

## Important Points About SQL DROP DATABASE Statement

- **Deleting a Database:** *Deleting a database is a permanent action and will result in the loss of all information stored in the database.*
- **Backup:** *Make sure you have taken proper backup of the database before you delete it.*
- **Privileges:** *Make sure you have the necessary privilege to delete the database. Usually an admin can delete the database.*
- **Database State:** *A database can be dropped regardless of its state: offline, read-only, suspect, and so on.*
- **Database Snapshots:** *Dropping a database snapshot deletes the database snapshot from an instance of SQL Server and deletes the physical NTFS File System sparse files used by the snapshot.*
- **Replication:** *To drop a database published for transactional replication, or published or subscribed to merge replication, you must first remove replication from the database.*
- **System Databases:** *System databases cannot be dropped*