SSMS Templates

This document provides instructions for creating a centralized folder to increase consistency for database coding practices.

Prerequisite

As of this writing, the instructions were used with SQL Server Management Studio v19.x and Windows 11.

Before starting, launch SSMS, and press Ctrl+Alt+T, which will launch the “Template Browser” and create the “Templates” folder if it is missing.

Last note, the symbolic link can be linked directly to the –template--” folder in this repo or move the folder to a shared network drive to be shared with multiple developers.

Instruction

1. Start the Command Prompt with “Run as administrator”.
2. Change the working directory to your Templates Folder with your version of SQL Server.
   1. cd %AppData%/Microsoft/"SQL Server Management Studio"/19.0/Templates
3. Copy the “Templates” folder
   1. xcopy “MY\_DIRECTORY\ Microsoft\SQL Server Management Studio\19.0\Templates\Sql” “MY\_DIRECTORY\ Microsoft\SQL Server Management Studio\19.0\Templates\Sql\_COPY” /s /e
4. Create a symbolic link
   1. mklink /D –templates-- MY\_REPO\_DIRECTORY\--templates--
5. Launch SSMS
   1. Once SSMS loaded, press Ctrl+Alt+T to open “Template Browser”