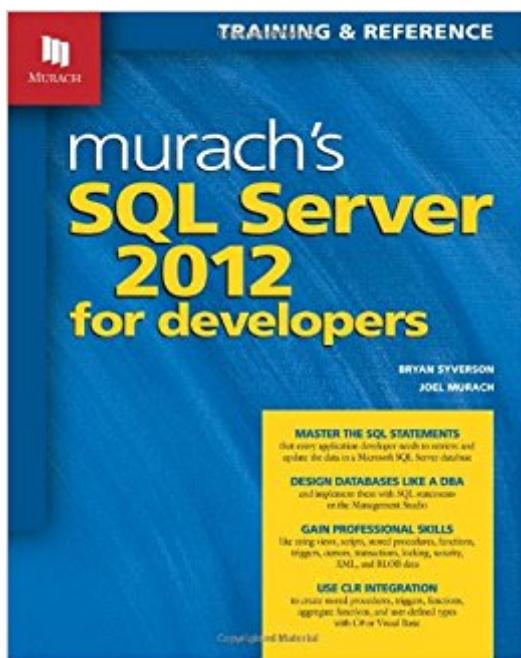


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Synopsis

Every application developer who uses SQL Server 2012 should own this book. To start, it presents the essential SQL statements for retrieving and updating the data in a database. You have to master these to work effectively with database data in your applications. Then, it shows you how to design and create a database, because application developers often end up in the role of database designer and DBA. Next, it shows how to work with views, scripts, stored procedures, functions, triggers, cursors, transactions, locking, security, XML data, and BLOB data with FILESTREAM storage. These features allow you to create database applications that are thoroughly professional. Finally, this book shows how to use the CLR integration feature and SQL Server Data Tools (SSDT), so you can use Visual Studio to code stored procedures, functions, triggers, aggregate functions, and user-defined types in C# or Visual Basic.

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Joel Murach has been writing and editing books about computer programming for over 10 years. During that time, he has written extensively on a wide range of Java, .NET, web, and database technologies. When he's not programming or writing books about programming, he can be found surfing or writing music.

Its literally just a sea of black text. There is no way to easily pick out important text because it all

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This book is part of my Murach collection books. I bought them on .com every once in a while because I like the way these books are organized. The authors don't spend too much time on theories. The authors always give examples of what they are talking about on every other page, which is the page on the right. For example, if you're reading on page 2, you'll find the example on page 3 and a short description (a little summary) at the bottom of page 3, which helps you memorize what you just read. If you really want to master all the contents of the books, you would also need to do the exercises at the end of the chapters. This review is not just about this book, but for all of the books. I've read about 5 of them so far, and I just started reading the JavaScript/JQuery book. I just started reading chapter 4 of this book, which is all about JOINS, and can't wait to finish with it.

I researched & purchased this book based on its high customer ratings, and was not disappointed. I'm a beginner & I'm under the gun at work to produce results on my own. This is an excellent resource for self-study! While it's easy to find answers & examples online for just about any SQL issue, I find myself reaching for this book time & time again as my first step in learning new commands & syntax. I like the Murach two-page presentation style, it's very effective. Examples are well-constructed & well-explained. Highly recommended. For maximum benefit, use this book in conjunction with Google searches. For example, read the Murach section on subqueries first. Then, if you need more complex examples, Google e.g. 'SQL Server select subquery'. The top match in this case is Microsoft TechNet 'Subquery Fundamentals'. That article has further, more detailed links at the bottom of the page. FWIW, I don't recommend choosing Microsoft's Books Online option (documentation installed on your computer) during SQL Server set-up. Books Online can be slow & glitchy & often ineffective in my experience.

This is a great book to use both as a self-training manual as well as for reference. I must mention

that there are not too many exercises to practice all the theory presented. It is mainly aimed for software developers rather than database administrators. The "pair page" layout of the book is really useful to quickly and easily understand the syntax of the concepts presented. I also think the use of color would be beneficial so that the code would be more easily distinguished. Overall a good choice for anyone who needs to have a reference or plan on doing self study.

Best book on SQL that I've read. The authors made it easy to understand and the chapters are laid out well. One of the things that I appreciate is the authors cover a concept one page and the next page shows an example along with information that summarizes the concepts from the previous page. You get the information in three different ways to help you understand the concepts. I don't think I explained that well, but I do recommend the book for those with only a rudimentary understanding of SQL.

Dry read, pretty basic. Not a lot of discussion about each functional aspect. I'd call this Intro to database NOT for developers. Developers need much more in depth explanation and examples. This was the required book for class though, and is tied to the MS certification exam "Database Fundamentals". It is not a developer class/level book. If you've never touched all the aspects of a database then it's a good intro, but if you have some experience with t-sql and know what a procedure is, this is too basic for you.

This book states (p. 20 just below the middle) that Microsoft's SQL Server "...has a reputation for being unreliable and for not scaling well for systems with a large number of users". Some of these alleged problems are undoubtably due to a lack of knowledge on the part of those who experience them. I have seen what I must characterize as a breakdown in the .NET website administration Tool, dealing with the users database and apparently (web browsing) many others share this experience. Still it is bold - and a part of the explanation why I recommend this book - that the authors put their head on the chopping block writing such a statement about such a renowned product. But I learned a lot from this book, new versions and updates will solve some problems and I will probably move databases from MySQL to SQL Server - as a result of reading and implementing what is in this book.

I find this book to be great for someone wanting to learn SQL programming for the first time. It is not going to teach you your a, b, c's before teaching you to read. However, it is simple enough for

anyone with a basic ability for logic to follow. The only reason why I don't give 5 stars is because it does not provide the answers to the lessons after each chapter so that you can measure how well you did. If I just missed them and someone can tell me where they are I will gladly update my rating to 5 stars.

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