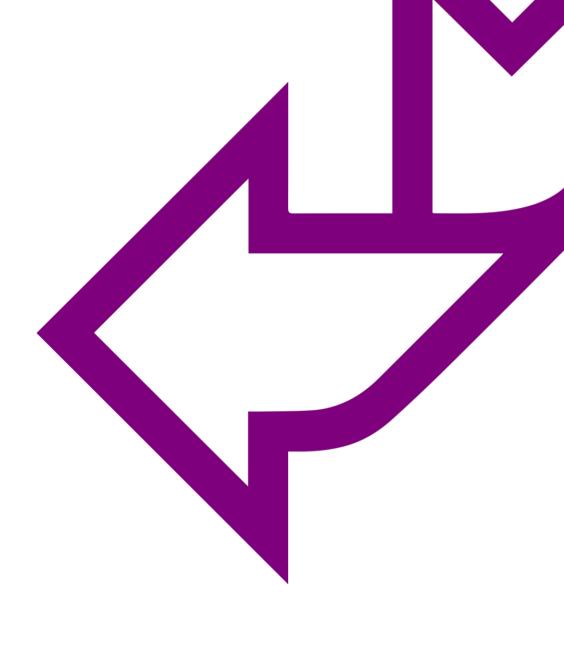


# Retrieving Data





## Overview

- SELECT statement
- Select lists
- Expressions
- Changing column names
- Best practices
- Hands-on lab



## Objectives

### At the end of this module you will be able to:

- Write a query that retrieves every column of every row in a table
- Write a query that retrieves only some columns from a table
- Write a query that calculates some of its column values

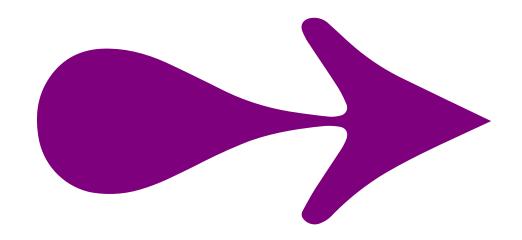


## SELECT statement



# **SELECT statement**

- SELECT <<field(s)>>
- FROM <<table(s)>>
- WHERE <<condition(s)>>
- GROUP BY <<field(s)>>
- HAVING <<condition(s)>>
- ORDER BY <<field(s)>>



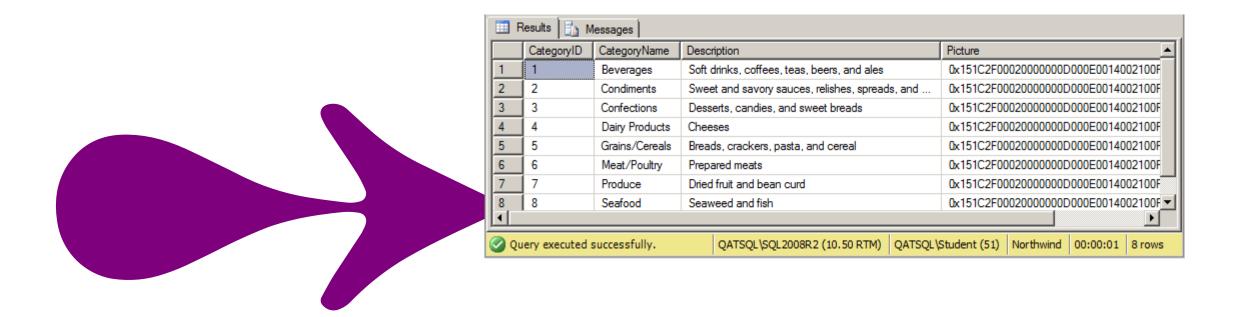


### **SELECT\***

**SELECT \* FROM** tablename

Example:

SELECT \* FROM Categories





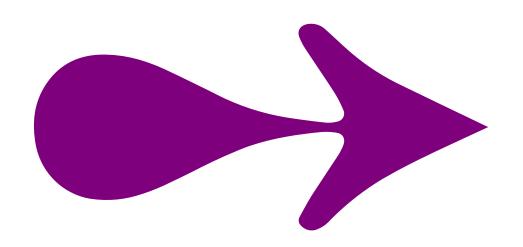
## Select lists



### **Select lists**

**SELECT** col1, ..., coln FROM tablename Example:

SELECT CategoryName, Description FROM Categories



|   | esults Messages CategoryName Description |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| _   |  | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·           |  |  |
| 1   | Beverages                                | Soft drinks, coffees, teas, beers, and ales     |  |  |
| 2   | Condiments                               | Sweet and savory sauces, relishes, spreads, and |  |  |
| 3   | Confections                              | Desserts, candies, and sweet breads             |  |  |
| 4   | Dairy Products                           | Cheeses   |  |  |
| 5   | Grains/Cereals                           | Breads, crackers, pasta, and cereal             |  |  |
| 6   | Meat/Poultry                             | Prepared meats                                  |  |  |
| 7   | Produce                                  | Dried fruit and bean curd                       |  |  |
| 8   | Seafood                                  | Seaweed and fish                                |  |  |
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## **Expressions**



# **Expressions in select lists**

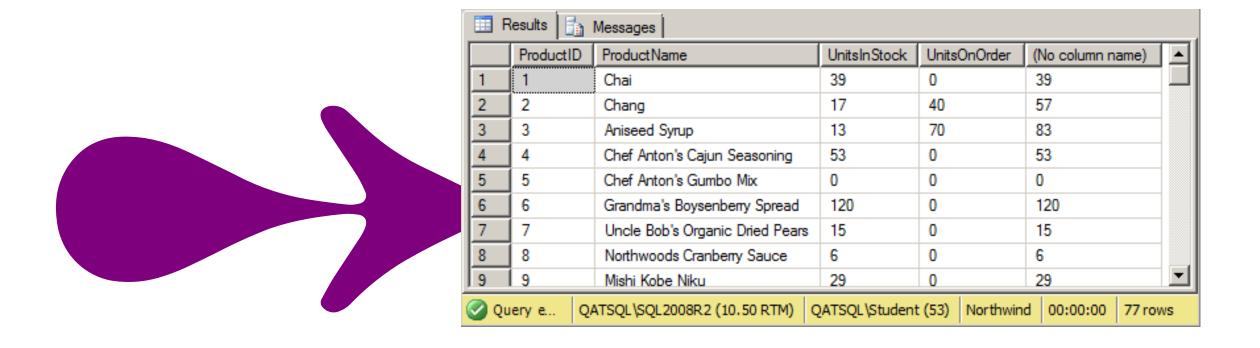
- 'Calculated' values
- Expression types:

| Туре  | Operators                                      |
|---|--|
| · Arithmetic operators                            | + - * / %<br>e.g., UnitsInStock + UnitsOnOrder |
| <ul> <li>String concatenation operator</li> </ul> | +<br>e.g., FirstName + ' ' + LastName          |



# Expressions examples (1)

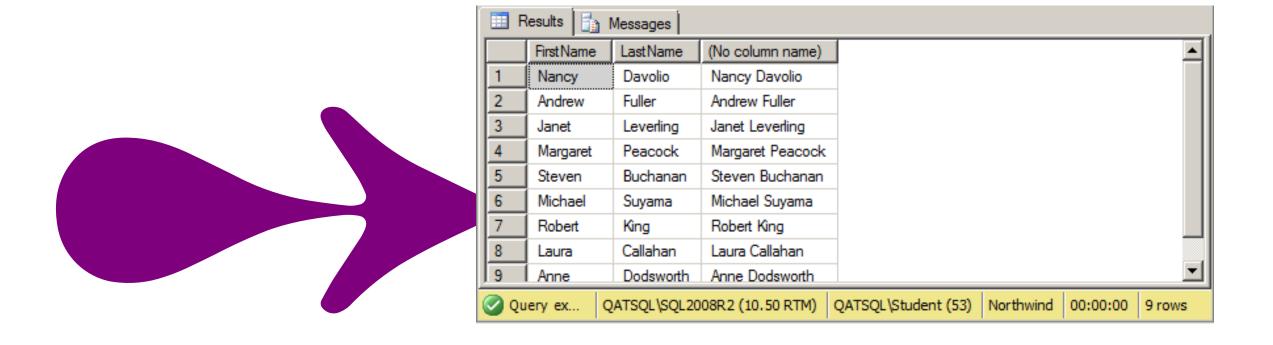
SELECT ProductID, ProductName,
UnitsInStock, UnitsOnOrder,
UnitsInStock + UnitsOnOrder
FROM Products





# Expressions examples (2)

SELECT FirstName, LastName,
FirstName + ' ' + LastName
FROM Employees

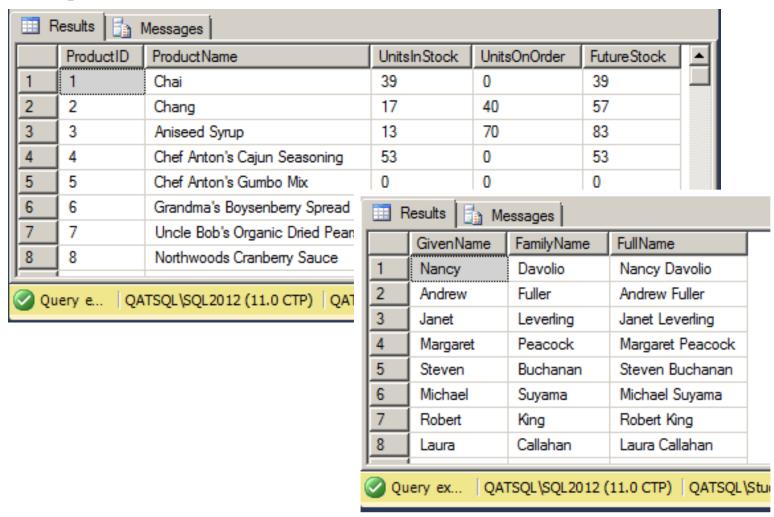




# Changing column names



## **Changing column names**



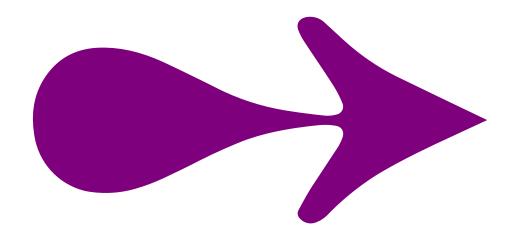


# Best practices



## BEST PRACTICES

- Script formatting
- Comments
- Four-part names



## **QA Script formatting**

- SQL is not case-sensitive
- SQL ignores whitespace

SELECT ProductID, ProductName, UnitsInStock, UnitsOnOrder FROM Products

Best practice: BE CONSISTENT!

select productid, productname, unitsinstock, unitsonorder from products

**SELECT** 

ProductID, ProductName, UnitsInStock, UnitsOnOrder
FROM

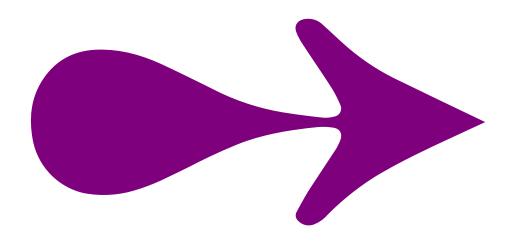
Products

SELECT
ProductID,
ProductName,
UnitsInStock,
UnitsOnOrder
FROM
Products

ProductID,
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UnitsInStock,
UnitsOnOrder
FROM
Products



### **Comments**



### Ignored by SQL

• Add documentation to your scripts

#### Two styles:

Best practice: comment your scripts

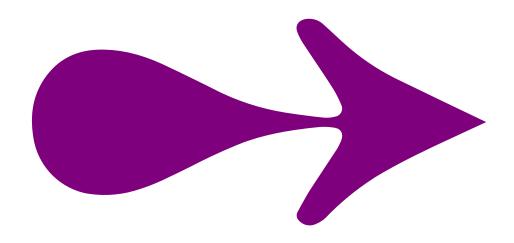


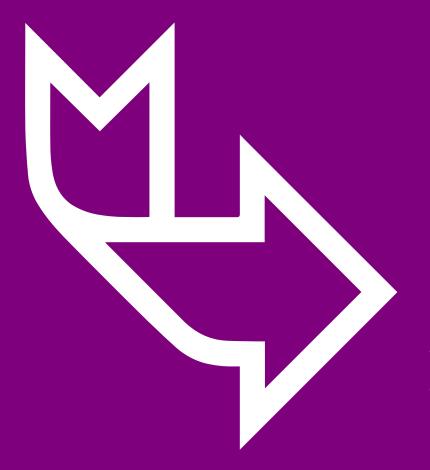
## FOUR-PART NAMES

### Referring to tables in queries:

- FROM Employees
- FROM dbo.Employees
- FROM Northwind.dbo.Employees
- FROM QATSQL.Northwind.dbo.Employees

**Best Practice: use at least two-part names** 





## Hands-on lab

- Basic SELECT statements
- Expressions in select lists



## Review

- SELECT \* FROM ...
- SELECT columns FROM ...
- SELECT calculatedColumns FROM ...
- Comments
- Four-part names

