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## SQL

You can use the `SQL` property to specify the statement contained in a `QueryDef` object.

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Properties

### Applies to ...

Object	Description
<code>QueryDef</code>	The representation of a database query

### Syntax

```
querydef.SQL  
querydef.SQL = value
```

### Returned values / Arguments

String

### Remarks

- The SQL statement may be either a SELECT query, or an action query (data update, data manipulation, ...).
- The SQL statement may be set programmatically. The SQL string MUST then contain a SELECT statement.
- When the query is updated the change is immediate in the database document file (with ".odb" suffix) without having to save the query. However the change will be made persistent only if the user confirms the update by saving the database document itself. Alternatively the programmer could provide the Save command, e.g. with a statement like  
`RunCommand( "Save" )`
- In the SQL statement table- and fieldnames may be surrounded with square brackets [] to improve readability. They will be substituted with the appropriate surrounding character.

### Error messages

Property '...' not applicable in this context

Value '...' is invalid for property 'SQL'

## See also

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Type

## Example

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Modify the SQL statement of a stored query

```
Dim oQuery As Object  
    Set oQuery = Application.CurrentDb().QueryDefs("myQuery")  
    oQuery.SQL = "SELECT * FROM [PRODUCTS]"
```

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