

Re: Problem with updating MDF Data file as opposed to updating a running SQL Server DB

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I don't know if you guys know what I am doing.

In Visual C# Express, I created a windows application, then "Added" a "Database File". Doing this created an MDF file in my project folder, and added in a connection string into my "App.config" file for me. This connection string specifically pointed to data file, and added the database into my database explorer window in the IDE. From there I could create a new Data Access Layer (xsd) with a simple drag and drop and viola, I had a typed dataset for the table in the DB. I have watched some Atlas tutorials that microsoft provides where they have done exactly this, but through VWD Express, and not VC# Express.

It would seem with this option, then one could use a SQL Server MDF file and NOT have to have SQL Server running on the target machine. It would seem that MS is trying to give people the option to use SQL Server MDF files instead of MS Access MDB files from the get go on their development project, with the option to host the MDF files in an actual instance of SQL Server later down the line.

I am actually going to just use the "SaveXML" and "ReadXML" methods off of the typed dataset that the IDE created for me, but it is still kinda ghetto that Microsoft gives you the option to use an MDF file, but it doesn't work fully....

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