

# XML in DataBase

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We need to store an entire XML document intact (not breaking the document into relational data).

We have been attempting to submit the data into a text field within SQL Server 2000 via an updategram, but the data will only send in under 4000 characters worth of data (and the XML file will be between 9K and 20K in size).

The question is, should we store the XML file inside a text field, or is it better to store the xml data as a file in the file system (and a link within the SQL database to the file). The XML file doesn't require parsing, or modification.

If we store the data in the database, then we are having to deal with the issue of performance and also the fact we haven't been able to get a large xml file into the database successfully.

If we store the data in a file with a link in the database, then we will be extra concerned about potential problems if the file is inadvertently deleted while the database entry still exists.

Any suggestions?

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