Module 1

Introduction to Microsoft SQL Server 2014



Module Overview

- The Basic Architecture of SQL Server
- SQL Server Editions and Versions
- Getting Started with SQL Server Management Studio



Lesson 1: The Basic Architecture of SQL Server

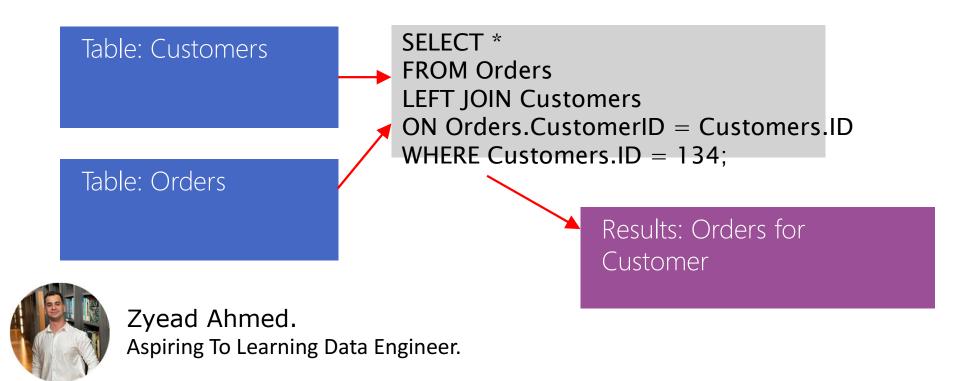
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Relational Databases

Relational databases:

- Typically comprise of multiple tables
- Use joins to extract related data from multiple objects
- Typically contain objects and data



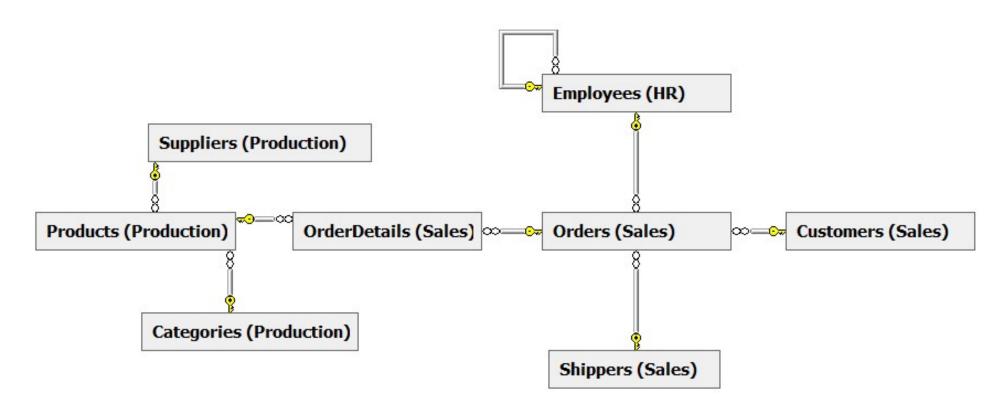
About the Course Sample Database

- TSQL database used in course
- Represents a business with products, customers, orders, suppliers, employees
- Contains sample schemas:
 - HR, Production, Sales
- Contains sample tables, views
- Scripts provided with labs and demos to recreate database if needed



About the Course Sample Database

TSQL database used in course





Client Server Databases

- Client software is separate from database engine
- Client software and database engine can be on the same machine or connected over a network
- With correct configuration, databases can access data in other databases over the network



Queries

- Set-based language
- Scripts
- Batches



Lesson 2: SQL Server Editions and Versions

- SQL Server Versions
- SQL Server Editions



SQL Server Versions

SQL Server Versions

| Version | Release Year |
|---------|--------------|
| 1.0 | 1989 |
| 1.1 | 1991 |
| 4.2 | 1992 |
| 4.21 | 1994 |
| 6.0 | 1995 |
| 6.5 | 1996 |
| 7.0 | 1998 |
| 2000 | 2000 |
| 2005 | 2005 |
| 2008 | 2008 |
| 2008 R2 | 2010 |
| 2012 | 2012 |
| 2014 | 2014 |



SQL Server Editions

SQL Server Editions

| Main Editions | Other Editions |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Enterprise | Parallel Data Warehouse |
| Standard | Web |
| Business Intelligence | Developer |
| | Express |
| | Express LocalDB |



Lesson 3: Getting Started with SQL Server Management Studio

- Starting SSMS
- Connecting to SQL Server
- Working with Object Explorer
- Working with Script Files and Projects
- Executing Queries
- Using Books Online
- Demonstration: Introducing Microsoft SQL Server
 2014



Starting SSMS

- Launch SSMS from the Windows Start screen
 - Or type "SSMS" into the "Search Programs and Files" box
- Connect to an instance or work disconnected
- Settings include:
 - Fonts and colors, line numbering, word wrap
 - Which windows open at start
- Useful windows include query editor, Object Explorer, and Solution Explorer



Connecting to SQL Server

- Connecting to SQL Server requires three items:
 - Instance name
 - Use the form host\instance, except for the default instance
 - Database name
 - A default database can be assigned to logons
 - Authentication
 - May be Windows Authentication or SQL Server Authentication
 - Account must be provisioned by a database administrator



Working with Object Explorer

- Object Explorer is a graphical tool for managing SQL Server and browsing objects at instance and database levels
- Context-sensitive shortcut menus provide frequently used commands
- Object definitions can be scripted out as T-SQL statements to a query window, the clipboard, or a file
- New query windows can be started by right-clicking databases in Object Explorer
 - Changing the selected object in Object Explorer does not change the existing connection in the query window



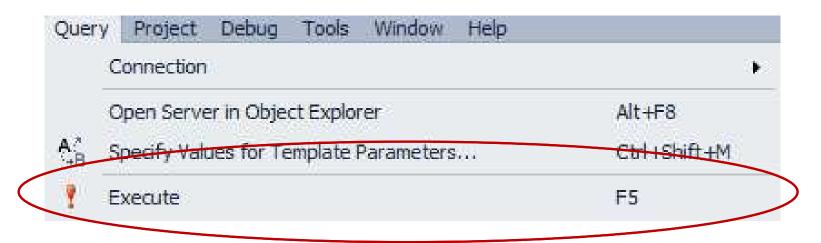
Working with Script Files and Projects

- T-SQL scripts are text files, typically given an .sql extension
- SSMS can open, edit, and execute code in script files directly
- SSMS can also organize scripts into logical containers.
 - Scripts can be associated with SQL Server Script projects (*.ssmssqlproj)
 - Projects can be organized in solutions (*.ssmssln)
- Opening a solution in SSMS provides convenient access to scripts in projects
- You will use projects throughout this course and its labs



Executing Queries

- To execute queries in SSMS:
 - Open an existing script or start a new query editor document
 - Type in or select existing T-SQL statements
 - Select Execute from the Query menu, press F5, or click the Execute toolbar button





Using Books Online

- Books Online is the product documentation for SQL Server
- In SQL Server 2014, Books Online does not ship with the SQL Server installation media
- Configure Help to display content from MSDN Library or download Help Collections to a local computer
- Once configured, Help is available from:
 - SSMS query editor (context-sensitive)
 - SSMS Help menu
 - Windows Start menu

Demonstration: Introducing Microsoft SQL Server 2014

In this demonstration, you will see how to:

- Use SSMS to connect to an on-premises instance of SQL Server 2014
- Explore databases and other objects
- Work with T-SQL scripts

