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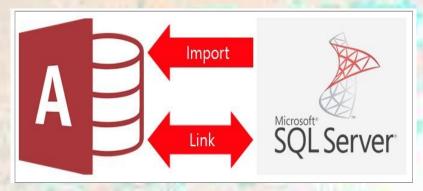
Accessing Data

Objectives

- Describe SELECT statement, its syntax, and use
- Explain various clauses used with SELECT
- State the use of ORDER BY clause
- Describe working with typed and untyped XML
- Explain the procedure to create, use, and view XML schemas

Introduction

- > The SELECT statement is a core command used to access data in SQL Server 2019.
- > XML allows developers to develop their own set of tags and makes it possible for other programs to understand these tags.
- > XML is the preferred means for developers to store, format, and manage data on the Web.



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SELECT Statement

Data in a table can be viewed using SELECT statement

This statement:

- Displays required information in a table
- > Retrieves rows and columns from one or more tables
- > Defines columns to be used for a query
- > Consists of a series of expressions separated by commas
- Retrieves rows from database and enables selection of one or many rows or columns

Syntax:

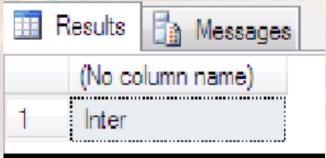
SELECT < column name1>...< column nameN>FROM

SELECT Without FROM

- Many SQL versions use FROM in their query, but in all the versions from SQL Server 2005, including SQL Server 2019, one can use SELECT statements without using the FROM clause.
 - Following code will display only first five characters from extreme left of the word 'International'.

```
SELECT LEFT('International',5)
```

The output is as follows:



First Five Characters from the Extreme Left of the Word

Displaying All Columns

- The asterisk (*) is used in the SELECT statement to retrieve all the columns from the table.
- ➤ It is used as a shorthand to list all the column names in the table named in the FROM clause.

Following is the syntax for selecting all columns

```
SELECT * FROM
```

```
USE AdventureWorks2019
SELECT * FROM HumanResources.Employee
GO
```

	BusinessEntityID	NationallDNumber	LoginID	OrganizationNode	OrganizationLevel	JobTitle
1	1	295847284	adventure-works\ken0	NULL	NULL	Chief Executive Officer
2	2	245797967	adventure-works\terri0	0x58	1	Vice President of Engineering
3	3	509647174	adventure-works\roberto0	0x5AC0	2	Engineering Manager
4	4	112457891	adventure-works\rob0	0x5AD6	3	Senior Tool Designer
5	5	695256908	adventure-works\gail0	0x5ADA	3	Design Engineer
6	6	998320692	adventure-works\jossef0	0x5ADE	3	Design Engineer
7	7	134969118	adventure-works\dylan0	0x5AE1	3	Research and Development Manager
8	8	811994146	adventure-works\diane1	0x5AE158	4	Research and Development Engineer
9	9	658797903	adventure-works\gigi0	0x5AE168	4	Research and Development Engineer
10	10	879342154	adventure-works\michael6	0x5AE178	4	Research and Development Manager

Displaying Selected Columns

- The SELECT statement displays or returns certain relevant columns that are chosen by the user or mentioned in the statement.
- To display specific columns, knowledge of the relevant column names in the table is required.

USE AdventureWorks2019
SELECT LocationID, CostRate FROM
Production.Location
GO

III R	Results Messages			
	LocationID	CostRate		
1	1	0.00		
2	2	0.00		
3	3	0.00		
4	4	0.00		
5	5	0.00		
6	6	0.00		
7	7	0.00		
8	10	22.50		
9	20	25.00		
10	30	14.50		
11	40	15.75		
12	45	18.00		
13	50	12.25		
14	60	12.25		

LocationID and CostRateColumns

Different Expressions with SELECT

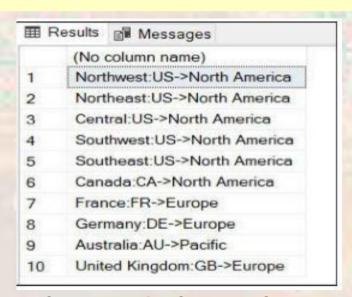
- > SELECT statement allows users to specify different expressions in order to view the resultset in an ordered manner.
- These expressions assign different names to columns in the resultset, compute values, and eliminate duplicate values

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Using Constants in Result Sets

- Used when character columns are joined
- > Help in proper formatting or readability
- > Not specified as a separate column in the resultset
- More efficient for an application to build the constant values into the results

```
USE AdventureWorks2019
SELECT Name +':'+ CountryRegionCode +'->'+ Group FROM Sales.SalesTerritory
GO
```



Country Name, Country Region Code, and Corresponding Group

Renaming ResultSet Column Names 1-2

Columns displayed in resultsets of queries have corresponding headings specified in the table.

These headings canbe:

- > Changed
- Renamed
- Can be assigned a new name by using AS clause

> By customizing the headings, they become more understandable and meaningful.

Renaming ResultSet Column Names 2-2

	NameRegionGroup		
1	Northwest:US->North America		
2	Northeast:US->North America		
3	Central:US->North America		
4	Southwest:US->North America		
5	Southeast: US->North America		
3	Canada:CA->North America		
7	France:FR->Europe		
3	Germany:DE->Europe		
9	Australia:AU->Pacific		
10	United Kingdom:GB->Europe		

Column	Heading	M odified	to
NameRegio	onGroup		

⊞ R	esults Messages	1		
ModifiedDate				
1	2009-01-07 00:00:	00.000		
2	2008-01-24 00:00:	00.000		
3	2007-11-04 00:00:	00.000		
4	2007-11-28 00:00:	00.000		
5	2007-12-30 00:00:	00.000		
6	2013-12-16 00:00:	00.000		
7	2009-02-01 00:00:	00.000		
8	2008-12-22 00:00:	00.000		
9	2009-01-09 00:00:	00.000		
10	2009-04-26 00:00:	00.000		

■ R	esults Messages	
	ChangedDate	
1	2009-01-07 00:00:00.00	00
2	2008-01-24 00:00:00.00	00
3	2007-11-04 00:00:00.00	00
4	2007-11-28 00:00:00.00	00
5	2007-12-30 00:00:00.00	00
6	2013-12-16 00:00:00.00	00
7	2009-02-01 00:00:00.00	00
8	2008-12-22 00:00:00.00	00
9	2009-01-09 00:00:00.00	00
10	2009-04-26 00:00:00.00	00

Column Heading Modified to Changed Date

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Computing Values in ResultSet

- A SELECT statement can contain mathematical expressions by applying operators to one or more columns.
- It allows a resultset to contain values that do not exist in the base table, but are calculated from the values stored in the base table.

Results		B Me	essages	
	Prod	luctID	StandardCost	Discount
1	707		12.0278	1.804170
2	707		13.8782	2.081730
3	707		13.0863	1.962945
4	708		12.0278	1.804170
5	708		13.8782	2.081730
6	708		13.0863	1.962945

Calculated Discount Amount

Using DISTINCT

The keyword DISTINCT prevents the retrieval of duplicate records. It eliminates rows that are repeating from the resultset of a SELECT statement.

For example,

- ➤ If the StandardCost column is selected without using the DISTINCT keyword, it will display all the standard costs present in the table.
- On using the DISTINCT keyword in the query, SQL Server will display every record of StandardCost only once.

Using TOP and PERCENT

The TOP keyword will display only first few set of rows as a resultset

The TOP expression can also be used with other statements such as INSERT, UPDATE, and DELETE.

Syntax:

SELECT [ALL|DISTINCT] [TOP expression [PERCENT] [WITHTIES]]

where,

expression: is the number or the percentage of rows to be returned as the result.

PERCENT: returns the number of rows limited by percentage.

WITH TIES: is the additional number of rows that is to be displayed.

SELECT with INTO

The INTO clause creates a new table and inserts rows and columns listed in the SELECT statement into it.

INTO clause also inserts existing rows into the new table.

■ R	esults	Message	es	
	Prod	uctModelID	Name	
1	122		All-Purpose Bike Stand	
2	119		Bike Wash	
3	115		Cable Lock	
1	98		Chain	
5	1		Classic Vest	
3	2		Cycling Cap	
7	121		Fender Set - Mountain	
3	102		Front Brakes	
9	103		Front Derailleur	
10	3		Full-Finger Gloves	
11	4		Half-Finger Gloves	

New Table

SELECT with WHERE 1-3

- The WHERE clause with SELECT statement is used to conditionally select or limit the records retrieved by the query.
- A WHERE clause specifies a Boolean expression to test the rows returned by the query.
- The row is returned if the expression is true and is discarded if it is false.

Operator	Description
=	Equal to
<>	Not equal to
>	Greater than
<	Less than
> =	Greater than or equal to
< =	Less than or equal to
!	Not

Operator	Description
BETWEEN	Between a range
LIKE	Search for an ordered pattern
IN	Within a range

Operators

SELECT with WHERE 2-3

III F	Results 🖼 M	essages			
	ProductID	StartDate	EndDate	StandardCost	ModifiedDate
1	707	2012-05-30 00:00:00.000	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000	13.8782	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000
2	708	2012-05-30 00:00:00.000	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000	13.8782	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000
3	711	2012-05-30 00:00:00.000	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000	13.8782	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000
4	712	2012-05-30 00:00:00.000	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000	5.2297	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000
5	713	2012-05-30 00:00:00.000	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000	29.0807	2013-05-29 00:00:00.000

SELECT with WHERE clause

	DepartmentID	Name	GroupName	ModifiedDate
1	1	Engineering	Research and Development	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
2	2	Tool Design	Research and Development	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
3	3	Sales	Sales and Marketing	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
4	4	Marketing	Sales and Marketing	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
5	5	Purchasing	Inventory Management	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
6	6	Research and Development	Research and Development	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
7	7	Production	Manufacturing	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
8	8	Production Control	Manufacturing	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000
9	9	Human Resources	Executive General and Administration	2008-04-30 00:00:00.000

Output of Where Clause with < Operator

SELECT with WHERE 3-3

Wildcard	Description	Example
<u> 100</u> 1	It will display a single character	SELECT * FROM Person.ContactWHERE Suffix LIKE 'Jr_'
8	It will display a string of any length	SELECT * FROM Person.Contact WHERE LastName LIKE 'B%'
[]	It will display a single character within the range enclosed in the brackets	SELECT * FROM Sales.CurrencyRate WHERE ToCurrencyCodeLIKE 'C[AN][DY]'
[^]	It will display any single character not within the range enclosed in the brackets	SELECT * FROM Sales.CurrencyRate WHERE ToCurrencyCodeLIKE 'A[^R][^S]'

Wildcard Characters

GROUP BYClause

- The GROUP BY clause partitions the resultset into one or more subsets.
- Each subset has values and expressions in common.
- Figure 1 If an aggregate function is used in the GROUP BY clause, the resultset produces single value per aggregate.

■ Results				
0	Wor	kOrderID	(No column name)	
1	13		17.6000	
2	14		17.6000	
3	15		4.0000	
4	16		4.0000	
5	17		4.0000	
6	18		4.0000	
7	19		4.0000	

Output of GROUP BY Clause

ORDER BYClause

- It specifies the order in which the columns should be sorted in a resultset.
- > It sorts query results by one or more columns.

A sort can be in either ascending (ASC) or descending (DESC) order. By default, records are sorted in an ASC order.



Output of ORDER BY Clause

Working with XML 1-2

- Extensible Markup Language (XML) allows developers to develop their own set of tags and makes it possible for other programs to understand these tags.
- > XML is the preferred means for developers to store, format, and manage data on the Web

Applications of today have a mix of technologies such as:

- > ASP
- Microsoft .NET technologies
- > XML
- SQL Server 2019 working in tandem

All of the Control of

In such a scenario, it is better to store XML data within SQL Server 2019.

Working with XML 2-2

Native XML databases in SQL Server 2019 have a number of advantages. Some of them are listed as follows:

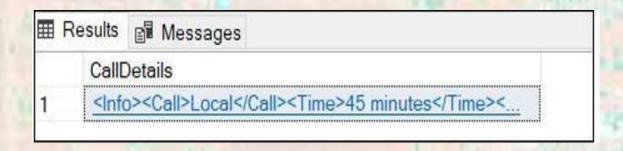
Easy Data Search and Management - All the XML data is stored locally in one place, thus making it easier to search and manage.

Better Performance - Queries from a well-implemented XML database are faster than queries over documents stored in a file system. Also, the database essentially parses each document when storing it.

Easy data processing - Large documents can be processed easily.

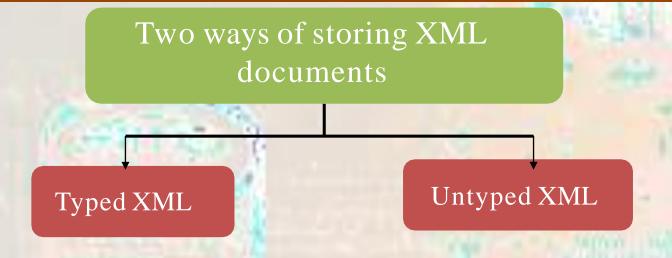
XML Data Type

- The xml data type is used to store XML documents and fragments in an SQL Server database.
- An XML fragment is an XML instance with the top-level element missing from its structure.



XML Data in Columns

Typed and Untyped XML 1-2



Typed XML instance:

- An XML instance which has a schema associated
- ➤ It describes the structure and limits the contents of XML documents

Typed and Untyped XML 2-2

Untyped XML instance:

> Data can be created and stored in either table columns or variables depending upon the need and scope of data



Displaying XML Column with SELECT



Expanded XML Data in Column

Summary

- The SELECT statement retrieves rows and columns from tables.
- SELECT statement allows users to specify different expressions in order to view the resultset in an ordered manner.
- A SELECT statement can contain mathematical expressions by applying operators to one or more columns.
- The keyword DISTINCT prevents the retrieval of duplicate records.
- XML allows developers to develop their own set of tags and makes it possible for other programs to understand these tags.
- A typed XML instance is an XML instance which has a schema associated with it.
- XML data can be queried and retrieved using XQuery language.