

## Re: Cant create new query

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Books Online is a pretty good start; most of the books I have for T-SQL are pretty advanced, maybe you could get Ken Henderson's Guru's Guide or Itzik's Inside SQL Server book...

On 10/14/08 10:46 AM, in article  
9B99655F-8017-4FD2-BCFA-DB8A31FE39A5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Jim Jacoby"  
<JimJacoboy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Sounds good. I'll do that. Are there any books you recommend?

"Aaron Bertrand [SQL Server MVP]" wrote:

Don't do it. Just because it is easy doesn't make it "best"... Access (and the visual designers) will teach you all kinds of bad habits. Learn T-SQL... it will be worth it, I promise.

On 10/14/08 10:06 AM, in article  
2048491E-6E03-40B8-B131-D2017BC9456F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Jim  
Jacoboy"  
<JimJacoboy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Hi Aaron,  
Thanks for taking the time to reply and for the insight. LOL.  
I agree. I  
still find that the best way is to create the queries in Access  
using linked  
tables and then copy-paste into SQL Server

"Aaron Bertrand [SQL Server MVP]" wrote:

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From ssms 2005, when I  
select the New query all I  
get is a blank sql  
window.

That is by design, because SQL Server can't  
predict the query you want to  
run, and expects you to type something. Did  
you try typing `SELECT * FROM`  
`some_table` and hitting F5?

How do I open in the query  
grid window? Also why is  
the query designer  
window  
always greyed out.

You may not think so at this moment, but  
this is probably a good thing.  
The  
visual designers in SSMS are severely  
broken and aren't necessarily the  
best  
way to accomplish anything in SQL Server.

I can't change the Query  
type.

What is a "Query type"? Do you mean  
`SELECT` vs. `INSERT`, or `T-SQL` vs. `MDX`,  
or  
something else?