

sp_Develop

Emergent Software – SQL Server Assessment

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<u>https://github.com/EmergentSoftware/SQL-Server-Development-Assessment</u> - or - <u>https://emergentsoftware.github.io/SQL-Server-Development-Assessment</u>

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What is sp_Develop?

The open-source SQL Server Assessment project contains the sp_Develop stored procedure. It can be used by database developers, software developers and for performing database code (smell) assessments to adhere to best practices.

sp_Develop runs on SQL Server 2005, 2008, 2008 R2, 2012, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, Azure SQL Server

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1	fn_PrefixNameSkipMe	SQL_SCALAR_FUNCTION	Naming Conventions	Including Special Characters in Name	Special characters should not b
2	fn_PrefixNameSkipMe	SQL_SCALAR_FUNCTION	Naming Conventions	Using Prefix in Name	Never use a prefix such as tbl, s
3	fn_PrefixNameSkipMe	SQL_SCALAR_FUNCTION	SQL Code Development	Using User-Defined Scalar Function	You should inline your scalar fu
4	fn Prefix Name Table Value d Function Skip Me	SQL_INLINE_TABLE_VALUED_FUNCTION	Naming Conventions	Using Prefix in Name	Never use a prefix such as tbl, s
5	IDPrimaryKeyColumnNameSkipMe.ID	COLUMN	Naming Conventions	Using ID for Primary Key Column Name	Primary key column names sho
6	spPrefixNameSkipMe	SQL_STORED_PROCEDURE	Naming Conventions	Using Prefix in Name	Never use a prefix such as tbl, s
7	vPhoneSkipMe	VIEW	Naming Conventions	Using Prefix in Name	Never use a prefix such as tbl, s
8	(ContainsIllegalCharacters)	USER_TABLE	Naming Conventions	Including Special Characters in Name	Special characters should not b
9	1StartsWithANumber	USER_TABLE	Naming Conventions	Including Special Characters in Name	Special characters should not b
10	ColumnSameAsTable.ColumnSameAsTable	COLUMN	Naming Conventions	Column Named Same as Table	Do not give a table the same na
11	ColumnSameAsTable.ColumnSameAsTable	COLUMN	Naming Conventions	Column Naming	Avoid repeating the table name



About Me

- Hi, I'm Kevin Martin and I manage the SQL Server team at Emergent Software
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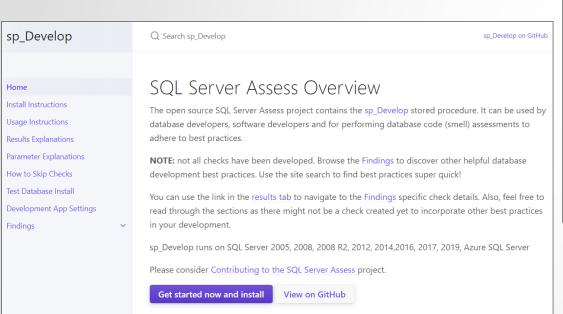
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 - Extensive vetting process with virtual machine lab challenges (better than whiteboards during interviews)
 - Interview with multiple senior level experts

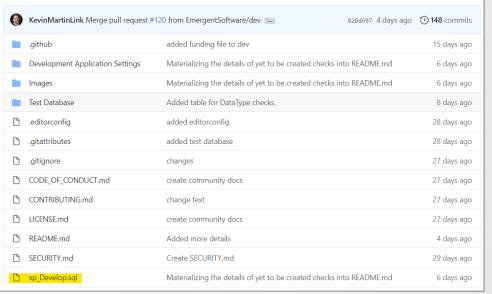
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Where to Find sp_Develop

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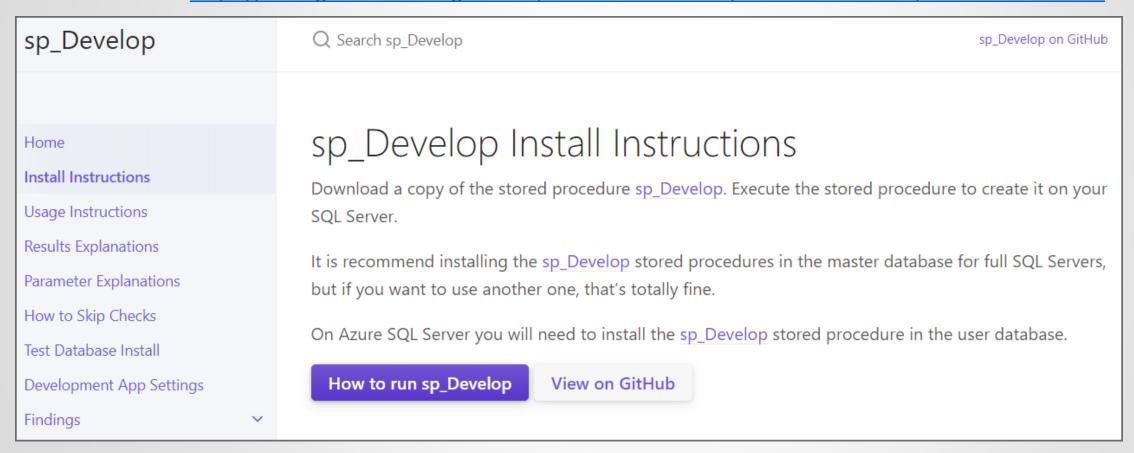






sp_Develop Install Instructions

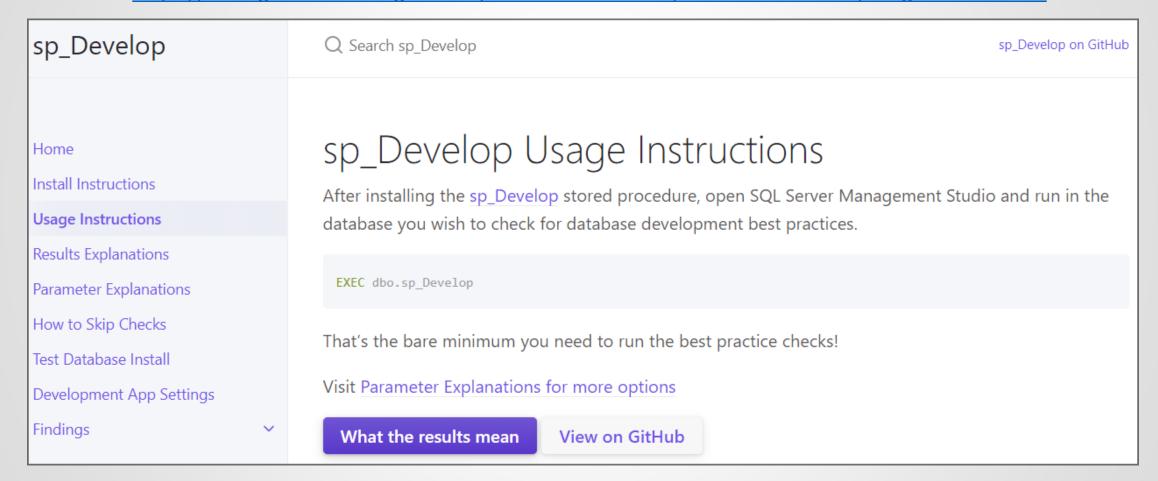
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sp_Develop Usage Instructions - Basic

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sp_Develop Results Explanations

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	Results Messages										
	DatabaseName	SchemaName	ObjectName	ObjectType	FindingGroup	Finding	Details	URL	SkipCheckTSQL	Priority	Checkld
1	spDevelop	dbo	Users	USER_TABLE	Naming Conventions	Using Plural in Names	Table and view names should be singular	https://github.com/EmergentSoftware/SQL-Server-A	INSERT INTO DBA.DevelopCheckToSkip (ServerName,	20	1
2	spDevelop	dbo	vwPhones	VIEW	Naming Conventions	Using Plural in Names	Table and view names should be singular	https://github.com/EmergentSoftware/SQL-Server-A	${\sf INSERT\ INTO\ DBA.DevelopCheckToSkip\ (ServerName,}$	20	1

Column Name	Details
DatabaseName	Can be run for multiple databases, this shows you the database with the potential issue
SchemaName	This is the schema for the object that might have an issue
ObjectName	This can be anything from user tables, views stored procedures, functions,
FindingGroup	The high-level grouping for the check (Naming Conventions, Table Conventions, Data Type Conventions, SQL Code Development, Data Issues, Configuration Issues, Running Issues)
Finding	The specific potential issue we the check is looking for
Details	Additional details about the potential issue. This does not go into in-depth details of the potential issue but should give you a heads up of what to look for
URL	Copy and paste this link into a browser to view the write up for the potential issue
SkipCheckTSQL	In this column you will find a generated TSQL script INSERT
Priority	The lower the number the more severe the potential issue is to address
CheckId	Every check is uniquely numbered

sp_Develop Parameters - Common

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Parameter	Details
@DatabaseName	Defaults to current DB if not specified
@GetAllDatabases	Setting = 1, runs checks across all the databases on the server instead of just your current database context. Does not work on Azure SQL Server.
@BringThePain	If you've got more than 50 databases on the server, this only works if you also pass in @BringThePain = 1, because it's gonna be slow.
@OutputType	TABLE = table COUNT = row with number found MARKDOWN = bulleted list XML = table output as XML NONE = none
@Debug	Default 0. When 1, we print out messages of what we're doing in the messages tab of SQL Server Management Studio. When 2, we print out the dynamic SQL query of the check.



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Home Install Instructions Usage Instructions Results Explanations Parameter Explanations How to Skip Checks Test Database Install Development App Settings		How to Skip sp_Develop Checks Sometimes there are checks, databases or servers that you want to skip. For example, say a database is from a vendor and you are not responsible for the database development. Another use case for skipping checks is to indicate that you have acknowledged a potential issue and you are OK with it. You can skip that check for that specific object. Using sp_Develop with this pattern allows you to perform your database development and iteratively check for issues.
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Create a table to hold the list of checks you want to skip

Create this table in the database you are developing or in a database on a centralized SQL Server.

```
CREATE TABLE dbo.DevelopCheckToSkip (
    DevelopCheckToSkipId INT
                                       IDENTITY(1, 1) NOT NULL
   ,ServerName
                         NVARCHAR(128) NULL
   ,DatabaseName
                         NVARCHAR(128) NULL
                         NVARCHAR(128) NULL
   ,SchemaName
   ,ObjectName
                         NVARCHAR(128) NULL
   ,CheckId
                          INT
                                        NULL
   ,CONSTRAINT DevelopCheckToSkipId PRIMARY KEY CLUSTERED (DevelopCheckToSkipId ASC)
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```



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```
SkipCheckTSQL

INSERT INTO DBA.DevelopCheckToSkip (ServerName, DatabaseName, SchemaName, ObjectName, Checkld) VALUES (N'FAMILY\SQL2019', N'spDevelopTest', N'dbo', N'(ContainsIllegalCharacters)', 5);
INSERT INTO DBA.DevelopCheckToSkip (ServerName, DatabaseName, SchemaName, ObjectName, Checkld) VALUES (N'FAMILY\SQL2019', N'spDevelopTest', N'dbo', N'1StartsWithANumber', 5);
INSERT INTO DBA.DevelopCheckToSkip (ServerName, DatabaseName, SchemaName, ObjectName, Checkld) VALUES (N'FAMILY\SQL2019', N'spDevelopTest', N'dbo', N'ColumnSameAsTable.ColumnSame.

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```

```
INSERT INTO
    dbo.DevelopCheckToSkip (ServerName, DatabaseName, SchemaName, ObjectName, CheckId)
VALUES
    /* Skips all checks, for every database, on the SQL2008 SQL Server */
  (N'SQL2008', NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL)
    /* Skips all checks, in the AdventureWorks2012 database, on the SQL2012 SQL Server */
  ,(N'SQL2012', N'AdventureWorks2012', NULL, NULL, NULL)
    /* Skips all checks, for the object named dbo.fn TPSTotal, in the AdventureWorks2017 database, on
       the SOL2017 SOL Server */
  ,(N'SQL2017', N'AdventureWorks2017', N'dbo', N'fn TPSTotal', NULL)
    /* Skips CheckId 5 (Including Special Characters in Name), for the object named dbo.[Order Details],
       in the Northwind database, on the SQL2019 SQL Server*/
  (N'SQL2019', N'Northwind', N'dbo', N'Order Details', 5)
    /* Skips all checks, in the AdventureWorks2017 database, on every SQL Server */
  ,(NULL, N'AdventureWorks2017', NULL, NULL, NULL)
    /* Skips all checks, for the object named dbo.vPhone, in every database, on every SQL Server */
  ,(NULL, NULL, N'dbo', N'vPhone', NULL)
    /* Skips CheckId 19 (Not Using SET NOCOUNT ON in Stored Procedure or Trigger), for the object
       dbo.CustOrderHist, in every database, on every SQL Server */
  (NULL, NULL, N'dbo', N'CustOrderHist', 19);
```

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How to Execute the Skip Checks

```
EXEC dbo.sp_Develop

,@SkipCheckDatabase = N'pubs'
,@SkipCheckSchema = N'dbo'
,@SkipCheckTable = N'DevelopCheckToSkip';
```

You can also centralize this skip check table by putting it in a central location, setting up a linked server pointing to your central location, and then using the @SkipChecksServer parameter:

```
EXEC dbo.sp_Develop
    @SkipCheckServer = N'ManagementServerName'
    ,@SkipCheckDatabase = N'pubs'
    ,@SkipCheckSchema = N'dbo'
    ,@SkipCheckTable = N'DevelopCheckToSkip';
```

Tell me about the test database

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sp_Develop Test Database Install

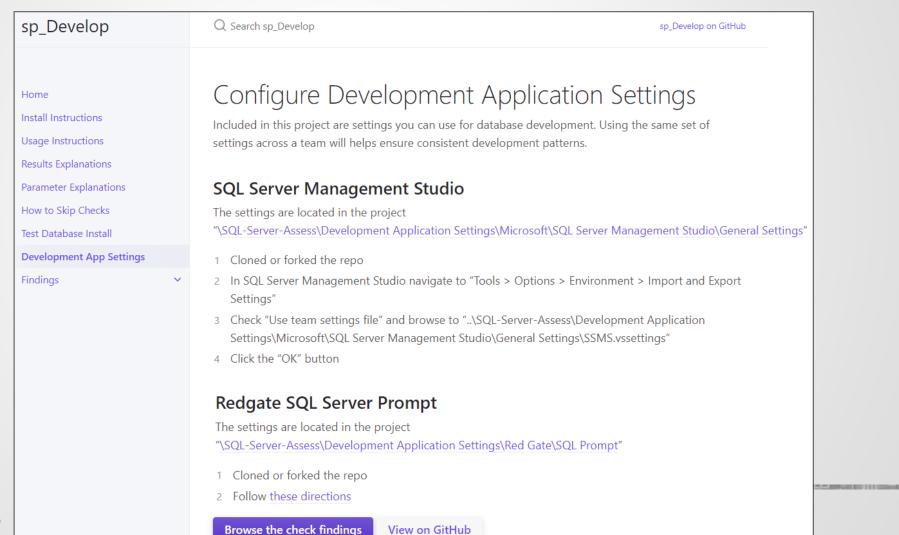
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Home	Test Database Install
Install Instructions	The Test Database folder contains the RedGate SQL Source Control. Use this database for creating and
Usage Instructions	testing checks. If you are not going to be developing sp_Develop checks you can skip this page.
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Parameter Explanations	like DATETIME2 that is not supported. SQL Server Developer editions are now free, go download and
How to Skip Checks	install the latest version for development.
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Development App Settings	Quick Steps to Setup and Use:
Findings	Create new database 'spDevelop' and select in Object Browser
	2 Open RedGate SQL Source Control in SQL Server Management Studio
	3 Click 'Setup' tab
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	Note: there are exclude filters setup for invalid objects created in the post script. Do not check these objects back into the branch.



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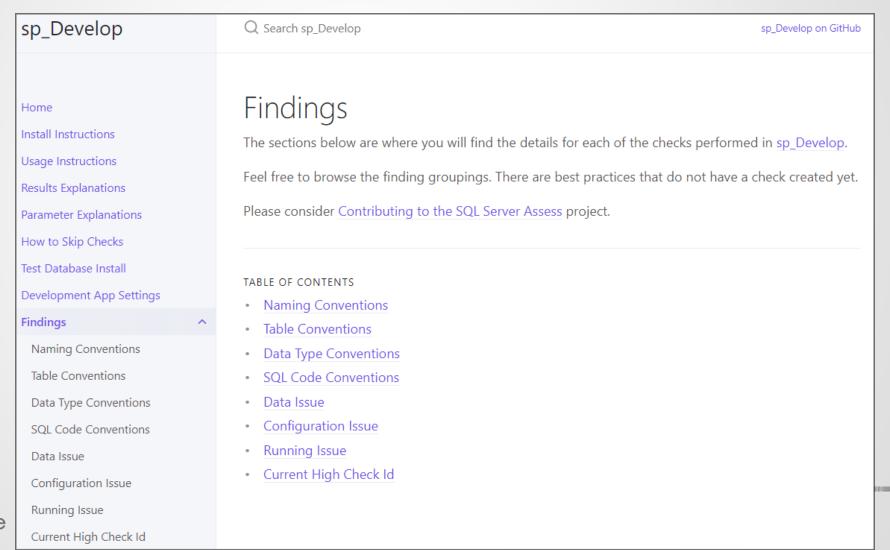
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Check Findings – Naming Conventions

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Stored Procedures & Function Naming

Check Id: None yet, click here to view the issue

Stored procedures and functions should be named so they can be ordered by the table/business entity (ObjectAction) they perform a database operation on, and adding the database activity "Get, Update, Insert, Upsert, Delete, Merge" as a suffix, e.g., ("ProductGet" or "OrderUpdate").

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Using ID for Primary Key Column Name

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For columns that are the primary key for a table and uniquely identify each record in the table, the name should be [TableName] + "Id" (e.g. On the Make table, the primary key column would be "Makeld").

Though "MakeId" conveys no more information about the field than Make.Id and is a far wordier implementation, it is still preferable to "Id".

Naming a primary key column "Id" is also "bad" when you query from several tables you will need to rename the "Id" columns so you can distinguish them in result set.

With different column names in joins masks errors.

/* This has an error that is not obvious at first sight */ $\,$

SELECT

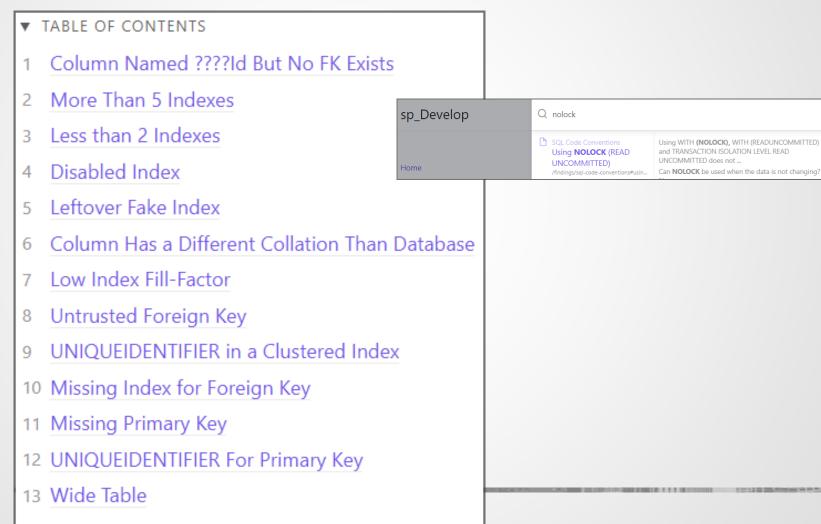
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Check Findings – Table Conventions

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Unencrypted Data

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The table column returned for this check might have unencrypted data that you might want to have encrypted for best practices or industry specific compliance. You will need to determine if the data needs to be protected at rest, in transit or both.

With SQL Server you have a couple choices to implement hashing or encryption

- SQL Server Always Encrypt
- SQL Server Transparent Data Encryption (TDE)
- You could develop your own or utilize a development framework pattern to implement a custom one-way hashing, hashing with salting or encryption using AES-128, AES-192, AES-256.

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Object Not Owned by dbo

Check Id: None yet, click here to view the issue

Using dbo as the owner of all the database objects simplifies object management. dbo will always be a user in the database. If an object is owned by an account other than dbo, you must transfer ownership account needs to be deleted.

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Database Compatibility Level is Lower Than the SQL Server

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The database compatibility level lower than the SQL Server it is running on.

There might be query optimization your are not getting running on an older database compatibility level. You might also introduce issues with a more modern database compatibility level.

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Current High Check Id	compatibility level.
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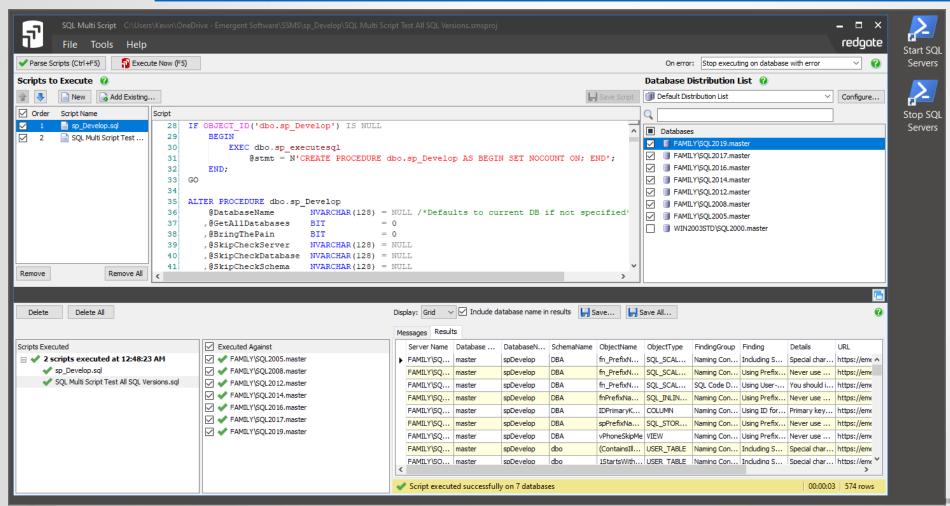
Check Code Sample

```
SELECT
   @CheckId
                 = 1
  .@Priority
  ,@FindingGroup = 'Naming Conventions'
                 = 'Using Plural in Names'
  ,@Finding
  ,@URLAnchor
                 = 'naming-conventions#using-plural-in-name';
IF NOT EXISTS (SELECT 1 FROM #SkipCheck AS SC WHERE SC.CheckId = @CheckId AND SC.ObjectName IS NULL)
BEGIN
   IF @Debug IN (1, 2) RAISERROR(N'Running CheckId [%d]', 0, 1, @CheckId) WITH NOWAIT;
   SET @StringToExecute = N'
       INSERT INTO
           #Finding (CheckId, Database_Id, DatabaseName, FindingGroup, Finding, URL, Priority, Schema_Id, SchemaName,
           Object_Id, ObjectName, ObjectType, Details)
       SELECT
           CheckId
                       = ' + CAST(@CheckId AS NVARCHAR(MAX)) + N'
          ,Database_Id = ' + CAST(@DatabaseId AS NVARCHAR(MAX)) + N'
          .DatabaseName = ''' + CAST(@DatabaseName AS NVARCHAR(MAX)) + N'''
          ,FindingGroup = ''' + CAST(@FindingGroup AS NVARCHAR(MAX)) + N'''
          .Finding
                    = ''' + CAST(@Finding AS NVARCHAR(MAX)) + N'''
                       = ''' + CAST(@URLBase + @URLAnchor AS NVARCHAR(MAX)) + N'''
                       = ' + CAST(@Priority AS NVARCHAR(MAX)) + N'
          ,Priority
          ,Schema Id
                      = S.schema id
          ,SchemaName = S.name
          ,Object Id
                      = 0.object id
          ,ObjectName = 0.name
          ,ObjectType = 0.type_desc
          ,Details
                       = N''Table and view names should be singular''
           ' + OUOTENAME(@DatabaseName) + N'.sys.objects AS O
           INNER JOIN ' + QUOTENAME(@DatabaseName) + N'.sys.schemas AS S ON S.schema id = O.schema id
          O.type IN (''U'', ''V'')
          AND RIGHT(O.name COLLATE SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CI_AS, 1) = ''S''
           AND RIGHT(O.name COLLATE SQL_Latin1_General_CP1_CI_AS, 2) <> ''SS''
           AND O.NAME NOT IN (''sysdiagrams'', ''database_firewall_rules'');';
   EXEC sys.sp_executesql @stmt = @StringToExecute;
```

IF @Debug = 2 AND @StringToExecute IS NOT NULL PRINT @StringToExecute;

Testing on Multiple SQL Server Versions

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END;

Do we have time for a few questions?

Please consider Contributing to the SQL Server Assessment project.

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Alexa, do you have a boyfriend?

I'll leave the relations to the databases.