

# BIML-UP!!

## How I use BIML to speed up SSIS development

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“I help people make sense  
of their data”

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# Agenda

- What is BIML
- Reasons to use BIML
- BIML basics
- How I use BIML

A black and white close-up photograph of a young boy's face. He has a surprised or curious expression, with wide eyes and slightly open lips showing his teeth. The text "BIML Who?" is overlaid in the center of his face.

**BIML Who?**

# Markup Language

```
<html>  
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  <body>  
    <p>This is a paragraph...</p>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

# Markup Language - Tags

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```

```
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```

```
  <body>
```

```
    <p>This is a paragraph...</p>
```

```
  </body>
```

```
</html>
```

# Markup Language – Human Readable

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# Markup Language - Properties

```
<html>  
  <title style="color:blue;">Hello World!</title>  
  <body>  
    <p>This is a paragraph...</p>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

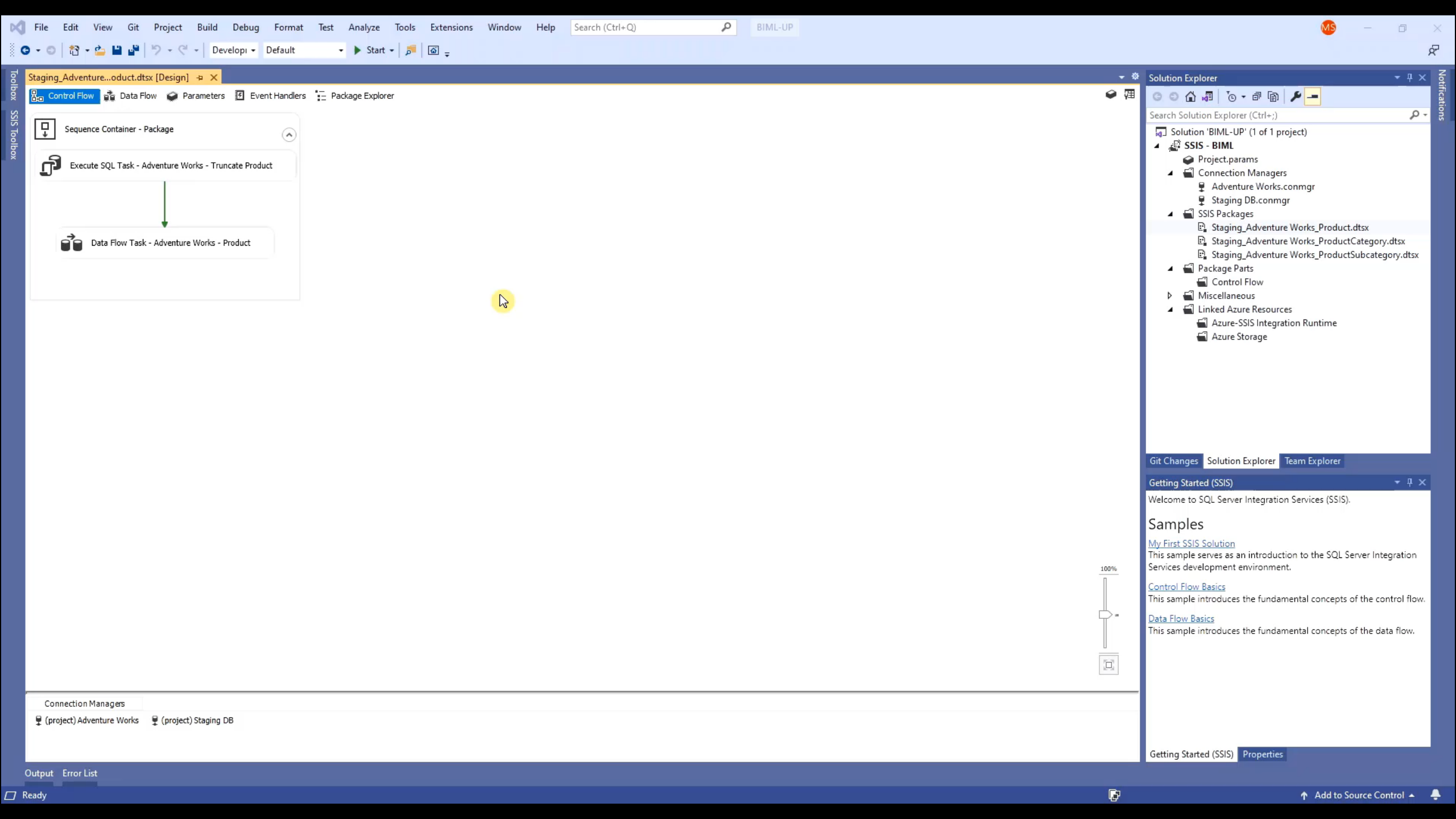


# BIML

```
<Biml xmlns="http://schemas.varigence.com/biml.xsd">  
  <Packages>  
    <Package Name="Load Some Data">  
      ...  
    </Package>  
  </Packages>  
</Biml>
```

A photograph of a brown dog, possibly a pit bull mix, standing on its hind legs. The dog is looking upwards and to the left, with its right front paw raised high. It is wearing a dark collar with a red tag. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with some peeling paint at the bottom. The text "Why BIML?" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# Why BIML?



FileEditViewGitProjectBuildDebugFormatTestAnalyzeToolsExtensionsWindowHelp

Search (Ctrl+Q)

BIML-UP

DevelopDefaultStart

Staging\_Adventure Works\_Product.biml

```
1 <#@ template language="C#" tier="2" #>
2 <Biml xmlns="http://schemas.varigence.com/biml.xsd">
3   <Connections>
4     <OleDbConnection Name="Adventure Works" CreateInProject="true" ConnectionString="Data Source=localhost;Initial Catalog=AdventureWorks2019;Provider=SQLOLEDB.1;Integrated Security=SSPI;Auto T
5     <OleDbConnection Name="Staging DB" CreateInProject="true" ConnectionString="Data Source=localhost;Initial Catalog=Staging;Provider=SQLOLEDB.1;Integrated Security=SSPI;Auto T
6   </Connections>
7
8   <Packages>
9
10    <Package Name="Staging_Adventure Works_Product" DelayValidation="true" ProtectionLevel="DontSaveSensitive">
11      <Tasks>
12
13        <Container Name="Sequence Container - Package" DelayValidation="true" ConstraintMode="Linear">
14          <Tasks>
15
16            <ExecuteSQL Name="Execute SQL Task - Adventure Works - Truncate Product" ConnectionName="Staging DB" DelayValidation="true" ResultSet="None">
17              <DirectInput>truncate table [Adventure Works].[Product];</DirectInput>
18            </ExecuteSQL>
19
20            <Dataflow Name="Data Flow Task - Adventure Works - Product" DefaultBufferMaxRows="50000" DefaultBufferSize="1048576000" DelayValidation="true">
21
22              <Transformations>
23
24                <OleDbSource Name="OLE DB Source - Adventure Works - Product" ConnectionName="Adventure Works" ValidateExternalMetadata="false">
25                  <DirectInput>
26                    select prd.[ProductID]
27                      , convert(varchar(50), prd.[Name]) as [Name]
28                      , convert(varchar(50), prd.[ProductNumber]) as [ProductNumber]
29                      , convert(varchar(20), prd.[Color]) as [Color]
30                      , prd.[StandardCost]
31                      , convert(varchar(5), prd.[ProductLine]) as [ProductLine]
32                      , convert(varchar(5), prd.[Class]) as [Class]
33                      , convert(varchar(5), prd.[Style]) as [Style]
34                      , prd.[ProductSubcategoryID]
35                      , prd.[ModifiedDate]
36
37                  from [Production].[Product] prd
38
39                </DirectInput>
40              </OleDbSource>
41
42              <OleDbDestination Name="OLE DB Destination - Staging DB - Product" ConnectionName="Staging DB" BatchSize="50000" MaximumInsertCommitSize="50000">
43                <ExternalTableOutput Table="[AdventureWorks].[Product]" />
44              </OleDbDestination>
45
46            </Transformations>
47
48          </Dataflow>
49
50        </Tasks>
51      </Package>
52    </Packages>
53  </Biml>
```

Solution Explorer

Search Solution Explorer (Ctrl+;)

Solution 'BIML-UP' (1 of 1 project)

SSIS - BIML

Project.params

Connection Managers

Adventure Works.conmgr

Staging DB.conmgr

SSIS Packages

Staging\_Adventure Works\_Product.dtsx

Staging\_Adventure Works\_ProductCategory.dtsx

Staging\_Adventure Works\_ProductSubcategory.dtsx

Package Parts

Control Flow

Miscellaneous

Connections.biml

Staging\_Adventure Works\_ProductSubcategory.biml

Staging\_Adventure Works\_Product.biml

Staging\_Adventure Works\_ProductCategory.biml

Linked Azure Resources

Azure-SSIS Integration Runtime

Azure Storage

Git ChangesSolution ExplorerTeam Explorer

Getting Started (SSIS)

Welcome to SQL Server Integration Services (SSIS).

Samples

My First SSIS Solution

This sample serves as an introduction to the SQL Server Integration Services development environment.

Control Flow Basics

This sample introduces the fundamental concepts of the control flow.

Data Flow Basics

This sample introduces the fundamental concepts of the data flow.

Getting Started (SSIS)Properties

Show Preview

Preview is up-to-date. Update

OutputError List

Item(s) Saved

Add to Source Control



# Reasons to BIML



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4. Automation



# BIML Basics

A hand holds a white, slightly weathered picture frame in the foreground. The frame is positioned to capture a view of a coastal landscape. The background features a grassy cliff on the left, a sandy beach, and the ocean under a cloudy sky. The text 'Build a Framework' is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

# Build a Framework



# A typical ETL framework

## 1. Connect to data source



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# A typical ETL framework

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2. Extract metadata (tables, fields, etc.)
3. Use BIML to generate staging packages



A close-up photograph of a man with long, curly brown hair and a full beard. He is looking upwards and to the left with a wide-eyed, open-mouthed expression, as if in awe or shouting. He is holding a light-colored stick or branch in his right hand, which is raised. The background is a soft-focus outdoor scene with green foliage and a bright sky. The overall tone is warm and natural.

I'm not “most people”...



# Why am I different?

1. Don't want all source tables
2. Want a subset of attributes
3. May need to change data types







Ok, I'm not that different

# **My ETL development process**

1. Identify source system(s)

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2. Identify source attributes
3. Create staging tables
4. Develop staging SSIS packages
5. Oops, I forgot something!
6. Back to step 2 (x 10)...

# My ETL development process

...

24. Develop fact table procedures

25. Oops, I forgot something!



# My ETL development process

...

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25. Oops, I forgot something!

26. Back to step 2 (x 20)...

# My ETL development process

...

104. Show new report to end user

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105. User wants another measure

# My ETL development process

...

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105. User wants another measure

106. Oops, I need a new source attribute!

# My ETL development process

...

104. Show new report to end user

105. User wants another measure

106. Oops, I need a new source attribute!

**107. Back to step 2 (x 100)**





# In a perfect world...

- Script tables



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- Script tables
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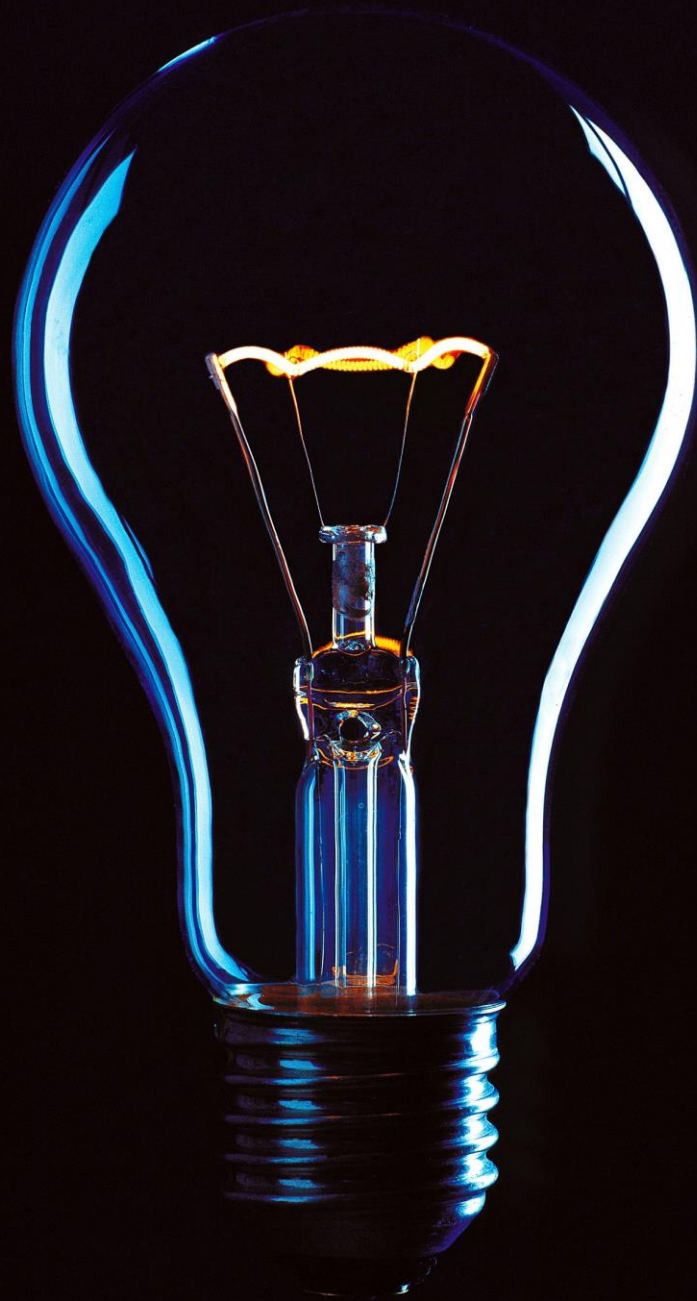
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- Generate staging packages
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- Reduce impact/risk
- **Speed up development**



# In a perfect world...

- Script tables
- Generate staging packages
- Generate parent packages
- Reduce impact/risk
- Speed up development
- **Assist with documentation**









**Demo time...**

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