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Working with Indexes

An index is a mechanism for providing fast access to table rows or for enforcing certain constraints.

For details about working with indexes, see the following topics.

Note

A new version of Table Designer appears for databases in the SQL Server 2012 format. This topic describes the old version of Table Designer, which you use with databases in earlier formats of SQL Server.

In the new version, you can change a table definition through a graphical interface or directly in a script pane. If you use the graphical interface, the table's definition is automatically updated in the script pane. To apply the SQL code in the script pane, choose the **Update** button. For more information about the new version, see [How to: Create Database Objects Using Table Designer](#).

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