SchemaComparer.GUI

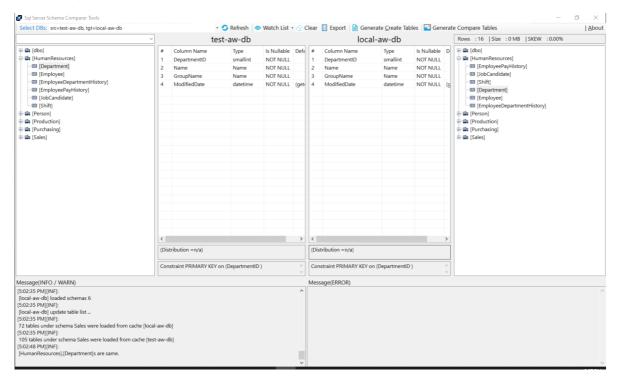
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1. Introduction

SchemaComparer.GUI.exe is a windows desktop application. It's designed to help user quickly understand database structure and easily find gaps of 2 databases:

- To explore schemas and tables of a specific database
- To explore the database gaps between 2 different environments



Now, as days went by, we brought more features to enhance it.

2. Why we build it?

Sometimes when we engineers are working on a database project, no matter is it a business repository , or a data warehouse for BI, we always need to quickly understand what residents in the box -- schemas , tables, columns , and how the data is like.

No doubt it's boring to do it by handing-on code, which is easily to fail or fault. So we built this tool to entitle engineers a more convenient way to complete their job.

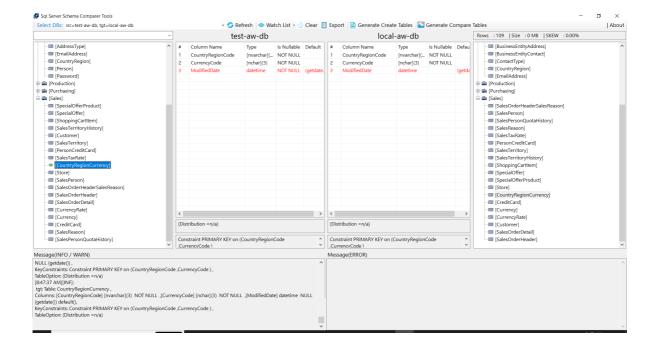
Thanks to Danny Xiang, who initiated this work!

3. Features

#	Features	Comments
F1	List schemas and tables as a tree view	Informative
F2	List columns information	Informative
F3	Display table partition, constraints and distribution(DW only)	Informative
F4	Display right table summary, including rows count, table size and SKEW(DW only)	Informative
F5	Auto locate table with the same name in the right part	Ops
F6	Compare/Batch Compare tables and highlight table differences	Find gaps
F7	Find same name columns in all tables	In case of type mismatch
F8	Generate Html Documents for schemas	Schema overview
F9	Generate Gap amendment script for tables	DBA tool
F10	Tables can be added into 'watch list' and can be removed out.	Ops
F11	Generate Create Tables script for tables in 'watch list'	DBA tool
F12	Export 'watch list'	Ops
F13	Find table by fuzzy name	Ops
F14	Preview table data	DBA tool
F15	Profile table data (TBD)	DBA tool

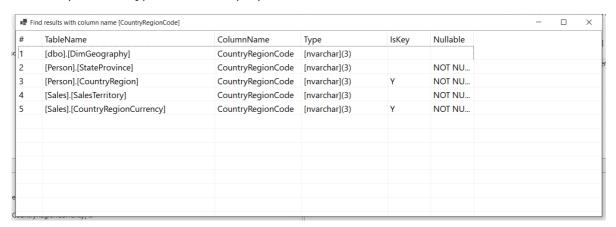
3.1 Display Information

- 1. [Both] (F1) Schema and Tables tree
- 2. [Both] (F2, F3) Columns, Keys, Indexes and Table Info: partition, distribution
- 3. [Both] (F6) Difference between same tables of both sides
- 4. [Right] (F4) Table Summary with rows, size and skew rate (synapse)



3.2 Columns exploring

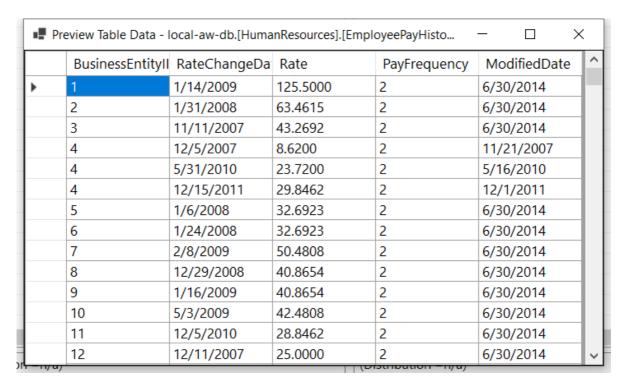
1. [Both] (F7) By double clicking a column, to find all same name columns in all tables, to compare their type and column properties



It'll be useful when the column types found are not same or even compatible. Like 'CreateDate', sometimes it's datetime type, sometimes it's int format as 'yyyyMMdd'. It'll bring incompatible when linking the two columns together for table joins. By this way, we can easily identify what causes the problem.

3.3 Preview Data

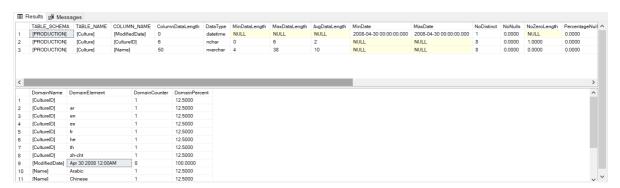
1. [Left] (F14) By right-click on a left table, choose a table and preview it's data of first 1000 rows.



We can easily explore the data in a table by one click, to avoid boring script code typing.

3.4 Profile table data (TBD)

[Both] (F15) By right-click on a left table, choose a table and profile it's data.



Reference: <u>Data Profiling with T-SQL – SQLServerCentral</u>

3.5 Export Html Documents

[LEFT] (F8) Export the metadata as HTML documents

^{**} This feature is in developing yet.



The output html files are organized by schema names. Each file contains all tables metadata information, including table columns with properties, such as is_key, name, type, identity, nullable, default value, collation, mask and description, including table indexes, constraints, partitions and distribution(Synapse DW) information.

This is much more understandable than it's in SSMS or other developer's IDE.

Even better, we provide a dependencies link if we can define them in a reference file (I'll bring it in another article)

3.6 Generate Create-tables script

[LEFT] (F11) Add some tables into watch list and Generate Create-table scripts with their indexes and constraints

(TBD) Table Partitions are in Task queues, not ready now!

(issues here: some abandoned 'Create' words)

3.7 Generate Table Delta Script

[LEFT] (F9) Add some tables into watch list and Generate Compare-table scripts

```
ALTER TABLE [Sales].[CountryRegionCurrency]
ALTER COLUMN [ModifiedDate] datetime MASKED WITH (FUNCTION = 'default()') DEFAULT (getdate());

GO
```

This means we can eliminates the gap between tables in 2 environments.

This feature is much complex when we consider data cannot loss when we change the table structure. I'll left the explanation later.

4. Function underneaths

- When program is starting, it'll load metadata of select databases, specified schemas (in config) into cache file, then visualize them on WinForms.
- The selected databases are configured in the configuration file. Usually we set 2 ~ 4 database connections of different environments, which will be brought for comparing.
- In case the database are too complex to load fast, we can add some schemas in 'focusSchemas' section, which will constrain the schemas to populate.
- The cache files are json format, can be quicker loaded when we're comparing schemas. The cache will be expired in 10 minutes by default.
- The cache files are independent by database name and schema name.
- Metadata Html Documents are generated based on a RAZOR template file, which is at the path as configured.
- Support either Synapse DW or Sql Database, by selecting an IsqlCommandText instance (SynapseSqlCommandText), or SqlDatabaseCommandText),
- Support lineage dependency navigation on html doc. The dependency is referenced in 'reference' configuration section

5. Core Queries

For SQL Server or Azure SQL, the following code will collect metadata, including table schema, table name, columns, indexes, primary key, masking, partitions and table summary.

```
public static class SqlServerCmdTextConstant
       public static readonly string cmd_get_schema = @"
SELECT DISTINCT
        a.NAME
                     AS [schema_name]
      , a.schema_id AS [schema_id]
FROM sys.schemas a
     INNER JOIN sys.objects b
              ON a.schema_id = b.schema_id
ORDER BY a.NAME
       public static readonly string cmd_get_table = @"
   SELECT t.object_id AS table_id,
          sch.[name] AS table_schema,
          t.[name]
                      AS table_name,
          i.[type_desc] AS index_type
   FROM sys.tables t
          INNER JOIN sys.schemas AS sch
                 ON sch.schema_id = t.schema_id
          LEFT JOIN sys.indexes i
                 ON t.[object_id] = i.[object_id]
                   AND i.[index_id] <= 1
   WHERE (sch.[name] = @table_schema or @table_schema is null)
```

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AND (t.[name] = @table_name or @table_name is null)
";
        public static readonly string cmd_get_table_key_constraint = @"
    SELECT stable.object_id AS table_id,
           stable.NAME AS table_name,
                         AS table_schema,
AS key_name,
           sschema.NAME
           skc.NAME
           skc.object_id AS key_id,
           CASE
             WHEN skc.type = 'pk' THEN 'PRIMARY KEY'
             WHEN skc.type = 'uq' THEN 'UNIQUE'
            ELSE skc.type
           END
                           AS key_type,
           CASE
             WHEN skc.is_enforced = 1 THEN ''
            ELSE 'NOT ENFORCED'
                           AS not_enforced,
           sindex.type_desc AS index_type,
           scolumn.NAME AS column_name,
           CASE
             WHEN sicolumn.is_descending_key = 1 THEN 'DESC'
            ELSE 'ASC'
                           AS column_ascend
           FND
    FROM
          sys.key_constraints AS skc
           INNER JOIN sys.tables AS stable
                  ON stable.object_id = skc.parent_object_id
           LEFT JOIN sys.indexes AS sindex
                 ON sindex.object_id = skc.parent_object_id
                     AND sindex.NAME = skc.NAME
           LEFT JOIN sys.index_columns AS sicolumn
                 ON sicolumn.object_id = skc.parent_object_id
                    AND sicolumn.index_id = sindex.index_id
           LEFT JOIN sys.columns AS scolumn
                 ON scolumn.object_id = skc.parent_object_id
                    AND scolumn.column_id = sicolumn.column_id
           INNER JOIN sys.schemas AS sschema
                  ON sschema_id = stable.schema_id
   WHERE sschema.NAME = @table_schema
           AND (stable.NAME = @table_name or @table_name is null)
";
        public static readonly string cmd_get_table_column = @"
   DECLARE @db_collation NVARCHAR(128)
   SET @db_collation = (SELECT collation_name
                        FROM sys.databases
                        WHERE NAME = Db_name())
    ;
   WITH tcolumn AS
          (SELECT stable.object_id
                                            AS [table_id],
                    scolumn.[column_id]
                                              AS [column_id],
```

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sschema.[name]
                         AS [table_schema],
stable.[name]
                          AS [table_name],
scolumn.[name]
                         AS [column_name],
stype.[name]
                          AS [data_type],
scolumn.[max_length]
                         AS [max_length],
scolumn.[precision]
                         AS [precision],
scolumn.[scale]
                          AS [scale],
CASE
  WHEN ix_col.object_id IS null then ''
  ELSE 'YES' end
                       AS [is_key],
CASE
 WHEN stype.[name] IN ( 'decimal', 'numeric' ) THEN
 stype.NAME + '('
 + Cast(scolumn.PRECISION AS VARCHAR(8))
 + ',' + Cast(scolumn.[scale] AS VARCHAR(8))
  + ')'
 WHEN scolumn.max_length < 0 THEN stype.NAME + '(max)'
 WHEN stype.NAME IN ( 'char', 'varbinary', 'varchar' ) THEN
 stype.NAME + '('
 + Cast(scolumn.max_length AS VARCHAR(8))
 + ')'
 WHEN stype.NAME IN ( 'nchar', 'nvarchar' ) THEN
 stype.NAME + '('
 + Cast(scolumn.max_length/2 AS VARCHAR(8))
 + ')'
 ELSE stype.[name]
                           AS type_string
--,isnull(scolumn.[collation_name],'') as collation_name
CASE
 WHEN scolumn.collation_name <> @db_collation THEN
 scolumn.collation_name
 ELSE ''
END
                           AS collation_name,
CASE
 WHEN scolumn.[is_nullable] = 1 THEN 'NULL'
 ELSE 'NOT NULL'
END
                           AS nullable.
CASE
 WHEN scolumn.[is_identity] = 1 THEN
 'IDENTITY('
 + Cast(idnt.seed_value AS VARCHAR(16)) +
 + Cast(idnt.increment_value AS VARCHAR(16)
 )
 + ')'
 ELSE ''
                           AS identity_string,
scolumn.[default_object_id] AS [default_object_id],
dc.[definition]
                         AS [default_definition],
scolumn.[is_masked]
                         AS [is_masked],
mc.masking_function
                         AS [masking_function],
sep.Value
                          AS [description]
```

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INNER JOIN sys.tables AS stable
                           ON stable.[object_id] = scolumn.[object_id]
                    INNER JOIN sys.schemas AS sschema
                           ON sschema.[schema_id] = stable.[schema_id]
                    INNER JOIN sys.types AS stype
                           ON scolumn.system_type_id = stype.system_type_id
                              AND scolumn.user_type_id = stype.user_type_id
                    LEFT JOIN sys.indexes ix -- for primary key
                           ON ix.object_id = stable.[object_id] and
ix.is_primary_key=1
                    LEFT JOIN sys.index_columns ix_col
                           on ix.index_id = ix_col.index_id
                               AND ix_col.object_id = stable.[object_id]
                               AND ix_col.column_id = scolumn.column_id
                    LEFT JOIN sys.identity_columns AS idnt
                          ON idnt.[object_id] = scolumn.[object_id]
                             AND idnt.column_id = scolumn.column_id
                    LEFT JOIN SYS.default_constraints dc
                          on scolumn.[default_object_id] = dc.[object_id]
                    LEFT JOIN SYS.masked_columns mc
                          on stable.[object_id] = mc.[object_id] and
scolumn.column_id = mc.column_id
                   LEFT JOIN sys.extended_properties sep on stable.object_id =
sep.major_id
                                        and scolumn_id = sep.minor_id
                                        and [class] = 1
                                        and sep.name = 'MS_Description'
            WHERE stable.type = 'u')
    SELECT *
    FROM
         tcolumn
    WHERE table_schema = @table_schema
          AND (table_name = @table_name or @table_name is null)
   ORDER BY column_id
п.
        /// <summary>
        /// including both primary index and other index
       /// </summary>
        /// <remarks>
        /// IN CASE index type ='heap', there is no column joined, so use 'left
join'
        /// </remarks>
        public static readonly string cmd_get_table_index = @"
WITH ti
    AS (SELECT sindex.object_id AS table_id,
               sschema.NAME AS table_schema,
               stable.NAME
                               AS table_name,
               sindex.NAME AS index_name,
               sindex.type_desc AS index_type,
               CASE
                   WHEN sindex.[IS_UNIQUE] = 1 THEN 'UNIQUE'
                    ELSE '' END AS [UNIQUE_EXP],
                scolumn.NAME
                               AS column_name,
                sicolumn.key_ordinal,
```

```
sindex.index_id,
                CASE
                  WHEN sicolumn.is_descending_key = 1 THEN 'DESC'
                  ELSE 'ASC'
                END
                                 AS column_ascending,
                sds.NAME
                                 AS data_space
                sys.indexes AS sindex
         FROM
                INNER JOIN sys.tables AS stable
                        ON stable.object_id = sindex.object_id
                INNER JOIN sys.schemas AS sschema
                        ON sschema.schema_id = stable.schema_id
                LEFT JOIN [sys].[index_columns] AS sicolumn
                        ON sicolumn.object_id = sindex.object_id
                           AND sicolumn.index_id = sindex.index_id
                LEFT JOIN sys.columns AS scolumn
                        ON scolumn.object_id = sindex.object_id
                           AND scolumn.column_id = sicolumn.column_id
                LEFT JOIN sys.data_spaces AS sds
                       ON sds.data_space_id = sindex.data_space_id
         WHERE 1=1
                AND sindex.is_unique_constraint = 0
                AND sindex.is_primary_key = 0
                 )
SELECT *
FROM
     ti
WHERE ti.table_schema = @table_schema
       AND (ti.table_name = @table_name or @table_name is null)
ORDER BY ti.table_schema,
          ti.table_name,
          ti.index_name,
          ti.key_ordinal
и,
        public static readonly string cmd_get_table_partition = @"
    SELECT o.[object_id]
                                                         AS [table_id],
           s.[name]
                                                         AS [TABLE_SCHEMA],
           o.[name]
                                                         AS [TABLE_NAME],
           c.[name]
                                                         AS [COLUMN_NAME],
           ( CASE
               WHEN pf.[boundary_value_on_right] = 1 THEN 'right'
               ELSE 'left'
             END )
                                                         AS [BOUNDARY_TYPE],
           (SELECT String_agg(Cast(prv.[value] AS VARCHAR), ',')
                 sys.partition_range_values prv
            WHERE prv.[function_id] = ps.[function_id]) AS [BOUNDARY_VALUES]
    FROM
           sys.objects o
           INNER JOIN sys.schemas s
                   ON s.[schema_id] = o.[schema_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.indexes i
                   ON i.[object_id] = o.[object_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.index_columns ic
                   ON ic.[object_id] = o.[object_id]
                      AND ic.[index_id] = i.[index_id]
                      AND ic.[partition_ordinal] >= 1
           INNER JOIN sys.columns c
```

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ON c.object_id = o.object_id
                      AND c.[column_id] = ic.[column_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.data_spaces ds
                   ON ds.[data_space_id] = i.[data_space_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.partition_schemes ps
                   ON ps.[data_space_id] = i.[data_space_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.partition_functions pf
                   ON ps.[function_id] = pf.[function_id]
    WHERE s.[name] = @table_schema AND (o.[name] = @table_name or @table_name
is null)
";
        public static readonly string cmd_get_table_summary = @"
SELECT
   s.Name
                                                    AS [table_schema],
   t.Name
                                                    AS [table_name],
   t.OBJECT_ID
                                                    AS [table_id],
    p.Rows
                                                    AS [total_row_count],
   CAST(ROUND((SUM(a.used_pages) / 128.00), 2) AS NUMERIC(36, 2))
                                                    AS [Used_MB],
    CAST(ROUND((SUM(a.total_pages) - SUM(a.used_pages)) / 128.00, 2) AS
NUMERIC(36, 2))
                                                    AS [Unused_MB],
    CAST(ROUND((SUM(a.total_pages) / 128.00), 2) AS NUMERIC(36, 2))
                                                    AS [total_size_MB]
FROM sys.tables t
    INNER JOIN sys.indexes i ON t.OBJECT_ID = i.object_id
    INNER JOIN sys.partitions p ON i.object_id = p.OBJECT_ID AND i.index_id =
p.index_id
    INNER JOIN sys.allocation_units a ON p.partition_id = a.container_id
    INNER JOIN sys.schemas s ON t.schema_id = s.schema_id
WHERE s.[name] = @table_schema AND (t.[name] = @table_name or @table_name is
nu11)
GROUP BY t.Name, t.OBJECT_ID, s.Name, p.Rows
ORDER BY s.Name, t.Name
    }
```

For synapse, some differences, such as distribution:

```
t.NAME
                                         AS [table_name],
           tp.[distribution_policy_desc] AS [distribution_policy],
           Isnull(c.[name], '')
                                       AS [distribution_column]
    FROM
          sys.tables t
           INNER JOIN sys.schemas AS sch
                   ON sch.schema_id = t.schema_id
           LEFT JOIN sys.pdw_table_distribution_properties tp
                  ON t.[object_id] = tp.[object_id]
           LEFT JOIN (SELECT *
                      FROM sys.pdw_column_distribution_properties
                      WHERE distribution_ordinal = 1) cdp
                  ON t.[object_id] = cdp.[object_id]
           LEFT JOIN sys.columns c
                  ON cdp.[object_id] = c.[object_id]
                     AND cdp.[column_id] = c.[column_id]
    WHERE (sch.NAME = @table_schema AND t.NAME = @table_name ) or (@table_name
is null)
    end
";
        public static readonly string cmd_get_table_partition = @"
    SELECT o.[object_id]
                                                         AS [table_id],
           s.[name]
                                                         AS [TABLE_SCHEMA],
           o.[name]
                                                         AS [TABLE_NAME],
           c.[name]
                                                         AS [COLUMN_NAME],
           ( CASE
               WHEN pf.[boundary_value_on_right] = 1 THEN 'right'
               ELSE 'left'
             END )
                                                         AS [BOUNDARY_TYPE],
           (SELECT String_agg(Cast(prv.[value] AS VARCHAR), ',')
            FROM sys.partition_range_values prv
            WHERE prv.[function_id] = ps.[function_id]) AS [BOUNDARY_VALUES]
    FROM
           sys.objects o
           INNER JOIN sys.schemas s
                   ON s.[schema_id] = o.[schema_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.indexes i
                   ON i.[object_id] = o.[object_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.index_columns ic
                   ON ic.[object_id] = o.[object_id]
                      AND ic.[index_id] = i.[index_id]
                      AND ic.[partition_ordinal] >= 1
           INNER JOIN sys.columns c
                   ON c.object_id = o.object_id
                      AND c.[column_id] = ic.[column_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.data_spaces ds
                   ON ds.[data_space_id] = i.[data_space_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.partition_schemes ps
                   ON ps.[data_space_id] = i.[data_space_id]
           INNER JOIN sys.partition_functions pf
                   ON ps.[function_id] = pf.[function_id]
    WHERE s.[name] = @table_schema AND (o.[name] = @table_name or @table_name
is null)
";
```

```
public static readonly string cmd_get_table_summary = @"
SELECT S.NAME
                                                   AS [table_schema],
       o.NAME
                                                   AS [table_name],
       o.object_id
                                                   AS [table_id],
       Max([row_count])
                                                   AS [row_count_max],
       Min([row_count])
                                                   AS [row_count_min],
       CASE
        WHEN Max([row\_count]) < 1000 THEN 0
         ELSE ( Max([row_count]) - Min([row_count]) ) * 1.0 / Max([row_count])
       END
                                                   AS [skew],
       Sum ([row_count])
                                                   AS [total_row_count],
       Sum(nps.[in_row_data_page_count]
           + nps.[row_overflow_used_page_count]
           + nps.[lob_used_page_count]) * 8 / 1000 AS [total_size_MB]
FROM
      sys.dm_pdw_nodes_db_partition_stats nps
       INNER JOIN sys.pdw_nodes_tables nt
               ON nt.[object_id] = nps.[object_id]
                  AND nt.[pdw_node_id] = nps.[pdw_node_id]
                  AND nt.[distribution_id] = nps.[distribution_id]
       INNER JOIN sys.pdw_table_mappings tm
               ON tm.[physical_name] = nt.[name]
       INNER JOIN sys.objects o
              ON tm.object_id = o.object_id
       INNER JOIN sys.schemas s
              ON o.schema_id = s.schema_id
WHERE s.NAME = @table_schema
GROUP BY S.NAME,
          o.NAME,
          o.object_id
    }
```