

Re: Data Type nvarchar or varchar

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Thanks a lot Sylvain,

I'm thinking to change only to save space.

It's true, until know, using nvarchar I neever had problems.

By another side, I think if varchar also doesn't bring problems, probably is good to change the datatype.

Thanks

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Portuguese has diacritical symbols in its alphabet, so you need to use a code page if you want to go the ASCII road. Everytime you use a code page, there is always a possibility that you will have problem if your data is to be access by a machine which doesn't use the exact same code page; so for example someone who is greek, russian, chinese or even french – whose alphabet is close but not identical to the portuguese – will have problem accessing or updating your data.

If I were you, I would stop bothering myself and Unicode. There is already enough problems in life so that you don't really have the need (or the luxury) to add more to it. Your database was already running fine in Access with Unicode, why would you want to start changing things now?

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My data is english or portuguese, so, is derived from latin language.

Do you think can i change nvarchar to varchar without impact problems?

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Thanks,

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nvarchar supports Unicode data. Functionally, it's the same as varchar, but it may require additional storage – I think Unicode requires two bytes per character instead of one – but I could be wrong. If your data is always going to be English (or a similar ASCII based language) you can switch the data types back to varchar.

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When we use upgrade wizard to migrate ms access to sql server, the fields data type text is converted to nvarchar. My question is, Can I change nvarchar to varchar? These changes does it not affect nothing?

Thanks

JCP