

COMP4701 – Fall 2025

5-Data Access

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- **Data Access Frameworks**

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 - **Create database using SQL Server**

- **Data Access and Database Queries**

- **Direct Access to DB**
 - **LINQ (Language Integrated Query)**
 - **Entity Framework**

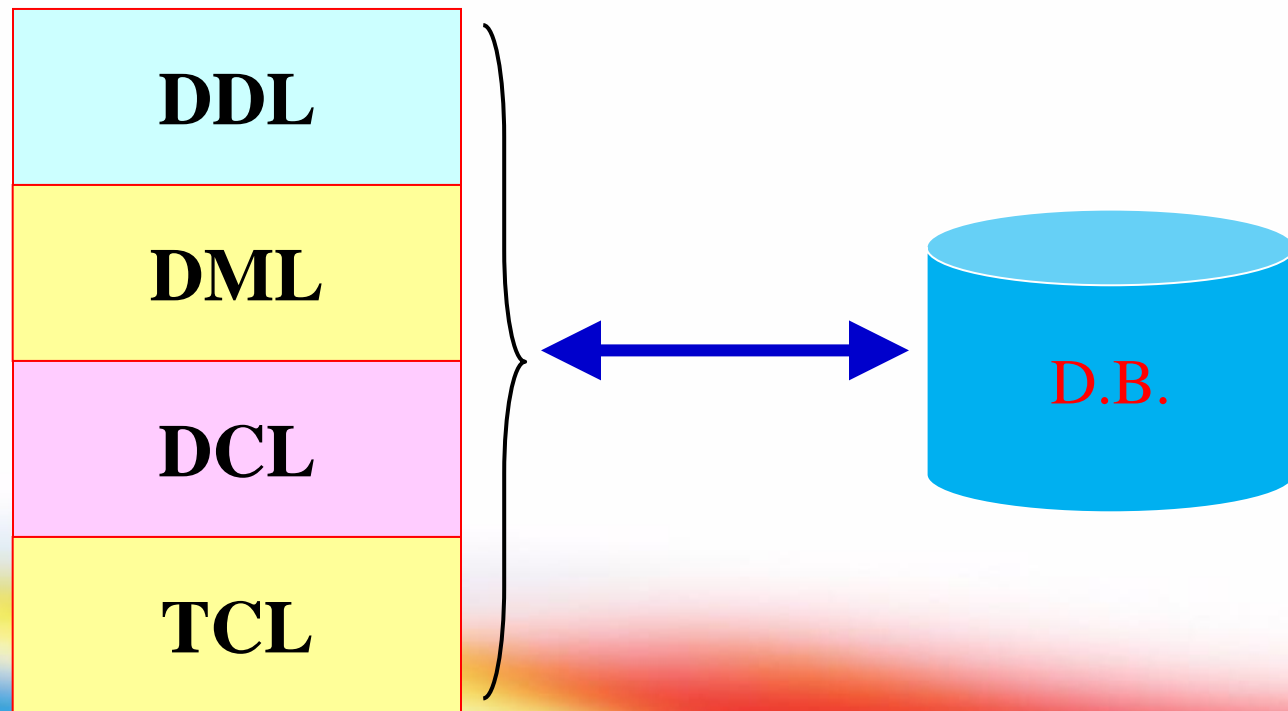
Introduction to Database

- A database consists of multiple user accounts
- Each user account owns database objects
 - Tables
 - Views
 - Stored programs, etc.
- Query:
 - command to perform operation on database object
- Structured Query Language (SQL)
 - Industry standard query language for most of relational databases
 - Consists of about 30 commands

Basic SQL Concepts

- SQL is used to manipulate the database.

Database (Statement Types)



Basic SQL Concepts and Commands

- There are two **basic** types of SQL commands:
 - Data Definition Language (**DDL**)
 - Data Manipulation Language (**DML**)
 - **DDL** commands work with the **structure** of the objects (tables, indexes, views) in the database.
 - **DML** commands work with the **data** in the database (i.e., manipulate the data).
- Reserved words** - SQL command words

DDL Commands

- Used to **create and modify** the structure of database objects
 - CREATE
 - ALTER
 - DROP
- DDL commands execute as soon as they are issued, and do not need to be explicitly saved

Attribute/Column Types in SQL SERVER DBMS

- Similar to C# Data types
 - Int, float, numeric(n,p),...: numbers
 - char(x), nchar(x): string with exactly x characters
 - Varchar(n): string with up to n characters
 - Date: date and time
- Examples: create table with specific types

Create table Employees (

EID int,

Name varchar(50),

Gender char,

DoB Date,

Salary numeric(8,3)

);

Table Constraints

- **Primary Keys:** one of the columns is used to identify the row for a given instance
 - Value cannot be repeated/duplicated in more than one row
- **Foreign Keys:** Specify relationship between two tables
 - The values for an attribute in one table (**child table**) should exist in the other table (**parent table**)
 - Use to retrieve information from more than one table
- **Other constraints:**
 - Not null (**no missing values**)
 - Unique (**no duplicate values**)
 - Check (**using function to validate the value e.g. between 1 and 10**)

Example

acctmanager

<u>Amid</u>	Amfirst	Amlast	AmeDate	Amsal	Amcomm	Region
VARCHAR2(4)	VARCHAR2(12)	VARCHAR2(12)	DATE	NUMBER(8,2)	NUMBER(7,2)	CHAR(2)

```
CREATE TABLE acctmanager  
(amid VARCHAR2(4) PRIMARY KEY,  
amfirst VARCHAR2(12) NOT NULL,  
amlast VARCHAR2(12) NOT NULL,  
amedate DATE DEFAULT SYSDATE,  
amsal NUMBER(8,2),  
amcomm NUMBER(7,2) DEFAULT 0,  
region CHAR(2) NOT NULL);
```

Examples

- Assume that we have the following tables

BOOKS

Sort.. Filter:

	ISBN	TITLE	PUBDATE	PUBID	COST
1	1059831198	BODYBUILD IN 10 MINUTES A DAY	21-JAN-05	4	18.75
2	0401140733	REVENGE OF MICKEY	14-DEC-05	1	14.2
3	4981341710	BUILDING A CAR WITH TOOTHPICKS	18-MAR-06	2	37.8
4	8843172113	DATABASE IMPLEMENTATION	04-JUN-03	3	31.4
5	3437212490	COOKING WITH MUSHROOMS	28-FEB-04	4	12.5
6	3957136468	HOLY GRAIL OF ORACLE	31-DEC-05	3	47.25
7	1915762492	HANDCRANKED COMPUTERS	21-JAN-05	3	21.8
8	9959789321	E-BUSINESS THE EASY WAY	01-MAR-06	2	37.9
9	2491748320	PAINLESS CHILD-REARING	17-JUL-04	5	48
10	0299282519	THE WOK WAY TO COOK	11-SEP-04	4	19
11	8117949391	BIG BEAR AND LITTLE DOVE	08-NOV-05	5	5.32
12	0132149871	HOW TO GET FASTER PIZZA	11-NOV-06	4	17.85
13	9247381001	HOW TO MANAGE THE MANAGER	09-MAY-03	1	15.4
14	2147428890	SHORTEST POEMS	01-MAY-05	5	21.85

BOOKAUTHOR

Sort..

	ISBN	AUTHORID
1	1059831198	S100
2	1059831198	P100
3	0401140733	J100
4	4981341710	K100
5	8843172113	P105
6	8843172113	A100
7	8843172113	A105
8	3437212490	B100
9	3957136468	A100
10	1915762492	W100
11	1915762492	W105
12	9959789321	J100
13	2491748320	R100
14	2491748320	F100
15	2491748320	B100
16	0299282519	S100
17	8117949391	R100
18	0132149871	S100
19	9247381001	W100
20	2147428890	W105

AUTHOR

Sort.. Filter:

	AUTHORID	LNAME	FNAME
1	S100	SMITH	SAM
2	J100	JONES	JANICE
3	A100	AUSTIN	JAMES
4	M100	MARTINEZ	SHEILA
5	K100	KZOSCHSKY	TAMARA
6	P100	PORTER	LISA
7	A105	ADAMS	JUAN
8	B100	BAKER	JACK
9	P105	PETERSON	TINA
10	W100	WHITE	WILLIAM
11	W105	WHITE	LISA
12	R100	ROBINSON	ROBERT
13	F100	FIELDS	OSCAR
14	W110	WILKINSON	ANTHONY

Creating Database Tables

```
CREATE TABLE Author (  
  AuthorID VARCHAR2(4) PRIMARY KEY,  
  Lname VARCHAR2(10),  
  Fname VARCHAR2(10));
```

```
CREATE TABLE Books (  
  ISBN VARCHAR2(10) PRIMARY KEY,  
  Title VARCHAR2(30),  
  PubDate DATE,  
  PubID NUMBER (2),  
  Cost NUMBER (5,2),  
  Retail NUMBER (5,2),  
  Discount NUMBER (4,2),  
  Category VARCHAR2(12),  
);
```

```
CREATE TABLE BOOKAUTHOR (  
  ISBN VARCHAR2(10),  
  AuthorID VARCHAR2(4),  
  PRIMARY KEY (isbn, authorid),  
  FOREIGN KEY (isbn) REFERENCES books (isbn),  
  FOREIGN KEY (authorid) REFERENCES author (authorid)  
);
```

Modifying Existing Tables

- Accomplished through the **ALTER TABLE** command
- Use an **ADD** clause to add a column
- Use a **MODIFY** clause to change a column
- Use a **DROP COLUMN** to drop a column

ALTER TABLE Command Syntax

```
ALTER TABLE tablename  
ADD|MODIFY|DROP COLUMN columnname [definition];
```

- Example: adding new column in Employee table

Alter table Employees add departNo int;

Removing Tables

- Remove a data table from the database
- Example
 - Drop table Employees;

DML Commands

- Used to insert, view, and modify database *data in a given database table*
 - INSERT
 - Adding rows in a given table
 - UPDATE
 - Updates the values in a table
 - DELETE
 - Removing rows from a table.
 - SELECT
 - Retrieving information from a table

INSERT Data to tables

- Used to add rows to existing tables

```
INSERT INTO tablename [(columnname, ...)]  
VALUES (datavalue, ...);
```

Enter SQL Statement:

```
INSERT INTO acctmanager  
VALUES ('T500', 'NICK', 'TAYLOR', '05-SEP-09', 42000, 3500, 'NE');
```

← No Column List

Results Script Output Explain Autotrace DBMS Output OWA Output



1 rows inserted

Enter SQL Statement:

```
INSERT INTO acctmanager (amid, amfirst, amlast, amsal, amcomm, region)  
VALUES ('J500', 'Sammie', 'Jones', 39500, 2000, 'NW');
```

← Column List

Results Script Output Explain Autotrace DBMS Output OWA Output



1 rows inserted

Examples – Adding Data to tables

```
INSERT INTO AUTHOR VALUES ('S100','SMITH', 'SAM');  
INSERT INTO AUTHOR VALUES ('J100','JONES','JANICE');  
INSERT INTO AUTHOR VALUES ('A100','AUSTIN','JAMES');
```

```
INSERT INTO BOOKS VALUES ('1059831198','BODYBUILD IN 10 MINUTES A DAY',  
'21-JAN-05',4,18.75,30.95, NULL, 'FITNESS');  
INSERT INTO BOOKS VALUES ('0401140733','REVENGE OF MICKEY','14-DEC-05',  
1,14.20,22.00, NULL, 'FAMILY LIFE');  
INSERT INTO BOOKS VALUES ('4981341710','BUILDING A CAR WITH  
TOOTHPICKS', '18-MAR-06',2,37.80,59.95, 3.00, 'CHILDREN');
```

```
INSERT INTO BOOKAUTHOR VALUES ('1059831198','S100');  
INSERT INTO BOOKAUTHOR VALUES ('1059831198','P100');  
INSERT INTO BOOKAUTHOR VALUES ('0401140733','J100');
```


Modifying Existing Rows

- Modify rows using UPDATE command
- Use UPDATE command using the following

```
UPDATE tablename  
SET columnname = new_datavalue, ...  
[WHERE condition];
```

UPDATE Command Examples

1- For manager with ID of J500, set the manager start date to 1-8-2020.

```
UPDATE acctmanager SET amedate = '01-AUG-20'  
WHERE amid = 'J500';
```

2- For manager with ID of J500, set the manager start date to 10-10-2020 and the region to South 'S'.

```
UPDATE acctmanager SET amedate = '10-OCT-20', region = 'S'  
WHERE amid = 'L500';
```

3- Change the regions NE and NW to W for all managers.

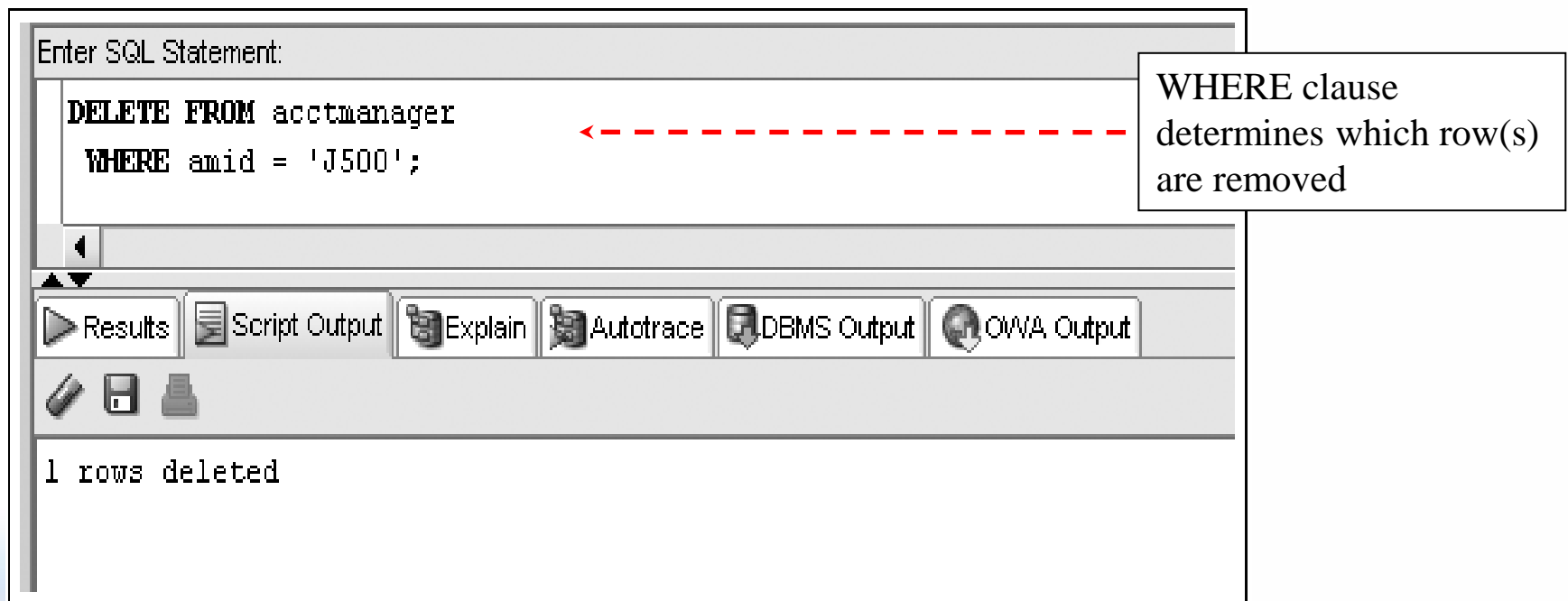
```
UPDATE acctmanager SET region = 'W' WHERE region IN ('NE', 'NW');
```

4- Display information after update.

```
SELECT * FROM acctmanager;
```

Deleting Rows

- DELETE command removes a row from a table



The screenshot shows a SQL interface with a text area for entering SQL statements. The statement entered is:

```
DELETE FROM acctmanager  
WHERE amid = 'J500';
```

A red dashed arrow points from the **WHERE** clause to a callout box on the right that says: "WHERE clause determines which row(s) are removed".

Below the text area is a toolbar with buttons for "Results", "Script Output", "Explain", "Autotrace", "DBMS Output", and "OWA Output". There are also icons for a disk, a document, and a printer.

At the bottom of the interface, the output shows: "1 rows deleted".

SELECT Statement Syntax

- **SELECT** statements are used to retrieve data from the database
- A **SELECT** statement is referred to as a query
- Syntax gives the basic structure, or rules, for a command

```
SELECT [DISTINCT | UNIQUE] (*, columnname [ AS alias], ...)  
      FROM      tablename  
      [WHERE    condition]  
      [GROUP BY group_by_expression]  
      [HAVING   group_condition]  
      [ORDER BY columnname];
```

Selecting All Data in a Table

- Display all information about all customers

```
SELECT * FROM customers;
```

CUSTOMER_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	DOB	PHONE
1	John	Brown	01-JAN-65	800-555-1211
2	Cynthia	Green	05-FEB-68	800-555-1212
3	Steve	White	16-MAR-71	800-555-1213
4	Gail	Black		800-555-1214
5	Doreen	Blue	20-MAY-70	

Selecting All Data in a Table

- Display all information about all customers whose ID is at least 3

SELECT * FROM customers;

CUSTOMER_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	DOB	PHONE
3	Steve	White	16-MAR-71	800-555-1213
4	Gail	Black		800-555-1214
5	Doreen	Blue	20-MAY-70	

Selecting All Data in a Table

- Display First name and last name for each customer

```
SELECT * FROM customers;
```

FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME
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John	Brown
------	-------

Cynthia	Green
---------	-------

Steve	White
-------	-------

Gail	Black
------	-------

Doreen	Blue
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Selecting All Data in a Table

- Display the birth date for Mr John Brown

```
SELECT DOB FROM customers
```

```
Where FIRST_NAME='John' and LAST_NAME='Brown';
```

```
DOB
```

```
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```

```
01-JAN-65
```


Selecting All Data in a Table

- Display all information about the customers whose first name is Gail or the last name is White

```
SELECT * FROM customers
```

```
Where LAST_NAME='White' or FIRST_NAME='Gail';
```

CUSTOMER_ID	FIRST_NAME	LAST_NAME	DOB	PHONE
3	Steve	White	16-MAR-71	800-555-1213
4	Gail	Black		800-555-1214

Examples

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	PUBID	NAME	CONTACT	PHONE
1	1	PRINTING IS US	TOMMIE SEYMOUR	000-714-8321
2	2	PUBLISH OUR WAY	JANE TOMLIN	010-410-0010
3	3	AMERICAN PUBLISHING	DAVID DAVIDSON	800-555-1211
4	4	READING MATERIALS INC.	RENEE SMITH	800-555-9743
5	5	REED-N-RITE	SEBASTIAN JONES	800-555-8284

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4	M100	MARTINEZ	SHEILA
5	K100	KZOSCHSKY	TAMARA
6	P100	PORTER	LISA
7	A105	ADAMS	JUAN
8	B100	BAKER	JACK
9	P105	PETERSON	TINA
10	W100	WHITE	WILLIAM
11	W105	WHITE	LISA
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Getting Information from more than one table - Exercises

- Retrieving data from more than one table is performed in the where clause using the Primacy keys and Foreign keys

R1.Pk = R2.FK (using 2 tables)

R1.Pk = R2.FK and R2.PK=R3.FK (using 3 tables)

- Examples:

–**Information from one table:** List ID for author Sam Smith

`select a.authorid from author A where lname='SMITH' and fname='SAM' ;`

⚡ AUTHORID
1 S100

–**Information from two tables:**

List book IDs for books that were written by Sam Smith

`select a.authorid, b.isbn from author A, bookauthor B`

`where lname='SMITH' and fname='SAM' and a.authorid=b.authorid ;`

	⚡ AUTHORID	⚡ ISBN
1	S100	1059831198
2	S100	0132149871
3	S100	0299282519

–**Information from 3 tables:** List the titles for all books that were written by

Sam Smith

`select a.authorid, b.isbn, c.title`

`from author A, bookauthor B, books C`

`where lname='SMITH' and fname='SAM' and`

`a.authorid=b.authorid and b.isbn=c.isbn;`

	⚡ AUTHORID	⚡ ISBN	⚡ TITLE	🔍
1	S100	1059831198	BODYBUILD IN 10 MINUTES A DAY	
2	S100	0132149871	HOW TO GET FASTER PIZZA	
3	S100	0299282519	THE WOK WAY TO COOK	

Aggregate Functions

- **AVG(*x*)** Returns the average value of *x*
- **COUNT(*x*)** Returns the number of rows returned by a query involving *x*
- **MAX(*x*)** Returns the maximum value of *x*
- **MEDIAN(*x*)** Returns the median value of *x*
- **MIN(*x*)** Returns the minimum value of *x*
- **STDDEV(*x*)** Returns the standard deviation of *x*
- **SUM(*x*)** Returns the sum of *x*
- **VARIANCE(*x*)** Returns the variance of *x*

Examples

* Count number of authors

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM  
AUTHOR
```

COUNT(*)

5
* Display the average price for
each product type

```
SELECT product_type_id,  
AVG(price)  
FROM products  
GROUP BY product_type_id
```

PRODUCT_TYPE_ID AVG(PRICE)

1	24.975
2	26.22
3	13.24

* Display the maximum and
minimum price for all products

```
SELECT MAX(price), MIN(price)  
FROM products;
```

MAX(PRICE) MIN(PRICE)

49.99

10.99

SQL Server 2022

- Within Visual Studio 2022: SQL Server Express
- You can create a new database including
 - tables, queries, views, stored procedures, functions, ...
- You can access to SQL server databases, Oracle Databases, M.S. Access databases
- ASP.Net Core: Many classes for different database connections, data retrievals, data manipulations using SQL queries (Select, delete from, update, insert into)

Manipulating Your Databases using SQL Server Express

- You can access your database using SQL server Express
- You can create Database Standalone application
 - Create new project
 - Language: Query Language
 - Project type: SQL

Creating New Database

Create a new project

Recent project templates

ASP.NET Web Application (.NET Framework) C#

SQL Server Database Project
Query Language

Console Application C#

ASP.NET Core Web App C#

Console App (.NET Framework) C#

Windows Forms App Visual Basic

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Query Language

All platforms

All project types

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A project for creating a SQL Server database.
Query Language Windows Web

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Project name

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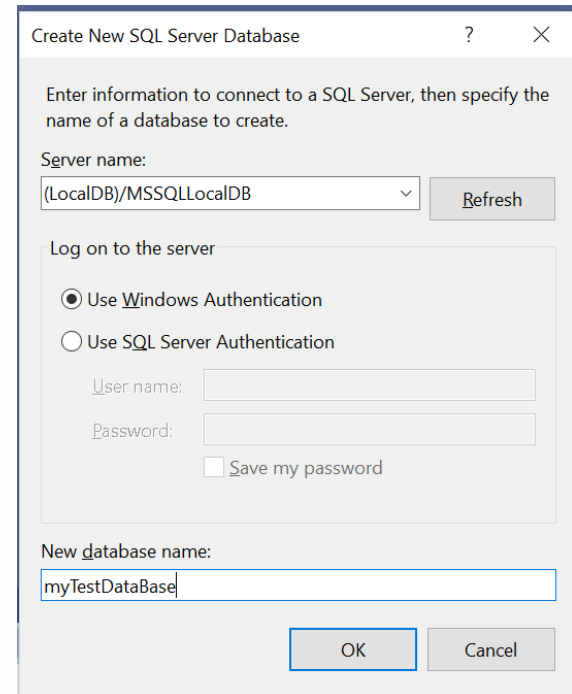
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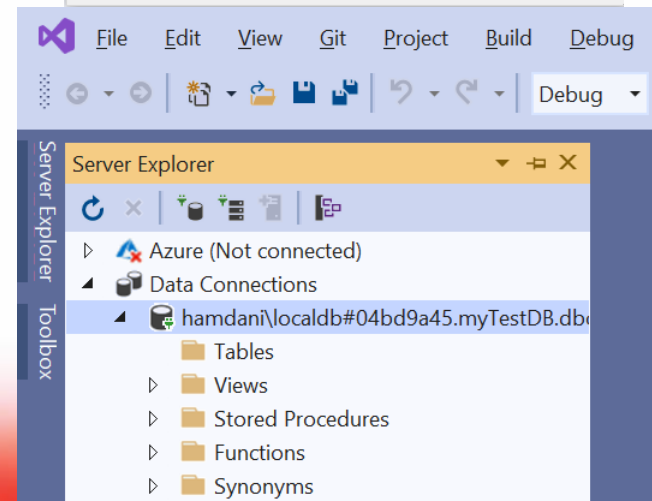
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Adding new SQL Server Database

- From the Server Explorer
 - Right click Data Connections
 - Choose “Create New SQL Server Database”
 - Server Name:
(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB
 - New Database name:
 - specify a name
 - New DB will be created and will be accessible for different ASP.Net Core applications

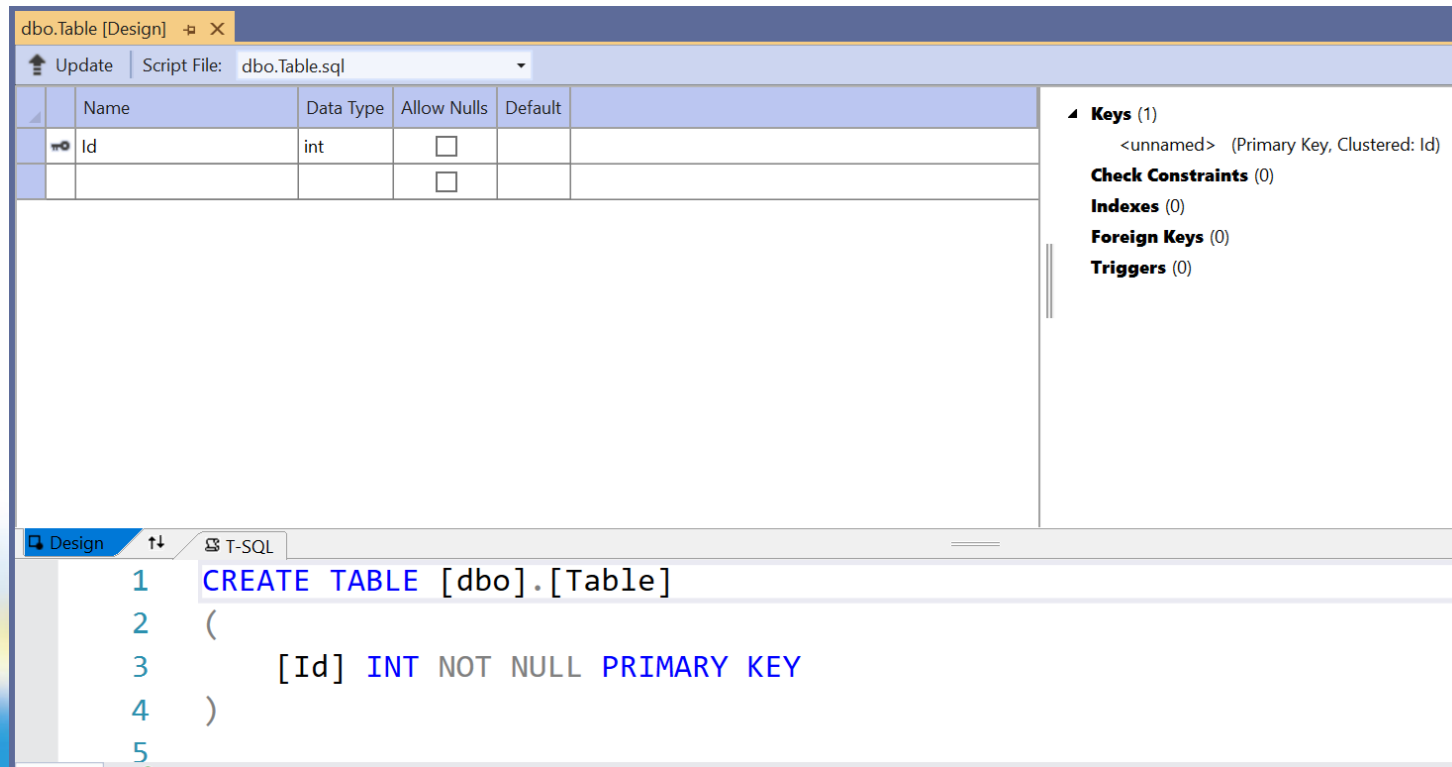


The screenshot shows the 'Create New SQL Server Database' dialog box. It has a title bar with a question mark and a close button. The main text says 'Enter information to connect to a SQL Server, then specify the name of a database to create.' Below this, there is a 'Server name:' dropdown menu showing '(LocalDB)/MSSQLLocalDB' and a 'Refresh' button. Under the 'Log on to the server' section, there are two radio buttons: 'Use Windows Authentication' (selected) and 'Use SQL Server Authentication'. Below these are fields for 'User name:' and 'Password:', and a checkbox for 'Save my password'. At the bottom, there is a 'New database name:' text box containing 'myTestDataBase'. 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom right.




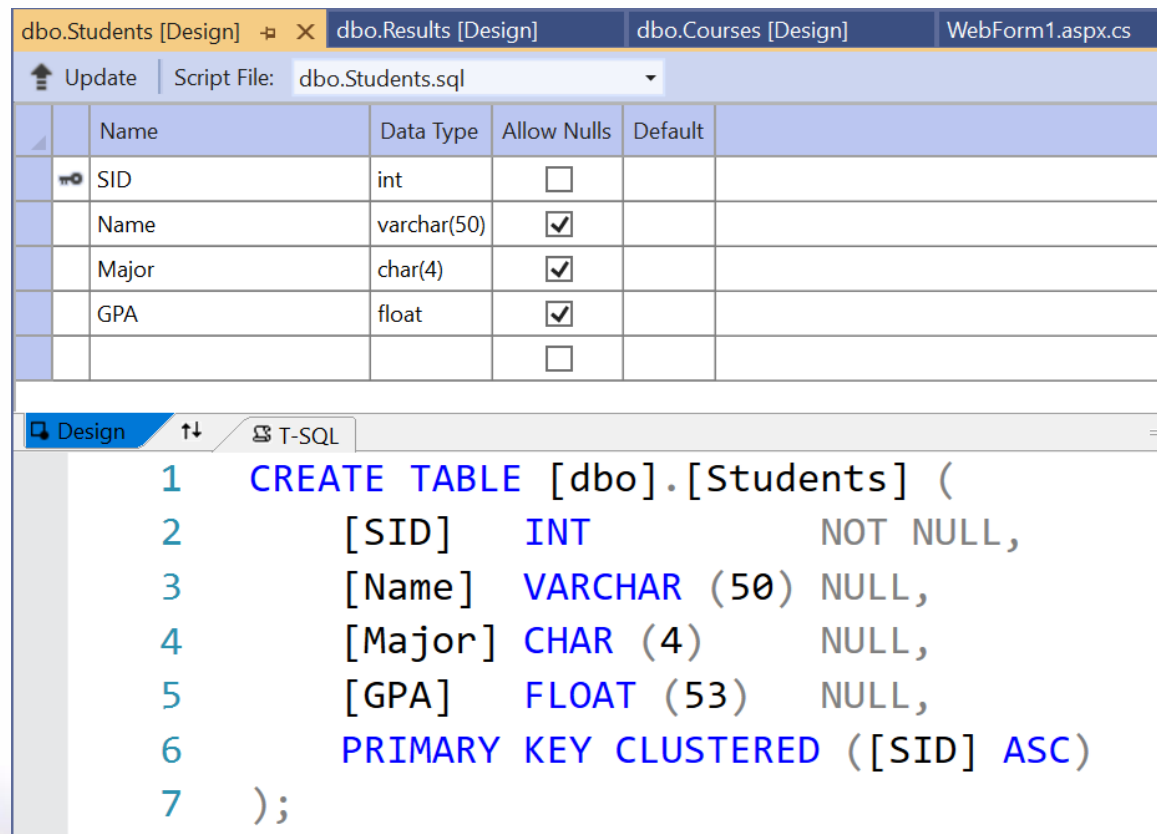
Add New Tables

- From database name
- Right Click on Tables
- Choose Add new Table
- New Table will be created as follows



Adding new Table

- Change table name and add columns with types and constraints as in the following example
- Then, Click  “Update” to create The table
- Update Database button
- Then, refresh tables



The screenshot shows the 'Update' dialog box in SQL Server Enterprise Manager. The 'Script File' is set to 'dbo.Students.sql'. The table 'dbo.Students' is being created with the following columns and constraints:

	Name	Data Type	Allow Nulls	Default
PK	SID	int	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Name	varchar(50)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Major	char(4)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	GPA	float	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
			<input type="checkbox"/>	

The T-SQL tab shows the following script:

```
1 CREATE TABLE [dbo].[Students] (  
2     [SID] INT NOT NULL,  
3     [Name] VARCHAR (50) NULL,  
4     [Major] CHAR (4) NULL,  
5     [GPA] FLOAT (53) NULL,  
6     PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED ([SID] ASC)  
7 );
```


Exercise Database Tables

- Add the following two tables and specify all constraints

dbo.Courses [Design] X WebForm1.aspx.cs WebForm1.aspx WebForm2.aspx.cs					
Update Script File: dbo.Courses.sql					
	Name	Data Type	Allow Nulls	Default	
	Code	char(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Title	nvarchar(50)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
	credit	int	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
			<input type="checkbox"/>		

Design T-SQL

```
1 CREATE TABLE [dbo].[Courses] (  
2     [Code] CHAR (8) NOT NULL,  
3     [Title] NVARCHAR (50) NULL,  
4     [credit] INT NULL,  
5     PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED ([Code] ASC)  
6 );
```

dbo.Students [Design] dbo.Results [Design] X dbo.Courses [Design] WebForm1.aspx.cs WebForm1.aspx					
Update Script File: dbo.Results.sql					
	Name	Data Type	Allow Nulls	Default	
	SID	int	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	code	char(8)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Grade	varchar(2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Design T-SQL

```
1 CREATE TABLE [dbo].[Results] (  
2     [SID] INT NOT NULL,  
3     [code] CHAR (8) NOT NULL,  
4     [Grade] VARCHAR (2) NULL,  
5     PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED ([SID] ASC, [code] ASC)  
6 );
```

Adding Data

dbo.Courses [Data]		dbo.Students [Data]	
		Max Rows: 1000	
	Code	Title	credit
▶	COMP2101	Prograqmming	4
	COMP2102	Problem Solving	3
	COMP3700	Web Computing	3
	COMP4501	OS	3
	COMP4502	Networks	3
	COMP4701	Web Applicatio...	3
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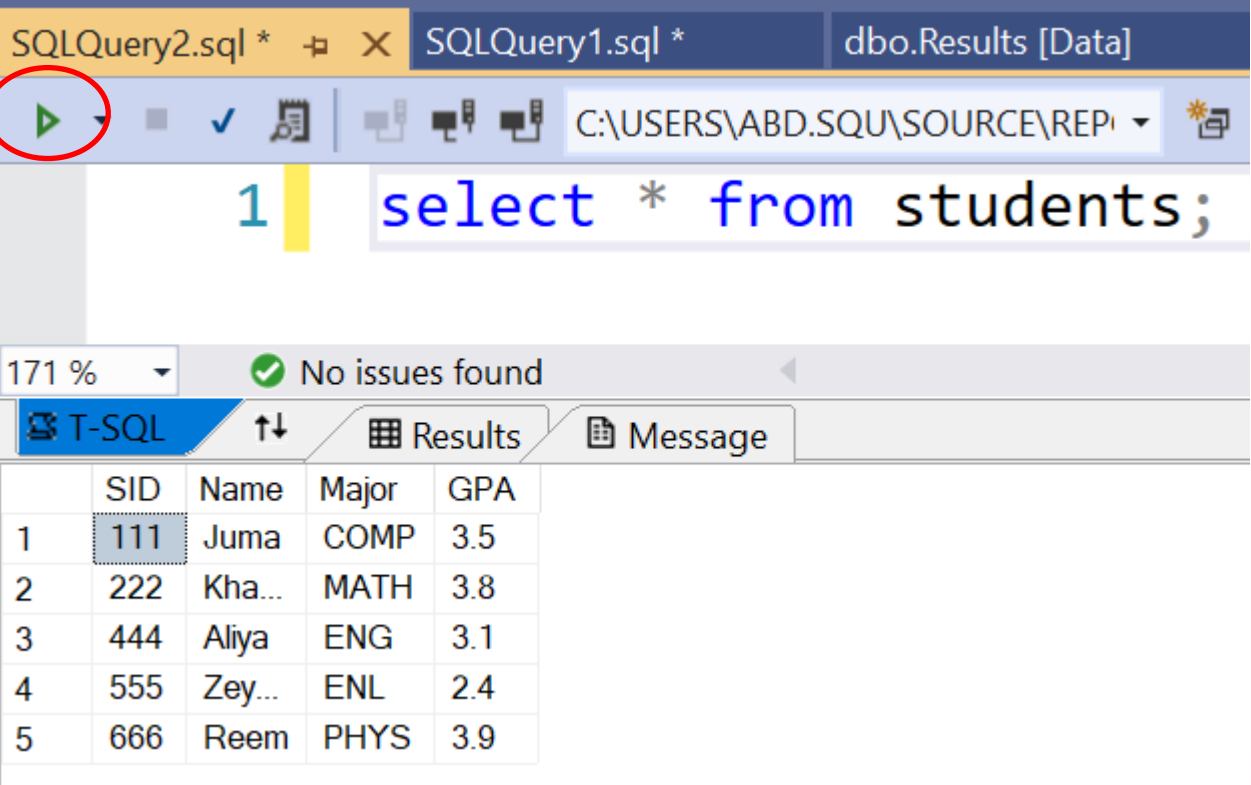
dbo.Results [Data]		dbo.Courses [Data]	
		Max Rows: 1000	
	SID	code	Grade
▶	111	COMP2101	A
	111	COMP2102	B+
	111	COMP4701	A-
	222	COMP2101	A-
	222	COMP3700	B-
	333	COMP2102	B-
	333	COMP4501	C+
	444	COMP4501	A
	555	COMP2101	D+
	666	COM2101	A-
	666	COMP2101	B+
*	NULL	NULL	NULL

Adding Foreign Keys

- In Results table, add two foreign keys
 - SID from Students Table
 - Code from Courses Table
- Choose column (SID) in Results table
- Right click on Foreign key
- Choose “Add new Foreign key”
- Change table and attribute names as follows
 - `CONSTRAINT [FK_Students_ToTable] FOREIGN KEY ([SID]) REFERENCES [Students]([SID]),`
 - `CONSTRAINT [FK_Courses_ToTable] FOREIGN KEY ([Code]) REFERENCES [Courses]([Code])`
- Update

Browsing/Querying Data

- Refresh Tables
- Right Click on tables  New Query
- Type SQL statement and press the green arrow to execute it



SQLQuery2.sql * SQLQuery1.sql * dbo.Results [Data]

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T-SQL Results Message

	SID	Name	Major	GPA
1	111	Juma	COMP	3.5
2	222	Kha...	MATH	3.8
3	444	Aliya	ENG	3.1
4	555	Zey...	ENL	2.4
5	666	Reem	PHYS	3.9

Add New Query

- You can run all types of queries such as
Insert into Students values(777,'AAAA','STAT',2.3);
Update Students set Name='xxxx' where SID=777
select * from Students where GPA>=3.0
create table ttt (t1 char);
Drop table ttt;
select S.Name, C.Code, C.Title,R.Grade
from students S, Results R, Courses C
where S.SID=R.SID and R.Code=C.Code and S.SID=111;

Working with Data

- ADO.NET is the technology that .NET applications use to interact with a database.
- There are different ways to work with data.
 - Writing everything in the code by hand.

Direct access to database

- Using LINQ queries
- Using Entity Framework

Direct Data Access

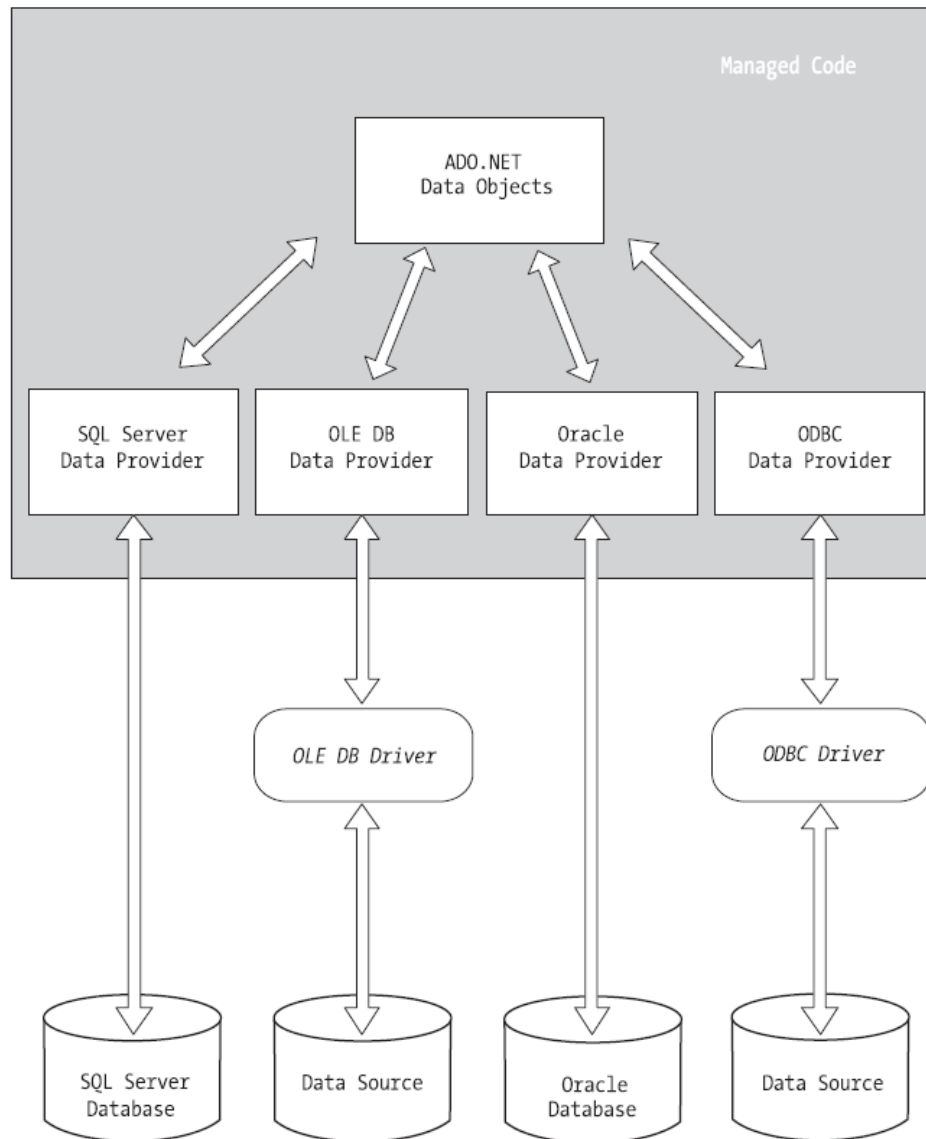
ADO.Net

- ADO.Net is the technology that .NET applications use to interact with a database.
- ADO.Net classes can be divided into two main groups:
 - Classes that are used to contain and manage data
 - E.g. DataSet, DataTable, DataRow and DataRelation
 - Classes that are used to connect to a specific data source
 - E.g. Connection, Command and DataReader

.NET Data Providers

- **SQL Server Provider**
 - Provides optimized access to SQL Server database
- **OLE DB Provider**
 - Provides access to any data source that has OLE DB driver
- **Oracle Provider**
 - Provides optimized access to an Oracle database
- **ODBC Provider**
 - Provides access to any data source that has an ODBC driver

ADO.Net Layers



ADO.Net Data Namespaces

- **Microsoft.Data** Contains fundamental classes with the core ADO.NET functionality.
- **Microsoft.Data.Common** used by other data provider classes that inherit from them and provide versions customized for a specific data source.
- **Microsoft.Data.OleDb** Contains the classes you use to connect to an OLE DB data source
- **Microsoft.Data.SqlClient** Contains the classes you use to connect to a Microsoft SQL Server
- **Microsoft.Data.Odbc** Contains the classes you use to connect to a data source through an ODBC driver and execute commands

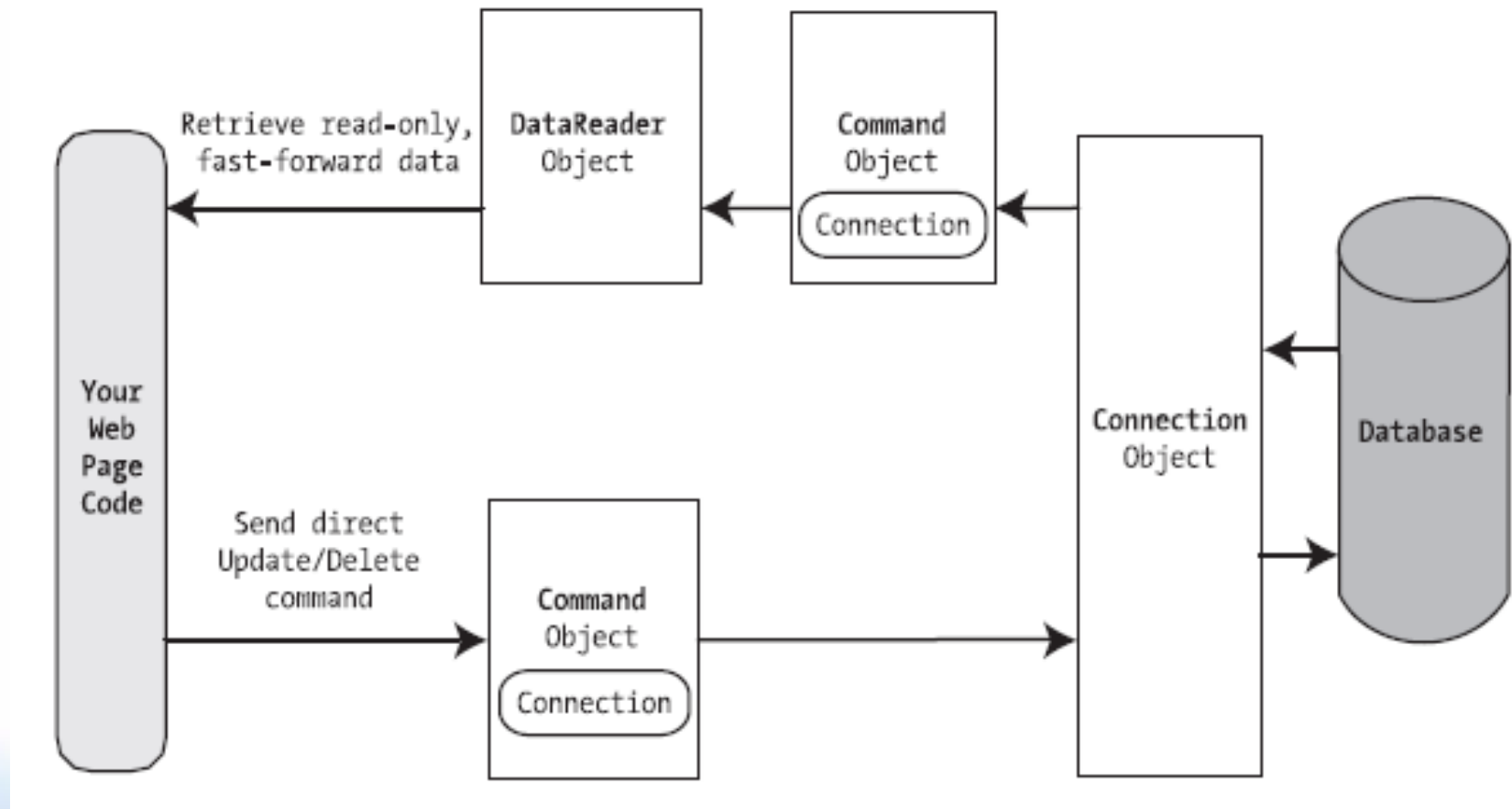
Direct Data Access – Querying

1. Create Connection, Command, and DataReader objects
2. Use the DataReader to retrieve information from the database, and display it in a control
3. Close your connection
4. Send the page to the user

Updating, Inserting, Deleting

1. Create new **Connection** and **Command** objects
1. Execute the **Command** with the appropriate SQL statement
1. Close your connection

Direct Data Access with ADO.NET



ADO.NET Data Provider Classes


Generic	SQL Server	OleDB (Access)
Connection	SqlConnection	OleDbConnection
Command	SqlCommand	OleDbCommand
DataReader	SqlDataReader	OleDbDataReader
DataAdapter	SqlDataAdapter	OleDbDataAdapter

- Use **OracleConnection**, **OracleCommand**, etc. for Oracle data providers
- Use **OdbcConnection**, **OdbcCommand**, etc. for ODBC data providers

Namespace Imports

- **Import following namespaces for SQL Server:**
 - using Microsoft.Data;
 - using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
- **Import following namespaces for Access:**
 - using Microsoft.Data;
 - using Microsoft.Data.OleDb;

ASP.Net Core

- You need to add a reference to **Microsoft.Data.SqlClient**
 - Project tab → manage NuGet Packages
 - Search for **Microsoft.Data.SqlClient** in Browse tab
- 

Connecting SQL Server Express

```
SqlConnection conn = new SqlConnection();

//connection to standalone DB

conn.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial
    Catalog=myTestDB;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False";
//--OR--connection to DB file e.g. MS Access file
conn.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(LocalDB)\MSSQLLocalDB;
    AttachDbFilename=|DataDirectory|\Students.mdf;Integrated
    Security=True";

conn.Open();

// Database operations will be here...

conn.Close();
```

Connecting Access Database

```
OleDbConnection conn = new OleDbConnection();

conn.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(LocalDB)\MSSQLLocalDB;
    AttachDbFilename=|DataDirectory|\Students.mdf;Integrated
    Security=True";

conn.Open();

// Database operations will be here...

conn.Close();
```

- Extracting Connection String from: DB file or connection
 - Double click in the name
 - Properties
 - Connection String

Execute Command

- Command object has several methods starting with the "Execute" string:
 - **ExecuteNonQuery():** Used for queries that don't return any records (e.g. Update, Insert, Delete queries)
 - **ExecuteReader():** Used for queries that return one or more records (e.g. Select query)
 - **ExecuteScalar():** Used for queries that return one or more records but this method returns only the first column of the first row (suitable for obtaining number of records, maximum value of a column)

The DataReader

- Allows to quickly retrieve all your results
- Uses a live connection and should be used quickly and then closed
- Can retrieve only one record at a time
- Supports fast-forward-only and read-only access to the results (previous record cannot be reached)
- Provides better performance than the DataAdapter

The DataReader

- Create a **DataReader** by **ExecuteReader** method of the **Command** object
- Retrieve the record by the **Read()** method of the **DataReader** object
- To retrieve the next record, use **Read()** method again
- If next record is successfully read, the **Read()** method returns **true**
- So, continue reading until the **Read()** method returns **false**

DataReader for OLE (MS Access)

```
OleDbConnection conn = new OleDbConnection(
    @"Data Source=(LocalDB)\MSSQLLocalDB;
    AttachDbFilename=|DataDirectory|\Students.mdf;Integrated
    Security=True");
OleDbCommand cmd = new OleDbCommand(
    "SELECT * FROM UserInfo", conn);
conn.Open();
OleDbDataReader reader = cmd.ExecuteReader();
ViewData["message"]="";
while (reader.Read())
{
    ViewData["message"] += reader["FirstName"] + "<br />";
}
reader.Close();
conn.Close();
```

CSHTML File

```
@Html.Raw(ViewData["message"]);
```

DataReader for SQL Server DB

```
public void OnGet(){
    SqlConnection c = new SqlConnection();
    c.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial
        Catalog=myUsers2;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False";
    ViewData["Message"] = "";
    try {
        c.Open();
        SqlCommand q = new SqlCommand();
        q.Connection = c;
        q.CommandText = "Select * from students";
        SqlDataReader read = q.ExecuteReader();
        while (read.Read()) {
            ViewData["Message"]="$<br/>{read["SID"]}, {read["sName"]}, {read["GPA"]}";
        }
        read.Close();
    }
    catch (Exception ee) { ViewData["Message"]="$Error: {ee.Message}"; }
}
```

1111, bbbb, 2.9

1234, aaaa, 3.5

2222, cccc, 3.9

DataReader for SQL Server DB

Using CSHTML File

```
@page
@model IndexModel
@using Microsoft.Data
@using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient
@{ ViewData["Title"] = "Home page"; }
@{
    SqlConnection c=new SqlConnection();
    c.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial....";
    string sql = "Select * from student";
    SqlCommand com = new SqlCommand(sql, c);
    c.Open();
    SqlDataReader r = com.ExecuteReader();

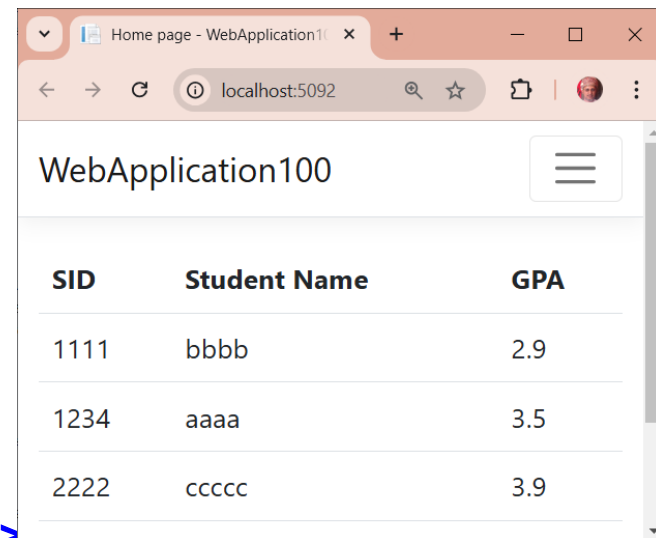
    while(r.Read()){
        <p>sid=@r["sid"], sname=@r["sname"], GPA=@r["GPA"] </p>
    }
    c.Close();
}
```

```
sid=1111, sname=bbbb, GPA=2.9
sid=1234, sname=aaaa, GPA=3.5
sid=2222, sname=cccc, GPA=3.9
```

DataReader for SQL Server DB

Using CSHTML File using table

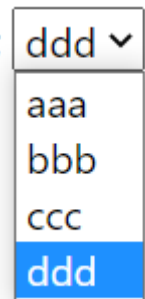
```
@page
@model IndexModel
@using Microsoft.Data
@using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient
@{ ViewData["Title"] = "Home page"; }
@{
    SqlConnection c=new SqlConnection();
    c.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial....";
    string sql = "Select * from student";
    SqlCommand com = new SqlCommand(sql, c);
    c.Open();
    SqlDataReader r = com.ExecuteReader();
}
<table class="table">
<tr><th>SID</th><th>Student Name</th>
    <th>GPA</th></tr>
@{
    while(r.Read()){
        <tr><td>@r["sid"]</td><td>@r["sname"]</td>
        <td>@r["GPA"]</td></tr>
    }
    c.Close();
}
</table>
```



SID	Student Name	GPA
1111	bbbb	2.9
1234	aaaa	3.5
2222	cccc	3.9

DataReader for SQL Server DB

```
public List<SelectListItem> students=new List<SelectListItem>();
public void OnGet(){
    SqlConnection c = new SqlConnection();
    c.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial
        Catalog=myUsers2;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False";
    try {
        c.Open();
        SqlCommand q = new SqlCommand();
        q.Connection = c;
        q.CommandText = "Select * from students";
        SqlDataReader read = q.ExecuteReader();
        while (read.Read()) {
            students.Add(new SelectListItem((string)read["sName"],
                ((int)read["sid"]).ToString()));
        }
        read.Close();
    }
    catch (Exception ee) { ViewData["Message"]=$"Error: {ee.Message}"; }
}
```



ddd ▼
aaa
bbb
ccc
ddd

Using Configuration Manager

- Database path can be maintained in appsetting.json file

```
{  
  "Logging": { "LogLevel": { "Default": "Information",  
                              "Microsoft.AspNetCore": "Warning"}},  
  "AllowedHosts": "*",  
  "ConnectionStrings": {  
    "DB1": "Data Source=(localdb)\\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial Catalog=squ;Integrated....."  
  }  
}
```

- From C# and Web Pages using access to connection string from the appsetting.json as follows

```
var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder();  
string db1 = builder.Build().Configuration.GetConnectionString("DB1");
```


Get Table info (schema from Database)

- Get number of columns/attributes
 - read.FieldCount
- Get the name for each attribute
 - for (int k = 0; k < read.FieldCount; k++)
 Label1.Text += read.GetName(k) + " ";
- Retrieve data using column number instead of its name

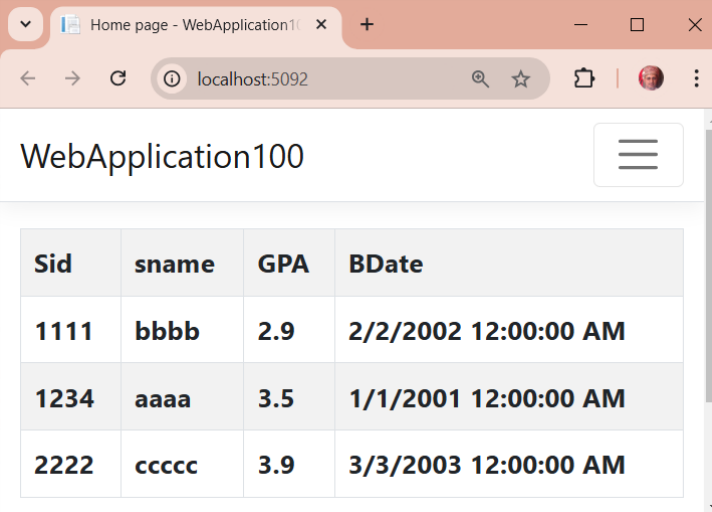
`read["SID"] ↔ read[0] //read the first column in table`

DataReader for SQL Server DB

Using CSHTML File using table

```
@page
@model IndexModel
@using Microsoft.Data
@using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient
@{
    SqlConnection c=new SqlConnection();
    c.ConnectionString = @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial.....";
    string sql = "Select * from student";
    c.Open();
    SqlCommand com = new SqlCommand(sql, c);
    SqlDataReader r = com.ExecuteReader();
}

<table class="table table-striped table-bordered">
<tr> @for (int k = 0; k < r.FieldCount; k++)
    <th>@r.GetName(k)</th>
    } </tr>
    @{ while(r.Read()) {
        <tr>@for (int k=0;k < r.FieldCount;k++)
            { <th>@r[k]</th>
            } </tr>
        }
        c.Close(); }
    </table>
```



Sid	sname	GPA	BDate
1111	bbbb	2.9	2/2/2002 12:00:00 AM
1234	aaaa	3.5	1/1/2001 12:00:00 AM
2222	cccc	3.9	3/3/2003 12:00:00 AM

ExecuteScalar Example

```
SqlConnection conn = new SqlConnection(  
    @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial  
    Catalog=myUsers2;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False") ;  
SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(  
    "SELECT MAX(FavoriteNumber) FROM UserInfo", conn) ;  
conn.Open() ;  
  
int maxfav = (int)cmd.ExecuteScalar() ;  
  
conn.Close() ;
```

ExecuteNonQuery Example

```
SqlConnection conn = new SqlConnection(  
    @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial  
    Catalog=myUsers2;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False") ;  
SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(  
    "DELETE * FROM UserInfo WHERE UserID=5", conn) ;  
conn.Open() ;  
  
int affectedRowNumber = cmd.ExecuteNonQuery() ;  
  
conn.Close() ;
```

Add info about Course

//Retrieve Data (code,title,credits) from a form in cshtml file

```
public void OnGet(string code,string title, int credits){
```

```
    SqlConnection conn = new SqlConnection(  
        @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial  
        Catalog=myUsers2;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False") ;
```

```
    String sql =
```

```
        "Insert into courses(Code,title,credit) values (" +  
        $"{code}', '{title}', '{credits}'";
```

```
    SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sql, conn);
```

```
    conn.Open();
```

```
    int AddedRowNumber = cmd.ExecuteNonQuery();
```

```
    conn.Close();
```

```
}
```

Using Parameterized command

- Better security – SQL Injection Problem

//Retrieve Data (code,title,credits) from a form in cshtml file

```
public void OnGet(string code,string title, int credits){  
    SqlConnection conn = new SqlConnection(  
        @"Data Source=(localdb)\MSSQLLocalDB;Initial  
        Catalog=myUsers2;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False") ;  
    String sql = "Insert into courses (Code,title,credit) "  
        +"values (@mycode,@mytitle,@mycredit) ";  
    SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQ, conn) ;  
    //Adding paramaters  
    cmd.Parameters.AddWithValue("@mycode",code) ;  
    cmd.Parameters.AddWithValue("@mytitle",title) ;  
    cmd.Parameters.AddWithValue("@mycredit",credits) ;  
    conn.Open() ;  
    int AddedRowNumber = cmd.ExecuteNonQuery() ;  
    conn.Close() ;
```