

SQL SERVER Data Type Cheat Sheet

Data Category	Data Type	Size	Value Range
Exact numeric	Bit	1	1, 0, or NULL.
	Tinyint	1	0 to 255
	Smallint	2	-2 ¹⁵ (-32,768) to 2 ¹⁵ -1 (32,767)
	Int	4	-2 ³¹ (-2,147,483,648) to 2 ³¹ -1 (2,147,483,647)
	Bigint	8	-2 ⁶³ (-9,223,372,036,854,775,808) to 2 ⁶³ -1 (9,223,372,036,854,775,807)
	Smallmoney	4	- 214,748.3648 to 214,748.3647
	Money	8	-922,337,203,685,477.5808 to 922,337,203,685,477.5807
	numeric [(p[,s])] decimal [(p[,s])]	5-17 5-17	
Approximate numeric	Float	4-8	- 1.79E+308 to -2.23E-308, 0 and 2.23E-308 to 1.79E+308
	Real/float(24)	4	- 3.40E + 38 to -1.18E - 38, 0 and 1.18E - 38 to 3.40E + 38
Character strings	char [(N)]	N	N = 1 to 8000 non-Unicode characters bytes
	varchar [(N or max)]	N or 2 ³¹ -1	N = 1 to 8000 non-Unicode characters bytes Max = 2 ³¹ -1 bytes (2 GB) non-Unicode characters bytes
	Text	2 ³¹ -1	1 to 2 ³¹ -1 (2,147,483,647) non-Unicode characters bytes
Unicode character strings	nchar [(N)]	N	N = 1 to 4000 UNICODE UCS-2 bytes
	nvarchar [(N max)]	N or 2 ³¹ -1	N = 1 to 4000 UNICODE UCS-2 bytes 1 to 2 ³¹ -1 (2,147,483,647) UNICODE UCS-2 bytes
	Ntext	2 ³⁰ -1	Maximum size 2 ³⁰ - 1 (1,073,741,823) bytes
Binary strings	binary [(N)]	N	N = 1 to 8000 bytes
	varbinary [(N max)]	N or 2 ³¹ -1	N = 1 to 8000 bytes Max = 0 to 2 ³¹ -1 bytes
	Image	2 ³¹ -1	0 to 2 ³¹ -1 (2,147,483,647) bytes
Other data types	Uniqueidentifier	16	xxxxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx (hex decimal)
	Timestamp	8	binary(8) or varbinary(8)
	rowversion	8	binary(8) or varbinary(8)
	xml	2 ³¹ -1	xml([CONTENT DOCUMENT] xml_schema_collection)
	sql_variant	8016	data type that stores values of various SQL Server-supported data types
	Hierarchyid	892	6*log _A n bits where n is child node
	Cursor		
	Table		
Date and time	Sysname	256	
	Date	3	0001-01-01 through 9999-12-31
	time [(fractional second precision)]	3 to 5	00:00:00.0000000 through 23:59:59.9999999
	Smalldatetime	4	Date: 1900-01-01 through 2079-06-06 Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59
	Datetime	8	Date: January 1, 1753, through December 31, 9999 Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59.997
	datetime2 [(fractional seconds precision)]	6 to 8	Date: 0001-01-01 through 9999-12-31 Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59.9999999
Spatial	datetimeoffset [(fractional seconds precision)]	8 to 10	Date: 0001-01-01 through 9999-12-31 Time: 00:00:00 through 23:59:59.9999999 Time zone offset: -14:00 through +14:00
	Geography	2 ³¹ -1	
	Geometry	2 ³¹ -1	

Note: text, ntext, image and timestamp data type will be removed from future version.

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Begin Try
-----
-- TinyInt
-----
Declare @tinyNum tinyint;
--Set @tinyNum = 256;
Select @tinyNum As 'Tiny-Integer';

-----
-- Decimal
-----
Declare @decNum decimal(5,2); --Precision, Scale
--Set @decNum = 12345.12;
Select @decNum As 'Decimal';

-----
-- Bit
-----
Declare @bit bit;
Set @bit = 'FALSE';
If (@bit = 0)
    Select 'False' As 'Bit';
Else
    Select 'True' As 'Bit';

-----
-- Null / SmallMoney
-----
Declare @num smallmoney;
--Set @num = 10.1234
If (@num IS Null)
    Select 0 As 'Null'
Else
    Select @num As 'Money'

End Try
Begin Catch
    Select ERROR_MESSAGE()
End Catch
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Character Types

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VarChar = ASCII 1-Byte

nVarChar = Unicode (Multi-Language) 2-Bytes

https://www.w3schools.com/sql/sql_datatypes.asp

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CharacterDataTypes...r (LABS\dellp (57)) X DataTypes.sql - (loc...er (LABS\dellp (55))
Begin Try
-----
-- Char, VarChar - nchar, nvarchar / 'n' means Unicode
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DECLARE @firstName char(25);
DECLARE @lastName char(25);
SET @firstName = 'Mickey';
SET @lastName = 'Mouse';

DECLARE @fullName char(50);
SELECT @firstName + @lastName;
SET @fullName = @firstName + @lastName;
SELECT DATALENGTH(@fullName);
SELECT LEN(@fullName);

DECLARE @firstName2 varchar(25);
DECLARE @lastName2 varchar(25);
SET @firstName2 = 'Mickey';
SET @lastName2 = 'Mouse';

DECLARE @fullName2 varchar(50);
SELECT @firstName2 + @lastName2;
SET @fullName2 = @firstName2 + @lastName2;
SELECT DATALENGTH(@fullName2);
SELECT LEN(@fullName2);

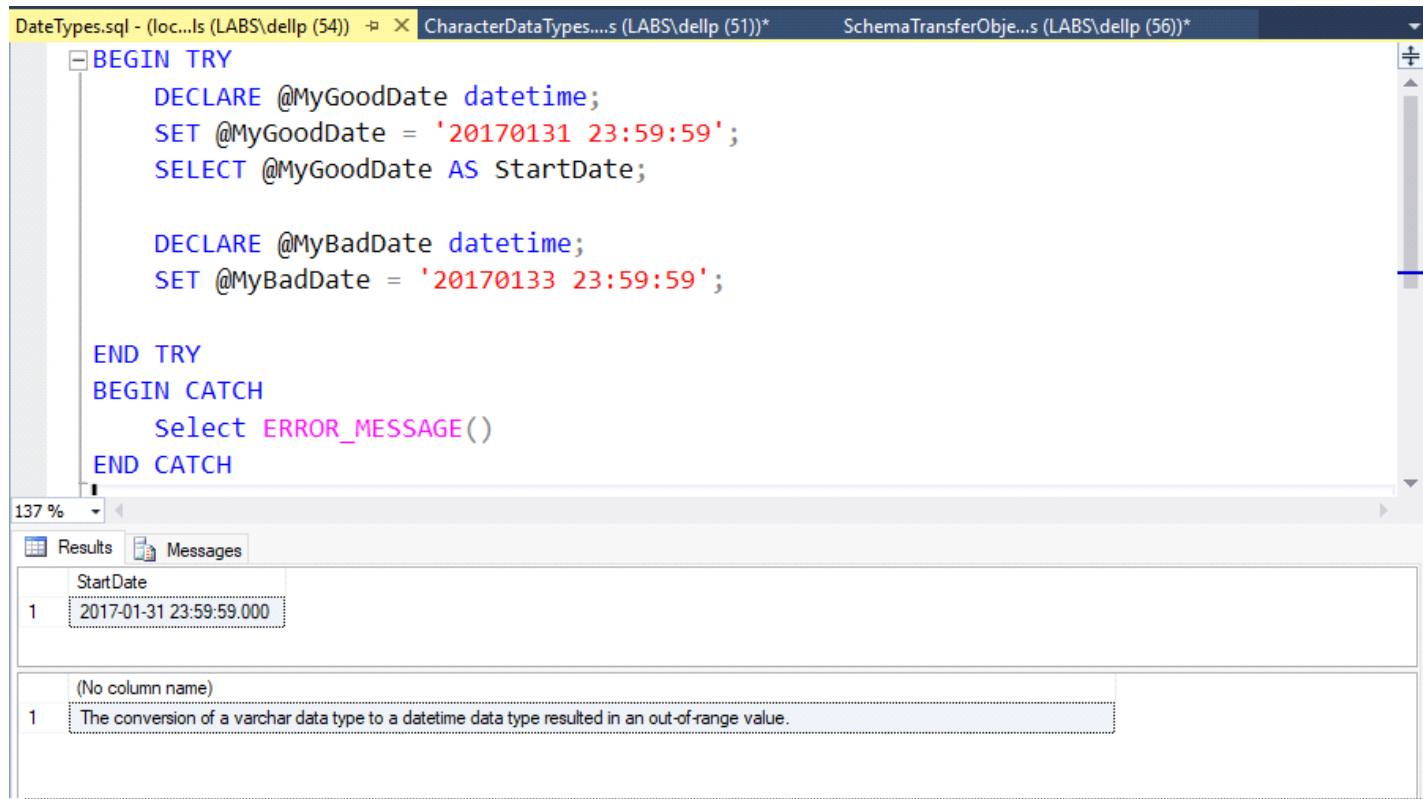
-----
--ntext vs nvarchar(MAX) 'text' is being deprecated
-----

DECLARE @varCharMax varchar(MAX) ;
SET @varCharMax = 'I am some very large TEXT.....'
SELECT @varCharMax As LargeText;

End Try
Begin Catch
    Select ERROR_MESSAGE()
End Catch
```

Date Types

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The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window with a T-SQL script in the query editor. The script is a TRY-CATCH block that declares two datetime variables. The first variable, @MyGoodDate, is assigned a valid datetime value '20170131 23:59:59'. The second variable, @MyBadDate, is assigned an invalid datetime value '20170133 23:59:59'. The script then selects the first variable as StartDate. The execution results are shown in the Results pane, which displays a table with one row containing the value '2017-01-31 23:59:59.000'. The Messages pane shows an error message: 'The conversion of a varchar data type to a datetime data type resulted in an out-of-range value.'

```

-- BEGIN TRY
DECLARE @MyGoodDate datetime;
SET @MyGoodDate = '20170131 23:59:59';
SELECT @MyGoodDate AS StartDate;

-- BEGIN TRY
DECLARE @MyBadDate datetime;
SET @MyBadDate = '20170133 23:59:59';

-- END TRY
-- BEGIN CATCH
select ERROR_MESSAGE()
-- END CATCH

```

	StartDate
1	2017-01-31 23:59:59.000

(No column name)

1	The conversion of a varchar data type to a datetime data type resulted in an out-of-range value.
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Unique Guides

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[NEWID\(\)](#) generates the GUID in **random** order vs [NEWSEQUENTIALID\(\)](#) which generates the GUID in **sequential** order.

Key Facts

- **NewsequentialID()** are sequential
- **NewsequentialID()** are best insert performance.
- **NewsequentialID()** **NOT** good for privacy.
- **NewID()** are Random
- **NewID()** is [RFC4122](#) compliant.

The screenshot shows a SQL script in SQL Server Enterprise Manager. The script is titled 'Guids.sql - (local)\...ind (LABS\delip (56))*'. The script content is as follows:

```
USE Northwind;
GO
----Create Test Table for with default columns values
CREATE TABLE GUID_Example
(
    SeqIdCol uniqueidentifier DEFAULT NewSequentialID(),
    NewIdCol uniqueidentifier DEFAULT NEWID()
)
----Inserting five default values in table
INSERT INTO GUID_Example DEFAULT VALUES
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INSERT INTO GUID_Example DEFAULT VALUES
INSERT INTO GUID_Example DEFAULT VALUES
-----
SELECT *
FROM GUID_Example
----Clean up database
DROP TABLE GUID_Example
```

The script is executed, and the results are shown in the 'Results' pane. The results are as follows:

	SeqIdCol	NewIdCol
1	447AE3A9-503E-E711-9C5B-B4AE2BD8DB7E	283300C6-F08B-4228-9458-3D59F37954FA
2	457AE3A9-503E-E711-9C5B-B4AE2BD8DB7E	461A67A6-4432-4D5E-949A-CF58F0EC2723
3	467AE3A9-503E-E711-9C5B-B4AE2BD8DB7E	7F9B56CB-B6E2-4BAA-A091-9E6A93B8C2DD
4	477AE3A9-503E-E711-9C5B-B4AE2BD8DB7E	C5484EAE-50AF-475B-86B5-E90C528AD623

Collation

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☐ USE the SchoolsDatabase File:Collation.sql

```
SQLQuery8.sql - (lo...d (LABS\delip (57))*  X DateTypes.sql - (loc...er (LABS\delip (51))*  
USE Northwind  
Go  
  
CREATE TABLE Locations  
(Place varchar(15) NOT NULL);  
GO  
  
INSERT Locations(Place) VALUES ('Chiapas'),('Colima')  
                                , ('Cinco Rios'), ('California');  
GO  
  
--Apply an typical collation  
SELECT Place FROM Locations  
ORDER BY Place  
COLLATE Latin1_General_CS_AS_KS_WS ASC;  
GO  
  
-- Apply a Spanish collation  
SELECT Place FROM Locations  
ORDER BY Place  
COLLATE Traditional_Spanish_ci_ai ASC;  
GO  
  
select SERVERPROPERTY ('collation')  
  
DROP TABLE Locations
```

Results

Messages

	Place
1	California
2	Chiapas
3	Cinco Rios
4	Colima

	Place
1	California
2	Cinco Rios
3	Colima
4	Chiapas

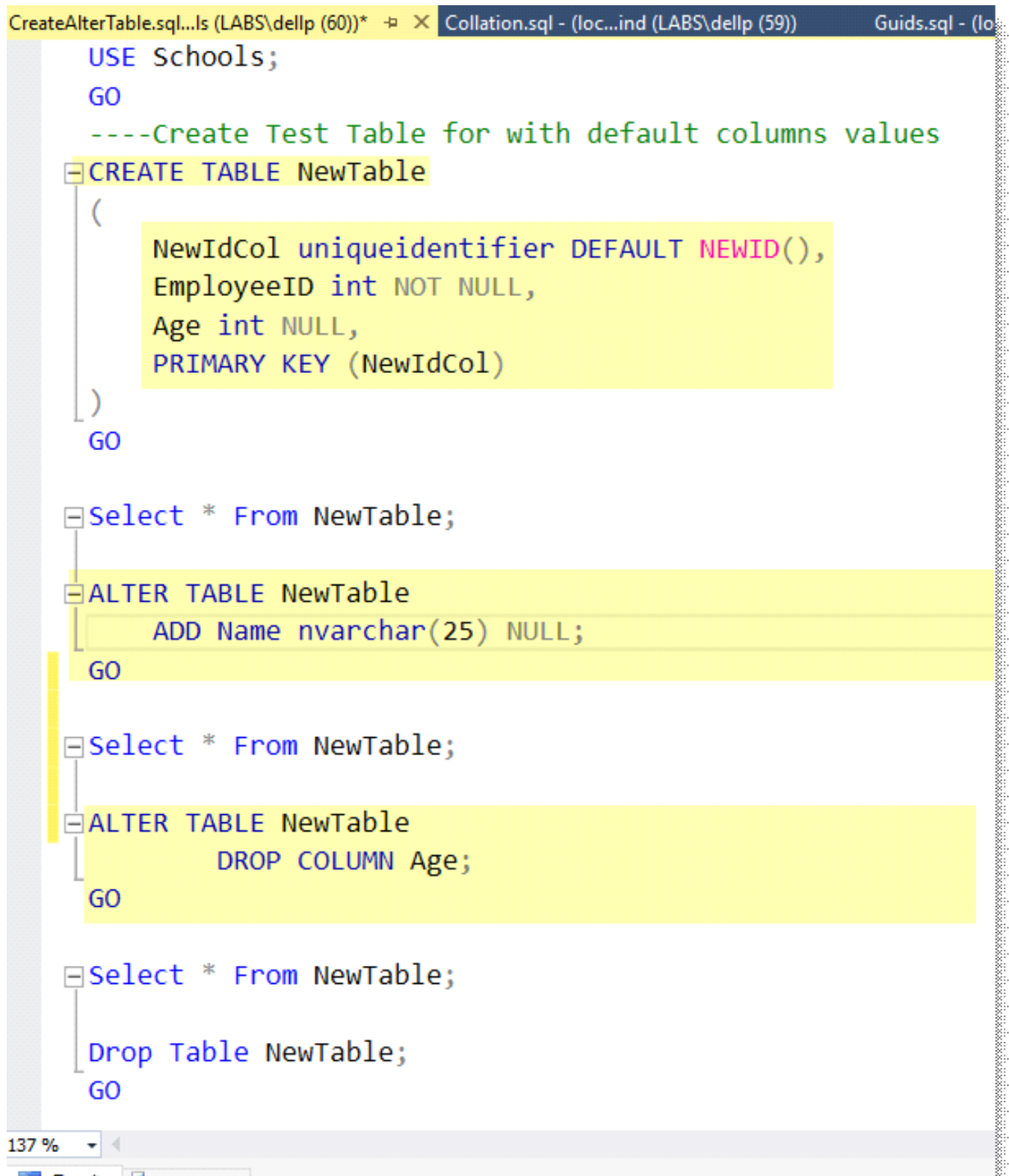
	(No column name)
1	SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CI_AS

Create - Alter- Drop

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☐ USE Schools or Northwind



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CreateAlterTable.sql...ls (LABS\delip (60))*  X Collation.sql - (loc...ind (LABS\delip (59))  Guids.sql - (lo

USE Schools;
GO
----Create Test Table for with default columns values
CREATE TABLE NewTable
(
    NewIdCol uniqueidentifier DEFAULT NEWID(),
    EmployeeID int NOT NULL,
    Age int NULL,
    PRIMARY KEY (NewIdCol)
)
GO

Select * From NewTable;

ALTER TABLE NewTable
    ADD Name nvarchar(25) NULL;
GO

Select * From NewTable;

ALTER TABLE NewTable
    DROP COLUMN Age;
GO

Select * From NewTable;

Drop Table NewTable;
GO
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Results

Messages

NewIdCol	EmployeeID	Age	
NewIdCol	EmployeeID	Age	Name
NewIdCol	EmployeeID	Name	

Temporary Tables

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TemporayTables.sql...ls (LABS\dellp (54))* × CalculatedColumns....s (LABS\dellp (51))

```
USE Schools
GO

CREATE TABLE #Employee
(
  EmployeeId INT,
  Name NVARCHAR(30)
);
GO

CREATE TABLE #Order
(
  OrderId INT,
  EmployeeId Int,
  OrderDate DATETIME DEFAULT GETDATE(),
  Price SmallMoney
);
GO

INSERT INTO #Employee(EmployeeId, Name) VALUES(1, 'Mickey Mouse');
INSERT INTO #Employee(EmployeeId, Name) VALUES(2, 'Donald Duck');

INSERT INTO #Order(OrderId, EmployeeId, OrderDate, Price) VALUES(1, 1, '20170101', 1000);
INSERT INTO #Order(OrderId, EmployeeId, OrderDate, Price) VALUES(2, 1, '20170301', 5000);

SELECT e.EmployeeID, e.Name, o.OrderDate, o.Price
FROM #Employee e
Inner Join #Order o On e.EmployeeId = o.EmployeeId;

DROP TABLE #Employee;
DROP TABLE #Order;
GO
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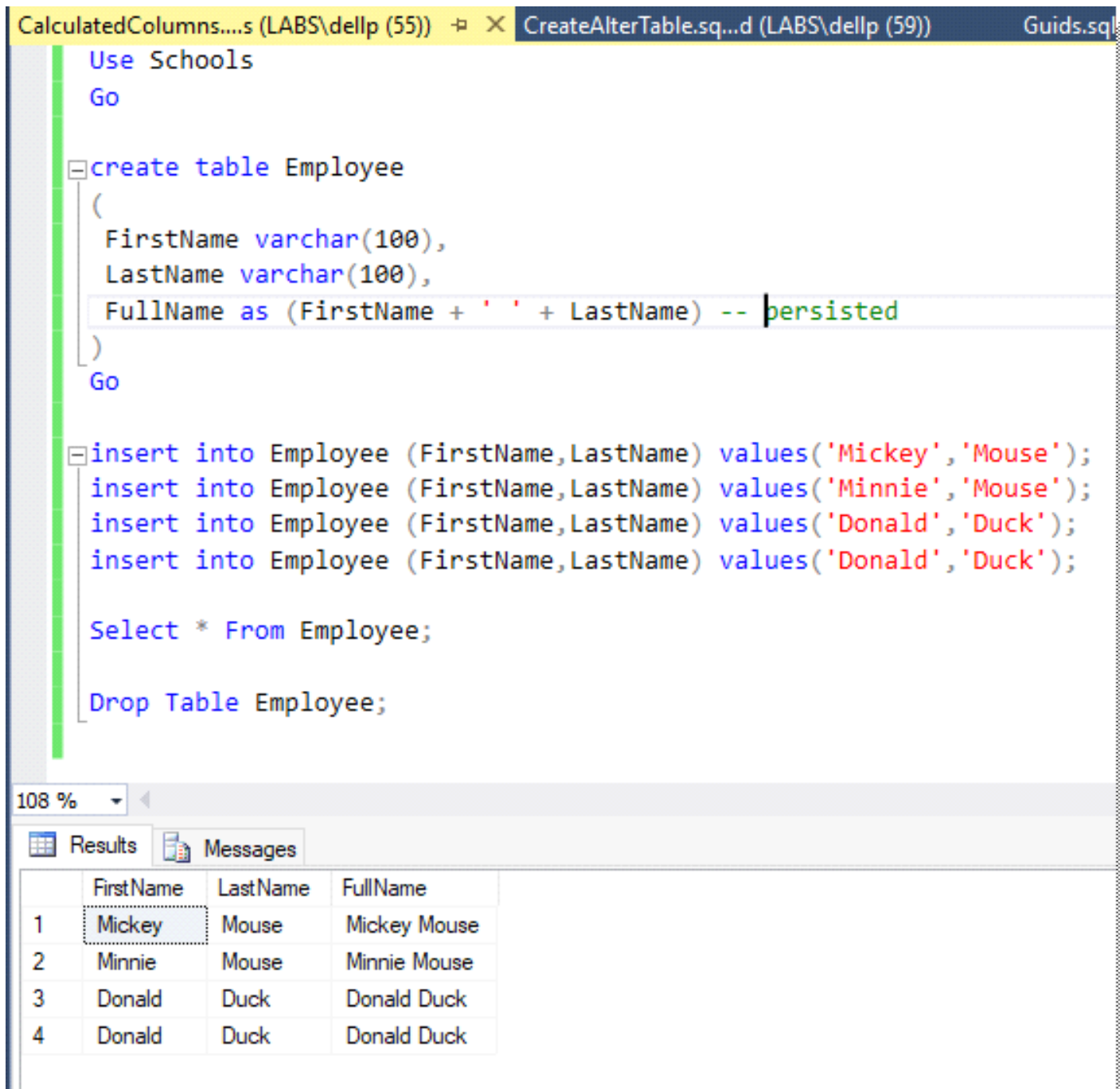
Results Messages

	EmployeeID	Name	OrderDate	Price
1	1	Mickey Mouse	2017-01-01 00:00:00.000	1000.00
2	1	Mickey Mouse	2017-03-01 00:00:00.000	5000.00

Computed Fields

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- ☐ A Computed Column is a Virtual Column that is not Physically Stored in the Table, unless it is Marked as PERSISTED.



The screenshot shows a SQL Server Enterprise Manager window with a script titled 'CreateAlterTable.sql...d (LABS\dellp (59))'. The script contains the following SQL code:

```
Use Schools
Go

create table Employee
(
    FirstName varchar(100),
    LastName varchar(100),
    FullName as (FirstName + ' ' + LastName) -- persisted
)
Go

insert into Employee (FirstName,LastName) values('Mickey','Mouse');
insert into Employee (FirstName,LastName) values('Minnie','Mouse');
insert into Employee (FirstName,LastName) values('Donald','Duck');
insert into Employee (FirstName,LastName) values('Donald','Duck');

Select * From Employee;

Drop Table Employee;
```

The script is executed, and the results are displayed in the 'Results' tab. The results show a table with four rows and three columns: FirstName, LastName, and FullName. The data is as follows:

	FirstName	LastName	FullName
1	Mickey	Mouse	Mickey Mouse
2	Minnie	Mouse	Minnie Mouse
3	Donald	Duck	Donald Duck
4	Donald	Duck	Donald Duck