Understanding Errors with ADO.NET

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Topics Covered

- SqlException and SqlError classes
 - Catching database errors and inspecting error messages
- RAISERROR and TRY/CATCH
 - How to raise custom errors from the database



- Exception Chains
 - Dealing with InnerException and GetBaseException

Exception Classes with ADO.NET

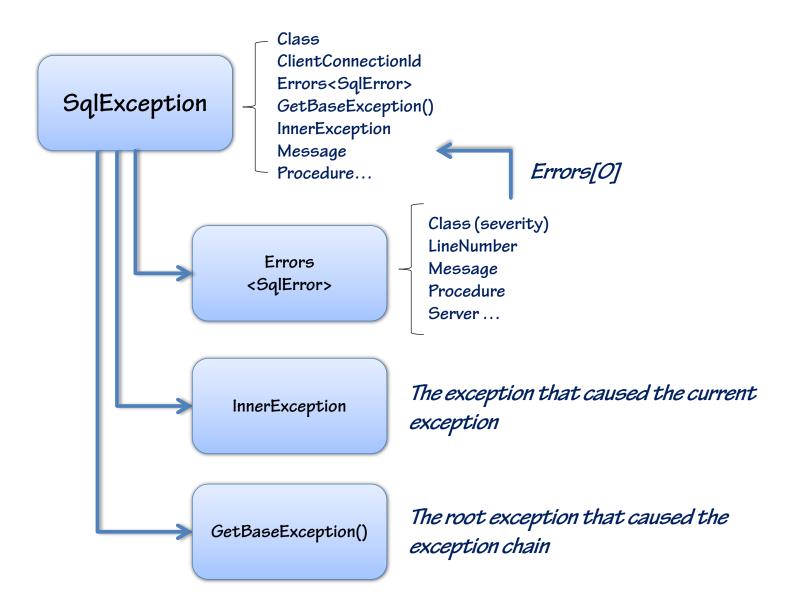
- Managing exceptions can vary depending on the data provider
 - SqlException offers additional properties
- Additional exceptions may need to be handled
 - OutOfMemoryException, ThreadAbortException...



Summary of data-provider exceptions

Data Provider	Exception Thrown	Errors Collection	MSDN Link
SqlClient	SqlException	SqlError	http://tinyurl.com/loen46s
Odbc	OdbcException	OdbcError	http://tinyurl.com/kvaacgl
OleDb	OleDbException	OleDbError	http://tinyurl.com/k6wmtet
OracleClient	OracleException	n/a	http://tinyurl.com/mtm8ux9

SqlException Details



About the Class Property

- Severity of the error as thrown by SQL Server or SQL Database
 - Class property in ADO.NET = Severity in SQL Server



- 0-10: Informational message
- □ 11-16: Error that can be corrected by the caller (object not found...)
- □ 17-19: Errors that cannot be corrected by the caller (locks, disk space...)
- 20-24: Fatal errors possibly leading to connection loss
- 25: User-defined fatal error

Error Handling (1)

```
ADO.NET Code
try
    // call to command.ExecuteNonQuery()
Catch (SqlException sqlex)
    // received for unhandled severity between 11 and 25
                                                                        Database
       severity between 11 and 25
                    // T-SQL Code
                                                                        Stored Procedure
    Unhandled
                    // errors with severity <= 10 are not raised
                    // errors with severity between 11 and 25 included are raised
```

Error Handling (2)

```
ADO.NET Code
try
    // call to command.ExecuteNonQuery()
Catch (SqlException sqlex)
    // received for unhandled severity between 11 and 19
    // received for severity >= 20
                     TRY
                                                                         Database
       severity between 11 and 19
            20
                                                                         Stored Procedure
            severity >=
    Rethrown
                         // errors with severity <= 10 are not raised
                         // errors with severity between 11 and 19 included are raised
                     CATCH
                         // executes for severity between 11 and 19
```

Summary

- SqlException and SqlError Classes
- Error handling with RAISERROR and TRY/CATCH in database

