

Universal Data Type

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Can anyone think of a way to store data into a database as a universal (binary) datatype and then be able to retrieve it later?

For example:

I would like to be able to take any field from any table (including memos) and put it into this datatype.

Suppose I had the following tables:

MainTable
Name c(10)
Age n(3,0)
Notes m
Expire d
Member l

Universal
Data u (or whatever the universal data type is)

I would want to be able to:

- Replace u with Name or
- Replace u with Age or
- Replace u with Notes or
- Replace u with Expire or
- Replace u with Member

Right now the best I can come up with is to use a memo field and do conversions for numeric, date, datetime, and logical fields.

Can anyone think of anything better?

Thanks,
Jeff

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