SQL Views

SQL Views can contain data from a single or multiple tables or views. The advantages of using views and how to create a simple view are introduced here.

Views

Products	
PR_ProductID	
PR_ProductDescription	
PR_ProductReorderQty	
PR_ProductSalesPrice	
PR_ProductManufactureDate	
PR_ProductExpiryDate	
PR_ProductQOH	
PR_Reorder Level	
DT Departments DepartmentID	

Suppliers
SU_SupplierID
SU_SupplierFirstName
SU_SupplierLastName
SU_SupplierAddress1
SU_SupplierAddress2
SU_SupplierCity
SU_SupplierContactNumber
SU_SupplierStatus



View containing some fields from the Products and Suppliers tables

SU_SupplierID	
SU_SupplierLastName	
PR_ProductID	
PR ProductDescription	

Advantages of Views

- Focus the data for a user
- Mask database complexity
- Simplify management of user permissions
- Organize data for export to other applications
- Provide backward compatibility
- Structure data for reporting applications



Creating Views

Use the CREATE VIEW Transact-SQL

```
CREATE VIEW HumanResources.EmployeeList
AS
SELECT EmployeeID, LastName, FirstName
FROM HumanResources.Employee;
```