**Top Clause**

**TOP** clause is used to fetch a TOP N number or X percent records from a table or a view or an inline view. It is similar to the rownum pseudo column of Oracle.

The basic syntax of TOP clause with SELECT statement would be as follows:

SELECT TOP number|percent column\_name(s)

FROM table\_name

WHERE [condition]

-- Displaying first 3 records

select top 3 \* from emp

-- Displaying first 40% of records

select top 40 percent \* from emp

-- Display first 2 records of deptno 20

Select top 2 \*

from emp

where deptno = 20

-- Display highest 3 salaries

select Distinct top 3 sal

from emp

order by sal desc