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## HOW TO CONVERT TABLE DATA TO XML AND XML TO TABLE

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The below code explains how to convert the data in a table to xml form and then convert the xml back into table data.

Creating sample table with data:

```
CREATE TABLE tmpEmployee (ID INT, NAME VARCHAR(100))
GO
```

```
INSERT INTO tmpEmployee
SELECT 1, 'Devi'
union
SELECT 2, 'Prasad'
GO
```

```
SELECT * FROM tmpEmployee
GO
```

Below code converts data and schema of table tmpEmployee into XML, Then it uses the XML to convert it back into the table:

```
/*Below code converts Table SCHEMA & Data to XML*/

DECLARE @TableData XML, @TableSchema XML

SELECT @TableSchema = (
    select  column_name,
           data_type,
```

```
        case(is_nullable)
            when 'YES' then 'true'
            else 'false'
        end as is_nullable,
            CHARACTER_MAXIMUM_LENGTH as Charlen
    from information_schema.columns [column]
    where table_name = 'tmpEmployee'
    for xml auto,root('Table')
)

SELECT @TableData = (
SELECT *
FROM tmpEmployee Row
FOR XML AUTO, BINARY BASE64,root('TableData')
)

SELECT @TableSchema,@TableData

/*Below code converts XML to Table*/

if object_id('tempdb..#XMLColumns') is not null
drop table #XMLColumns

SELECT x.value('@column_name', 'sysname') AS column_name
,x.value('@data_type', 'sysname') AS data_type
,x.value('@is_nullable', 'VARCHAR(20)') AS is_nullable
,x.value('@Charlen', 'VARCHAR(20)') AS Charlen
into #XMLColumns
FROM @TableSchema.nodes('/Table/column') TempXML (x)

select * from #XMLColumns

DECLARE @SQL nVARCHAR(MAX) = 'SELECT '
```

```
SELECT @SQL = @SQL + '
x.value('@'+column_name+''', '''+data_type+case when Charlen is null then '' else
'('+Charlen+')' end + '''+') AS ['+column_name+'],'
from #XMLColumns
```

```
SET @SQL = LEFT(@SQL, LEN(@SQL) - 1)
```

```
SELECT @SQL = @SQL + ' FROM @TableData.nodes('/TableData/Row') TempXML (x)'
```

```
EXEC sp_executeSql @SQL,N'@TableData xml',@TableData=@TableData
```

#### Output:

#### tmpEmployee:

ID	NAME
1	Devi
2	Prasad

(2 row(s) affected)

#### @TableSchema:

```
<Table>
  <column column_name="ID" data_type="int" is_nullable="true" />
  <column column_name="NAME" data_type="varchar" is_nullable="true" Charlen="100" />
</Table>
```

#### @TableData:

```
<TableData>
  <Row ID="1" NAME="Devi" />
  <Row ID="2" NAME="Prasad" />
</TableData>
```

#### Table generated from XML:

ID	NAME
1	Devi
2	Prasad

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2	Prasad

(2 row(s) affected)