
Subject: MSSQL binary data

Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 21 Nov 2008 14:24:21 GMT

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Fri, 21 Nov 2008 20:23:37 GMT

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Well, this simpler variant works too:

```
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{
    return SqlVal("0x" + HexString(data), SqlS::HIGH);
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```

Interestingly, it seems like similar method should work for Oracle and MySql as well:

<http://www.herongyang.com/jdbc/Oracle-BLOB-SQL-INSERT.html>

Something to add to SqlExp. So far, with Oracle, I was always using SqlRaw, but that means no SqlExp...

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Subject: Re: MSSQL binary data
Posted by [captainc](#) on Fri, 21 Nov 2008 23:04:57 GMT
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What kind of use cases store images in sql relational databases?

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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 23 Nov 2008 17:37:14 GMT
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captainc wrote on Fri, 21 November 2008 18:04What kind of use cases store images in sql relational databases?

In this case, pictures of employees

Anyway, I always like to store raw data (like images or long documents) into central database. I removes at least two maintainance variables

- stored in DB, I do not need predefined network path
- DB is backedup, I need not to worry about separate backup or about restoring the same snapshot of files and DB data

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Posted by [captainc](#) on Sun, 23 Nov 2008 19:55:46 GMT
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Posted by [mirek](#) on Sun, 23 Nov 2008 21:28:34 GMT

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Posted by [tojocky](#) on Tue, 18 Aug 2009 14:18:41 GMT
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Can anybody make a simple example how to insert and select binary data from table?
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Sorry for my incoptence.
Thanks in advance.
Ion Lupascu.

Add:
I found that it can add as string in the folowing format:

```
INSERT INTO Image
(ID, Subject, Body)
VALUES (1, 'some subject'
, 'C9CBBBCCCEB9C8CABCCCCEB9C9CBBB') //Oracle format
//, 0xC9CBBBCCCEB9C8CABCCCCEB9C9CBBB) //SQL Server format
//, x'C9CBBBCCCEB9C8CABCCCCEB9C9CBBB') // MySQL format
```

WHERE C9CBBBCCCEB9C8CABCCCCEB9C9CBBB is binary data.

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Except for oracle, you just place SqlBinary into your insert

```
SQL * Insert(IMAGE)(ID, id)(BODY, SqlBinary(data));
```

As for Oracle, this works too, but is hindered by oracle maximum statement length limit, which is ~32000 - means you can store only about 15KB.

Another option is to use SqlRaw, but in that case you cannot use SqlExp:

```
SQL.Execute("insert IMAGE(ID, BODY) values (?, ?)", id, SqlRaw(data));
```

This should work for all dbs... Usually, it is also more effective, but at the same time less convenient

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