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## Execute (query)

The *Execute* method executes the SQL statement contained in a query. The statement must execute an action. Examples of such statements are: INSERT INTO, DELETE, SELECT...INTO, UPDATE, CREATE TABLE, ALTER TABLE, DROP TABLE, CREATE INDEX, or DROP INDEX.

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Methods

### Applies to

Object	Description
QueryDef	The representation of a stored query.

### Syntax

`querydef.Execute(options)`

Argument	Optional	Type	Description
options	Yes	Integer Long	If the argument is present its only allowed value = dbSQLPassThrough. Forces escape substitution before sending the SQL statement to the database.

The method returns False if the execution of the SQL statement failed.

### Remarks

To include the constant in your own code, copy and paste next line:

```
Const dbSQLPassThrough = 64
```

### Error messages

Argument nr. 1 [Value = '...'] is invalid
SQL Error, SQL statement = '...'

### See also

[OpenSQL](#)  
[RunSQL](#)  
[OpenQuery](#)  
[SQL](#)

### Example

Delete an existing table and execute a stored query that recreates the table

```
Dim oQuery As Object
DoCmd.RunSQL("DROP TABLE IF EXISTS [TEST_TABLE]")
Set oQuery = Application.CurrentDb().QueryDefs("CreateTestTable")
oQuery.Execute
```

```
'Refresh the list of tables in the database window
Const acDatabaseWindow = 102
    DoCmd.SelectObject acDatabaseWindow
    DoCmd.RunCommand "DBRefreshTables"
```

The SQL contained in the query is ...

```
CREATE TABLE TEST_TABLE
(COL1 INTEGER NOT NULL,
COL2 CHAR(25),
COL3 VARCHAR(25),
COL4 DECIMAL(10,2) NOT NULL,
COL5 DATE,
PRIMARY KEY (COL1))
```

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