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1 Objectives

The purpose of this lab is to get started with stored procedures. Why we should the stored procedure? How to create a stored procedure? Input/output parameters, if statement and while in stored procedure and procedure execution.

2 Stored Procedures

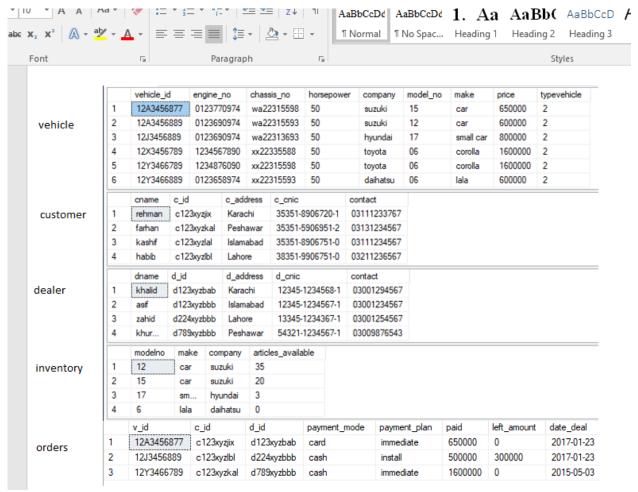
Stored Procedure in SQL server can be defined as the set of logically group of SQL statement which are grouped to perform a specific task. A stored procedure is a prepared SQL code that you save so that you can reuse the code over and over again.

2.1 Benefits of Stored Procedures

Benefit	Explanation
Modular Programming	 You can write a stored procedure once, then call it from multiple places in your application hence reducing development time It can accept input parameters, return output values as parameters, or return success or failure status messages
Performance	Stored procedures provide faster code execution Reduced network traffic
Security	•Users can execute a stored procedure without needing to execute any of the statements directly •Users can specifically be granted permission to execute only Stored procedures instead of allowing them to execute queries on tables directly.

Every time you execute and SQL statements syntax Check, Compilation and done before Execution and Return data.

However, Syntax check and Compilation is done while creating a procedure, and not on every execution which makes in faster than simple SQL statements.



Let us consider the above schema and make some stored procedures on the given schema.

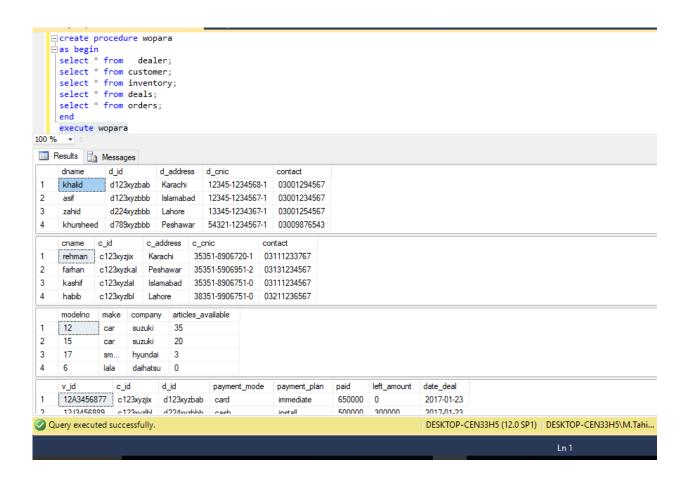
3 Types of stored procedures:

Stored procedures can be characterized on the basis of the types of arguments that can be sent to them. Stored procedures are quiet similar to the functions and methods that are used in C++ and other languages. Before moving to the types of stored procedures let us first look at the general syntax of the stored procedures

Crete procedure @variable datatype, @variable2 datatype.....
As begin
The code for your program
end

1) Stored Procedures without any parameters:

The syntax for the stored procedures is as follows:



2) Stored Procedures with Parameters:

However if we want to send some parameters in case we want to manipulate the database according to some special values or some other certain feature we use this type of stored procedures. Let us look at the syntax for this.

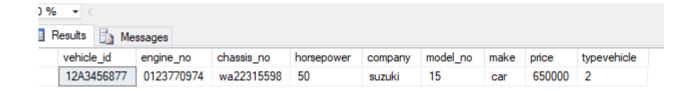
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1. Single parameters

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□create procedure withpara @d id varchar(10)
   🖹 as begin
     select * from dealer where d_id=@d_id;
     execute withpara d123xyzbab
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             d123xyzbab
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                         Karachi
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2. Multiple Parameters:

```
create procedure mulparara @modelno varchar(10), @comp varchar(10)
as begin
select * from vehicle where model no=@modelno and company =@comp;
end
execute mulparara 15, 'suzuki'
```



3) Stored Procedures with input and output parameters:

Till now we have seen only the input parameters now we shall see output parameters as well

4 Control Structures in Stored Procedures:

4.1 If Else

Like functions in other languages stored procedures also provide the liberty of using control structures.

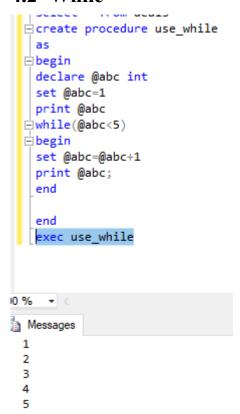
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alter procedure if_else
@model varchar(10),
             @make varchar(10),
             @c_id varchar(10)
@d_id varchar(10)
             @company varchar(10)
             as begin
declare @available int
declare @dt date
select @dt =getdate();
              select @available=articles_available from inventory where make=@make and modelno=@model;
             if (@available>0)
             set @available=@available-1;
             insert into orders (C_id _d_id _make _company,model , dateorder,status_order _date_completeion ) values (@c_id,@d_id,@make,@company,@model,@dt,1,@dt); update inventory set articles_available=@available where modelno=@model and make=@make;
             end
else
             begin
             insert into orders (c_id ,d_id ,make ,company,model , dateorder,status_order ,date_completeion ) values (@c_id,@d_id,@make,@company,@model,@dt,0,@dt);
             end
exec if_else '12','c123xyzjix','d123xyzbab','car','suzuki'
select * from orders
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In this example it can be easily seen that we can do anything we want in a stored procedure.

4.2 While



This is a very simple example while loops are used rarely in real world scenarios but you must have a little know how about it.

5 Variables.

Like in any other programing language SQL also provides scalar variables, which are very useful when creating stored procedures. We have seen almost all of these in the examples given earlier However let us take a closer look:

- Variable in SQL start with @ symbol
- Variable is declared using DECLARE keyword as follow
 - o DECLARE @variableName datatype;
 - Or to declare multiple variables in one statement.
 - o DECLARE @variable1Name Datatype,@variable2Name datatype;
- Variable can be assigned a constant scalar value as follow
 - o SET @ variableName = value;
 - Or To assign values to multiple variables in one statement
 - o select @ variable1Name = value, @variable2Name = value;
- Variable can be assigned a scalar value thought SQL statement as well
 - o SELECT @vairableName = columnName FROM Table WHERE <condition> If SQL query returns more than one row, 1st value will be assigned to variable
- You can retrieve the value of variable as follow
 - o Select @yariableName
- You can perform operations on variables like addition, concatenation, substring etc

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