How to Set Transaction Isolation Level

At Connection Level

Only one of the isolation level options can be set at a time, and it remains set for that connection until it is explicitly changed. All read operations performed within the transaction operate under the rules for the specified isolation level unless a table hint in the FROM clause of a statement specifies different locking or versioning behavior for a table.

```
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED;
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ COMMITTED;
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL REPEATABLE READ;
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SNAPSHOT;
SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL SERIALIZABLE;
```



Additional details:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms173763.aspx

At Database Level

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ALTER DATABASE Demo
SET ALLOW_SNAPSHOT_ISOLATION ON;
ALTER DATABASE Demo
SET READ COMMITTED SNAPSHOT ON;
```

Additional details:

http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/tcbchxcb(v=vs.110).aspx