# need help to export table from sql server 2008 to text file

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I am trying to export a table present in ms sql server 2008 to a text file on my system. I am writing the following command in sql server query window





SELECT \*



```
FROM [AdventureWorks].[Person].[AddressType]
INTO OUTFILE 'C:/filename.csv'
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n';
```

Now whenever I write this command the sql help gives me error that incorrect syntax near 'INTO'

then I tried interchanging from and into keywords as follows

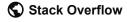
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SELECT *
INTO OUTFILE 'C:/filename.csv'
FIELDS TERMINATED BY ','
LINES TERMINATED BY '\n'
FROM [AdventureWorks].[Person].[AddressType];
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Now it gives me error that incorrect syntax near 'C:/filename.csv'

Please help me regarding this. I am not able to remove these error and get a working sql

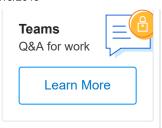
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## 3 Answers



There are more than many ways to solve a problem , In this case here are two solutions

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### Solution 1



- Right Click over the Database name -> Tasks -> Export Data
- · Choose the table as Data Source
- Choose Flat file destination as destination
- Choose a File-name ( any file name )
- Mark "Column Names in the first data row" (this is opitional)

And that's it.

#### Solution 2

#### **DECLARE**

```
@saveas VARCHAR(2048)
,@query VARCHAR(2048)
,@bcpquery VARCHAR(2048)
,@bcpconn VARCHAR(64)
,@bcpdelim VARCHAR(2)
```

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SET @bcpconn = '-T' -- Trusted

--SET @bcpconn = '-U <username> -P <password>' -- SQL (

SET @bcpquery = 'bcp "' + replace(@query, char(10), '') +
-c -t^' + @bcpdelim + ' ' + @bcpconn + ' -S ' + @@servername

EXEC master..xp_cmdshell @bcpquery
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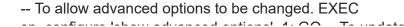
got this error while trying to execute the slotion that you suggested Microtechie "Msg 15281, Level 16, State 1, Procedure xp\_cmdshell, Line 1 SQL Server blocked access to procedure 'sys.xp\_cmdshell' of component 'xp\_cmdshell' because this component is turned off as part of the security configuration for this server. A system administrator can enable the use of 'xp\_cmdshell' by using sp\_configure. For more information about enabling 'xp\_cmdshell', see "Surface Area Configuration" in SQL Server Books Online. " — bhawuk chauhan Jul 24 '13 at 10:17

i need to migrate data from SQL server 2008 to teradata databse,so i need a query to export data to a text file or any other file,then i will use this file to load data into teradata database,and i have to repeatedly execute this query for all the tables of the sql database – bhawuk chauhan Jul 24 '13 at 10:20



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To solved the error "SQL Server blocked access to procedure 'sys.xp\_cmdshell' of component 'xp\_cmdshell' because this component is turned off as part of the security configuration for this server." first do this.



sp\_configure 'xp\_cmdshell', 1; GO -- To update the currently configured value for this feature.

RECONFIGURE; GO

More information here: <a href="http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190693.aspx">http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ms190693.aspx</a>

answered Oct 30 '14 at 13:41





1. Right click on result set of SELECT from yourTable query



2. Choose Save Results As...



answered Aug 24 '15 at 12:23



Andrei Karcheuski