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Subject: Re: How to use aliases with SqlExp?  
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Patisab wrote on Wed, 12 September 2018 08:37Hello,

I have a little problem with SqlExp when i want to use an alias for a table used twice in same request. It's something like this :

```
SELECT t1.id, t1.col1, t1.col2, t1.father, t2.col1, t2.col2
FROM table1 AS t1
INNER JOIN table1 AS t2 ON t2.id = t1.father
```

In .sch file i declare this :

```
TABLE_(TABLE1)
INT_(ID) PRIMARY_KEY AUTO_INCREMENT NOT_NULL
STRING_(COL1,10) UNIQUE NOT_NULL INDEX
STRING_(COL2,50)
INT_(FATHER) UNIQUE NOT_NULL
END_TABLE
```

The SqlExp used is like this :

```
SQL & Select(ID.Of(TABLE),COL1.Of(TABLE),COL2.Of(TABLE),COL1.Of(T2),COL2.Of(T2))
.From(TABLE)
.InnerJoin(TABLE).AsTable(T2).On(ID.Of(T2) == FATHER.Of(TABLE));
```

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error: 'T2' was not declared in this scope

Could someone have an idea to solve this problem? Well, i know it is possible to take an other way but i want to use SqlExp... as possible it is ;)

Thank very much for your help.

Best regards

Well, obviously, being an identified in C++ code, it has to be declared somewhere.

For schema IDsthe magic trick is done by that '\_' after the type name (STRING\_). This says "And also declare this as Sqlld variable".

If you are using ID that is not in .sch file, you have to declare it yourself, e.g.

```
Sqlld T1("T1");
```

as there is some repetition (you have to type T1 twice), there is also a macro that can be used for the same purpose

```
SQLID(T1);
```

Alternatively, it is even possible to use C literal instead

```
COL1.Of("T2")
```

Last hint: There is a relatively recently added alternative to 'As', operator(), which is especially useful if you are reading more columns from single table:

```
Select(TABLE(ID ,COL1, COL2), T2(COL1, COL2))
```

(unfortunately, you cannot use "T2" here, you have to declare it as SQLID).

Mirek

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