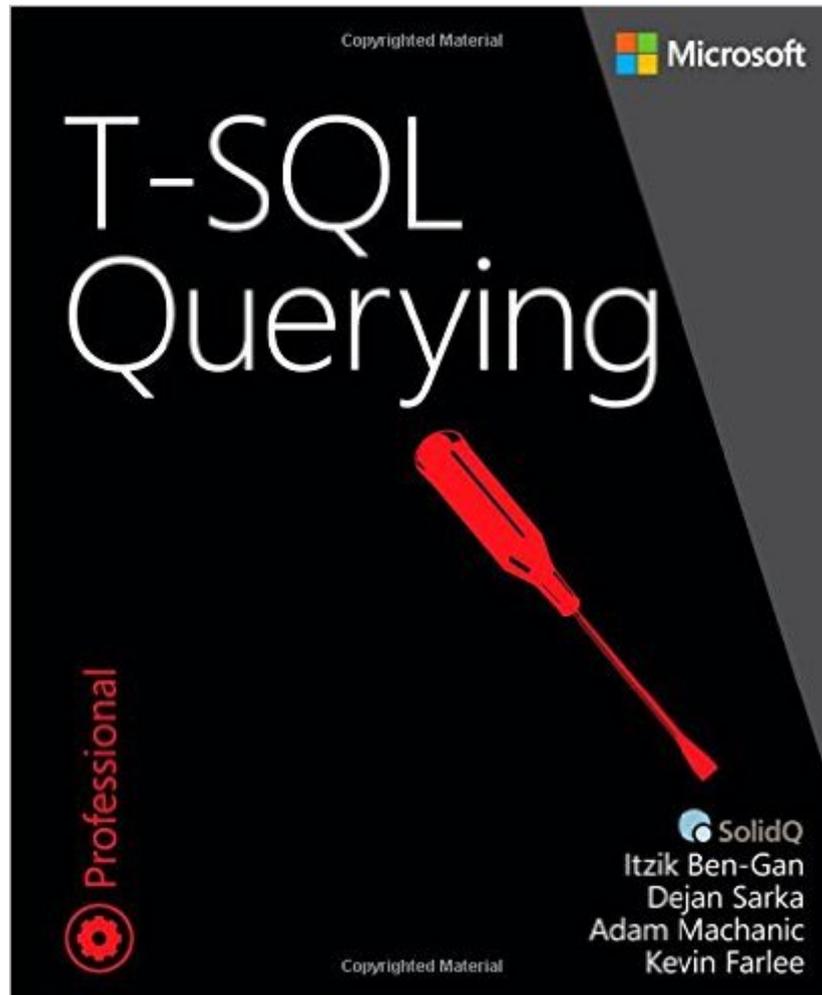


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# T-SQL Querying (Developer Reference)



## Synopsis

T-SQL insiders help you tackle your toughest queries and query-tuning problems Squeeze maximum performance and efficiency from every T-SQL query you write or tune. Four leading experts take an in-depth look at T-SQL's internal architecture and offer advanced practical techniques for optimizing response time and resource usage. Emphasizing a correct understanding of the language and its foundations, the authors present unique solutions they have spent years developing and refining. All code and techniques are fully updated to reflect new T-SQL enhancements in Microsoft SQL Server 2014 and SQL Server 2012. Write faster, more efficient T-SQL code: Move from procedural programming to the language of sets and logic Master an efficient top-down tuning methodology Assess algorithmic complexity to predict performance Compare data aggregation techniques, including new grouping sets Efficiently perform data-analysis calculations Make the most of T-SQL's optimized bulk import tools Avoid date/time pitfalls that lead to buggy, poorly performing code Create optimized BI statistical queries without additional software Use programmable objects to accelerate queries Unlock major performance improvements with In-Memory OLTP Master useful and elegant approaches to manipulating graphs

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Chapter 1 Logical query processing This chapter opens with an observation about experts - they build their knowledge upon a solid understanding of the basics. So this chapter starts with a look at the basics, logical query processing i.e. the logical order the various parts of a T-SQL statement are executed. Each step is discussed in detail, these steps are:

1. FROM phase (include virtual table for each of the possible types of join)
- 2.

We've all been there: taking over a project from someone else only to wonder what they were doing as the code was poorly written. This book is going to make realize YOU are also writing bad code. Not intentionally, of course, but Ben-Gan really puts emphasis on performance and analyzing queries to show there's a better way to do a query, as most of the examples are what we see and write every day. He doesn't just give a single code and say "Do it this way from now on." Instead, he talks to you as a professional and shows you the differences between doing the same query multiple ways. Most of us think we understand how SQL works, but I can attest, both from my own ignorance and others' viewpoints, we really don't. Ben-Gan has been with SQL for many years, both in development of the database structure and how to write queries to take advantage of those changes. The logical processing chapter, which is important given it's the first chapter, should open the eyes of many SQL code writers out there. This knowledge alone will have you rethinking SQL

code as the chapters progress (and he quizzes you on some basic queries to try and guess the outcome, only to show why our thinking isn't taking advantage of SQL at all). Like many, I learned SQL on previous versions, not really giving much thought to the actual database design as I simply use "new code features" introduced with the new database. As a recommendation, knowing how SQL works under the hood is just as important as knowing if a CTE is a better use than a temp table. We always want to learn and improve, and this book is definitely a first step to doing both at the same time. Pros: - This book is written to you, not at you!

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