

Can I use profiler to watch a table from an application?

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I need to create an application which watches for changes to one or two tables in a SQL Server database.

I originally considered adding a trigger to the table which would add a row to another table recording some information about the change. This second table would then be scanned by the application (it would delete rows it had processed – in fact it would be a queue).

However I was wondering if I could instead create a trace which the application could monitor in real time. It seems that traces can be created which are written to a file, but you have to stop the trace to look at the file.

Any suggestions?

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