

Debugging and Troubleshooting Stored Procedures



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Using the Print Statement

Debugging Tools

Try/Catch and Error Functions

**Transactions and
Defensive Coding**



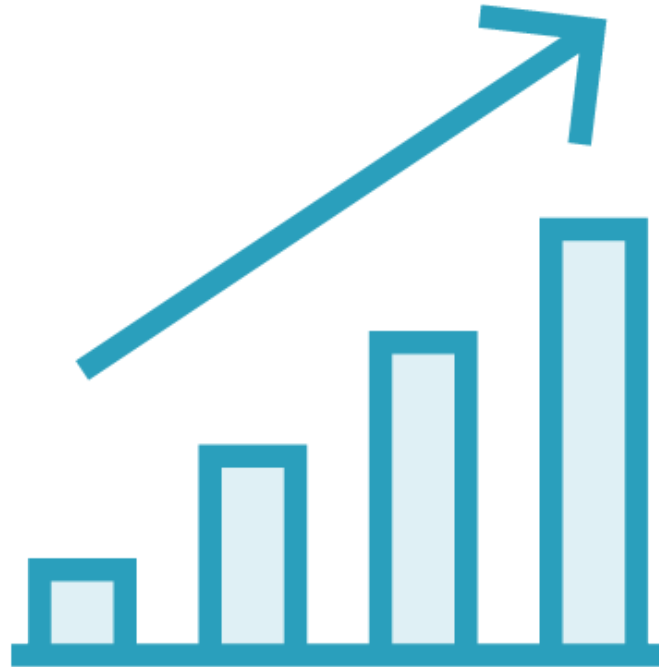
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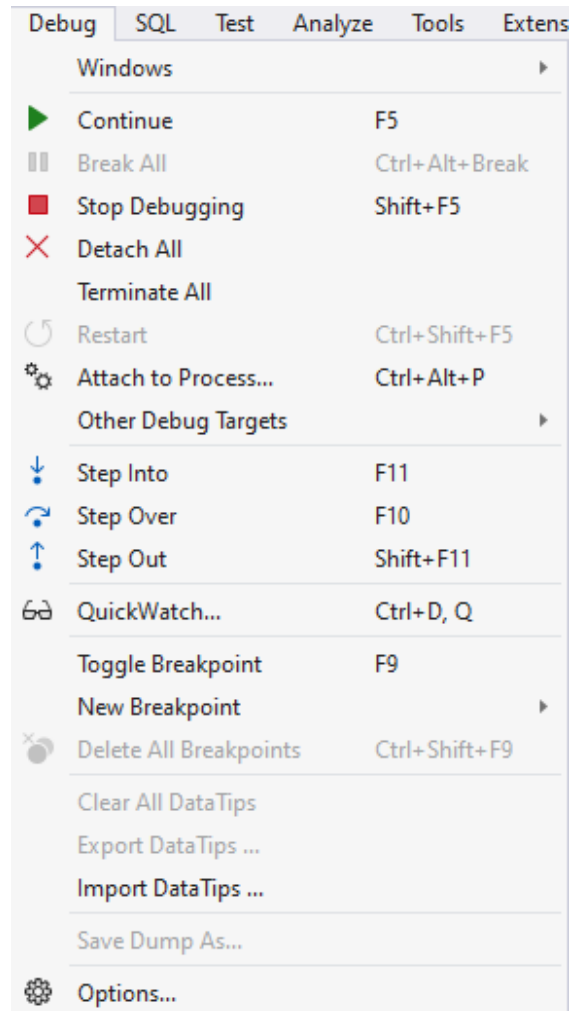
Challenging Problems



The Next Level



Visual Studio Debugging Tools



Stepping Through Line by Line



Known and Unknown Factors

 Deleted permissions

 Disk unavailable

 Constraints

 Add error handling

Cast Out GoTo



Spaghetti Code



Error Functions



`ERROR_LINE()`



`ERROR_NUMBER()`



`ERROR_STATE()`



`ERROR_SEVERITY()`



`ERROR_PROCEDURE()`



`ERROR_MESSAGE()`



Return Codes



```
SELECT @RetVal =  
    CASE WHEN @Result BETWEEN 0 AND 99 THEN 10  
    ...  
        WHEN @Result BETWEEN 900 AND 999 THEN 100  
    END;  
  
RETURN @RetVal;
```

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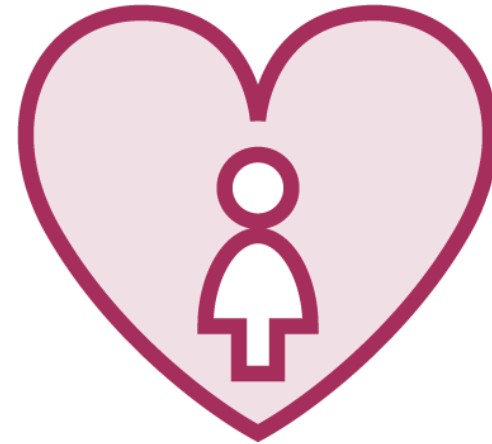
Provides the calling program with an informative return code integer, which can be interpreted to decide program flow



Dolly's Dolls



Grace



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Summary



Print statement for quick feedback

Stepping into code with the debugger

Try/catch to handle runtime errors,
expected and unexpected

Always close transactions!

Write code to prevent errors
from occurring



Thanks for watching!

