# System Catalog Views

Catalog views return information that is used by the SQL Server Database Engine. All user-available catalog metadata is exposed through catalog views.

Note

Catalog views do not contain information about replication, backup, database maintenance plan, or SQL Server Agent catalog data.

Some catalog views inherit rows from other catalog views. For example, the [sys.tables](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/system-catalog-views/sys-tables-transact-sql) catalog view inherits from the [sys.objects](https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sql/relational-databases/system-catalog-views/sys-objects-transact-sql) catalog view. The sys.objects catalog view is referred to as the base view, and the sys.tables view is called the derived view

# System Compatibility Views

# System Dynamic Management Views