# Databases

A database in SQL Server is made up of a collection of tables that stores a specific set of structured data.

# System Databases

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| System database | Description |
| [**master Database**](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/databases/master-database) | Records all the system-level information for an instance of SQL Server. |
| [**msdb Database**](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/databases/msdb-database) | Is used by SQL Server Agent for scheduling alerts and jobs. |
| [**model Database**](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/databases/model-database) | Is used as the template for all databases created on the instance of SQL Server. Modifications made to the **model** database, such as database size, collation, recovery model, and other database options, are applied to any databases created afterward. |
| [**Resource Database**](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/databases/resource-database) | Is a read-only database that contains system objects that are included with SQL Server. System objects are physically persisted in the **Resource**database, but they logically appear in the **sys** schema of every database. |
| [**tempdb Database**](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/databases/tempdb-database) | Is a workspace for holding temporary objects or intermediate result sets. |