using (SqlConnection conDataBase = new SqlConnection(connStr))

{

SqlCommand cmdDataBase = new SqlCommand(Query, conDataBase);

try

{

conDataBase.Open();

sum = (int)cmdDataBase.ExecuteScalar();

}

catch

{

}

Return Types for ADO.Net  
  
1. ExecuteReade r= T-SQL statement returns rows of Data)  
2. ExecuteNonQuery = Insert, Update or Delete)

3. ExecuteScalar = When Query Returns a single(Scalar) value. Ex. Total number of rows in table.