

User: How to show Snow and Snowflake Schema and Visualization in MS SQL Server with example

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In MS SQL Server, there isn't a direct built-in tool to visualize Snowflake or Star Schema models as diagrams like in some special

1. Understanding the Schemas:

- Star Schema: Central Fact Table connected to denormalized Dimension Tables.
- Snowflake Schema: A normalized version of Star Schema where dimension tables are split into sub-dimensions.

2. Example Implementation in SQL Server:

Let's consider a Sales Data Warehouse example.

a. Snowflake Schema SQL Example:

-- Sub-dimension Table (Normalized)

```
CREATE TABLE Geography (  
    GeographyID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    Country VARCHAR(50),  
    Region VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

-- Dimension Table

```
CREATE TABLE Customer (  
    CustomerID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    CustomerName VARCHAR(100),  
    GeographyID INT FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES Geography(GeographyID)  
);
```

-- Dimension Table

```
CREATE TABLE Product (  
    ProductID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    ProductName VARCHAR(100),  
    Category VARCHAR(50)  
);
```

-- Time Dimension Table

```
CREATE TABLE Time (  
    TimeID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    Year INT,  
    Month INT,  
    Day INT  
);
```

-- Fact Table

```
CREATE TABLE Sales (  
    SalesID INT PRIMARY KEY,  
    CustomerID INT FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES Customer(CustomerID),  
    ProductID INT FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES Product(ProductID),  
    TimeID INT FOREIGN KEY REFERENCES Time(TimeID),  
    Amount DECIMAL(10, 2)  
);
```

3. Visualization in SSMS:

Steps:

1. Open SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS).
2. Connect to your database.
3. Expand Database > Your Database > Database Diagrams.
4. Right-click on Database Diagrams > New Database Diagram.
5. Select the tables (Customer, Geography, Product, Time, Sales).

6. SSMS will generate a visual ER diagram showing relationships (foreign keys).

User: Does Management Studio provide with example datasets and example schemas?

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SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) itself does not come with built-in sample datasets or schemas by default. However, Microsoft provides several sample databases that you can use to test and learn from.

1. AdventureWorks Database

- A sample database provided by Microsoft, representing a fictitious manufacturing company.
- Schema Type: Includes both Star and Snowflake schema patterns.

2. WideWorldImporters

- More modern sample database.
- Contains OLTP and Data Warehouse versions.

3. Northwind and Pubs

- Very old but simple sample databases.

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