

Introduction to SQL

Classroom or online training course 2 day course outline

This course covers the following topics (any items marked with a * will be covered if time allows):

Using SQL Server

- · SQL Server Management Studio
- · Controlling windows
- Using Object Explorer

Creating databases - overview

- · Designing databases
- · Primary keys

Working with tables

- · Creating tables
- · Allowing nulls or not
- · Identity fields
- · Creating relationships

Query Designer

- · Building queries
- · Editing queries in the designer

Simple Queries

- · Creating queries
- Comments
- Indentation and case

Setting criteria using WHERE

- Wildcards (% and _)
- Setting criteria for dates
- · Coping with nulls

Calculations

- · Calculated columns
- Using aliases
- · String functions and concatenation

Calculations using dates

- GetDate
- Converting dates
- · Useful date functions

Basic joins

- · Inner joins
- Table aliases
- · Left and right outer joins

Aggregation and grouping

- SUM, AVG, MIN, MAX
- Various ways to count
- · Grouping by fields
- Using HAVING to filter results

Views

- · The view designer
- · Limitations of the designer
- · Scripting views

Subqueries (*)

- · The concept of a subquery
- Syntax of subqueries
- · Using subqueries in a query

Derived tables and CTEs (*)

- · Using derived tables
- Common Table Expressions (CTEs)
- Multiple CTEs in a single query

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