

## Re: DB or no DB?

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SQL Express (and before it SQL Server 2000 Personal Edition – see <http://www.microsoft.com/sql/techinfo/planning/ChoosEd.doc>) are totally designed to run on the client. That's their target audience. See <http://www.microsoft.com/sql/editions/express/default.msp#...Easily Embed a Local Database for Your Application...>

The 'server' in their title is indeed a little confusing but that's just the way it is. They even have a Sql Server Mobile <http://www.microsoft.com/sql/editions/sqlmobile/default.msp#> for phones and PDAs so obviously the 'server' in the name does not mean you can only run on a server.

As for using it, I disagree. If you have an application that needs to store and query structured data then a DBMS is a perfectly valid way of doing it. Depending on your requirements for storage and query it may be overkill but that's the developers decision to make. If you are a SQL expert then maybe using something you already know is a big productivity advantage rather than changing the way you think – and remember there are a \*lot\* of .Net developers that know SQL very well. There is nothing that says databases are only for B2B applications. That is of course, just my opinion.

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Well it's called SQL "Server" Express... I never worked with the express version but I do know that the full version is indeed a server...

Anyway, It's a bad idea unless maybe you're making a B2B application.

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