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Stored Procedure in SQL





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What is Stored Procedure?

- A stored procedure in SQL is a group of SQL queries that can be saved and reused multiple times and is stored in a database.
- It is very useful as it reduces the need for rewriting SQL queries.
- It's particularly useful for performing repetitive tasks, enforcing business rules, and optimizing query execution.



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SYNTAX TO CREATE STORED PROCEDURE:-

```
CREATE PROCEDURE procedure_name  
(parameter1 data_type, parameter2 data_type, ...)  
AS  
BEGIN  
    — SQL statements to be executed  
END
```



EXPLANATION OF SYNTAX:-

- **CREATE PROCEDURE**
procedure_name:- This starts the creation of a new stored procedure named procedure_name.
- **(parameter1 data_type, parameter2 data_type,...):-** This is where you define any input (IN), output (OUT), or input-output (INOUT) parameters for the procedure.



EXPLANATION OF SYNTAX:-

- **BEGIN ... END:-** This block contains the SQL statements that make up the body of the stored procedure.



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SYNTAX TO EXECUTE STORED PROCEDURE:-

WITHOUT PARAMETERS:-

```
EXEC procedure_name;
```

WITH PARAMETERS:-

```
EXEC procedure_name(parameter1, parameter2, ...);
```




WHEN TO USE STORED PROCEDURES:-

- 1.) **Performance:-** Stored procedures are already compiled when they're created, so they run faster than regular SQL queries that need to be processed each time they're run.
 - Once a stored procedure is created, the database optimizes it, making it quicker to execute in future runs.



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2.) **Security:-** Stored procedures add a layer of security because users can be granted permission to execute the procedure without needing direct access to the underlying tables.



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3.) **Maintenance:-** Any updates to the SQL logic in the procedure only need to be made once, in the stored procedure itself, instead of in multiple places across applications.



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4.) **Complex Calculations:-** For scenarios requiring complex business logic or calculations that are difficult to perform in a single query.

5.) **Data Validation:-** Use stored procedures to enforce rules or validate data before performing operations like INSERT or UPDATE.



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WHEN TO USE STORED PROCEDURES:-

6.) **Reusability & Efficiency:-** If you have an SQL query that you write over and over again, save it as a stored procedure, and then just call it to execute it. This enhances efficiency and reusability.



WHEN TO USE STORED PROCEDURES:-

7.) **Report Generation:-** You can create stored procedures to automate report generation by retrieving and formatting data as needed.