

SQL Server Data Types

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Numeric

BIGINT Integer value, uses 8 bytes.

Range from -2^63 (-9,223,372,036,854,775,808) to 2^63-1

(9,223,372,036,854,775,807)

BIT Integer data type. Can take 1, 0, or NULL. Often used as a

boolean.

DECIMAL (p [,s]) Decimal number. Uses precision "p" which is the total number of

decimal digits (both left and right of decimal). Default 18. The scale "s" is the number of digits to the right of the decimal.

Default 0. Range -10^38 +1 through 10^38 - 1

INT Integer value, uses 4 bytes.

Range -2^31 (-2,147,483,648) to 2^31-1 (2,147,483,647)

INTEGER Synonym for INT

MONEY Represents monetary values, uses 8 bytes

Range -922,337,203,685,477.5808 to

922,337,203,685,477.5807

NUMERIC (p [,s]) Same as DECIMAL.

Range -10^38 +1 through 10^38 - 1

SMALLINT Integer value, uses 2 bytes.

Range -2^15 (-32,768) to 2^15-1 (32,767)

SMALLMONEY Represents monetary values, uses 4 bytes.

Range -214,748.3648 to 214,748.3647

TINYINT Integer value, uses 1 byte.

Range 0 to 255

FLOAT(n) Approximate number, with "n" is the number of bits used to store

the value. Default is 53.

Range – 1.79E+308 to -2.23E-308, 0 and 2.23E-308 to

1.79E+308

REAL Synonym for FLOAT(24).

Range - 3.40E + 38 to -1.18E - 38, 0 and 1.18E - 38 to

3.40E + 38

DEC Synonym for DECIMAL

DOUBLE PRECISION Synonym for FLOAT

Date

DATE Defines and stores a date value.

Range 0001-01-01 through 9999-12-31

DATETIME Date and time, with fractional seconds.

Date: January 1, 1753, through December 31, 9999

Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59.997

DATETIME2 (s) Date and time, with fractional seconds, with a larger range

than DATETIME. Scale "s" is the number of digits for the

fraction of seconds

Date: 0001-01-01 through 9999-12-31 Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59.9999999

DATETIMEOFFSET

(s)

Date and time, with a timezone. Scale "s" is the number of digits

for the fraction of seconds.

Date: 0001-01-01 through 9999-12-31 Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59.999999 Timezone Offset: -14:00 to +14:00

SMALLDATETIME Date and time. Seconds are always 0, and no fractional seconds.

Date: 1900-01-01 through 2079-06-06 Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59

TIME (s) Time of day, without a timezone. Scale "s" is the number of digits

for the fraction of seconds

Range: 00:00:00.0000000 through 23:59:59.999999

Character

CHAR (n) Fixed-size string. Parameter "n" is the number of bytes between

1 and 8,000. Unused characters are padded with spaces.

NCHAR (n) Fixed-size string for Unicode data. Parameter "n" is the number

of bytes between 1 and 4,000. Unused characters are padded

with spaces.

VARCHAR (n) Variable-size string. Parameter "n" is the maximum number of

bytes between 1 and 8,000. If "n" is max, then the value of 2^31-

1 is used (2 GB)

Range 2³¹-1 (2,147,483,647 or 2GB)

NVARCHAR (n) Variable-size string for Unicode data. Parameter "n" is the

maximum number of bytes between 1 and 4,000. If "n" is max, then the value of 2^30-1 is used (1 GB) Often used for JSON

data.

TEXT Variable-length non-Unicode data.

Range 2^31-1 (2,147,483,647 or 2GB)

NTEXT Variable-length Unicode data.

Range 2^30 - 1 (1,073,741,823 or 1GB) bytes

BINARY (n) Fixed-length binary data with a length of "n" bytes. "n" can be

from 1 to 8,000

VARBINARY Variable-length binary data with a length of "n" bytes."n" can be

from 1 to 8,000. If "n" is max, then the value of 2^31-1 is used (2

GB)

CHARACTER VARYING

ACTER Synonym for VARCHAR

BINARY VARYING Synonym for VARBINARY

Other

IMAGE Variable-length binary data.

Range: 0 through 2^31-1 (2,147,483,647 or 2GB) bytes.

CURSOR Used for variables or stored procedure out parameters to refer to

a cursor

ROWVERSION Used to store automatically-generated unique binary numbers. 8

bytes

HEIRARCHYID Variable length system data type

UNIQUEIDENTIFIER A 16-byte GUID (Global Unique Identifier). Uses 16 bytes.

SQL_VARIANT Stores values of different SQL Server data types

XML Stores XML data

GEOMETRY A spatial data type used to represent coordinates.

GEOGRAPHY A spatial data type used to represent GPS latitude and longitude

coordinates

TABLE Stores a temporary set of results.