

User-Defined Functions

- the developer can define his / her own functions, which can be used in SQL queries;
- 3 types of user-defined functions in SQL Server:

- a. scalar
- b. inline table-valued
- c. multi-statement table-valued.

a. scalar functions:

- return a scalar value;
- drawback - when a scalar function is operating on multiple rows, SQL Server executes the function once / row in the result set; this can have a significant impact on performance;
- example:

```
CREATE FUNCTION ufNoStudents(@age INT)
RETURNS INT AS
BEGIN
    DECLARE @no INT
    SET @no = 0
    SELECT @no= COUNT(*)
    FROM Students
    WHERE age = @age
    RETURN @no
END
GO

PRINT dbo.ufNoStudents(20)
```

b. inline table-valued functions

- return a table;
- can be called in the FROM clause of a T-SQL query;
- example:

```
CREATE FUNCTION ufStudentsNames(@age INT)
RETURNS TABLE
AS
RETURN
    SELECT sname
    FROM Students
    WHERE age = @age
GO

SELECT *
FROM ufStudentsNames(20)
```

c. multi-statement table-valued functions

- return a table;
- unlike inline table-valued functions, multi-statement table-valued functions can contain more than one statement;

- example:

```
CREATE FUNCTION ufCoursesFilteredByCredits(@credits INT)
RETURNS @CoursesCredits TABLE (cid INT, cname VARCHAR(70))
AS
BEGIN
    INSERT INTO @CoursesCredits
    SELECT cid, cname
    FROM Courses
    WHERE credits = @credits

    IF @@ROWCOUNT = 0
        INSERT INTO @CoursesCredits
        VALUES (0, 'No courses found with specified number of credits.')

    RETURN
END
GO

SELECT *
FROM ufCoursesFilteredByCredits(5)
```

Views

- a view creates a virtual table representing data from one or more tables in an alternative manner;
- the contents of the virtual table (columns & rows) is defined by a query;
- it can have at most 1024 columns;
- syntax:

```
CREATE VIEW view_name
AS SELECT_statement
```

- example:

```
CREATE OR ALTER VIEW vExaminations
AS
SELECT S.sid, S.sname, S.sgroup, C.cid, C.cname
FROM Students S INNER JOIN Exams E ON S.sid= E.studentid
    INNER JOIN Courses C ON E.courseid = C.cid
GO

SELECT *
FROM vExaminations
```

System Catalog

- stores data about the objects in the database (tables, columns, indexes, stored procedures, user-defined functions, views, etc);
- managed by the server (they are not modified directly by the user);

- examples:
- *sys.objects* – has one row for every object (constraint, stored procedure, table, etc) created in the database;
- *sys.columns* – one row for every column of an object that has columns, e.g., tables, views;
- *sys.sql_modules* – one row for every object that is a module defined in the SQL language in SQL Server (e.g., objects like procedures, functions, etc have an associated SQL module).

Triggers

- special type of stored procedure;
- automatically executed in response to a DML (INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE) or DDL (CREATE, ALTER, DROP) event;
- they are not executed directly;
- syntax for INSERT / UPDATE / DELETE trigger on table / view;

```
CREATE TRIGGER <trigger_name>
ON { table | view }
[ WITH <dml_trigger_option> [ ,...n ] ]
{ FOR | AFTER | INSTEAD OF }
{ [INSERT] [,] [UPDATE] [,] [DELETE] }
[ WITH APPEND ]
[ NOT FOR REPLICATION ]
AS
{ sql_statement [;] [ ,...n ] |
EXTERNAL NAME <method specifier[;] > }
```

- the moment a trigger is executed is specified through one of the options:
 - FOR, AFTER - the DML trigger is fired only when all the operations specified in the triggering statement have launched successfully (multiple such triggers can be defined);
 - INSTEAD OF - the DML trigger is executed instead of the triggering statement;
- if there are multiple triggers defined for the same action, they are executed in a random order;
- when a trigger is executed, 2 special tables can be accessed: *inserted* and *deleted*;
- example:

```
CREATE TRIGGER When_adding_prod
ON Products
FOR INSERT
AS
BEGIN
INSERT INTO BuyLog(PName, OperationDate, Quantity)
SELECT PName, GETDATE(), Quantity
FROM inserted
END
GO
```

```
CREATE TRIGGER [dbo].[When_deleting_prod]
ON [dbo].[Products]
FOR DELETE
```

```
AS
BEGIN
    SET NOCOUNT ON;
    INSERT INTO SellLog(PName, OperationDate, Quantity)
    SELECT PName, GETDATE(), Quantity
    FROM deleted
END
GO
```

```
CREATE TRIGGER [dbo].[When_changing_prod]
ON [dbo].[Products]
FOR UPDATE
AS
BEGIN
    SET NOCOUNT ON;
    INSERT INTO SellLog(PName, OperationDate, Quantity)
    SELECT d.PName, GETDATE(), d.Quantity - i.Quantity
    FROM deleted d INNER JOIN inserted i ON d.PID = i.PID
    WHERE i.Quantity < d.Quantity

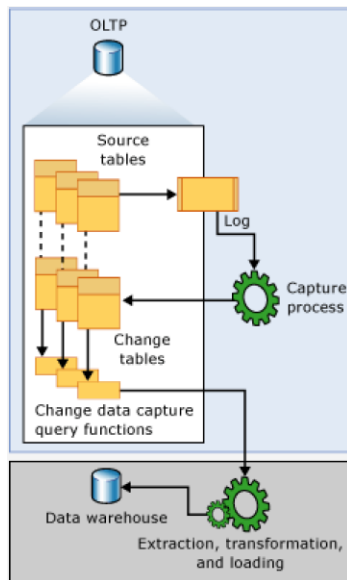
    INSERT INTO BuyLog(PName, OperationDate, Quantity)
    SELECT i.PName, GETDATE(), i.Quantity - d.Quantity
    FROM deleted d INNER JOIN inserted i ON d.PID = i.PID
    WHERE i.Quantity > d.Quantity
END
GO
```

SET NOCOUNT ON/OFF

- the number of rows affected by a T-SQL statement or stored procedure:
 - is not returned (ON);
 - is returned (OFF);
- @@ROWCOUNT is always modified.

Change Data Capture

- data about DML changes in the table / db;
- introduced in SQL Server 2008;
- sys.sp_cdc_enable_db – CDC for the database;
- sys.sp_cdc_enable_table – CDC for the monitored tables;
- data is archived and monitored without an additional programming effort (e.g., through triggers);
- user-created tables are monitored; corresponding data is stored in tables that can be queried using SQL, i.e., mirror tables - they contain the monitored tables' columns + metadata describing changes.



The MERGE Statement

- a source table is compared with a target table; INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE statements can be executed based on the result of the comparison, i.e., INSERT / UPDATE / DELETE operations can be executed on the target table based on the result of a join with the source table.

```
MERGE TargetTable AS Target
USING SourceTable AS Source
ON (Search terms)
WHEN MATCHED THEN
    UPDATE SET
        or
        DELETE
WHEN NOT MATCHED [BY TARGET] THEN
    INSERT
WHEN NOT MATCHED BY SOURCE THEN
    UPDATE SET
        or
        DELETE
```

- example:

- the Books table:

	BookID	Title	Author	ISBN	Pages
1	1	In Search of Lost Time	Marcel Proust	NULL	NULL
2	2	In Search of Lost Time	NULL	NULL	350
3	3	In Search of Lost Time	NULL	9789731246420	NULL

```
MERGE Books
USING
    (SELECT MAX(BookID) BookID, Title, MAX(Author) Author,
        MAX(ISBN) ISBN, MAX(Pages) Pages
    FROM Books
    GROUP BY Title
    ) MergeData ON Books.BookID = MergeData.BookID
WHEN MATCHED THEN
    UPDATE SET Books.Title = MergeData.Title,
        Books.Author = MergeData.Author,
        Books.ISBN = MergeData.ISBN,
        Books.Pages = MergeData.Pages
WHEN NOT MATCHED BY SOURCE THEN DELETE;
```

	BookID	Title	Author	ISBN	Pages
1	3	In Search of Lost Time	Marcel Proust	9789731246420	350