

## Re: SELECT COUNT(\*)

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That is a good question. I'd only guess it's something implemented similar to Oracle to allows things such as select GetDate() without the from clause. The from clause is suppose to be required in every select statement.

In Oracle, the from is always required so if you used their implementation of the same and used dual, select count(\*) from dual should return 1 if I remember correctly.

In other words, I'd guess SQL Server and Sybase implement something similar to the dummy table dual but you just don't have to be explicit with it such as you do in Oracle.

-Sue

On Tue, 15 Feb 2005 05:03:03 -0800, "Mike Epprecht (SQL MVP)" <mike@epprecht.net> wrote:

>Hi

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>select count(\*) where 1=2

>go

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>select count(\*)

>go

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>Results:

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>0

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>1

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>What is "select count(\*)" counting ?

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>Where 1=1 ?

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>Same behavior in SQL 7.0, 2000 and Sybase. Oracle, it does not work with >error "Missing FROM clause".

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