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You know, this might be one of those "if what you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail" situations.

If what you have is a bunch of DBA's doing the software architecture, they're going to be oriented towards doing the business logic with constraints, triggers, and stored procedures, because that's what they know. If what you have is a bunch of application programmers (C++, .Net languages, etc.) they're going to want to do the business logic in the middle tier, and use the data layer only for access and update and so forth, because that's what they know.

I could go on at considerable length, and probably will if this turns into an active thread, but for now...

Regards,  
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Hi,

I wanted to start a general discussion more for getting some thoughts on what other people think/practice out there just to see how far (if at all) I'm off base on my own thoughts.

My primary experience is developing applications using VB or DotNet. I have some sql skills but they are limited. In a previous company our concept on SQL was that it was used for very simple work, (i.e. insert, update, delete, select, etc). The applications we wrote did the bulk of the work. We had very limited DTS's wrtten and stored procs were very small.

In the company I've been working at for the last year, we have two different mindsets on this issue (to be honest, the numbers of people who feel like I do have dwindled, we've lost some of our DotNet

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developers in the last few months). A very large amount of work is being developed in SQL and even where our DotNet applications are concerned, I have seen some push for putting a lot of the work into the stored procs instead of having them be simplistic like I mentioned in the previous paragraph. I have seen stored procs called by dot net apps that call other stored procs, that call others, etc. Some of these procs are like miniature apps in of themselves.

I have a hard time wrapping my brain around why anyone would do this. I believe that this type of design is problematic for maintainence at the very least. But I would think it puts an unnecessary burden on SQ