

My role in the presentation was to explain the difference between ANSI SQL's **CREATE DOMAIN** vs T-SQL's **CREATE TYPE**. I also introduced the concept of fully qualified domains and their use cases. The following are the notes I've taken on the topics asked in the assignment.

## Taxonomies

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The literal definition of a **taxonomy** is "a system of classification". In relational database design taxonomies are a way to classify and organize data into categories. These categories can be general or specific depending on the use case

**Example:** Stock Item Categories

- A real world example is to sort products on a store into categories so customers can find what they want easily
- In WorldWideImporters, there is the table **Warehouse.StockGroups** which groups items based on their type. This is the taxonomy.
- The items in **Warehouse.StockItems** can be joined by **Warehouse.StockItemStockGroups** to obtain the specific groups an item falls in
  - For example, Shirts and pants go into clothing while boxes and tape go into packing materials.
- In this case some items can actually belong to multiple categories.

## Fully Qualified Domains (FQDs)

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A **domain** in SQL is a data type with set of valid values in a table's columns. Some of these constraints can be the data type allowed in the column, checks, nullability, and default values.

For example:

- You can't have letters in a price, so it is either an **INT** or **FLOAT**
- If you don't allow anyone under 18, a simple **CHECK (Age >= 18)** means that in no situation someone underaged can be added to your table.

A **Fully Qualified Domain** is a domain that is called by its schema. It connects directly to the exact place in the database. In a situation where domain names can be similar to each other, a FQD can make sure you are using the correct domain. Once a FQD is defined, each time it is used the same constraints are applied. Any changes to a domain will also be implemented to every other instance ensuring consistency and reliability.

## Fully Qualified Table Names (FQTNs)

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Similarly to a FQD, a **fully qualified table name** is a way to explicitly call a specific table. This prevents confusion between tables with the same name. A clear example is looking for customers, a database may have many tables with the name **Customers**

- **dbo.Customers**
- **Sales.Customers**
- **Messages.Customers**

- **Customers** (the schema)

This allows for integrity as you are not mixing up data from another table, and a FQTN is required for joining tables. FQTNs can also be used to link together tables from different servers and databases, allowing scalability for larger and complex systems.

## ANSI vs T-SQL

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### ANSI SQL CREATE DOMAIN:

- ANSI SQL supports creating domains. These domains have pre defined constraints and can be reused across table columns.
- This creates a single object that bundles the data type AND the rule together.

```
CREATE DOMAIN WWI.PhoneNumber
AS NVARCHAR(20)
CHECK (VALUE LIKE '+[0-9]%'');
```

### T-SQL CREATE TYPE:

- T-SQL Does not support creating domains.
- A type is still a reusable object with constraints, but does not support **CHECK** inside a type
- The **CHECK** constraint must be added to *every single table* that uses the type

```
-- Create a Type
CREATE TYPE dbo.PhoneNumber
FROM NVARCHAR(20);

-- Use the type in a table
CREATE TABLE dbo.PhoneNumber(
    CHECK (VALUE LIKE '+[0-9]%' )
)
```

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