = 4;

```

Below the query editor, the 'Messages' pane shows the result: '(1 row(s) affected)'. The status bar at the bottom indicates: 'Qu... PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (67) BlogDB 00:00:00 0 rows'.

And using the view created earlier we can see that we have just published a post:



USE BlogDB;

-- Display blog post that have been published within the last 10 days

SELECT * from dbo.PublishedView

WHERE PublishDate > GETDATE() - 10;

| | Headline | Userid | PublishDate | LastEditDate | EditedBy | PublishedBy | Tag |
|---|----------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----|
| 1 | RS Tera | 3 | 2015-10-01 11:52:40.913 | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Lucas Munksgaard | NUL |
| 2 | RS Feva | 1 | 2015-10-01 14:30:54.880 | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Brian Munksgaard | NUL |

Query executed successfully. PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (68) BlogDB 00:00:00 2 rows

AddDefaultUser

Below, we can see the stored procedure for adding a user to the database:

```
USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.AddDefaultUser') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.AddDefaultUser;
GO

-- =====
-- Author: Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 04-10-2015
-- Description: This stored procedure is used to
--              add a default user to the blog.
--              A default user is assigned the
--              commentator role.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.AddDefaultUser
    @UserFirstName nchar(30),
    @UserLastName nchar(30),
    @UserEmail nchar(75)
AS
BEGIN

    BEGIN TRANSACTION AddDefaultUserTransaction;

    -- Add the user.
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogUser (UserFirstName, UserLastName, UserEmail)
    VALUES (@UserFirstName, @UserLastName, @UserEmail);

    -- Retrieve user id.
    DECLARE @UserId AS int;
    SET @UserId = SCOPE_IDENTITY();

    -- Assign the role.
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogRoleAssignment (UserId, RoleId)
    VALUES (@UserId, 3 /* Commentator */);

    IF @@ERROR <> 0
    BEGIN
        ROLLBACK TRANSACTION AddDefaultUserTransaction;
    END
    ELSE

```

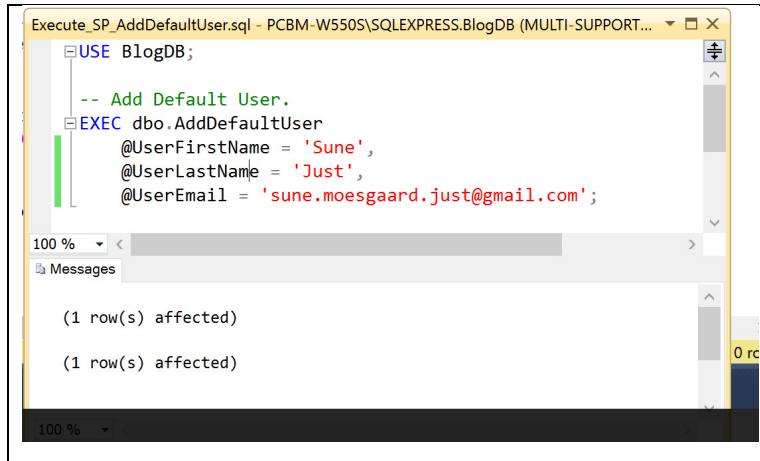
```

BEGIN
COMMIT TRANSACTION AddDefaultUserTransaction;

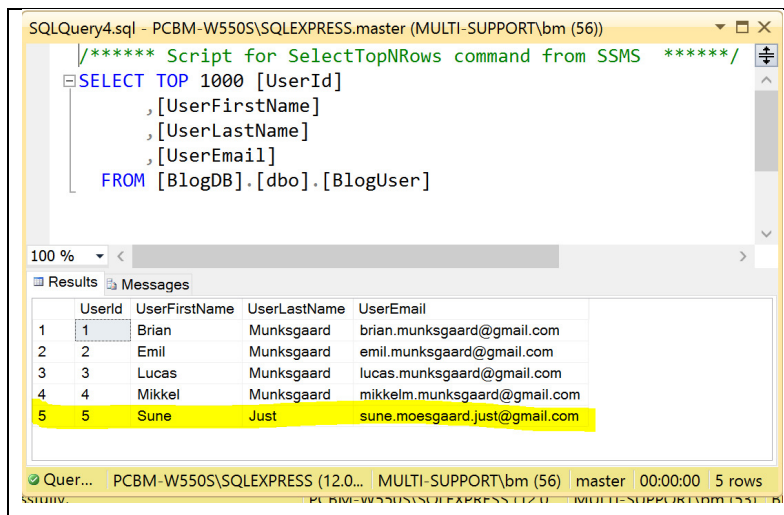
END;
END;

```

A user is added by executing the stored procedure like:



And we can see that the user has been added:



DisplayDraftsView

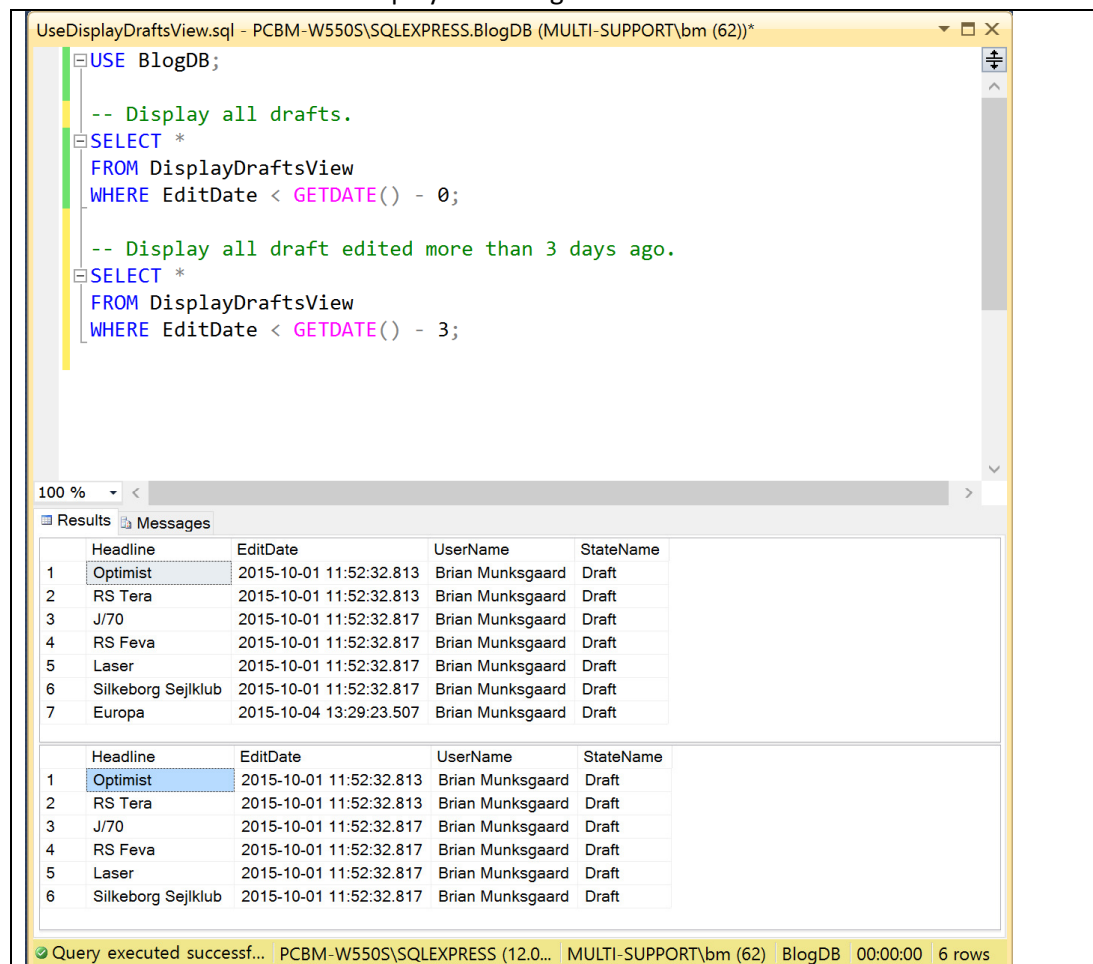
This view is used to display drafts that have not been edited for a number of days. First the view is created:

```
USE BlogDB;

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.DisplayDraftsView', 'V') IS NOT NULL DROP VIEW dbo.DisplayDraftsView;
GO

-- Display blog post that are still drafts.
CREATE VIEW DisplayDraftsView AS
SELECT a.Headline,
       EditDate = b.LogDate,
       UserName = CONCAT(RTRIM(c.UserFirstName), ' ', RTRIM(c.UserLastName)),
       d.StateName
FROM   dbo.BlogPost AS a
JOIN   dbo.BlogLogEntry AS b ON a.PostId = b.PostId
JOIN   dbo.BlogUser AS c ON b.UserId = c.UserId
JOIN   dbo.BlogState AS d ON b.StateId = d.StateId
AND b.StateId = 1;
```

And then we use the view to display draft blog entries:



The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window titled "UseDisplayDraftsView.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (62))*". The query editor contains the following SQL code:

```
USE BlogDB;

-- Display all drafts.
SELECT *
FROM DisplayDraftsView
WHERE EditDate < GETDATE() - 0;

-- Display all draft edited more than 3 days ago.
SELECT *
FROM DisplayDraftsView
WHERE EditDate < GETDATE() - 3;
```

The "Results" tab is active, displaying two tables of data. The first table shows 7 rows of draft blog entries, and the second table shows 6 rows of draft blog entries.

| | Headline | EditDate | UserName | StateName |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Optimist | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.813 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 2 | RS Tera | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.813 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 3 | J/70 | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 4 | RS Feva | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 5 | Laser | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 6 | Silkeborg Sejlklub | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 7 | Europa | 2015-10-04 13:29:23.507 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |

| | Headline | EditDate | UserName | StateName |
|---|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Optimist | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.813 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 2 | RS Tera | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.813 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 3 | J/70 | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 4 | RS Feva | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 5 | Laser | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 6 | Silkeborg Sejlklub | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.817 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: "Query executed successf... PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (62) BlogDB 00:00:00 6 rows".

DisplayRoleAssignmentsView

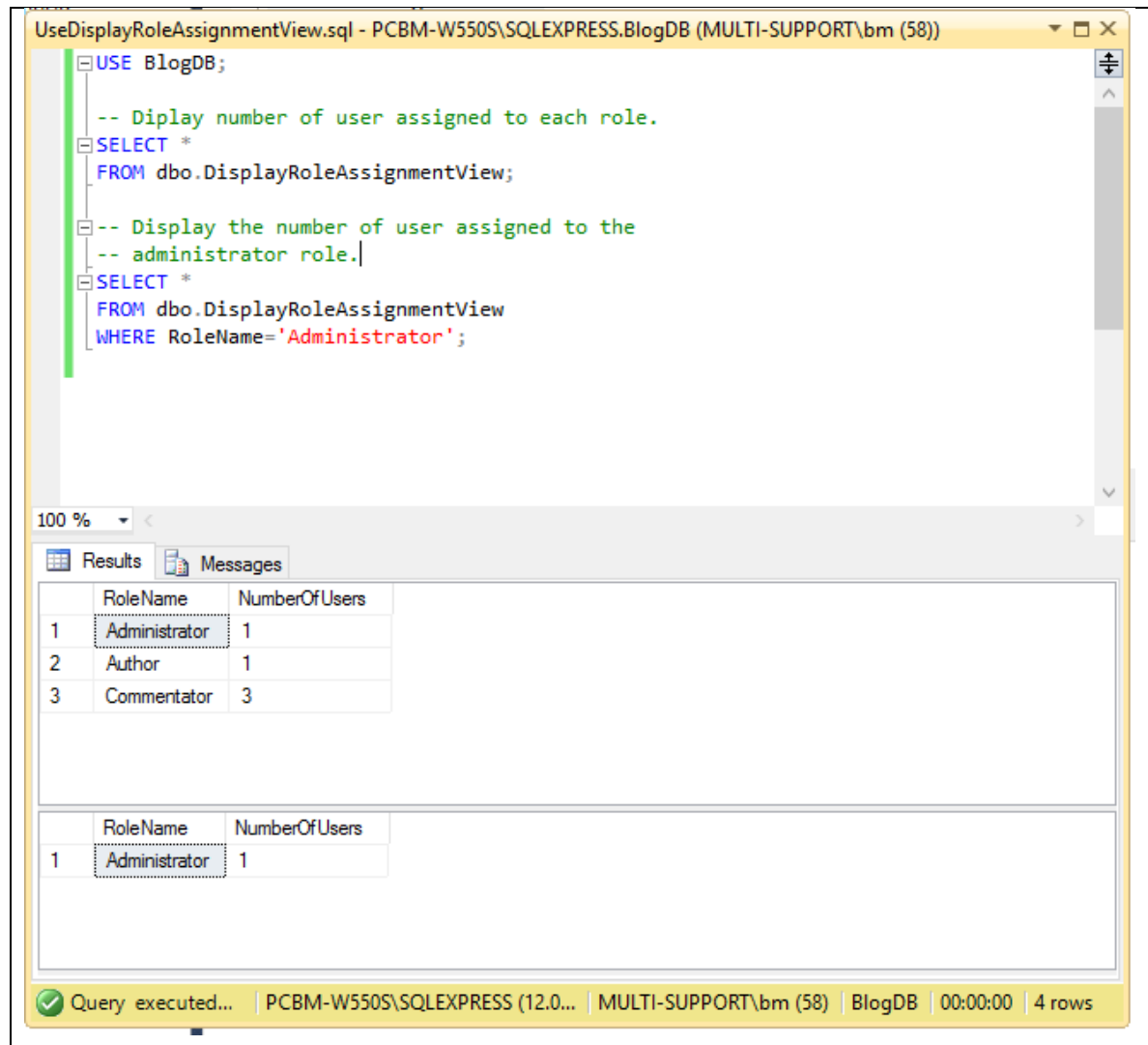
This view is used to display the number of users assigned to each view. The view is created with the following SQL statement:

```
USE BlogDB;

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.DisplayRoleAssignmentView', 'V') IS NOT NULL DROP VIEW
dbo.DisplayRoleAssignmentView;
GO

-- Display the number of users assigned to each role.
CREATE VIEW dbo.DisplayRoleAssignmentView AS
SELECT a.RoleName, COUNT(b.RoleId) AS NumberOfUsers
FROM dbo.BlogRole AS a
JOIN dbo.BlogRoleAssignment AS b ON a.RoleId = b.RoleId
GROUP BY a.RoleName;
```

The view can then be used like this:



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```
USE BlogDB;

-- Display number of user assigned to each role.
SELECT *
FROM dbo.DisplayRoleAssignmentView;

-- Display the number of user assigned to the
-- administrator role.
SELECT *
FROM dbo.DisplayRoleAssignmentView
WHERE RoleName='Administrator';
```

100 %

Results Messages

| | RoleName | NumberOfUsers |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Administrator | 1 |
| 2 | Author | 1 |
| 3 | Commentator | 3 |

| | RoleName | NumberOfUsers |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Administrator | 1 |

Query executed... | PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (58) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 4 rows

4 Transaction and Triggers

4.1 Create Transactions

As a rule of thumb, you can say that, transactions should be used whenever:

- We are doing multiple inserts or updates to the database.
- The inserts and updates are logically considered one unit of work that either succeeds or fails (The Atomicity part of the ACID principles).

Following those two rules, almost all the stored procedures (like AddBlogEntry or AddDefaultUser) in the Blog DB already contains transactions. Stored procedures in the blog DB only doing selects (like CanEdit and SearchBlogEntry) are not using transactions.

4.2 Create new Transactions

Since most stored procedures in the Blog DB already uses transaction I have create only one new stored procedure, EditBlogEntry, which is used to update the content of an existing blog post. The code for the stored procedure is shown below:

```
USE BlogDB;

SET ANSI_NULLS ON
GO
SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON
GO

IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.EditBlogEntry') IS NOT NULL DROP PROCEDURE dbo.EditBlogEntry;
GO

-- =====
-- Author:          Brian Munksgaard
-- Create date: 07-10-2015
-- Description:      This stored procedure is used to
--                   update an existing blog entry.
--                   When a blog post is edited it
--                   changes state to a draft.
-- =====
CREATE PROCEDURE dbo.EditBlogEntry
    @PostId int,
    @UserId int,
    @Headline nchar(30),
    @Content nvarchar(MAX)
AS
BEGIN

    BEGIN TRANSACTION EditBlogEntryTransaction;

    -- Update Headline and Content.
    UPDATE dbo.BlogPost
    SET Headline = @Headline,
        Content = @Content
    WHERE PostId = @PostId;

    -- Update the log.
    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogLogEntry (LogDate, PostId, ActionId, StateId, UserId)
    VALUES (
        GETDATE(),
        @PostId,
        2, -- Action: Edit.
        1, -- State: Draft.
        @UserId
    );

    IF @@ERROR <> 0
        BEGIN
```



```

                                ROLLBACK TRANSACTION EditBlogEntryTransaction;

                                END

ELSE

                                BEGIN

                                COMMIT TRANSACTION EditBlogEntryTransaction;

                                END;

END;

```

I have not shown an example of use here, because the stored procedure is close tied to the next task.

4.3 Create new Triggers

This task is about creating a trigger that should be used to update a BlogLog. In my blog DB logging is already done in the stored procedures. Instead I have created a new table, BlogPostRev, to hold blog post revisions. Whenever a blog post is updated, preferably through the EditBlogEntry SP, a trigger is fired. The trigger writes the previous blog data to the revision table.

The BlogPostRev table looks like this:

```

USE BlogDB;
GO

-- Delete table if it already exists.
IF OBJECT_ID('dbo.BlogPostRev', 'U') IS NOT NULL DROP TABLE dbo.BlogPostRev;

-- Blog post revisions
CREATE TABLE dbo.BlogPostRev (
    RevisionId int IDENTITY(1,1) PRIMARY KEY,
    PostId int FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES BlogPost(PostId),
    RevisionNumber int NOT NULL,
    Headline nchar(30) NOT NULL,
    Content nvarchar(MAX) NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY];

```

The trigger, UpdateBlogPostRevTrigger, is created with the following script:

```

USE BlogDB;
GO

-- This trigger is used to update the BlogPostRev table
-- whenever a blog post is changed.
CREATE TRIGGER UpdateBlogPostRevTrigger ON dbo.BlogPost
AFTER UPDATE
AS
BEGIN

    DECLARE @PostId as int;
    SET @PostId = (SELECT PostId FROM deleted);

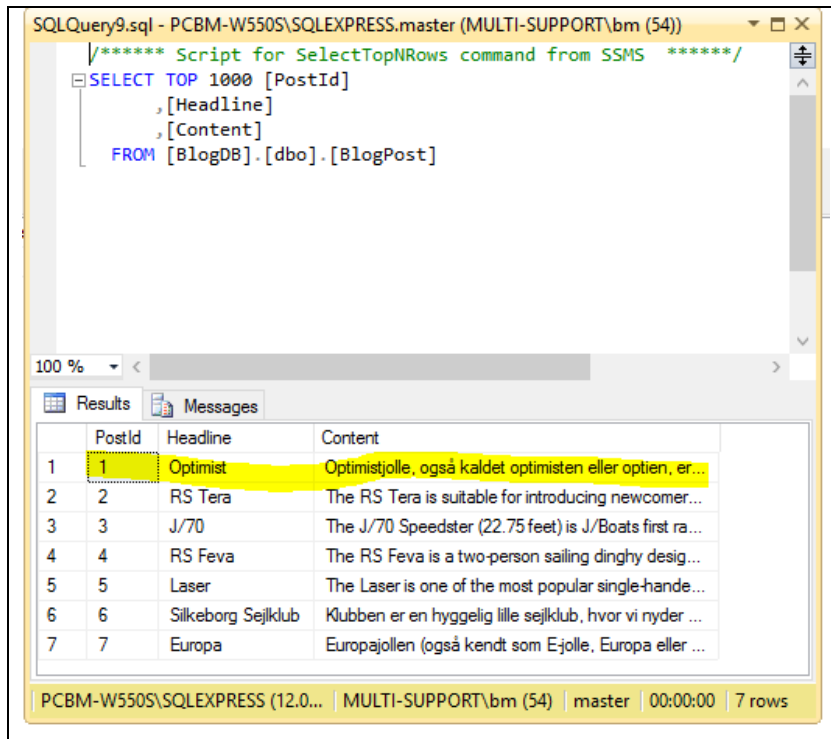
    DECLARE @NextRev as int;
    SELECT @NextRev = (SELECT MAX(RevisionNumber) FROM dbo.BlogPostRev AS a
WHERE a.PostId = @PostId) + 1;

    INSERT INTO dbo.BlogPostRev(PostId, RevisionNumber, Headline, Content)
VALUES(@PostId, @NextRev, (SELECT Headline FROM deleted), (SELECT Content
FROM deleted));

END;

```

Now, let us change the content of a blog post. Currently we have the following posts:

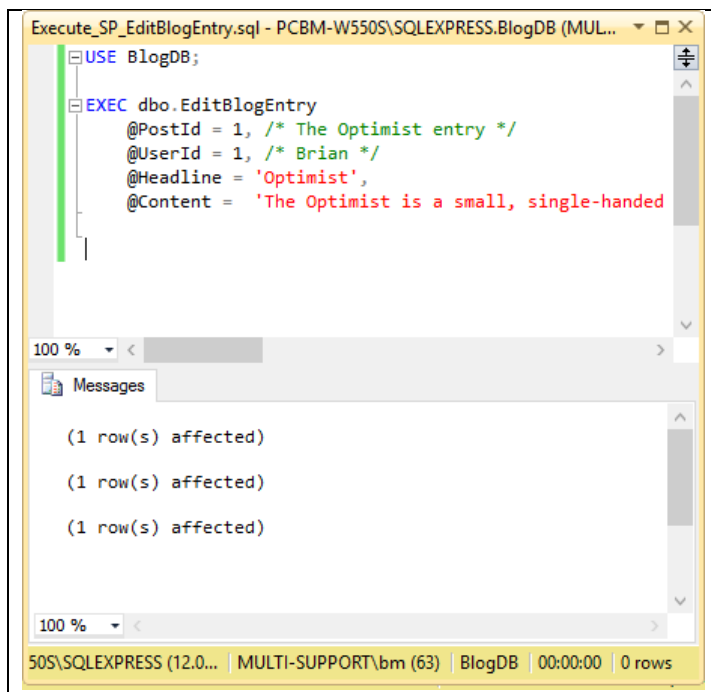


The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'SQLQuery9.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.master (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (54))'. The query is a SELECT statement with a comment: '/* ***** Script for SelectTopNRows command from SSMS ***** */'. The query selects the top 1000 rows from the BlogPost table, displaying columns PostId, Headline, and Content. The results are shown in a table with 7 rows. The first row is highlighted in yellow.

| | PostId | Headline | Content |
|---|--------|--------------------|---|
| 1 | 1 | Optimist | Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten eller optien, er... |
| 2 | 2 | RS Tera | The RS Tera is suitable for introducing newcomer... |
| 3 | 3 | J/70 | The J/70 Speedster (22.75 feet) is J/Boats first ra... |
| 4 | 4 | RS Feva | The RS Feva is a two-person sailing dinghy desig... |
| 5 | 5 | Laser | The Laser is one of the most popular single-hande... |
| 6 | 6 | Silkeborg Sejlklub | Klubben er en hyggelig lille sejlklub, hvor vi nyder ... |
| 7 | 7 | Europa | Europajollen (også kendt som Ejolle, Europa eller ... |

PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (54) | master | 00:00:00 | 7 rows

Executing the EditBlogEntry SP like:



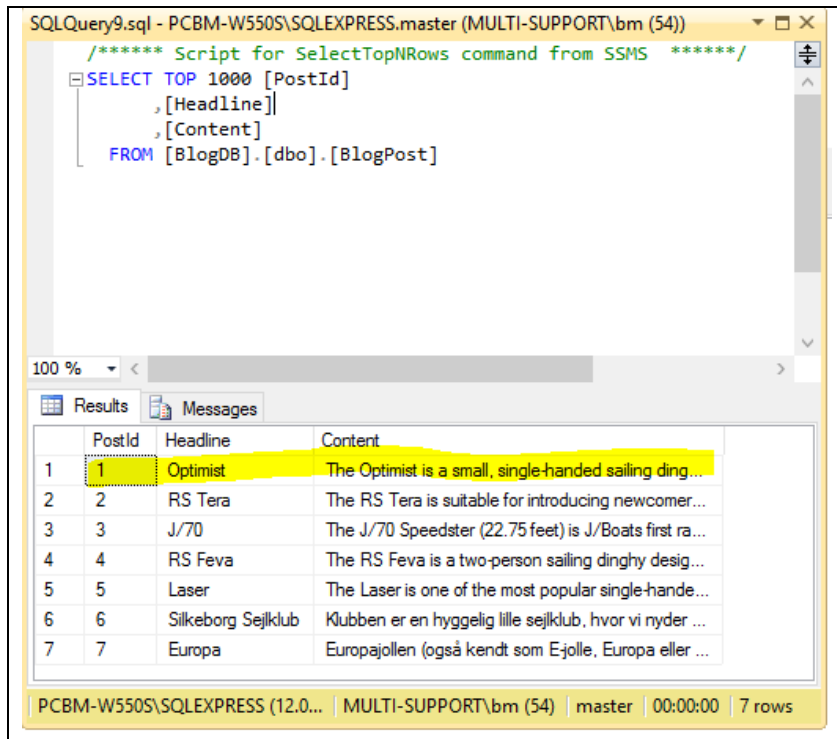
The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'Execute_SP_EditBlogEntry.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MUL...'. The query is a USE statement followed by an EXEC statement that calls the EditBlogEntry stored procedure with parameters: @PostId = 1, @UserId = 1, @Headline = 'Optimist', and @Content = 'The Optimist is a small, single-handed'. The results are shown in a Messages pane, indicating that 1 row(s) affected for each of the three statements.

```
USE BlogDB;  
  
EXEC dbo.EditBlogEntry  
    @PostId = 1, /* The Optimist entry */  
    @UserId = 1, /* Brian */  
    @Headline = 'Optimist',  
    @Content = 'The Optimist is a small, single-handed'
```

(1 row(s) affected)
(1 row(s) affected)
(1 row(s) affected)

50S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (63) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 0 rows

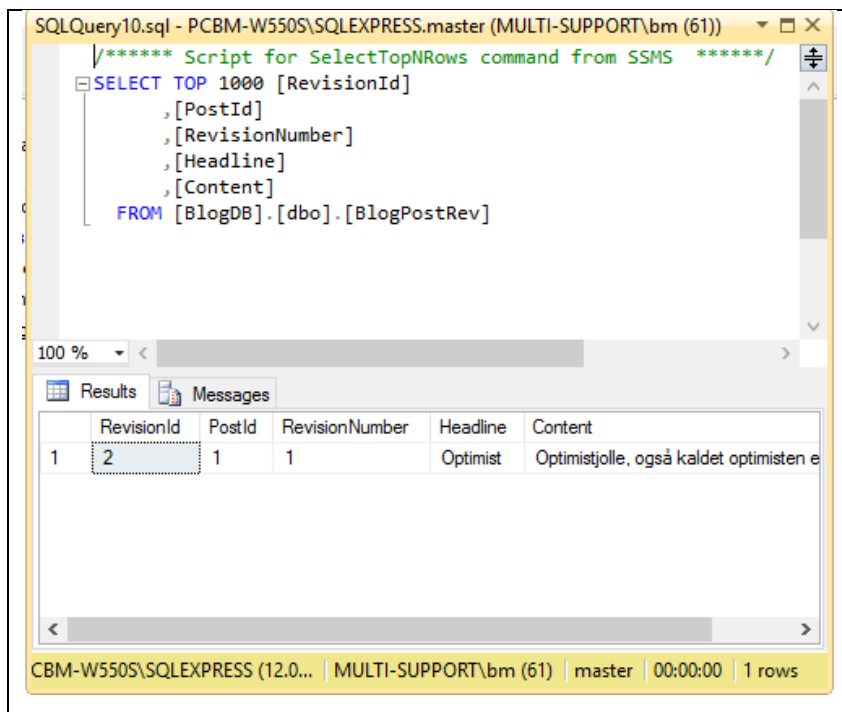
We can see that the blog content for PostId 1 is now in English:



The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'SQLQuery9.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.master (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (54))'. The query is a 'Script for SelectTopNRows command from SSMS' that selects the top 1000 rows from the [BlogDB].[dbo].[BlogPost] table, displaying columns [PostId], [Headline], and [Content]. The results pane shows a table with 7 rows. The first row (PostId 1) is highlighted in yellow, showing the headline 'Optimist' and the content 'The Optimist is a small, single-handed sailing ding...'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (54) | master | 00:00:00 | 7 rows'.

| | PostId | Headline | Content |
|---|--------|--------------------|--|
| 1 | 1 | Optimist | The Optimist is a small, single-handed sailing ding... |
| 2 | 2 | RS Tera | The RS Tera is suitable for introducing newcomer... |
| 3 | 3 | J/70 | The J/70 Speedster (22.75 feet) is J/Boats first ra... |
| 4 | 4 | RS Feva | The RS Feva is a two-person sailing dinghy desig... |
| 5 | 5 | Laser | The Laser is one of the most popular single-hande... |
| 6 | 6 | Silkeborg Sejlklub | Klubben er en hyggelig lille sejlklub, hvor vi nyder ... |
| 7 | 7 | Europa | Europajollen (også kendt som Ejolle, Europa eller ... |

And looking at the revision table we see that the previous content of the blog post has been stored:



The screenshot shows a SQL query window titled 'SQLQuery10.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.master (MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (61))'. The query is a 'Script for SelectTopNRows command from SSMS' that selects the top 1000 rows from the [BlogDB].[dbo].[BlogPostRev] table, displaying columns [RevisionId], [PostId], [RevisionNumber], [Headline], and [Content]. The results pane shows a table with 1 row. The first row (RevisionId 2) is highlighted in yellow, showing the headline 'Optimist' and the content 'Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten e'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'CBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (61) | master | 00:00:00 | 1 rows'.

| | RevisionId | PostId | RevisionNumber | Headline | Content |
|---|------------|--------|----------------|----------|---|
| 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | Optimist | Optimistjolle, også kaldet optimisten e |

Notice the content of the Content attribute is in Danish.

And in the log we can see that we have just edited the blog entry:

The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window titled 'SQLQuery12.sql - PCBM-W550S\SQLEXPRESS.BlogDB (MULTI-SUPPORT\...*)'. The query editor contains the following SQL code:

```
USE BlogDB;  
  
-- Display meta data about the optimist blog entry.  
SELECT *  
FROM DisplayDraftsView  
WHERE Headline = 'Optimist'
```

Below the query editor, the 'Results' tab is active, displaying a table with the following data:

| | Headline | EditDate | UserName | StateName |
|---|----------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Optimist | 2015-10-01 11:52:32.813 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |
| 2 | Optimist | 2015-10-07 21:03:01.060 | Brian Munksgaard | Draft |

The status bar at the bottom indicates: '550S\SQLEXPRESS (12.0... | MULTI-SUPPORT\bm (65) | BlogDB | 00:00:00 | 2 rows'.