

Re: Dynamic column specification in table update

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Yes, you need braces to EXEC a string. Again print the string to you know what you are trying to execute. A varchar can be up to 8000 if declare properly. If you need more, you can use below technique:

EXEC (@str1 + @str2)

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"Alec MacLean" <alec.maclea@NO-SPAM-copeo@hs.com> wrote in message
news:%23r%23vTO8qEHA.2580@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...

> Changing the EXEC to include braces round the sql command variable helps (partially):
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> SELECT @DSQL = 'UPDATE #tRes SET [' + CAST(@H AS NVARCHAR(30)) + ']'

> SELECT @DSQL = @DSQL +

> <snip blah>

> ...

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> EXEC (@DSQL)

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> But then I get Error 170 (incorrect syntax). The output string is the first 256 chars of the D
> string, which happens to be on the 'W' of the where clause...

> Is the 256 truncation a factor of the error message processing (so a non-factor), or a limit of
> QA?

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> Thanks

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> Al

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> "Alec MacLean" <alec.maclea@NO-SPAM-copeo@hs.com> wrote in message

> news:eXcVzG8qEHA.3244@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

>> Thanks Mal...

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>> I've not used Dynamic SQL before, so been reading up a bit.

>> I've tried your suggestion, but I get the server message 203 ("name is not a valid identifier")

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> <snip>

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>> Thanks for your help.

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>> Al

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