

# Visual Studio 2005 Team Edition for Database Professionals

## Enabling Schema Change Management

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## Agenda

- The Database Development Lifecycle
- Working in a Team Environment
  - How to Establish your Project
- The Project System
  - Understanding the Schema
  - The Schema Object Container
  - Build and Deploy
- Validating your Schema
  - Data Generation
  - Database Unit Testing
  - Schema Refactoring





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# Visual Studio 2005

## Team Edition for Database Professionals

Incorporate the Database Professional into the software lifecycle and provide them with a foundation for change management and process integration.

- Change Management
  - Project Based Development
    - Project Model that represents schema as objects providing a "personal sandbox" for offline development that lives within a Visual Studio Solution
    - Team Collaboration with Work Item and Process Integration with Team Foundation Server
  - Automated Change Support
    - Rename Refactoring with the ability to preview pending changes prior to execution
    - Comparison Tools (Schema & Data Compare) allow comparisons & synchronization of schema and data with design/test/production databases
    - Source/Version Control of all database objects with the ability to reverse engineer a database to bring it under Source Control
  - Database Unit Testing
    - Leverages the Test Project Infrastructure
    - Generate "Real and Meaningful" Data Values through the ability to import information such as Row Counts and histograms from a real database
    - Data Generator provides Repetitive Dataset Generation for tests based on saved settings
- Build / Deployment
  - MSBuild Integration for Database Deployments/Builds based on Projects
  - Either Create a new Database at the target location or Update an Existing Schema

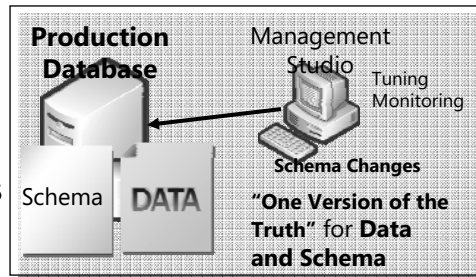
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## Conceptual Overview

- Difficult to Manage Change to the schema
- Production Database is one version of the truth for Data and Schema
- DBA doesn't have access to changes until he/she has deploy or reject choice
- Changes often made to production database and not rolled back into test



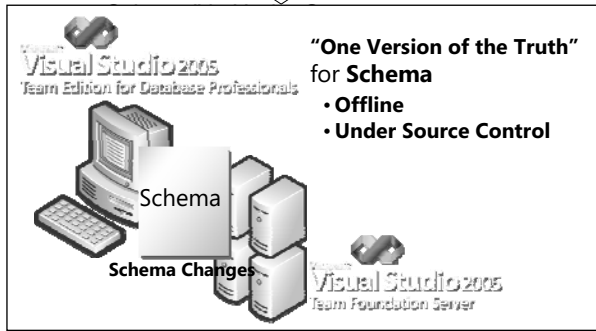
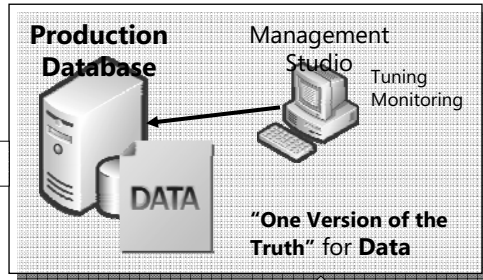
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# Conceptual Overview

- Schema Change now managed in VSTS and TFS
- Production Database is now "One version of the truth" only for Data
- DBA doesn't have access to changes until he/she has deploy or reject choice
- "One Version of the truth for



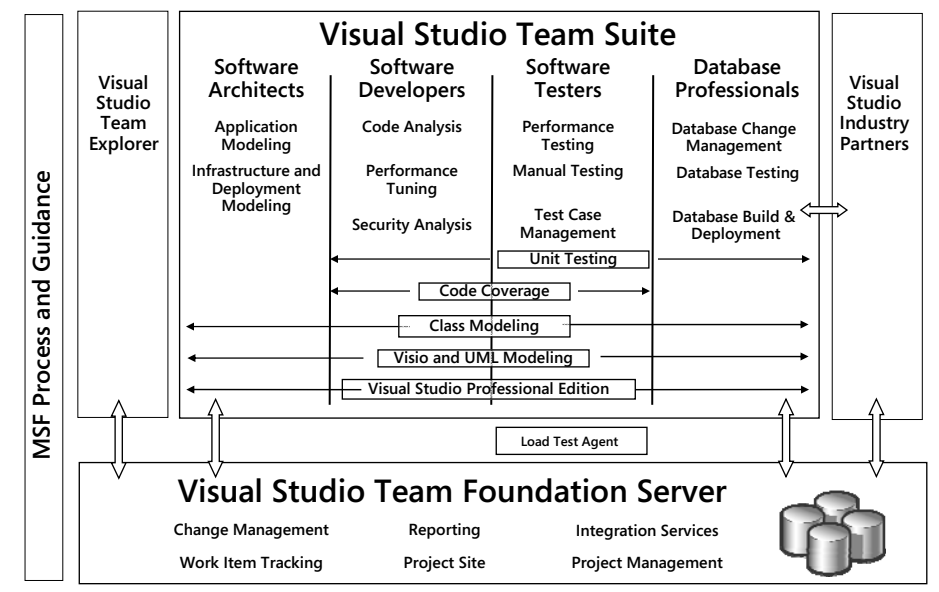
- Changes can be rolled out in a scheduled, managed way
- Scripts allow administrators to manage/change updates

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# Visual Studio Team System



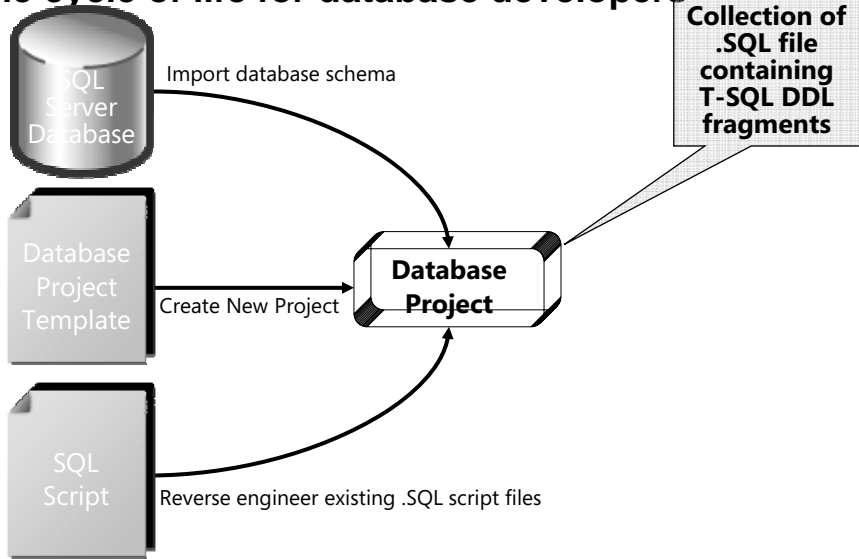
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# Database Development Life Cycle

## The cycle of life for database developers



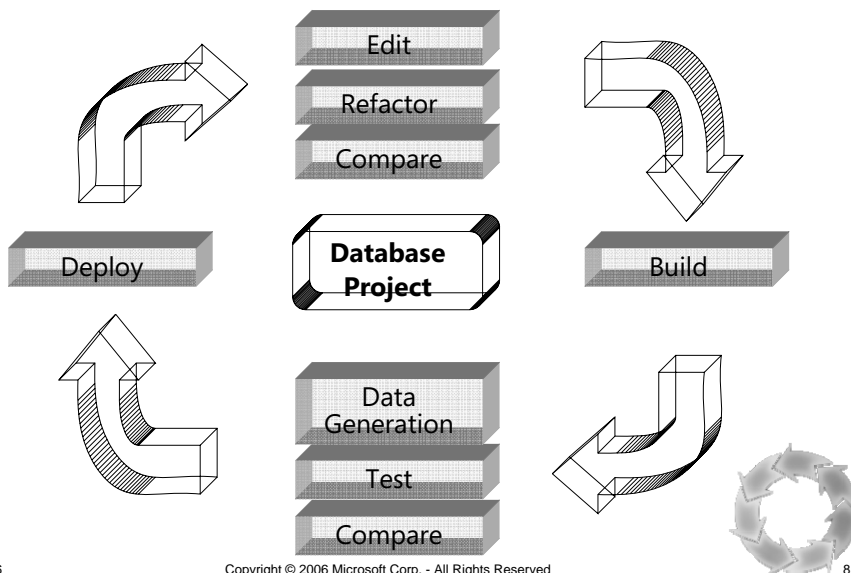
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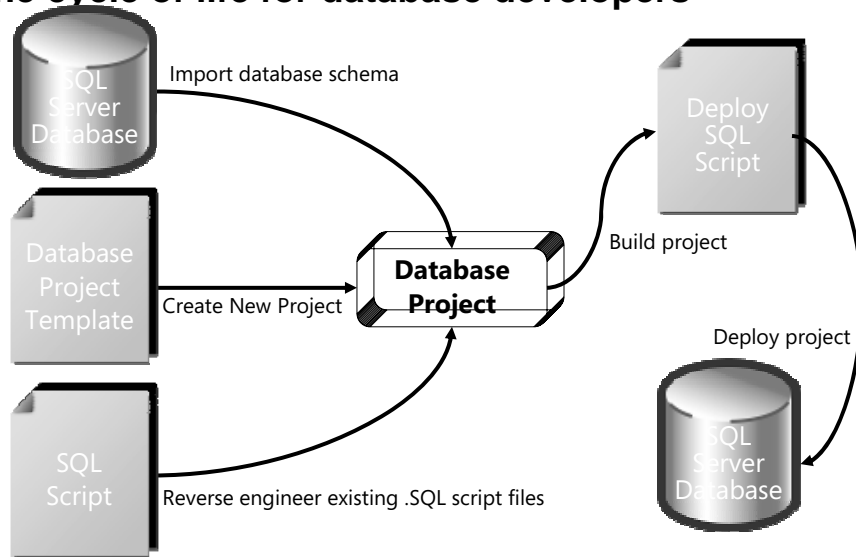
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## Project Model

### The center of gravity

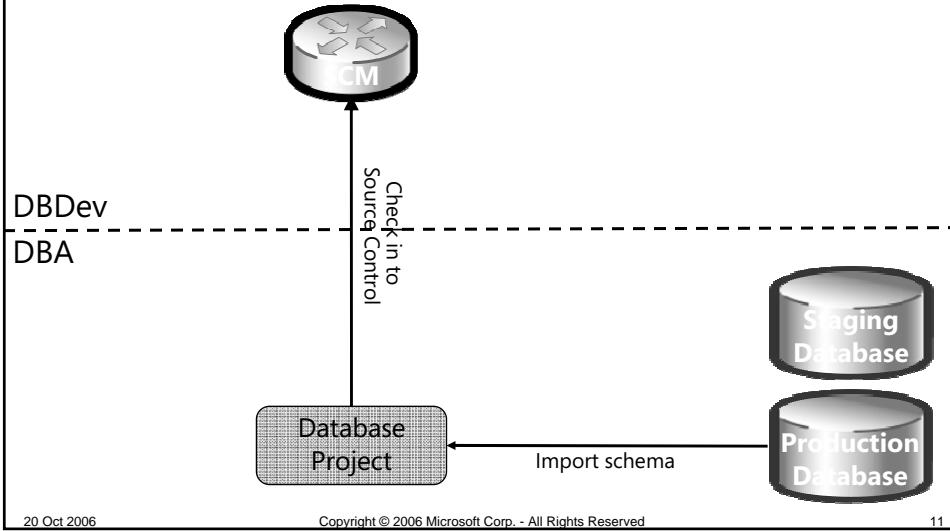
- The database project represents the “truth” with regards to schema versioning
- Optionally database project can be placed under source control
- .SQL script files is the canonical format used
- Changes are tracked at the “object level”
  - For example indexes, constraints, triggers are tracked independent of the base table definition, in order have the highest granularity of change tracking

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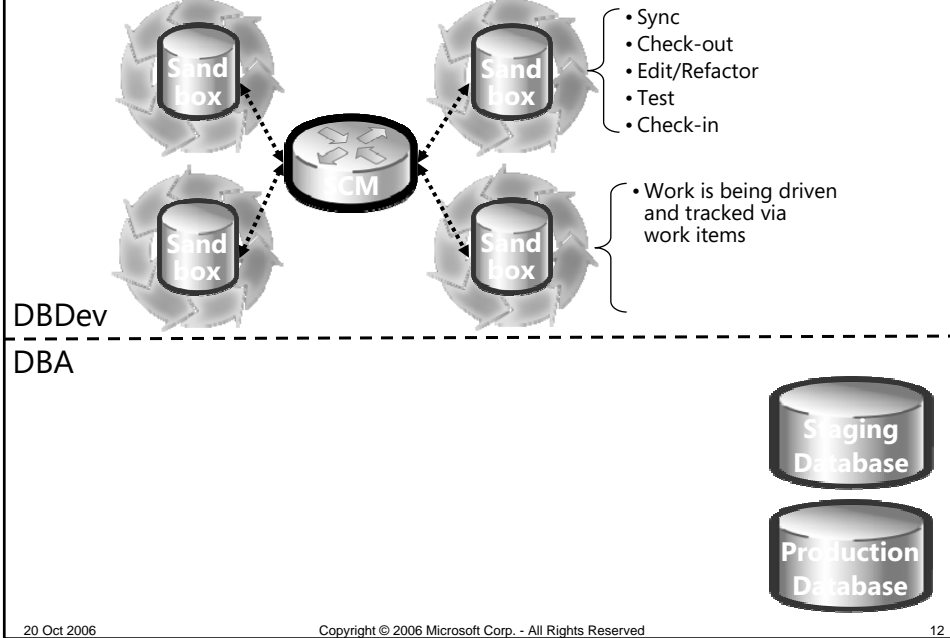
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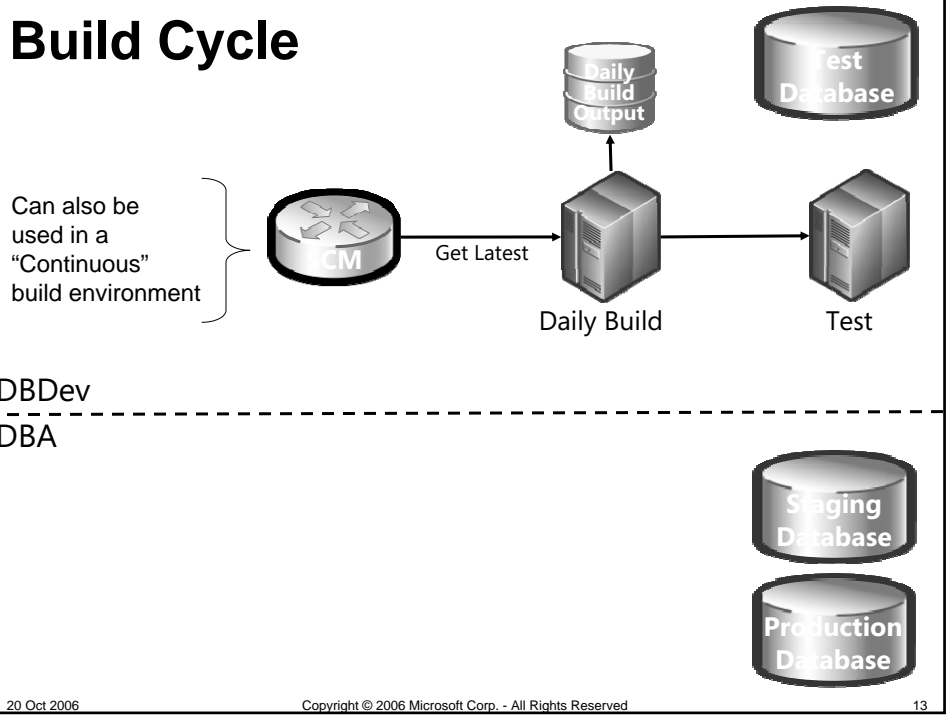
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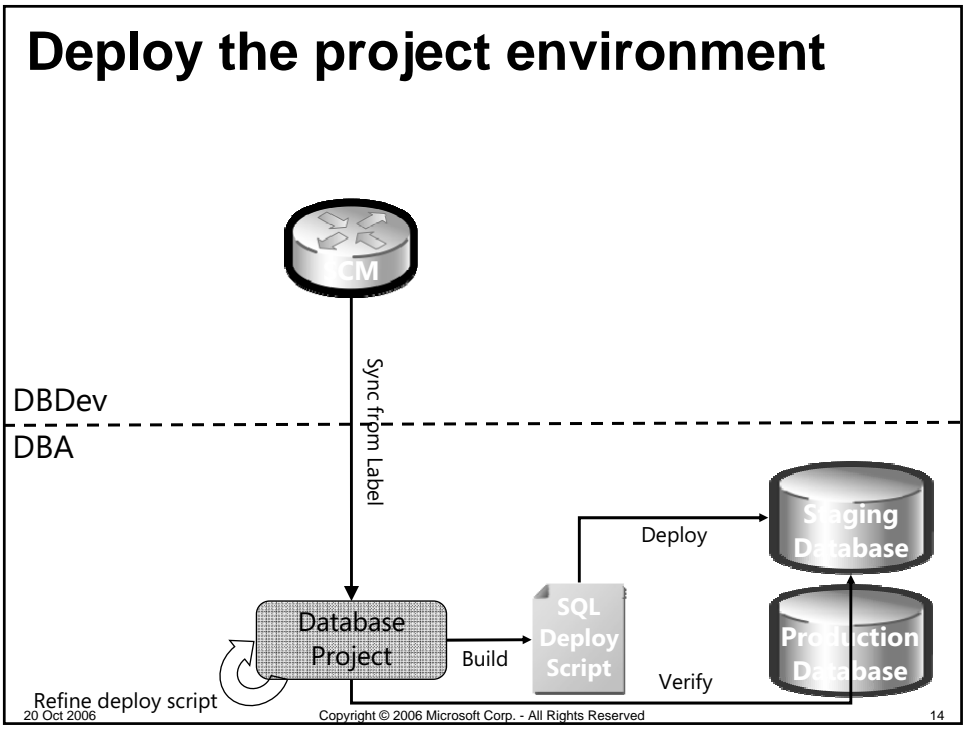
# Isolated Iterative Development



# Build Cycle



# Deploy the project environment



## Benefits of Approach

- Managed, project oriented evolution of database schema
- Application and database schema can now be managed together
- Work in “isolation”, deploying only when changes verified through empirical means
- Leverage VSTS work item tracking and process guidance increases team collaboration and unity

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## Schema == Source Code

- Decouple schema definition from the database
- Enable versioning through source code control
- Storage of DDL fragments instead of scripts enables granular change tracking
  - What changed, by whom
  - Storage organization does not have to match the schema and can facilitate other requirements like: source access separation
- Enables more composition of scripts
- Preserve comments and formatting of scripts, since scripts are your source, not the database

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Establish the Project

## Offline Model

- Project model
  - Schema Objects representation
    - Collection of T-SQL DDL fragments
- Objects are Parsed and Interpreted at:
  - Project Load Time
  - Object Change (save)
  - Source Control Sync (external change)

## Shredding in to SQL Fragments

- Loading, importing or reverse engineering shreds the schema definition into the smallest possible DDL fragments, for example:
- **Table**
  - ```
CREATE TABLE [dbo]. [Territories]
(
  [TerritoryID] [nvarchar] (20) NOT NULL,
  [TerritoryDescription] [nchar] (50) NOT NULL,
  [RegionID] [int] NOT NULL
) ON [PRIMARY]
```
- **Primary Key**
  - ```
ALTER TABLE [dbo]. [Territories] ADD CONSTRAINT
[PK_Territories] PRIMARY KEY NONCLUSTERED
([TerritoryID]) ON [PRIMARY]
```
- **FK**
  - ```
ALTER TABLE [dbo]. [Territories] ADD
CONSTRAINT [FK_Territories_Region] FOREIGN KEY
([RegionID]) REFERENCES [dbo]. [Region] ([RegionID])
```

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## Understanding your Schema

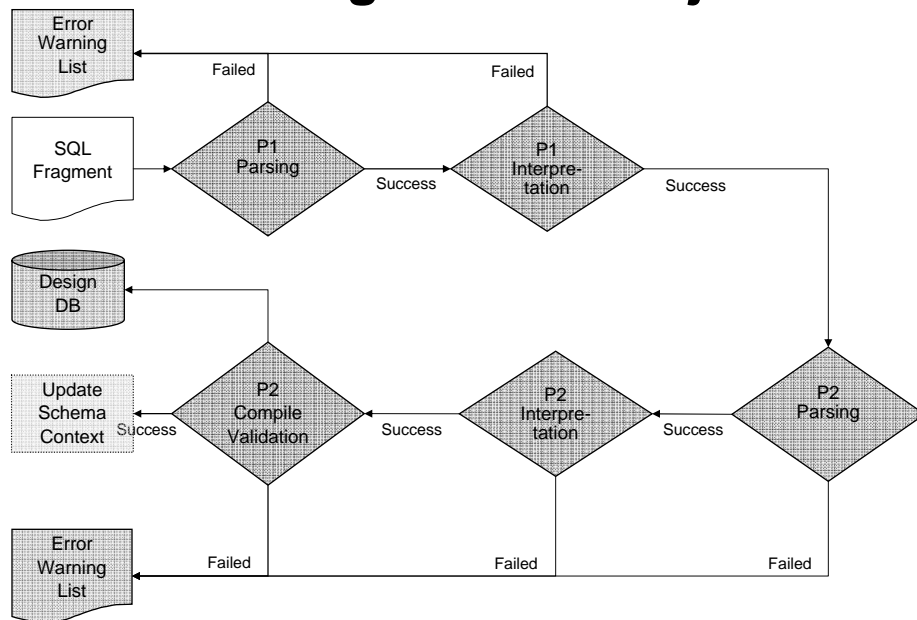
- Build-up understanding of the DDL Fragments in Stages
  - Phase-1 Parsing
    - Retrieve the object identifier and object type
  - Phase-1 Interpretation
    - Retrieve additional type specifics like schema binding
  - Phase-2 Parsing
    - Build a full AST (Abstract Syntax Tree, aka the parse tree) for the DDL fragment
  - Phase-2 Interpretation
    - Retrieve the remaining type specific detail from the AST
  - Phase-2 SQL Server Compile Validation
    - Perform compile time validation against (local) SQL Server, design database with is associated with the project
- All stages contribute to building and maintaining the schema context
  - Object symbol list
  - Object dependency graph (tracking)

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# Understanding Schema Objects



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# File Naming & Extension Scheme

- Everything is a .SQL file
  - Associated with the T-SQL editor
- Using a two part naming scheme to identify types
  - This is not required, but helps identification of types
- By default the file name encodes the object name
  - Not required
    - Filename do not have to match the containing type name
    - Required since SQL Server namespace restrictions do not match the file system naming restrictions

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## Two-part File Extension

- Relying on the two-part file extension
  - Providing visual feedback (icon)
  - Associating with code-behind designers in the future
- Enforcing the single object per file
  - Allows:  
create table t1  
(  
  c1 int not null check (c1 > 1)  
)
  - Not allowed:  
create table schema.t1  
(  
  c1 int not null  
)  
alter table t1  
add constraint c1\_chk check (c1 > 1)

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## File Extensions

- Schema Objects use 3-part names
  - name.type.sql
  - Name does not has to match object name
    - SQL and file system namespace rules do not match!
      - For example: SQL Server support case-sensitive object names, the file system does not
- Type has to match the content
  - Error TSD302: The .sql file contains more than one data definition language (DDL) statement. Remove any additional statements, and retry the operation.

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## File Extensions...

- .aggregate.sql
- .approle.sql
- .assembly.sql
- .chkconst.sql
- .contract.sql
- .ddltrigger.sql
- .defconst.sql
- .eventnotification.sql
- .filegroup.sql
- .fkey.sql
- .fulltext.sql
- .fulltextindex.sql
- .function.sql
- .function.sql
- .function.sql
- .index.sql
- .messagetype.sql
- .partitionfunction.sql
- .partitionscheme.sql
- .pkey.sql
- .proc.sql
- .queue.sql
- .remoteservicebinding.sql
- .role.sql
- .route.sql
- .schema.sql
- .service.sql
- .statistic.sql
- .synonym.sql
- .table.sql
- .trigger.sql
- .trigger.sql
- .uddt.sql
- .udtclr.sql
- .ukey.sql
- .user.sql
- .view.sql
- .xmlIndex.sql
- .xmlschema.sql

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## Project Properties

- Project Settings:
  - SQL Server version: 2000 or 2005
  - Default schema: dbo
  - Include schema in filename
  - Enable full text search
  - Enable SQL CLR integration
  - Default collation

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## Project Properties...

Automatic

- Auto close
- Auto create statistics
- Auto shrink
- Auto update statistics
- Auto update statistics asynchronously

Cursor

- Close cursor on commit enabled
- Default cursor: LOCAL

Miscellaneous

- ANSI NULL default
- ANSI NulIs enabled
- ANSI padding enabled
- ANSI warnings enabled
- Arithmetic Abort Enabled
- Concatenate null yields null
- Database chaining
- Enable service broker
- Numeric Round-Abort
- Quoted identifiers enabled
- Recursive triggers enabled
- Trustworthy

Database state: ONLINE

Database access: MULTI\_USER

Update options: READ\_WRITE

Parameterization: SIMPLE

Recovery

- Recovery: FULL
- Page verify: NONE
- Torn page detection

Transaction Isolation

- Allow snapshot isolation
- Read committed snapshot

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## Project Properties...

- Build Events
  - Pre-build event command line
  - Post-build event command line
  - Run the post-build events on: success | always

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## Using Pre and Post Build Events

- Pre Build Events
  - Processing of input files
  - Validation
  - Setting environment variables or project properties
    - Which can be optionally used in conditions inside the project
- Post Build Events (conditional based on success of build)
  - Post processing of the resulting build file
    - Content processing using for example SED or AWK
    - Result processing by copying, signing, ZIPping the file

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## Project Properties...

- Build
  - Build output path
  - Target connection
  - Target database name
  - Deployment default collation
  - Always recreate database
  - Block incremental deployment if data loss might occur
  - Backup database before deployment
  - Threat warnings as errors
  - Execute deployment scripts in single user mode
  - Perform "smart" column name matching when you add or rename a column
  - Generate DROP statements for objects that are in the target database but not in the project
  - Do not use ALTER ASSEMBLY statements to update CLR types

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# Project Directory Structure

- {ProjectName}
  - Data Generation Plans <data generation plans>
  - Schema Objects <schema container>
  - Scripts <script directory>
    - Pre-Deployment
    - Post-Deployment
  - Sql <build output directory>
- {ProjectName}.sln <solution file>
- {ProjectName}.dbproj <project file>
- {ProjectName}.dbproj.user <user project file>
- {ProjectName}.dat <schema cache>

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# Schema Objects SQL 2000 Project by Object Type

- Schema Objects
  - Functions
  - Security
    - Roles
    - Users
    - Application Roles
    - Database Roles
  - Storage
    - File Groups
    - Full Text Catalogs
  - Stored Procedures
- Schema Objects
  - Tables
    - Constraints
    - Indexes
    - Keys
    - Statistics
    - Triggers
  - Types
    - User-defined Data Types
  - Views
    - Indexes
    - Statistics
    - Triggers

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# Schema Objects SQL 2005 Project by Object Type

- Schema Objects
  - Assemblies
  - Database Triggers
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    - Roles
      - Application Roles
      - Database Roles
    - Schemas
    - Users
  - Service Broker
    - Contracts
    - Event Notifications
    - Message Types
    - Queues
    - Remote Service Bindings
    - Routes
    - Services
- Schema Objects
  - Storage
    - File Groups
    - Full Text Catalogs
    - Partition Functions
    - Partition Schemes
  - Stored Procedures
  - Synonyms
  - Tables
    - Constraints
    - Indexes
    - Keys
    - Statistics
    - Triggers
  - Types
    - User-defined Data Types
    - User-defined Types (CLR)
    - XML Schema Collections
  - Views
    - Indexes
    - Statistics
    - Triggers

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# Schema Objects SQL 2000 Project by Schema by Object Type

- Database Level Objects
  - Security
    - Roles
    - Users
    - Application Roles
    - Database Roles
  - Storage
    - File Groups
    - Full Text Catalogs
- Schemas
  - <schema name>
    - Functions
    - Stored Procedures
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## Project Directory Structure Guidelines

- The projects directory root path is the only thing that matters!
  - This is determined based on the location of the .dbproj file
  - You have to stay underneath this location
  - All file paths are relative to this location
- The initial structure is a good starting point and works for all objects
- You can change the complete directory structure
  - But if you remove the default layout we do not know where the automatically place objects when using “Add New Item” or when using Import Script
    - Result: Objects will be placed in the project root location
  - Advice: Extend the base structure, do not replace

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## Project Directory Structure Guidance...

- Be aware of MAX\_PATH (260 characters)
  - All **relative** file locations must fit within MAX\_PATH
  - But your SCC environment might have problems when you exceed MAX\_PATH
  - So choose your project root location wisely
  - Poor Visual Studio default project location
    - C:\Documents and Settings\\My Documents\Visual Studio 2005\Projects
    - 68 characters long + length of <user name>
  - Filenames encode:
    - object name.type.sql or schema.object name.type.sql
    - <sysname>.<sysname>.type.sql
    - sysname = max 128 characters
    - type = max 21 characters

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## Pre and Post Deployment Scripts

- Ordered set of .SQL files which are:
  - Pre- or Post Pended to the build script
  - Files are included using SQLCMD :r commands
  - Use SQLCMD variable \$(database) for context dependent T-SQL
  - Can be anything, as long as it is valid T-SQL
- Examples:
  - InsUpDel (stock) data in target database
  - Pre and/or post processing on the target database
  - Adding more schema objects...

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## Pre Deployment

- Script.PreDeployment.sql
  - .\Logins.sql
  - .\LinkedServers.sql
  - .\CustomErrors.sql
  - .\EncryptionKeysAndCertificates.sql (2005 only)

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## Post Deployment

- Script.PostDeployment.sql
  - .\Storage.sql
  - .\Permissions.sql
  - .\RoleMemberships.sql
  - .\RulesAndDefaults.sql
  - .\DatabaseObjectOptions.sql
  - .\Signatures.sql (2005 only)

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## Pre- and Post Deployment Rules

- File includes are relative to the pre and post deployment master file
- The master files are identified in the .dbproj file through special item type tags
  - `<PreDeployment Include="Scripts\Pre-Deployment\Script.PreDeployment.sql ">`  
    `<SubType>Code</SubType>`  
    `</PreDeployment>`  
    `<PostDeployment Include="Scripts\Post-Deployment\Script.PostDeployment.sql ">`  
    `<SubType>Code</SubType>`  
    `</PostDeployment>`
  - Include files have to be marked NotInBuild
    - `<NotInBuild Include="Scripts\Post-Deployment\DatabaseObjectOptions.sql ">`  
    `<SubType>NotInBuild</SubType>`  
    `</NotInBuild>`
- Included files must exist, even when empty

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## Pre- and Post Deployment Rules...

- All pre- and post deployment scripts must be re-runnable
  - They are run with **every** deployment; new or incremental deployments
  - The scripts included must be resilient to the fact that the script has already been executed against the target
    - If not repeatable wrap inside an existence check like:  
  
    if not exist (...)  
    begin  
    ...  
    end

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## Exploring the Project Structure

### **Source Code Control Integration**

- SSCI provider based
  - Supporting all Visual Studio based source control providers
  - TFS, VSS, etc.
- Standard Visual Studio UI support through Solution Explorer
- Default Visual Studio mode of operation is to automatically check out file that are touched
  - Can be turned off via Tools→Options→Source Control→Environment
- Scripts are by default stored as Unicode scripts, not all SCC system handle this

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## Source Code Control Integration...

- Think through the physical project structure you want to use ahead of time
  - This means before you check in the initial version of the project ☺
- 2 directory structure flavors:
  - By file type
  - By schema by file type
- Optionally you can encode the schema in to the file name
- But we do allow you to use a completely random or arbitrary organization

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## Source Code Control Integration...

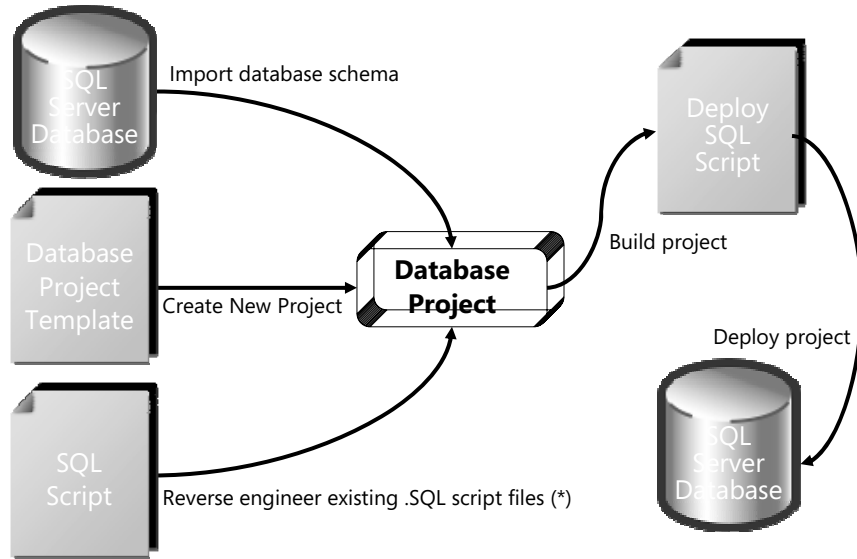
- Identify versions by using SCC labels
- Better formatting of your SQL scripts will improve merging abilities when you have merge conflicts

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# Build & Deploy



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## Building and Deploying the Project



## Command Line Building

- devenv.exe
  - Using Visual Studio shell in command line mode
- MSBuild.exe
  - Using MSBuild tasks

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## MSBuild Tasks

- Build, deploy and data generation all implemented as MSBuild tasks
- MSBuild enables:
  - Command line usage
  - Programmatic access
  - Chaining and composition of tasks
  - Team Build integration

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## Building using MSBuild

- Build – New database script
  - msbuild NorthwindOnline.dbproj /t: build
- Build – Update for defined target server
  - msbuild NorthwindOnline.dbproj /t: build /p: TargetConnectionString="Data Source=(local)\sql80;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False;" /p: TargetDatabase="NorthwindOnlineTestDB" /p: AlwaysCreateNewDatabase="true"

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## Deploying using MSBuild

- Deploy – New database
  - msbuild NorthwindOnline.dbproj /t: deploy
- Deploy – Update Database
  - msbuild NorthwindOnline.dbproj /t: deploy /p: TargetConnectionString="Data Source=(local)\sql80;Integrated Security=True;Pooling=False;"

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## Provisioning Multiple Servers

- How can I deploy to multiple targets?
- The Database Project only understand a single target server/database at the time
- You can use the MSBuild tasks to provision multiple servers
  - Using command line or tool that calls the MSBuild infrastructure
  - Pseudo code:  
for each server+database combination in list  
{  
  Sql BuildTask  
  Sql DeployTask  
}

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Command Line Build & Deploy

## Data Generation Design Time

- Setting up Data Generation implies defining:
  - Which generator to use
  - Which distribution to attach to the generator
  - Changing setting on the generator & distribution
  - The numbers of rows to generate
  - Optionally defining the rowcount ratios between tables
- By default:
  - Each column is bound to the generator matching the column data type
    - FK columns are mapped to the Foreign Key generator
    - Uniqueness is inferred from PK, UC constraints and indexes
    - Using the Uniform distribution when not unique

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## Data Generation Design Time

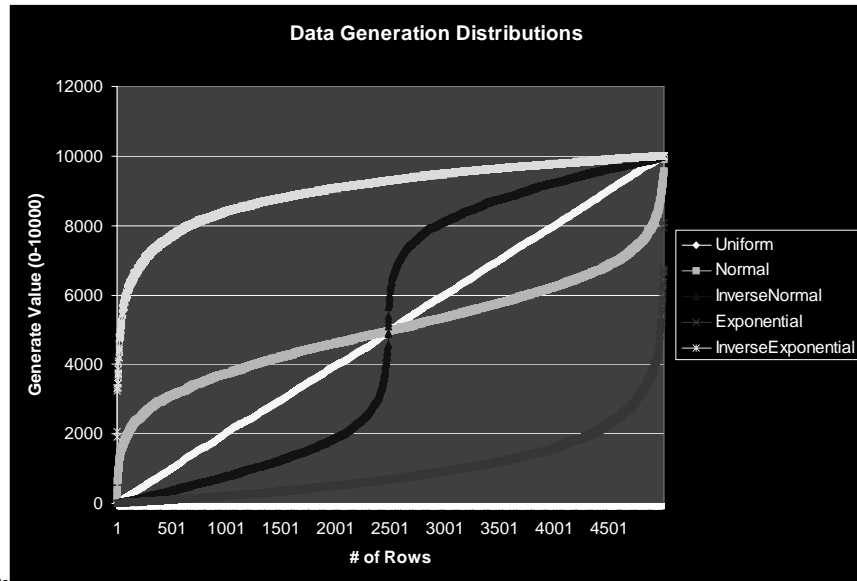
- Value generators
  - Simple generators for each data type
    - Strings: ASCII and Unicode ((var)char, n(var)char, (n)text)
    - Numbers: tinyint, smallint, int, bigint, real, float, decimal, numeric, money
    - Binary ((var)binary, image)
    - Date and Time
    - UniqueIdentifier (GUID)
    - Bit
  - Complex generators
    - Foreign Key, Regular Expression, Data Bound
  - Distributions
    - Uniform, Normal, Inverse Normal, Exponential, Inverse Exponential

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## Data Generation Distributions @ Work



## Data Generation Design Time

- Understand domain constraints
  - Check constraints (min/max)
- Table cardinality
  - Enforce table ratios
- Column value distribution

## Data Generation

### Executing a Data Generation Definition

- Validation of
  - Security requirements
    - Fails when security requirements are not met!
  - Target schema against DGEN definitions
    - Fails the generation when bindings do not match!
- Optionally purge tables
  - Required to guarantee repeatable data generation
- Spin up parallel streams of INSERT statements
  - Based on relationships between tables
  - Number of connections used is currently gated by the schema relationships.
- Configurable Error Thresholds

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## Data Generation

### Customization & Extensibility

- Customization of value generation
  - RegEx Generator
  - Data Bound Generator
- Extensibility
  - Custom Generator
  - Custom Distribution

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# Special Generators

- Regular Expression String Generator
  - Simple gender
    - Mr|Mrs
  - Phone number
    - [1-9][0-9]{2,2}-[1-9][0-9]{2,2}-[0-9]{4,4}
      - 267-820-8446
    - \([1-9][0-9]{2,2}\) [1-9][0-9]{2,2}-[0-9]{4,4}
      - (267) 820-8446
    - 425-[1-9][0-9]{2,2}-[0-9]{4,4}
      - 425-778-2084
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  - ZIP Codes
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# Special Generators...

- Data Bound Generator
  - Query based dictionary value lookup
- Configuring
  - Connection String
    - Supports .NET data providers, connection configured via Server Explorer
  - Select Query
    - Bring back a selective list, all values will be in memory as a lookup list
    - Might want to TOP the query based on numbers of rows generate
    - When requiring unique values the input set has to larger or equal to the number of generated rows

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# *demo*

## Data Generation

### **Database Unit Testing Design Time**

- Automatically generate unit tests stubs for:
  - Stored Procedures, Functions, Triggers
- Test Validation (assertions)
  - T-SQL (server based) Assertions
    - RAISERROR command
  - Client Side Assertions
    - None Empty ResultSet
    - Row Count
    - Execution Time, ...
- Pre & Post Test Scripts



## Database Unit Testing Test Execution

- Automatic Deployment Integration
  - Automatically deploy database project prior to running tests
- Data Generation Integration
  - Automatically generate data based on generation plan prior to running tests
- Execution & Validation connections
  - Validation connection can be higher privileged account

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## Database Unit Testing Customization & Extensibility

- Customization:
  - Database Unit Test designer generates C# or VB.NET code
  - Can customize generated code for:
    - Custom test validation logic
    - Parameterized test support
    - Managing transactions
    - Additional test setup and teardown of tests
- Extensibility:
  - Custom Client Side Test Assertions

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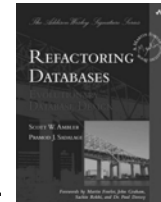
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## Database Unit Testing

### Database Schema Refactoring

#### What is refactoring?

- “A database refactoring is a small change to your database schema which improves its design without changing its semantics.”
  - Agile Database Development, Scott Ambler
- For example:
  - Rename a Schema Object Name for consistency, understandability, maintainability...
  - Objective: Rename ALL schema object references; direct and indirect inside all:
    - Tables, views, stored procedures, user defined functions, ...



## Database Schema Refactoring

### Rename Refactoring...

- Rename any SQL 2000 & SQL 2005 schema objects
- Updates all references in...
  - Schema Objects
  - Data Generation Plans
  - Scripts
  - Database Unit Tests
- Preview changes prior to commit
- Global undo to reverse all changes

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## Database Schema Refactoring

### Refactoring Safety Net

- Unit Testing
  - Develop a battery of tests to run after a refactoring to ensure database still functions as expected
- Version Control
  - Store all previous versions so you can always go back to a prior baseline in source control
- Schema Compare
  - Analyze the exact differences between the project and live database to understand the impact of the update

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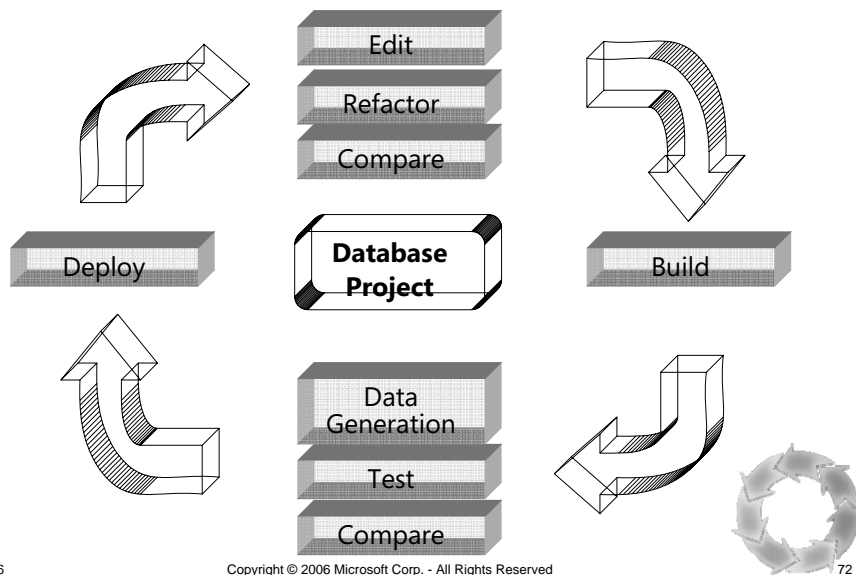
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## Database Schema Refactoring

### Integrating In To The Cycle of Life



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## Resources

- Product information
  - <http://msdn.microsoft.com/vstudio/teamsystem/products/dbpro/default.aspx>
- CTP 6 Download Location
  - <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=4410d601-6e0c-406a-ba7a-d12f868d1af7&displaylang=en>
- MSDN Forum
  - <http://forums.microsoft.com/MSDN/ShowForum.aspx?ForumID=725&SiteID=1>
- Microsoft Connect
  - <https://connect.microsoft.com/default.aspx>
- Blogs
  - <http://blogs.msdn.com/gertd/>
  - <http://blogs.msdn.com/camerons>
  - <http://blogs.msdn.com/sachinre>

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## Summary

- Handle Schema Change Management and Deployment
- Mitigate the Risks Involved with making and deploying changes
- Integrate the Database Professional in to the Development Life Cycle



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## CTP 7 Changes

- SET options per objects
  - Only ANSI\_NULLS and QUOTED\_IDENTIFIER
  - Allows for the exception to the rule
- Explicitly identifiable and more granular warnings and errors
  - Explicit ID's
  - Better textual wording
  - Overload warnings and errors have been broken out in explicit warnings
  - For example: missing external dependencies are now 3 warnings: covering 2, 3 and 4 part name references explicitly
- Warnings filtering on warning ID's

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