

# What's the difference between full, differential and transactional back up?

## 1. Full Backup

- **What it does:** Backs up the **entire database** (data + part of transaction log).
- **Usage:** It's the **base** backup required before any differential or log backups.
- **Recovery:** Can be used alone to restore the database **up to the time of the full backup**.
- **Size:** Largest among the three.

**Example Use Case:** Weekly full backups every Sunday.

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## 2. Differential Backup

- **What it does:** Backs up **all changes since the last full backup** (not the last differential).
- **Usage:** Requires the **last full backup** to restore. Faster to create than full, but grows over time.
- **Recovery:** You need the **full backup + the latest differential backup**.
- **Size:** Medium (grows as more changes happen since the last full).

**Example Use Case:** Daily differential backups between weekly full backups.

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## 3. Transaction Log Backup

- **What it does:** Backs up all **changes recorded in the transaction log** since the last log backup.
- **Usage:** Allows **point-in-time recovery**.
- **Recovery:** You need:
  - Last full backup
  - Optional differential
  - **All log backups** up to the point you want to restore
- **Size:** Small (usually), very frequent.

**Example Use Case:** Log backups every 15 minutes for high-availability systems.

Backup Type	Day	Notes
Full Backup	Sunday	Complete base backup
Differential	Monday	Changes since Sunday
Differential	Tuesday	Changes since Sunday
Log Backup	Every hour	Fine-grained changes tracking

## What is permission and What's the difference between grant and deny and used on what level?

### Difference Between GRANT, DENY, and REVOKE

Command	What it does	Overrides	Purpose
GRANT	Gives a user permission to perform an action	Nothing	Allow access
DENY	Explicitly blocks a user from performing an action	GRANT	Block access even if granted elsewhere
REVOKE	Removes a previous GRANT or DENY	N/A	Neutralize previous permission

## What's sql profiler and when using it?

With SQL Profiler, you can:

- See which queries are being executed
- Monitor stored procedures, T-SQL commands, and errors
- Track login/logoff activity
- Measure query performance (duration, reads/writes, CPU time)
- Catch slow or expensive queries
- Detect deadlocks and blocking issues
- Analyze security issues or unauthorized access

## What is trigger and why use it and on what level and what makes it different from normal Stord procedure

Triggers are used to:

- Enforce business rules automatically (e.g., no negative salaries)
- Audit changes (who updated what, when)
- Log changes into history tables
- Prevent invalid operations
- Cascade actions (like automatically updating related rows)