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Views, Stored Procedures and Triggers in SQL Server

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Introduction

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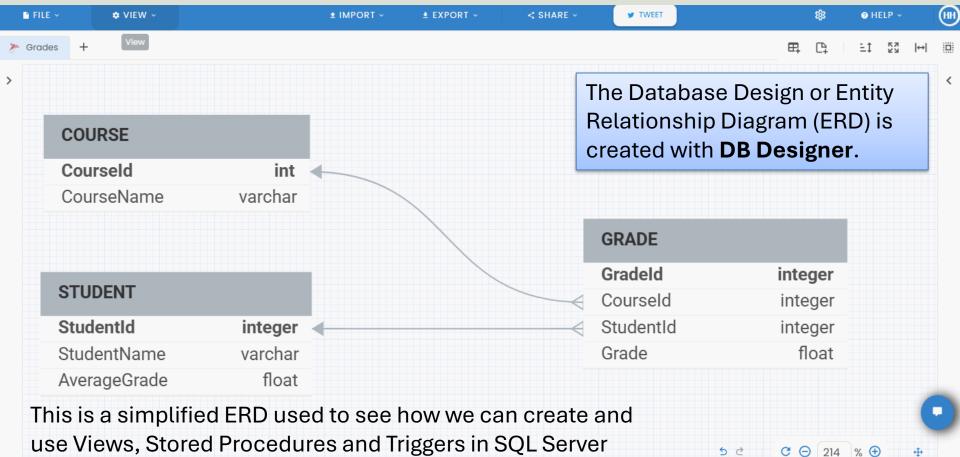


Table Script

```
CREATE TABLE [COURSE] (
[CourseId] int IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
[CourseName] nvarchar(50) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
PRIMARY KEY ([CourseId])
);
CREATE TABLE [STUDENT] (
[StudentId] int IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
[StudentName] nvarchar(50) NOT NULL,
[AverageGrade] float(53),
PRIMARY KEY ([StudentId])
);
CREATE TABLE [GRADE] (
[GradeId] int IDENTITY(1,1) NOT NULL UNIQUE,
[CourseId] int NOT NULL,
[StudentId] int NOT NULL,
[Grade] float(1) NOT NULL,
PRIMARY KEY ([GradeId])
);
ALTER TABLE [GRADE] ADD CONSTRAINT [GRADE fk1] FOREIGN KEY ([CourseId]) REFERENCES [COURSE]([CourseId]);
```

ALTER TABLE [GRADE] ADD CONSTRAINT [GRADE_fk2] FOREIGN KEY ([StudentId]) REFERENCES [STUDENT]([StudentId]);

Create Courses and Students

Let's create some default data in our tables:

insert into COURSE (CourseName) values ('Mathematics')
insert into COURSE (CourseName) values ('Science')
insert into COURSE (CourseName) values ('Programming')

insert into STUDENT (StudentName) values ('Elvis Presley')
insert into STUDENT (StudentName) values ('John Wayne')
insert into STUDENT (StudentName) values ('John Statham')

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3	2	Science		
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2	2	John Wayne	NULL	
3	3	John Statham	NULL	
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insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (1, 1, 2.5)

insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (2, 1, 3.5)

insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (3,

Here student "Elvis Presley" (StudentId=1) gets the following grades in the different courses:

- "Mathematics" (CourseId=1) => Grade = 2.5
- "Science" (Courseld=2) => Grade = 3.5
- "Programming" (Courseld=3) => Grade = 1.5

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Views

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Problem Description

We create and use the following SQL

queries to get information:

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3	3		John Statham					
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2	7	2	1		3.5			
3	8	3	1		1.5			

But we want to get information like this:

	StudentName	CourseName	Grade
1	Elvis Presley	Mathematics	2.5
2	Elvis Presley	Science	3.5
3	Elvis Presley	Programming	1.5

But it is not possible because the information is stored in 3 different tables.

=> The solution is to create and use a **View**.

Views

- A View is a "virtual" table that can contain data from <u>multiple</u> tables.
- Basically, a View is a SQL query that links 2 or more tables together making it possible to get data from these tables in a single query.

View Example

CREATE VIEW StudentData AS

SELECT STUDENT.StudentName, COURSE.CourseName, GRADF Grade FROM STUDENT INNER JOIN GRADE ON STUDENT.StudentId = GRADE.StudentId INNER JOIN COURSE ON GRADE.CourseId = COURSE.CourseId GO

In a View we typically use "INNER JOIN" to join information stored in different Tables.

Create the View

```
IF EXISTS (SELECT name
    FROM sysobjects
    WHERE name = 'StudentData'
    AND type = 'V')
DROP VIEW StudentData
G0
```

```
CREATE VIEW StudentData AS
```

```
SELECT
STUDENT.StudentName,
COURSE.CourseName,
GRADE.Grade
FROM STUDENT
INNER JOIN GRADE ON STUDENT.StudentId = GRADE.StudentId
INNER JOIN COURSE ON GRADE.CourseId = COURSE.CourseId
GO
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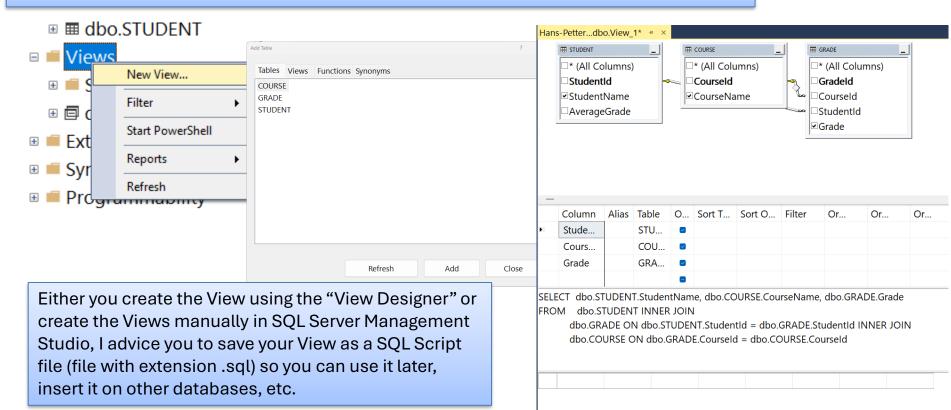
To create the View, we just create and run it in the Query Editor in SQL Server Management Studio

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View Designer

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Views Queries

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But you typically cannot use Delete

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Stored Procedures

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Problem Description

To create/insert Grades we need to create and execute queries like this:

insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (1, 1, 2.5)
insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (2, 1, 3.5)
insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (3, 1, 1.5)

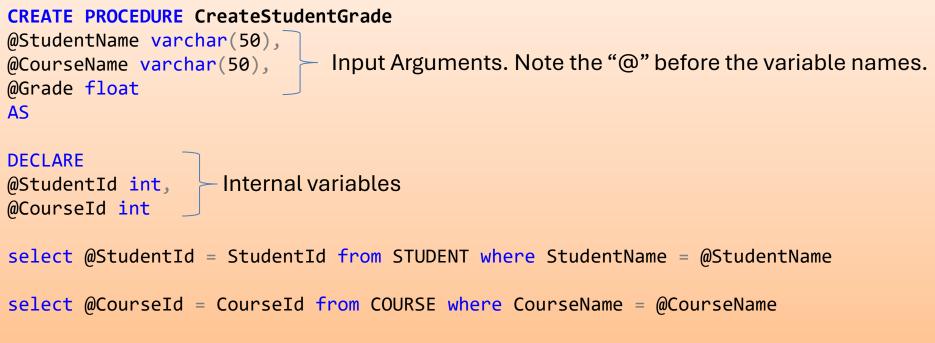
The "drawback" is that we need to remember the Courselds and the StudentIds, typically we only remember and want to use their names.

=> The solution is to create and use a **Stored Procedure**.

Stored Procedures

- A Stored Procedure is very similar as a Method/Function in C# or Python - it is a piece of code with SQL commands that do a specific task – and you can reuse it.
- A Stored Procedure can have Input Arguments and Return values (just like a Method/Function).
- It also adds a layer of security, because you can do a lot of harm by creating the wrong queries. In that way you can create a set of Stored Procedures that is well implemented and tested properly.
- Stored Procedures can also prevent "SQL Injection" used by "hackers", etc.

Stored Procedure Example



insert into GRADE (StudentId, CourseId, Grade) values (@StudentId, @CourseId, @Grade)
GO

Create the Stored Procedure

```
IF EXISTS (SELECT name
    FROM sysobjects
    WHERE name = 'CreateStudentGrade'
    AND type = 'P')
DROP PROCEDURE CreateStudentGrade
GO
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE CreateStudentGrade
@StudentName varchar(50),
@CourseName varchar(50),
@Grade float
```

To create the Stored Procedure, we just create and run it in the Query Editor in SQL Server Management Studio

```
AS
```

```
DECLARE
@StudentId int,
@CourseId int
```

```
select @StudentId = StudentId from STUDENT where StudentName = @StudentName
```

```
select @CourseId = CourseId from COURSE where CourseName = @CourseName
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```
insert into GRADE (StudentId, CourseId, Grade) values (@StudentId, @CourseId, @Grade)
GO
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Using the Stored Procedure

insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (1, 1, 2.5)
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insert into GRADE (CourseId, StudentId, Grade) values (3, 1, 1.5)

execute CreateStudentGrade 'John Wayne ', 'Mathematics', 1.0
execute CreateStudentGrade 'John Wayne', 'Science', 2.0
execute CreateStudentGrade 'John Wayne', 'Programming', 2.5

Using the Stored Procedure

We can now insert Grades using the Stored Procedure:

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Using the Stored Procedure

Then we can use the View to see the grades for the different students in the different courses:

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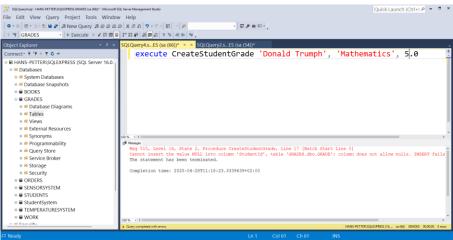
If we only want to see the grades for a specific Student , we can do like this:

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Updated version

- Assume we use a StudentName or a CourseName that do not exist in the database.
- Or that the Grade already exists?

In this case the student "Donal Trumph" does not exists and we get an error message:



Updated version #1

```
IF EXISTS (SELECT name
    FROM sysobjects
    WHERE name = 'CreateStudentGrade'
    AND type = 'P')
DROP PROCEDURE CreateStudentGrade
GO
```

```
CREATE PROCEDURE CreateStudentGrade
@StudentName varchar(50),
@CourseName varchar(50),
@Grade float
```

AS

DECLARE @StudentId int, @CourseId int

```
if exists (select * from STUDENT where StudentName = @StudentName)
    select @StudentId = StudentId from STUDENT where StudentName = @StudentName
```

```
if exists (select * from COURSE where CourseName = @CourseName)
    select @CourseId = CourseId from COURSE where CourseName = @CourseName
```

```
if (@StudentId is not null and @CourseId is not null)
    insert into GRADE (StudentId, CourseId, Grade) values (@StudentId, @CourseId, @Grade)
else
    print 'Student or Course do not exist'
G0
```

Now the Stored Procedure checks if the Student or Course exist and if not, no data is inserted, and you get a message saying "Student or Course do not exist".

Updated version #2

```
IF EXISTS (SELECT name
    FROM sysobjects
    WHERE name = 'CreateStudentGrade'
    AND type = 'P')
DROP PROCEDURE CreateStudentGrade
GO
```

CREATE PROCEDURE CreateStudentGrade @StudentName varchar(50), @CourseName varchar(50), @Grade float

```
AS
```

GO

DECLARE

@StudentId int, @CourseId int

```
if not exists (select * from STUDENT where StudentName = @StudentName)
    insert into STUDENT (StudentName) values (@StudentName)
```

```
select @StudentId = StudentId from STUDENT where StudentName = @StudentName
```

```
if not exists (select * from COURSE where CourseName = @CourseName)
    insert into COURSE (CourseName) values (@CourseName)
```

```
select @CourseId = CourseId from COURSE where CourseName = @CourseName
```

```
if (@StudentId is not null and @CourseId is not null)
    insert into GRADE (StudentId, CourseId, Grade) values (@StudentId, @CourseId, @Grade)
else
    print 'Something went wrong...'
```

Now the Stored Procedure checks if the Student or Course exist and if not, the Student and/or Course is/are created.

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Triggers

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Problem Description

Select Data....ES (sa (51)) 🌸 × □ select * from COURSE select * from STUDENT select * from GRADE 150 % - 4 I Results Ressages Courseld CourseName Mathematics 1 1 Programming 2 3 3 2 Science StudentId StudentName AverageGrade 1 Elvis Presley NULL 1 2 2 John Wayne NULL 3 3 John Statham NULL Gradeld Courseld Studentid Grade 2.5 6 1 1 1 2 7 2 3.5 1 3 3 1.5 8 1

execute CreateStudentGrade 'John Wayne ', 'Mathematics', 1.0
execute CreateStudentGrade 'John Wayne', 'Science', 2.0
execute CreateStudentGrade 'John Wayne', 'Programming', 2.5

We want to automatically update the "AverageGrade" for each student when inserting, updating or deleting Grades for a specific Student in a specific Course. => The solution is to create and use a Trigger.

Triggers

- A Trigger is executed when you insert, update or delete data in a Table specified in the Trigger.
- A trigger is a stored procedure in a database that automatically invokes whenever a special event in the database occurs.
- A Trigger is attached to a specific Table.
- You can use a Trigger to change data in the same table or in other tables.

Trigger Example

CREATE TRIGGER CalcAvgGrade ON GRADE FOR INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE You need to specify which Table the Trigger shall be attached to.

DECLARE @StudentId int, @AverageGrade float

Note! "INSERTED" is a temporarily table containing the latest inserted data, and it is very handy to use inside a trigger.

select @StudentId = StudentId from INSERTED

select @AverageGrade = AVG(Grade) from GRADE where StudentId = @StudentId

update STUDENT set AverageGrade = @AverageGrade where StudentId = @StudentId

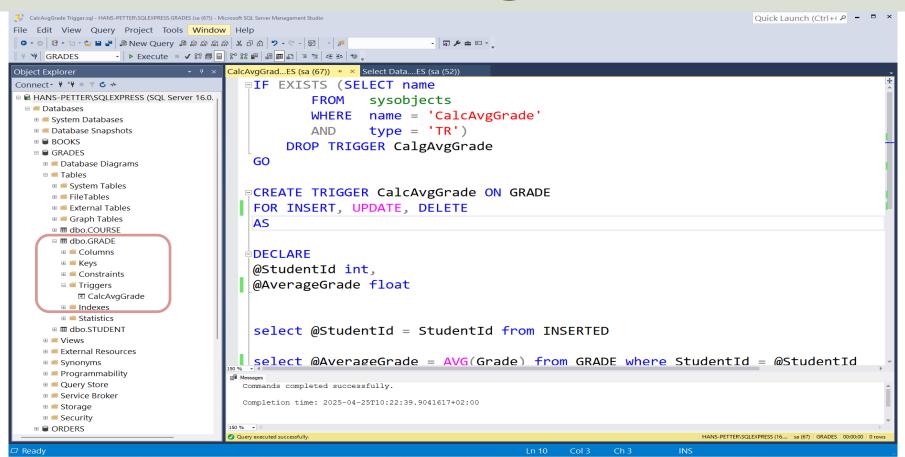
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Create the Trigger

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IF EXISTS (SELECT name
   FROM sysobjects
   WHERE name = 'CalcAvgGrade'
  AND type = 'TR')
DROP TRIGGER CalgAvgGrade
GO
CREATE TRIGGER CalcAvgGrade ON GRADE
FOR INSERT, UPDATE, DELETE
AS
DECLARE
@StudentId int,
@AverageGrade float
select @StudentId = StudentId from INSERTED
select @AverageGrade = AVG(Grade) from GRADE where StudentId = @StudentId
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update STUDENT set AverageGrade = @AverageGrade where StudentId = @StudentId

SQL Server Management Studio



Insert Grades

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Here student "Elvis Presley" (StudentId=1) get his grades in the courses: "Mathematics" (CourseId=1) => Grade = 2.5	150 % -
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