

Session 2

FUNCTIONS, PROCEDURES

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1. Transact SQL

- Proprietary extension of SQL
 - User-define functions, stored procedures, triggers, transactions,...
 - Delete: on joined tables
 - Bulk insert: insert from external data sources (text, csv,...)
- Procedural programming
 - Variables
 - Control flows (if..then, while, begin...end, goto,try...catch)

1. Transact SQL - Example

```
DECLARE @v int, @p varchar(10);
SET @v = 0;
DECLARE c CURSOR
    FOR SELECT employee_id FROM employees;
OPEN c;
FETCH NEXT FROM c INTO @p;
WHILE @@FETCH_STATUS = 0
BEGIN
    SET @v = @v + 1
    FETCH NEXT FROM c INTO @p;
END
IF @v < 100
PRINT 'Small';
ELSE
PRINT 'BIG';
CLOSE c;
DEALLOCATE c;
```

2. Functions

- System functions
 - Predefined functions
- User-defined function
 - Defined by programmers
 - Written in T-SQL
- Types of functions
 - Scalar functions: CONCAT, MONTH, YEAR,...
 - Table-valued functions: return a table
 - Aggregate functions: SUM, COUNT

2.1. Scalar function

```
CREATE FUNCTION schema_name.function_name (parameter_list)
RETURNS data_type AS
BEGIN
    statements
    RETURN value
END
```

2.1. Scalar function - example

```
CREATE FUNCTION experience(@hire_date DATE)
RETURNS INT AS
BEGIN
    RETURN YEAR(GETDATE()) - YEAR(@hire_date);
END;

...

SELECT dbo.experience(hire_date) FROM employees;
```

2.2. Table-valued function

```
CREATE FUNCTION schema_name.function_name (parameter_list)
RETURNS TABLE AS
RETURN
SELECT ....
```


2.2. Table-valued function

```
CREATE FUNCTION EMPLOYEES_BY_YEAR(@y int)
RETURNS TABLE AS
RETURN
    SELECT * FROM employees
    WHERE YEAR(hire_date) = @y;
```

...

3. Stored procedure

- Group a sequence of T-SQL statements into a single execution unit
- Can be used to implement some business logic at database level

3. Stored procedure - Syntax

```
CREATE PROCEDURE schema_name.procedure_name (parameter_list)
AS
BEGIN
    statements;
END ;
```

```
EXECUTE schema_name.procedure_name param=value,....,param=value;
```

3. Stored procedure - Example

```
CREATE PROCEDURE UpdateSalary(@fn varchar(20), @ln varchar(20), @s real)
AS
BEGIN
    UPDATE employees SET salary = @s
    WHERE first_name = @fn AND last_name = @ln;
END

EXECUTE dbo.UpdateSalary @fn = 'a', @ln = 'b', @s = 10000;
```

4. Assignments

1. Create fullname function which concat the firstname and the lastname into a string value. Use this function for listing fullname of all employees.
2. Create get_job_title function which return a job title for a given job id. Use this function for listing all employees' names and their job title
3. Create a function that count the number of departments in a specific country. Using this function for counting number of departments in every regions
4. Create a procedure for changing job of an employee:
 - Parameters: employee_id, job_id
 - Process:
 - Add current job of the employee as a job history
 - Update job_id, salary (as the min salary of the job) for the employee record