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SERVER SIDE SCRIPTING VS CLIENT SIDE SCRIPTING

Server side scripting

When you request a page, the web server executes the ASP.NET code in the web page and generates an HTML content for that page. It is this HTML content that is sent back to the browser so that it can be displayed to the user.

The code that is executed by the web server to generate the dynamic page is called "server side code". It is called "server side code" because it is executed by the web server.

When you develop ASP.NET pages, you will use C# or VB.NET (or any other .NET compatible code) code to write the server side code. Server side code is used to retrieve and generate content for the dynamic pages. You may be using the code to retrieve the content from database or something like that.

When a dynamic page is requested, the server side code is executed on the server and a page is generated. Once the generated page comes to the browser, there is connection with the server. You cannot do anything from the browser to communicate with the server, other than requesting another page or same page again. So, if you want to access the database or something like that once the page is displayed, it is not possible.

Client side scripting

Client side code is used to do some kind of basic operations in the browser when the page is displayed to the user.

As you read above, it is not possible to access the server once the page is displayed. Moreover, the browser does not know anything about ASP.NET or .NET. The browser understands only HTML and client side scripting languages.

Client side coding is used to do basic operations on the browser. It cannot be used to access the server or database on the server etc.

Client side coding is done using scripting languages like Javascript, VbScript, JScript etc. These scripting languages are easy to learn (they are different from vb.net and C#). The scripting languages provide only very minimal functionality.

The main use of client side scripting is to validate user input before submitting a page to server. For example, suppose you have a "Registration" page. Once user enter all data and press the "submit" button, all the user input will be sent to server. In the server side, you may have written vb.net or C# code to validate all user inputs like Name cannot be empty etc. If the user do not enter a name and press submit, your server side code will generate an error message and return the page to you.

In this case, the page was sent to the server and came back with an error message. It was an expensive operation. It consumed lot of resources to send a page to the server and get it back to the browser with an error message.

If we can catch this validation error in the browser itself, instead of sending to server and coming back with an error, that will save lot of time and resources. User need not wait to send the page to server and come back.

Client side scripting comes here to help. You can write Javascript, VBScript or JScript code to validate the name field in the browser itself and submit it to the server only if all user inputs are correct.

CHAPTER – 8

SQL SERVER & DATABASE CONCEPTS

Microsoft SQL Server

SQL Server is one of the most popular and advanced database systems currently available. SQL Server is provided by Microsoft.

Microsoft SQL Server is sometimes called as "Sequel Server". It can be managed using Structured Query Language.

While MS Access is meant for small applications, SQL Server supports large applications with millions of users or huge databases. SQL Server is much more powerful than Access and provides several other advanced features and much better security. SQL Server is compatible with MS Access. You can easily import/export data between these two.

SQL Server is a Relational database where data is stored and retrieved very efficiently.

Database, Tables, Records and Fields

What is a Database ?

A database is a collection of all data required for an application. Each database application will have only one database.

What is a Table ?

- Tables are part of database.
- A database is composed of several tables.
- You need to create separate tables to store different type of data. For examples, if you have a School Management Software, you may need to create the following tables:
 - Students - to store list of all students
 - Teachers - to store list of all students
 - Attendance - to track the attendance of all students
 - MarkList - to store the mark list of all students

What is a Record?

A record represents one entry in a Table. A table can have any number of records.

If you have a "Students" table to store the student information, a record in the table represent a student. To add a student, you will add a record to the "Students" table. To delete a student from the software, you will delete a record from this table.

What is a Field ?

A field is a column in the table. A record is a collection of fields. All records in the same table will have the same set of fields.

If you have the "Students" table, you may have the following fields:

- ☐ Name - to store the name of the student
- ☐ Address - to store the address
- ☐ DateofBirth - to store the date of birth of the student
- ☐ RegistrationDate - to store the date on which the student registered.

etc.

If you add a field to the Table, it is applicable to all records in the same table. In the above example, all records in the "Students" table will have the same 4 fields.

Summary

A database a collection of Tables

A Table is a collection of Records.

All records in the same table will have the same fields.

In most cases, an application will have one database which has several tables.

Basic SQL Queries

Assume that you have a database table called 'EMPLOYEE' with the following fields:

1. Id
2. Name
3. Address
4. Salary

INSERT QUERY

INSERT INTO Employee (Id, Name, Address, Salary) VALUES (1, 'John', '8900 Research Park Dr', 1200)

The above statement will insert a new record into the employee table. The name of the employee used in the above example is 'John'.

Syntax:

There are two basic syntax of INSERT INTO statement is as follows:

```
INSERT INTO TABLE_NAME (column1, column2, column3,...columnN)
VALUES (value1, value2, value3,...valueN);
```

Here column1, column2,...columnN are the names of the columns in the table into which you want to insert data.

You may not need to specify the column(s) name in the SQL query if you are adding values for all the columns of the table. But make sure the order of the values is in the same order as the columns in the table. The SQL INSERT INTO syntax would be as follows:

```
INSERT INTO TABLE_NAME VALUES (value1,value2,value3,...valueN);
```

Example:

Following statements would create six records in CUSTOMERS table:

```
INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)
VALUES (1, 'Ramesh', 32, 'Ahmedabad', 2000.00 );
```

```
INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)
VALUES (2, 'Khilan', 25, 'Delhi', 1500.00 );
```

```
INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)
VALUES (3, 'kaushik', 23, 'Kota', 2000.00 );
```

```
INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)
VALUES (4, 'Chaitali', 25, 'Mumbai', 6500.00 );
```

```
INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)
VALUES (5, 'Hardik', 27, 'Bhopal', 8500.00 );
```

```
INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS (ID,NAME,AGE,ADDRESS,SALARY)
VALUES (6, 'Komal', 22, 'MP', 4500.00 );
```

You can create a record in CUSTOMERS table using second syntax as follows:

```
INSERT INTO CUSTOMERS
VALUES (7, 'Muffy', 24, 'Indore', 10000.00 );
```

All the above statement would product following records in CUSTOMERS table:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

UPDATE QUERY

UPDATE Employee SET Name = 'Mr. John', Address = '', Salary = 1400 WHERE id = 1

The above statement will update the record which had id as 1 to the following parameters as said above

Syntax:

The basic syntax of UPDATE query with WHERE clause is as follows:

```
UPDATE table_name
SET column1 = value1, column2 = value2...., columnN = valueN
WHERE [condition];
```

You can combine N number of conditions using AND or OR operators.

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would update ADDRESS for a customer whose ID is 6:

```
SQL> UPDATE CUSTOMERS
SET ADDRESS = 'Pune'
WHERE ID = 6;
```

Now CUSTOMERS table would have following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	Pune	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

If you want to modify all ADDRESS and SALARY column values in CUSTOMERS table, you do not need to use WHERE clause and UPDATE query would be as follows:

```
SQL> UPDATE CUSTOMERS  
SET ADDRESS = 'Pune', SALARY = 1000.00;
```

Now CUSTOMERS table would have following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Pune	1000.00
2	Khilan	25	Pune	1000.00
3	kaushik	23	Pune	1000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Pune	1000.00
5	Hardik	27	Pune	1000.00
6	Komal	22	Pune	1000.00
7	Muffy	24	Pune	1000.00

DELETE QUERY

DELETE FROM Employee WHERE id = 1

The above statement deletes the record of employee whose Id is 1.

DELETE FROM Employee

There is no WHERE condition in the above statement and it will delete all records from employee table.

The SQL **DELETE** Query is used to delete the existing records from a table.

You can use WHERE clause with DELETE query to delete selected rows, otherwise all the records would be deleted.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of DELETE query with WHERE clause is as follows:

```
DELETE FROM table_name  
WHERE [condition];
```

You can combine N number of conditions using AND or OR operators.

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would DELETE a customer whose ID is 6:

```
SQL> DELETE FROM CUSTOMERS  
WHERE ID = 6;
```

Now CUSTOMERS table would have following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

If you want to DELETE all the records from CUSTOMERS table, you do not need to use WHERE clause and DELETE query would be as follows:

```
SQL> DELETE FROM CUSTOMERS;
```

Now CUSTOMERS table would not have any record.

SELECT QUERY

SELECT Id, Name, Address, Salary FROM Employee where ID = 1

The above sql statement finds the record of the employee with the ID = 1.

SELECT Id, Name, Address, Salary FROM Employee

In the above statement, there is no WHERE condition. So, it will return all records from the employee table.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of SELECT statement is as follows:

```
SELECT column1, column2, columnN FROM table_name;
```

Here column1, column2...are the fields of a table whose values you want to fetch. If you want to fetch all the fields available in the field then you can use following syntax:

```
SELECT * FROM table_name;
```

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would fetch ID, Name and Salary fields of the customers available in CUSTOMERS table:

```
SQL> SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY FROM CUSTOMERS;
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	SALARY
1	Ramesh	2000.00
2	Khilan	1500.00
3	kaushik	2000.00
4	Chaitali	6500.00
5	Hardik	8500.00
6	Komal	4500.00
7	Muffy	10000.00

If you want to fetch all the fields of CUSTOMERS table then use the following query:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS;
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

SELECT QUERY WITH WHERE CLAUSE

Syntax:

The basic syntax of SELECT statement with WHERE clause is as follows:

```
SELECT column1, column2, columnN  
FROM table_name  
WHERE [condition]
```

You can specify a condition using [comparision or logical operators](#) like >, <, =, LIKE, NOT etc.

Below examples would make this concept clear.

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would fetch ID, Name and Salary fields from the CUSTOMERS table where salary is greater than 2000:

```
SQL> SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY
FROM CUSTOMERS
WHERE SALARY > 2000;
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	SALARY
4	Chaitali	6500.00
5	Hardik	8500.00
6	Komal	4500.00
7	Muffy	10000.00

Following is an example which would fetch ID, Name and Salary fields from the CUSTOMERS table for a customer with name **Hardik**. Here it is important to note that all the strings should be given inside single quotes (") where as numeric values should be given without any quote as in above example:

```
SQL> SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY
FROM CUSTOMERS
WHERE NAME = 'Hardik';
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	SALARY
5	Hardik	8500.00

AND & OR OPERATORS

The SQL **AND** and **OR** operators are used to combine multiple conditions to narrow data in an SQL statement. These two operators are called conjunctive operators.

These operators provide a means to make multiple comparisons with different operators in the same SQL statement.

The AND Operator:

The **AND** operator allows the existence of multiple conditions in an SQL statement's **WHERE** clause.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of AND operator with WHERE clause is as follows:

```
SELECT column1, column2, columnN
FROM table_name
WHERE [condition1] AND [condition2]...AND [conditionN];
```

You can combine N number of conditions using AND operator. For an action to be taken by the SQL statement, whether it be a transaction or query, all conditions separated by the AND must be TRUE.

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would fetch ID, Name and Salary fields from the CUSTOMERS table where salary is greater than 2000 AND age is less than 25 years:

```
SQL> SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY
FROM CUSTOMERS
WHERE SALARY > 2000 AND age < 25;
```

This would produce following result:

```
+-----+-----+-----+
| ID | NAME  | SALARY |
+-----+-----+-----+
| 6  | Komal | 4500.00 |
| 7  | Muffy | 10000.00 |
+-----+-----+-----+
```

The OR Operator:

The OR operator is used to combine multiple conditions in an SQL statement's WHERE clause.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of OR operator with WHERE clause is as follows:

```
SELECT column1, column2, columnN
FROM table_name
WHERE [condition1] OR [condition2]...OR [conditionN]
```

You can combine N number of conditions using OR operator. For an action to be taken by the SQL statement, whether it be a transaction or query, only any ONE of the conditions separated by the OR must be TRUE.

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would fetch ID, Name and Salary fields from the CUSTOMERS table where salary is greater than 2000 OR age is less than 25 years:

```
SQL> SELECT ID, NAME, SALARY
FROM CUSTOMERS
WHERE SALARY > 2000 OR age < 25;
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	SALARY
3	kaushik	2000.00
4	Chaitali	6500.00
5	Hardik	8500.00
6	Komal	4500.00
7	Muffy	10000.00

ORDER BY CLAUSE

The SQL **ORDER BY** clause is used to sort the data in ascending or descending order, based on one or more columns. Some database sorts query results in ascending order by default.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of ORDER BY clause is as follows:

```
SELECT column-list
FROM table_name
[WHERE condition]
[ORDER BY column1, column2, .. columnN] [ASC | DESC];
```

You can use more than one column in the ORDER BY clause. Make sure whatever column you are using to sort, that column should be in column-list.

Example:

Consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would sort the result in ascending order by NAME and SALARY:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS
      ORDER BY NAME, SALARY;
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00

Following is an example which would sort the result in descending order by NAME:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS  
      ORDER BY NAME DESC;
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00

LIKE CLAUSE

The SQL **LIKE** clause is used to compare a value to similar values using wildcard operators.

There are two wildcards used in conjunction with the LIKE operator:

- The percent sign (%)
- The underscore (_)

The percent sign represents zero, one, or multiple characters. The underscore represents a single number or character. The symbols can be used in combinations.

Syntax:

The basic syntax of % and _ is as follows:

```
SELECT FROM table_name  
WHERE column LIKE 'XXXX%'
```

or

```
SELECT FROM table_name  
WHERE column LIKE '%XXXX%'
```

or

```
SELECT FROM table_name  
WHERE column LIKE 'XXXX_'
```

or

```
SELECT FROM table_name  
WHERE column LIKE '_XXXX'
```

or

```
SELECT FROM table_name  
WHERE column LIKE '_XXXX_'
```

You can combine N number of conditions using AND or OR operators. Here XXXX could be any numeric or string value.

Example:

Here are number of examples showing WHERE part having different LIKE clause with '%' and '_' operators:

Statement	Description
WHERE SALARY LIKE '200%'	Finds any values that start with 200
WHERE SALARY LIKE '%200%'	Finds any values that have 200 in any position
WHERE SALARY LIKE '_00%'	Finds any values that have 00 in the second and third positions

WHERE SALARY LIKE '2_%%'	Finds any values that start with 2 and are at least 3 characters in length
WHERE SALARY LIKE '%2'	Finds any values that end with 2
WHERE SALARY LIKE '_2%3'	Finds any values that have a 2 in the second position and end with a 3
WHERE SALARY LIKE '2____3'	Finds any values in a five-digit number that start with 2 and end with 3

Let us take a real example, consider CUSTOMERS table is having following records:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
2	Khilan	25	Delhi	1500.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00
4	Chaitali	25	Mumbai	6500.00
5	Hardik	27	Bhopal	8500.00
6	Komal	22	MP	4500.00
7	Muffy	24	Indore	10000.00

Following is an example which would display all the records from CUSTOMERS table where SALARY starts with 200:

```
SQL> SELECT * FROM CUSTOMERS  
WHERE SALARY LIKE '200%';
```

This would produce following result:

ID	NAME	AGE	ADDRESS	SALARY
1	Ramesh	32	Ahmedabad	2000.00
3	kaushik	23	Kota	2000.00