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# Introduction



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# Introduction

- We will use **SQL Server**, which is a Database System from Microsoft.
- We will create Applications in **Visual Studio** and **C#** that communicates with the SQL Server Database.
- We will create **Windows Forms** Desktop Applications.
  - Applications that **Writes Data** to the SQL Server.
  - Applications that **Reads Data** from the SQL Server.

# What is a Database?

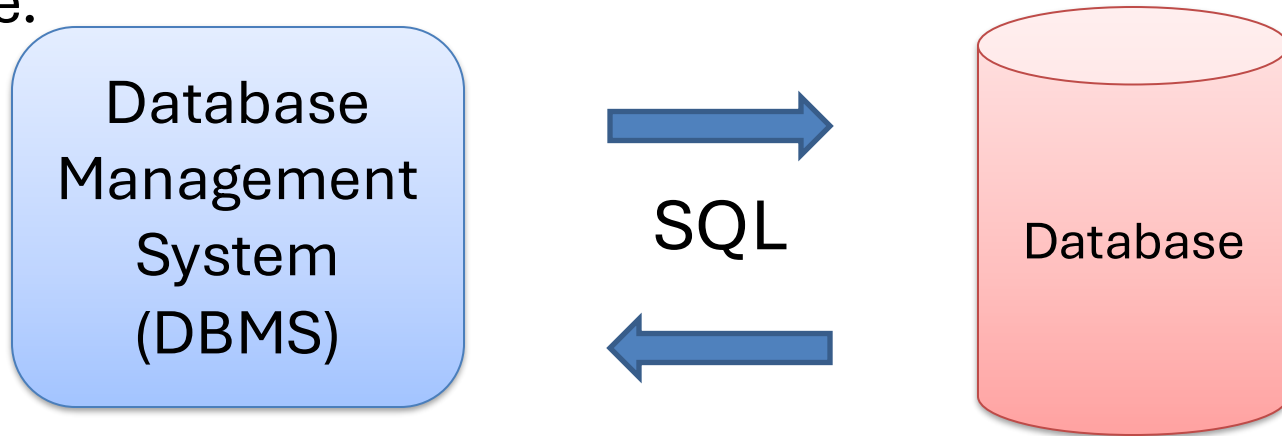
- A Database is a structured way to store lots of information.
- The information inside the database is stored in different tables.
- - “Everything” today is stored in databases!

## Examples:

- Bank/Account systems
- Information in Web pages such as Facebook, Wikipedia, YouTube, etc.
- Online Web Shops
- ... lots of other examples!

# Database Systems

We communicate with the Database using a Database Management System (DBMS). We use the **Structured Query Language (SQL)** to communicate with the Database, i.e., Insert Data, Retrieve Data, Update Data and Delete Data from the Database.



SQL – Structured Query Language

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# SQL Server



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# Install SQL Server Express

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## New SQL Server standalone installation or add features to an existing installation

Launch a wizard to install SQL Server 2022 in a non-clustered environment or to add features to an existing SQL Server 2022 instance.



## Install SQL Server Reporting Services

Launch a download wizard to install SQL Server 2022 Reporting Services.



## Install SQL Server Profiler

Launch a download wizard to install SQL Server Profiler.



## Install SQL Server Visual Studio Integration Service

Launch a download wizard to install the Visual Studio Integration Service.



## Upgrade from a previous version

Launch a wizard to upgrade from a previous version of SQL Server.

### Instance Configuration

Specify the name and instance ID for the instance of SQL Server. Instance ID becomes part of the installation path.

Default instance

Named instance: \*

Instance ID:

SQL Server directory: C:\Program Files\Microsoft SQL Server\MSSQL16.SQLEXPRESS

Installed instances:

Instance Name	Instance ID	Features	Edition	Ver
CITADEL	MSSQL11.CITADEL	SQLEngine	Express	11.4

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## Mixed Mode is recommended

SQL Server 2022 Setup

### Database Engine Configuration

Specify Database Engine authentication security mode, administrators, data directories, TempDB, Max degree of parallelism, Memory limits, and Filestream settings.

- License Terms
- Global Rules
- Product Updates
- Install Setup Files
- Install Rules
- Azure Extension for SQL Server
- Feature Selection
- Feature Rules
- Instance Configuration
- Server Configuration
- Database Engine Configuration**
- Feature Configuration Rules
- Installation Progress
- Complete

Server Configuration    Data Directories    TempDB    Memory    User Instances    FILESTREAM

Specify the authentication mode and administrators for the Database Engine.

#### Authentication Mode

- Windows authentication mode
- Mixed Mode (SQL Server authentication and Windows authentication)

Specify the password for the SQL Server system administrator (sa) account.

Enter password:

Confirm password:

Specify SQL Server administrators

XPSI\SHPH\hansha (hansha)

SQL Server administrators have unrestricted access to the Database Engine.

Add Current User    Add...    Remove

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Launch a wizard to install SQL Server 2022 in a non-clustered environment or to add features to an existing SQL Server 2022 instance.

 [Install SQL Server Reporting Services](#)  
Launch a download page that provides a link to install SQL Server Reporting Services. An internet connection is required to install SSRS.

 [Install SQL Server Management Tools](#)  
Launch a download page that provides a link to SQL Server command-line utilities (SQLCMD), SQL Server Profiler and Database Tuning Advisor, and to install these tools.

 [Install SQL Server Data Tools](#)  
Launch a download page that provides a link to provides Visual Studio integration including pro SQL Database, the SQL Server Database Engine, Integration Services. An internet connection is required.

 [Upgrade from a previous version of SQL Server](#)  
Launch a wizard to upgrade a previous version of SQL Server. [Click here to first view Upgrade Documentation](#)

## Download SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS)

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Applies to:  SQL Server  Azure SQL Database  Azure SQL

SQL Server Management Studio (SSMS) is an integrated environment for managing SQL Server, Azure SQL Database, and Azure SQL Managed Instance. Use SSMS to deploy, monitor, and upgrade the databases and data. Use SSMS to build queries and scripts.

Use SSMS to query, design, and manage your databases and data on your local computer or in the cloud.

## Download SSMS

↓ [Free Download for SQL Server Management Studio \(SSMS\) 19.0.2](#)

SSMS 19.0.2 is the latest general availability (GA) version. If you have an earlier version of SSMS installed, you should uninstall it before installing SSMS 19.0.2. If you have SSMS 19.0.2.

RELEASE 19.0.2

 Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio  
with Azure Data Studio

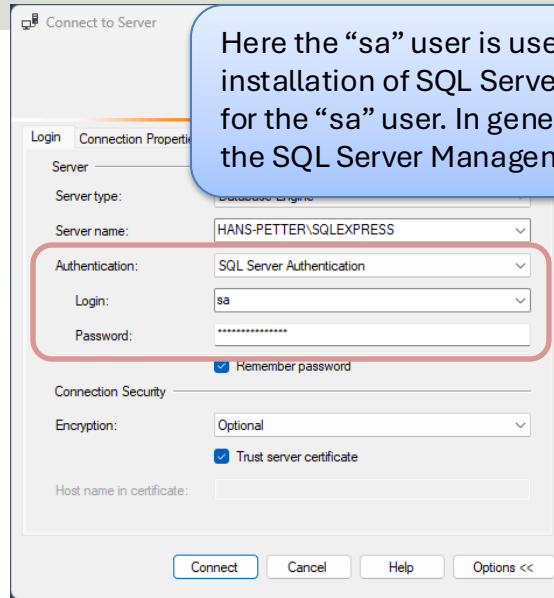
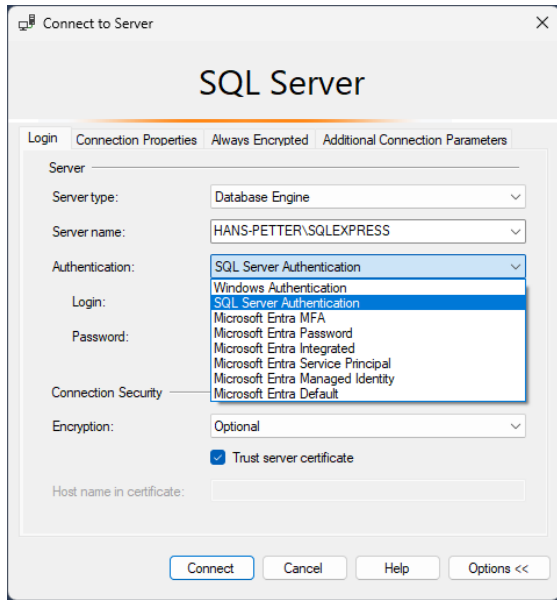
Welcome. Click "Install" to begin.

Location:

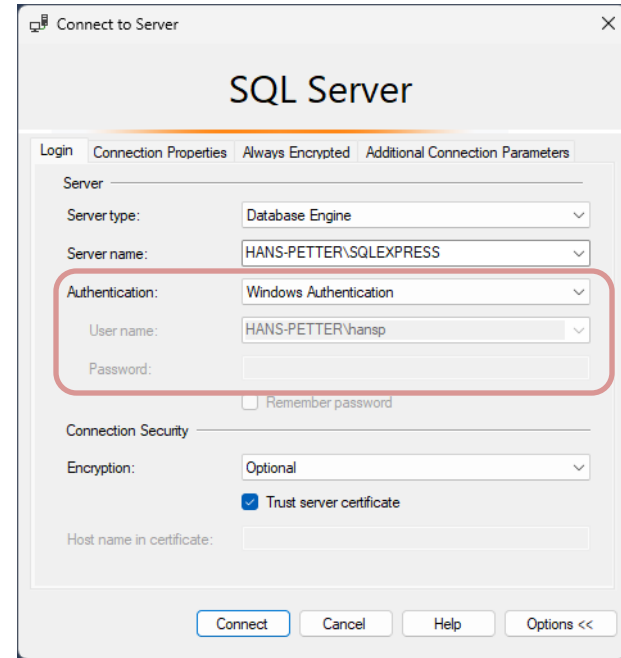
By clicking the "Install" button, I acknowledge that I accept the [Privacy Statement](#) and the License Terms for [SQL Server Management Studio](#) and [Azure Data Studio](#)

SQL Server Management Studio transmits information about your installation experience, as well as other usage and performance data, to Microsoft to help improve the product. To learn more about data processing and privacy controls, and to turn off the collection of this information after installation, see the [documentation](#)

# Login to SQL Server Management Studio



Here the “sa” user is used. If you select “Mixed mode” during installation of SQL Server Express, you need to specify the Password for the “sa” user. In general, better to create additional SQL users in the SQL Server Management Studio and use that instead of “sa”.



Choose between:

- **SQL Server Authentication**
- **Windows Authentication** (the current Windows account credentials are used for authentication)

# SQL Server Management Studio

Server Name

Databases

The screenshot displays the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio interface. The Object Explorer on the left shows the server hierarchy for 'HANS-PETTER\SQLEXPRESS (SQL Server)'. The main query editor contains the following SQL query:

```
select SensorId, SensorName, SensorType from SENSOR
```

The Results pane at the bottom shows the output of the query as a table with 5 rows and 3 columns: SensorId, SensorName, and SensorType.

SensorId	SensorName	SensorType
1	Sensor1	Temperature
2	Sensor2	Pressure
3	Sensor3	Temperature
4	Sensor4	Pressure
5	Sensor5	Level

At the bottom of the window, a status bar indicates 'Query executed successfully.' and '5 rows'.

Here you can write SQL queries for inserting, retrieving, updating and delete data from the database.

Here you see the results from the SQL query.

# Structured Query Language (SQL)

- Structured Query Language (SQL) is used to write, read and update data from the Database System
- You can use SQL inside the “SQL Server Management Studio” or inside your Visual Studio C# App.
- SQL Example: “select \* from SCHOOL”

# SQL Examples

## Query Examples:

- **insert** into STUDENT (Name , Number, SchoolId)  
values ('John Smith', '100005', 1)
- **select** SchoolId, Name from SCHOOL
- **select** \* from SCHOOL where SchoolId > 100
- **update** STUDENT set Name='John Wayne' **where** StudentId=2
- **delete** from STUDENT **where** SchoolId=3

We have 4 different Query Types: **INSERT**, **SELECT**, **UPDATE** and **DELETE**

**CRUD**: **C** – Create or Insert Data, **R** – Retrieve (Select) Data, **U** – Update Data, **D** – Delete Data

# Database

We will create a Database called “SENSORSYSTEM” and create the following Table:

```
CREATE TABLE SENSOR
(
  SensorId int NOT NULL IDENTITY (1, 1),
  SensorName varchar(50) NOT NULL,
  SensorType varchar(50) NOT NULL
)
```

Note! This is a very simplified example, typically we create multiple tables.

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# Visual Studio



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# Windows Forms Application

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- Windows Forms App C#
- Console App C#
- Setup Project
- Windows Forms App Visual Basic
- MSTest Test Project C#
- Windows Forms App (.NET Framework) C#

Windows Forms

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- Windows Forms App  
A project template for creating a .NET Windows Forms (WinForms) App.  
C# Windows Desktop
- Windows Forms App  
A project template for creating a .NET Windows Forms (WinForms) App.  
Visual Basic Windows Desktop
- Windows Forms App (.NET Framework)  
A project for creating an application with a Windows Forms (WinForms) user interface  
C# Windows Desktop
- Windows Forms Control Library (.NET Framework)  
A project for creating controls to use in Windows Forms (WinForms) applications  
C# Windows Desktop Library
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A project for creating an application with a Windows Forms (WinForms) user interface  
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# Microsoft.Data.SqlClient

The screenshot displays the Visual Studio IDE with the NuGet Package Manager window open. The main window shows a list of packages, with **Microsoft.Data.SqlClient** highlighted. The package details pane on the right shows the version **6.0.1** and an **Install** button. The Solution Explorer on the right shows the project structure for **SensorSystem**.

**NuGet Package Manager: SensorSystem**

Package source: nuget.org

Search: Microsoft.Data.

**Microsoft.Data.SqlClient** by Microsoft, nugetsqltools, 816M downloads, 6.0.1  
The current data provider for SQL Server and Azure SQL databases...

**Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.SNI.runtime** by Microsoft, nuget, 6.0.2  
Internal implementation package not meant for direct consumption...

**Microsoft.Data.Sqlite.Core** by aspnet, dotnetframework, EntityFrameworkCore, 9.0.3  
Microsoft.Data.Sqlite is a lightweight ADO.NET provider for SQLite. T...

**Microsoft.Data.OData** by Microsoft, OData, 177M downloads, 5.8.5  
**This package version is deprecated.**

**Microsoft.Data.Edm** by Microsoft, OData, 178M downloads, 5.8.5  
Classes to represent, construct, parse, serialize and validate entity d...

**Microsoft.Data.Services.Client** by Microsoft, OData, 117M downloads, 5.8.5  
LINQ-enabled client API for issuing OData queries and consuming O...

**Microsoft.Data.Sqlite** by aspnet, dotnetframework, EntityFrameworkCore, 9.0.3  
Microsoft.Data.Sqlite is a lightweight ADO.NET provider for SQLite.

**Microsoft.Extensions.Configuration.Binder** by aspnet, dotnetframework, 9.0.3  
Provides the functionality to bind an object to data in configuration p...

**Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore** by aspnet, dotnetframework, 9.0.3  
Entity Framework Core is a modern object-database mapper for .NET...

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**Microsoft.Data.SqlClient** by Microsoft, nugetsqltools, 816M downloads, 6.0.1  
The current data provider for SQL Server and Azure SQL databases...

**Version:** Latest stable 6.0.1 **Install**

Package source mapping is off. [Configure](#)

**Options**

**README** Package Details

license MIT Nuget.org Downloads 816M Azure Pipelines succeeded

**Microsoft SqlClient Data Provider for SQL Server**

Microsoft.Data.SqlClient is a .NET data provider for Microsoft SQL Server and the Azure SQL family of databases. It grew from a union of the two System.Data.SqlClient components which live independently in .NET Framework and .NET Core. Going forward, support for new SQL Server and Azure SQL features will only be implemented in Microsoft.Data.SqlClient.

**Supportability**

The Microsoft.Data.SqlClient package supports the following environments:

- .NET Framework 4.6.2+
- .NET 8.0+

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**SensorSystem**

- Dependencies
- Analyzers
- Frameworks
- Form1.cs
- Form1.Designer.cs
- Form1.resx
- Program.cs

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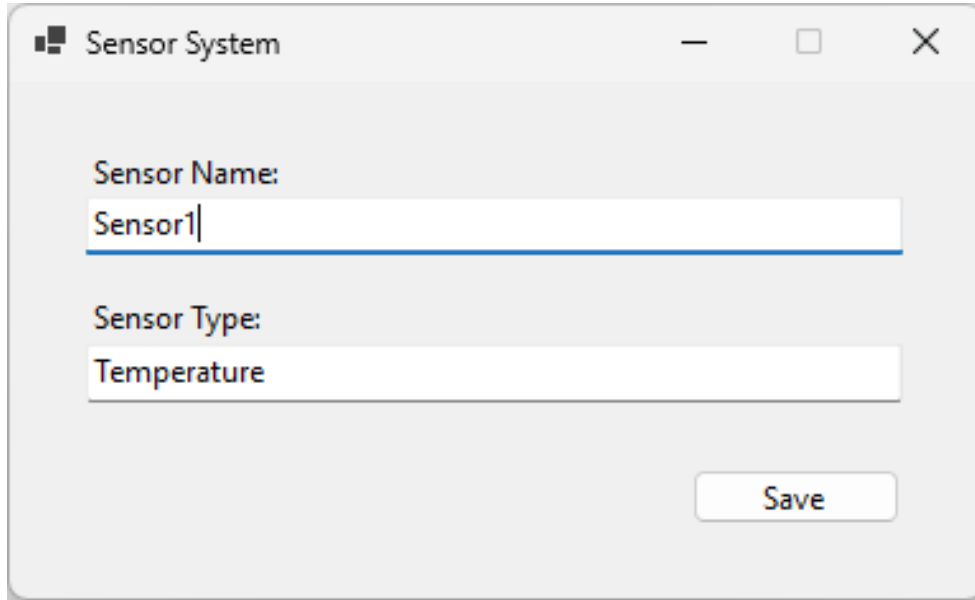
# Insert Data into Database



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# “Write Sensor Data” App



Sensor System

Sensor Name:  
Sensor1

Sensor Type:  
Temperature

Save



When clicking “Save”, data entered in the TextBoxes will be saved in the SQL Server Database.

The following SQL query will be executed in the C# code:

```
INSERT INTO SENSOR (SensorName, SensorType) VALUES ('Sensor1', 'Temperature')
```

# Database

The screenshot displays the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio interface. The main window shows a query editor with the following SQL statement:

```
select * from SENSOR
```

The Object Explorer on the left shows the database structure for the **SENSORSYSTEM** database:

- HANS-PETTER\SQLEXPRESS (SQL Server 16.0.1135 - sa)
  - Databases
    - System Databases
    - Database Snapshots
    - BOOKS
    - ORDERS
    - SENSORSYSTEM
      - Database Diagrams
      - Tables
        - System Tables
        - FileTables
        - External Tables
        - Graph Tables
        - dbo.SENSOR
          - Columns
            - SensorId (int, not null)
            - SensorName (varchar(50), not null)
            - SensorType (varchar(50), not null)
          - Keys
          - Constraints
          - Triggers
          - Indexes
          - Statistics
        - Views
        - External Resources

```
CREATE TABLE SENSOR  
(  
    SensorId int NOT NULL IDENTITY (1,1),  
    SensorName varchar(50) NOT NULL,  
    SensorType varchar(50) NOT NULL  
)
```

# Visual Studio

The screenshot displays the Visual Studio IDE interface. The main window shows a Windows Form titled "Sensor System" with two text input fields labeled "Sensor Name" and "Sensor Type", and a "Save" button. The interface includes several panels:

- Toolbox:** A list of Windows Forms controls such as SqlCommandBuilder, SqlConnection, SqlDataAdapter, All Windows Forms, Pointer, BackgroundWorker, BindingSource, Button, CheckBox, CheckedListBox, ColorDialog, ComboBox, ContextMenuStrip, DataGridView, DateTimePicker, DomainUpDown, ErrorProvider, FileSystemWatcher, FlowLayoutPanel, FolderBrowserDialog, FontDialog, GroupBox, and HelpProvider.
- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure for "SensorSystem", including "Dependencies", "Form1.cs", and "Program.cs".
- Properties:** Shows the properties for the selected "Form1" control, including "FormBorderStyle" (Sizable), "RightToLeft" (No), "RightToLeftLayout" (False), "Text" (Sensor System), and "UseWaitCursor" (False).
- Output:** Shows the output of the application, with a dropdown menu for "Show output from:".

The status bar at the bottom indicates the system is "Ready", the date is "15, 15", the resolution is "399 x 242", and there are options to "Add to Source Control" and "Select Repository".

# Connection String

The Connection String to connect to the Database can be written in many ways. Here is some examples (There are many other ways also):

**Windows Authentication** (the current Windows account credentials are used for authentication):

```
string connectionString = "Server=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;  
Database=SENSORSYSTEM;  
Integrated Security=True;  
TrustServerCertificate=True";
```

**SQL Server Authentication:**

```
string connectionString = "Server=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;  
Database=SENSORSYSTEM;  
Uid=sa;  
Pwd=YourPassword;  
TrustServerCertificate=True";
```

Here the “sa” user is used. If you select “Mixed mode” during installation of SQL Server Express, you need to specify the Password for the “sa” user. In general, better to create additional SQL users in the SQL Server Management Studio and use that instead of “sa”.

# C#

```
File Edit View Git Project Build Debug Test Analyze Tools Extensions Window Help Search WriteSensor
Deb Any CPI SensorSystem SensorSystem.Form1 txtSensorType
Solution Expl...
Search Solution Exp...
Solution 'WriteSens...
SensorSystem
Dependencies
Form1.cs
Program.cs
GitHub C... Solution...
Properties
100% No issues found Lni: 32 Ch: 2 SPC CRLF
```

```
1 using System;
2 using System.Windows.Forms;
3 using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
4
5 namespace SensorSystem
6 {
7     3 references
8     public partial class Form1 : Form
9     {
10         1 reference
11         public Form1()
12         {
13             InitializeComponent();
14         }
15
16         1 reference
17         private void btnSave_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
18         {
19             string sensorName = txtSensorName.Text;
20             string sensorType = txtSensorType.Text;
21
22             string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";
23
24             string sqlQuery = "INSERT INTO SENSOR (SensorName, SensorType) " +
25                 "VALUES (" + "'" + sensorName + "'" + "," + "'" + sensorType + "'" + ")";
26
27             SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
28
29             con.Open();
30             SqlCommand sc = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
31             sc.ExecuteNonQuery();
32             con.Close();
33         }
34     }
35 }
```

## Form1.cs

```
using System;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;

namespace SensorSystem
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        public Form1()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void btnSave_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
            string sensorName = txtSensorName.Text;
            string sensorType = txtSensorType.Text;

            string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated
            Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";

            string sqlQuery = "INSERT INTO SENSOR (SensorName, SensorType) " +
                "VALUES (" + "\"" + sensorName + "\"" + ", " + "\"" + sensorType + "\"" + ")";

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);

            con.Open();
            SqlCommand sc = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
            sc.ExecuteNonQuery();
            con.Close();
        }
    }
}
```



# Step 2: Create Method

```
private void btnSave_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    SaveData();
}
```

```
private void SaveData()
```

```
{
    string sensorName = txtSensorName.Text;
    string sensorType = txtSensorType.Text;

    string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial
        Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";

    string sqlQuery = "INSERT INTO SENSOR (SensorName, SensorType) " +
        "VALUES (" + "\"" + sensorName + "\"" + ", " + "\"" + sensorType + "\"" + ")";

    SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
    con.Open();
    SqlCommand sc = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
    sc.ExecuteNonQuery();
    con.Close();
}
```

Form1.cs: Here is a separate Method “**SaveData()**” is made to improve Code Quality

# Step 3a: Create a Class

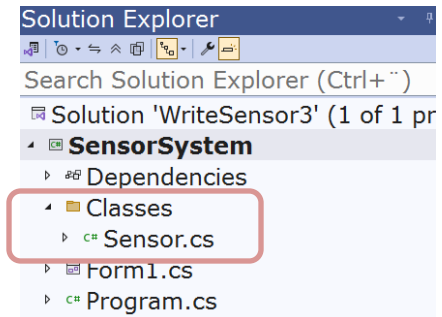
```
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;

namespace SensorSystem.Classes
{
    class Sensor
    {
        public void SaveSensorData(string sensorName, string sensorType)
        {
            string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated
                Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";

            string sqlQuery = "INSERT INTO SENSOR (SensorName, SensorType) " +
                "VALUES (" + "'" + sensorName + "'" + "," + "'" + sensorType + "'" + ")";

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
            con.Open();
            SqlCommand sc = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
            sc.ExecuteNonQuery();
            con.Close();
        }
    }
}
```

Here is a separate **Class “Sensor”** and a Method **“SaveSensorData()”** made to improve Code Quality



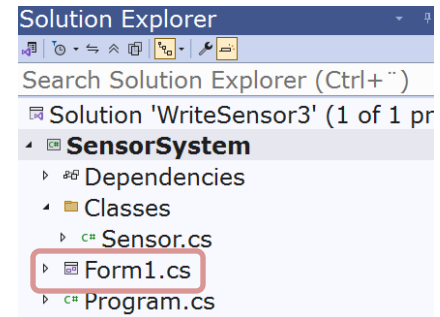
# Step 3b: Use the Class

```
private void btnSave_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
{
    SaveData();
}
```

Then we use the Class and Method in “Form1.cs”

```
private void SaveData()
{
    string sensorName = txtSensorName.Text;
    string sensorType = txtSensorType.Text;
```

```
    Sensor sensor = new Sensor();
    sensor.SaveSensorData(sensorName, sensorType);
}
```



# Step 4a: Create Stored Procedure

Create Stored Procedure “**SaveSensor**” in SQL Server Management Studio:

```
IF EXISTS (SELECT name
           FROM sysobjects
           WHERE name = 'SaveSensor'
           AND type = 'P')
DROP PROCEDURE SaveSensor
GO

CREATE PROCEDURE SaveSensor
@SensorName varchar(50),
@SensorType varchar(50)
AS

INSERT INTO SENSOR (SensorName, SensorType) VALUES (@SensorName, @SensorType)
GO
```

# Step 4a: Create Stored Procedure

The screenshot displays the Microsoft SQL Server Enterprise Manager interface. The left-hand pane shows the Object Explorer for the SENSORSYSTEM database, with the 'Stored Procedures' folder expanded and 'dbo.SaveSensor' selected. The main window shows a SQL query editor with the following code:

```
IF EXISTS (SELECT name
FROM sysobjects
WHERE name = 'SaveSensor'
AND type = 'P')
DROP PROCEDURE SaveSensor
GO

CREATE PROCEDURE SaveSensor
@SensorName varchar(50),
@SensorType varchar(50)
AS

INSERT INTO SENSOR (SensorName, SensorType) VALUES (@SensorName, @SensorType)

GO
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the connection is successful and shows the current line and column numbers (Ln 8, Col 28, Ch 28).

# Step 4b: Use Stored Procedure

Sensor.cs

```
using System.Data;
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;

namespace SensorSystem.Classes
{
    class Sensor
    {
        public void SaveSensorData(string sensorName, string sensorType)
        {
            string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial
                Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
            con.Open();

            SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand("SaveSensor", con);
            cmd.CommandType = CommandType.StoredProcedure;

            cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@SensorName", sensorName));
            cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@SensorType", sensorType));

            cmd.ExecuteNonQuery();
            con.Close();
        }
    }
}
```

# Step 5a: Create App.config

The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with the following components:

- Main Editor:** Displays the content of `App.config`. The code is as follows:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>
  <connectionStrings>
    <add name="DatabaseConnectionString" connectionString="Data Source=Hans-Petter\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=WriteSensor5;Integrated Security=True" providerName="System.Data.SqlClient" />
  </connectionStrings>
</configuration>
```
- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure for `WriteSensor5`. The `App.config` file is highlighted under the `Classes` folder.
- Properties Window:** Shows the properties for the selected `App.config` file. The `Misc` section is expanded, showing:

Encoding	Unicode (UTF-8)
Output	
Schemas	"C:\Program Files
Stylesheet	
- Callout Box:** A blue rounded rectangle contains the text: "We will create an 'App.config' for and put the Connection String inside that file."

# App.config

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>  
<configuration>  
  
  <connectionStrings>  
    <add name="DatabaseConnectionString" connectionString="Server=Hans-Petter\SQLEXPRESS;  
Database=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True"  
providerName="System.Data.SqlClient" />  
  </connectionStrings>  
  
</configuration>
```



# Step 5b: Use App.config

Sensor.cs

```
using System.Data;
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
using System.Configuration;

namespace SensorSystem.Classes
{
    class Sensor
    {
        public void SaveSensorData(string sensorName, string sensorType)
        {
            string connectionString = ConfigurationManager.ConnectionStrings["DatabaseConnectionString"].ConnectionString;

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
            con.Open();

            SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand("SaveSensor", con);
            cmd.CommandType = CommandType.StoredProcedure;

            cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@SensorName", sensorName));
            cmd.Parameters.Add(new SqlParameter("@SensorType", sensorType));

            cmd.ExecuteNonQuery();
            con.Close();
        }
    }
}
```

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# Get Data from Database



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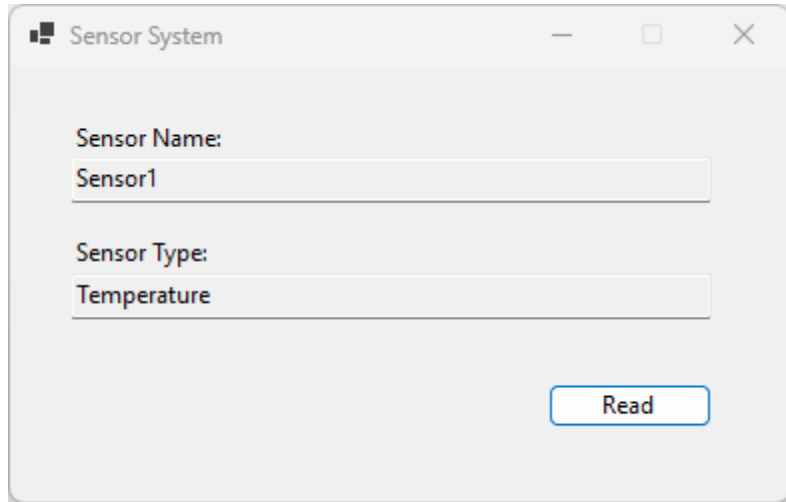
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# Get Data from Database

We will create different Applications:

- a) Get Data into **TextBoxes**
- b) Get Data into into a **ListBox** and a **ComboBox**
- c) Get Data into into a **DataGridView**

# “Read Sensor Data” App



Sensor System

Sensor Name:  
Sensor1

Sensor Type:  
Temperature

Read



When clicking “Read”, data from the SQL Server Database will be shown in the TextBoxes.

The following SQL query will be executed in the C# code:

```
SELECT SensorName, SensorType FROM SENSOR WHERE SensorId = 1
```

# Database

The screenshot displays the Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio interface. The Object Explorer on the left shows the database structure for HANS-PETTER\SQLEXPRESS (SQL Server 16.0.1135 - sa). The database SENSORSYSTEM contains a table named SENSOR. The table structure is as follows:

Column Name	Data Type	Nullability
SensorId	int	not null
SensorName	varchar(50)	not null
SensorType	varchar(50)	not null

The table contains 8 rows of data:

SensorId	SensorName	SensorType
1	Sensor1	Temperature
2	Sensor2	Temperature
3	Sensor3	Pressure
4	Sensor4	Level
5	Sensor5	Temperature
6	Sensor6	Pressure
7	Sensor7	Temperature
8	Sensor8	Temperature

The query editor shows the following SQL code:

```
select * from SENSOR
```

```
CREATE TABLE SENSOR  
(  
    SensorId int NOT NULL IDENTITY (1,1),  
    SensorName varchar(50) NOT NULL,  
    SensorType varchar(50) NOT NULL  
)
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates: Query executed successfully. | HANS-PETTER\SQLEXPRESS (16... | sa (59) | SENSORSYSTEM | 00:00:00 | 8 rows

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The screenshot shows the Visual Studio IDE with the NuGet Package Manager window open. The package list includes:

- Microsoft.Data.SqlClient 6.0.1
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The details for Microsoft.Data.SqlClient 6.0.1 are shown on the right, including the README and supportability information.

# Connection String

The Connection String to connect to the Database can be written in many ways. Here is some examples (There are many other ways also):

**Windows Authentication** (the current Windows account credentials are used for authentication):

```
string connectionString = "Server=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;  
Database=SENSORSYSTEM;  
Integrated Security=True;  
TrustServerCertificate=True";
```

**SQL Server Authentication:**

```
string connectionString = "Server=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;  
Database=SENSORSYSTEM;  
Uid=sa;  
Pwd=YourPassword;  
TrustServerCertificate=True";
```

Here the “sa” user is used. If you select “Mixed mode” during installation of SQL Server Express, you need to specify the Password for the “sa” user. In general, better to create additional SQL users in the SQL Server Management Studio and use that instead of “sa”.

# Code

```
using System;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;

namespace SensorSystem
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        public Form1()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
        }

        private void btnRead_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
            string connectionString = "Server=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated
                Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";

            string sqlQuery = "select SensorName, SensorType from SENSOR WHERE SensorId=1";

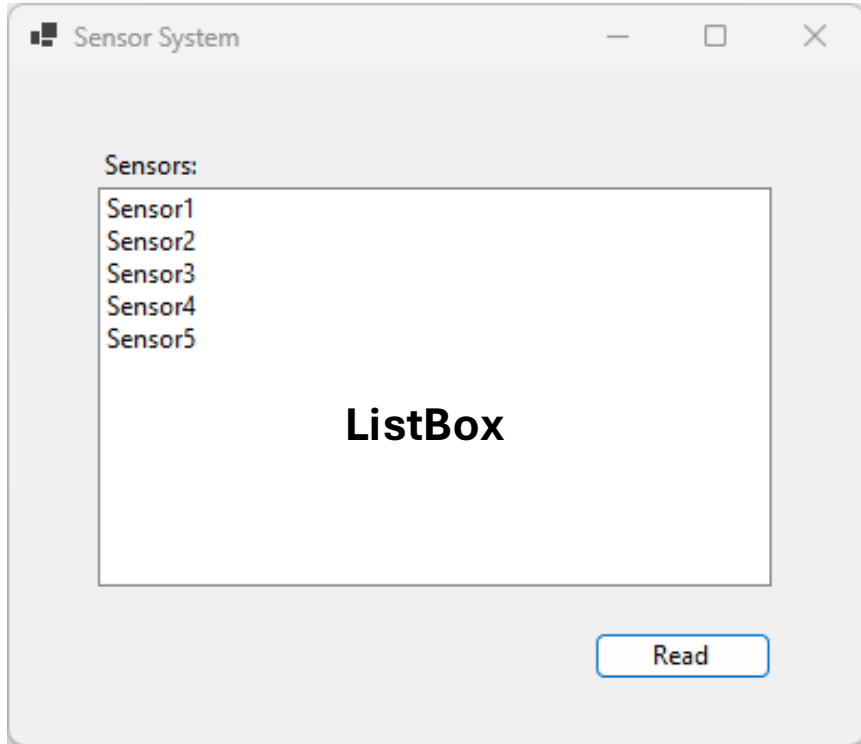
            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
            con.Open();

            SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
            SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();

            if (dr.Read()) {
                txtSensorName.Text = dr["SensorName"].ToString();
                txtSensorType.Text = dr["SensorType"].ToString();
            }
            con.Close();
        }
    }
}
```



# “Read Sensors” App



Here we use a **ListBox**



When clicking “Read”, data from the SQL Server Database will be shown in the **ListBox**.

# Code

```
using System;  
using System.Windows.Forms;  
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
```

```
namespace SensorSystem
```

```
{  
    public partial class Form1 : Form  
    {  
        public Form1()  
        {  
            InitializeComponent();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

```
private void btnRead_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
```

```
{  
    string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";
```

```
    string sqlQuery = "select SensorName from SENSOR";
```

```
    SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
```

```
    con.Open();
```

```
    SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
```

```
    SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();
```

```
    lstSensors.Items.Clear();
```

```
    if (dr != null)
```

```
    {
```

```
        while (dr.Read())
```

```
        {
```

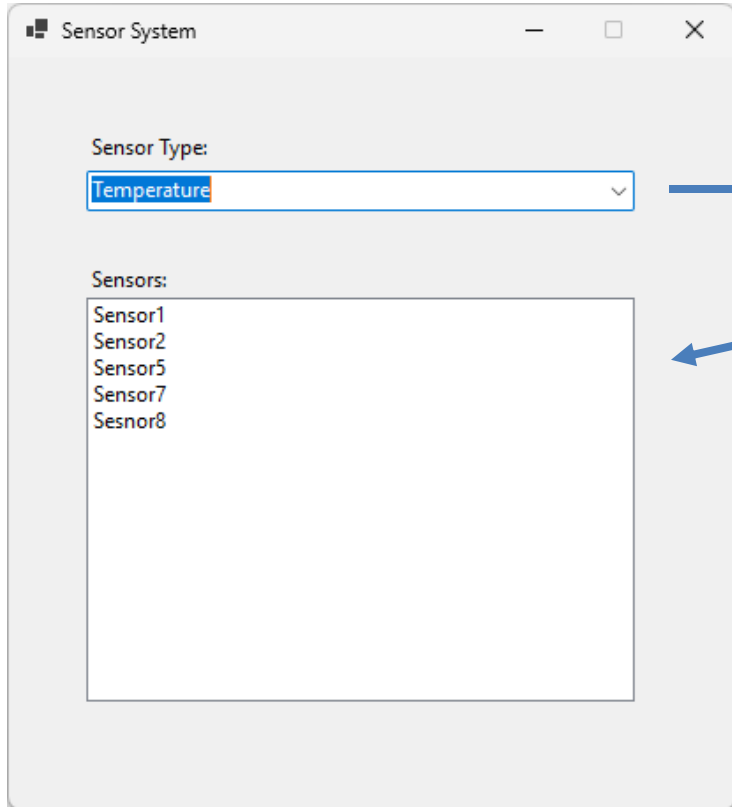
```
            string sensor = dr["SensorName"].ToString();
```

```
            lstSensors.Items.Add(sensor);
```

```
        }  
    }  
    con.Close();  
}
```

```
}
```

# “Read Sensors” App 2



Here we use a **ComboBox** and a **ListBox**

- The “SensorType” ComboBox are filled with Data from the SQL Server Database.
- When Selecting a specific “SensorType”, we get available “Sensors” from the SQL Server Database

# Form1.cs

```
using System;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;

namespace SensorSystem
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        string connectionString = "server=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated
            Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";

        public Form1()
        {
            InitializeComponent();
            GetSensorTypes();
        }

        private void cboSensorTypes_SelectedIndexChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)
        {
            string sensorTypeSelected = cboSensorTypes.SelectedItem.ToString();
            GetSensors(sensorTypeSelected);
        }
    }
}
```

... (see next page)

# GetSensorTypes()

```
private void GetSensorTypes()
{
    string sqlQuery = "select distinct SensorType from SENSOR order by SensorType";

    SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
    con.Open();

    SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
    SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();

    cboSensorTypes.Items.Clear();
    if (dr != null)
    {
        while (dr.Read())
        {
            string sensorType = dr["SensorType"].ToString();
            cboSensorTypes.Items.Add(sensorType);
        }
    }
    con.Close();
}
```

# GetSensors()

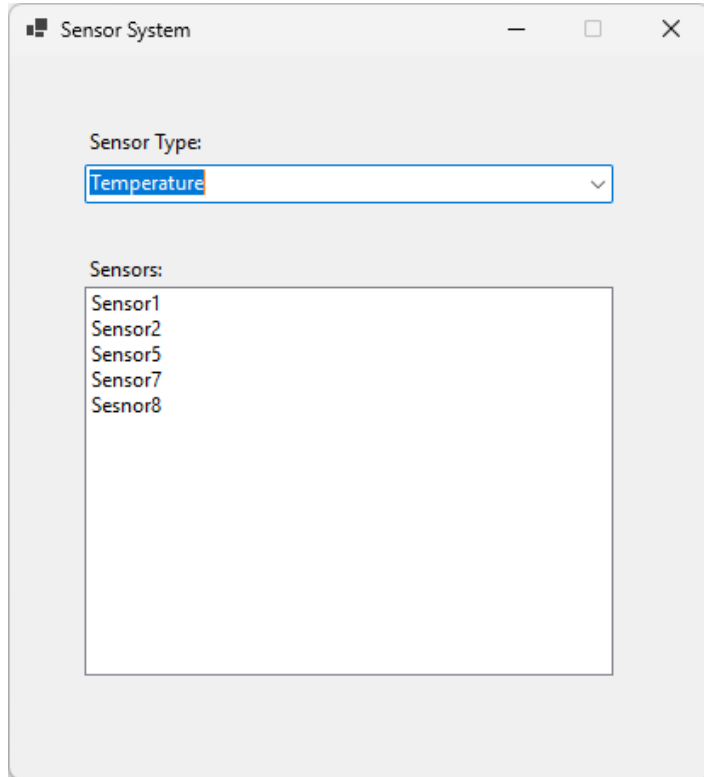
```
private void GetSensors(string sensorTypeSelected)
{
    string sqlQuery = "select SensorName from SENSOR where SensorType = '" + sensorTypeSelected +
        "' order by SensorName";

    SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
    con.Open();

    SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
    SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();

    lstSensors.Items.Clear();
    if (dr != null)
    {
        while (dr.Read())
        {
            string sensor = dr["SensorName"].ToString();
            lstSensors.Items.Add(sensor);
        }
    }
    con.Close();
}
```

# “Read Sensors” App 2b - Class



We will improve code structure by creating a separate **Class** called “Sensor” and move most of the code into that class.

# Sensor.cs

```
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
using System.Collections.Generic;

namespace SensorSystem.Classes
{
    public class Sensor
    {
        string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";

        public List<string> GetSensorTypes()
        {
            string sqQuery = "select distinct SensorType from SENSOR order by SensorType";

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
            con.Open();

            SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqQuery, con);
            SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();

            List<string> itemsSensorTypes = new List<string>();

            if (dr != null)
            {
                while (dr.Read())
                {
                    string sensorType = dr["SensorType"].ToString();
                    itemsSensorTypes.Add(sensorType);
                }
            }
            con.Close();
            return itemsSensorTypes;
        }

        public List<string> GetSensors(string sensorTypeSelected)
        {
            string sqQuery = "select SensorName from SENSOR where SensorType = " + sensorTypeSelected + " order by SensorName";

            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
            con.Open();

            SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqQuery, con);
            SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();

            List<string> itemsSensors = new List<string>();

            if (dr != null)
            {
                while (dr.Read())
                {
                    string sensor = dr["SensorName"].ToString();
                    itemsSensors.Add(sensor);
                }
            }
            con.Close();
            return itemsSensors;
        }
    }
}
```



```
using System;  
using System.Collections.Generic;  
using System.Windows.Forms;  
using SensorSystem.Classes;
```

```
namespace SensorSystem
```

```
{  
    public partial class Form1 : Form
```

```
    {  
        public Form1()  
        {  
            InitializeComponent();  
            GetSensorTypes();  
        }  
    }
```

```
    private void cboSensorTypes_SelectedIndexChanged(object sender, EventArgs e)  
    {  
        string sensorTypeSelected = cboSensorTypes.SelectedItem.ToString();  
        GetSensors(sensorTypeSelected);  
    }
```

```
    private void GetSensorTypes()  
    {  
        //See Next Pages  
    }
```

```
    private void GetSensors(string sensorTypeSelected)  
    {  
        //See Next Pages  
    }  
}
```

# GetSensorTypes()

```
private void GetSensorTypes()
{
    cboSensorTypes.Items.Clear();

    Sensor sensor = new Sensor();

    List<string> itemsSensorTypes = new List<string>();
    itemsSensorTypes = sensor.GetSensorTypes();

    foreach (string sensorType in itemsSensorTypes)
    {
        cboSensorTypes.Items.Add(sensorType);
    }
}
```

# GetSensors()

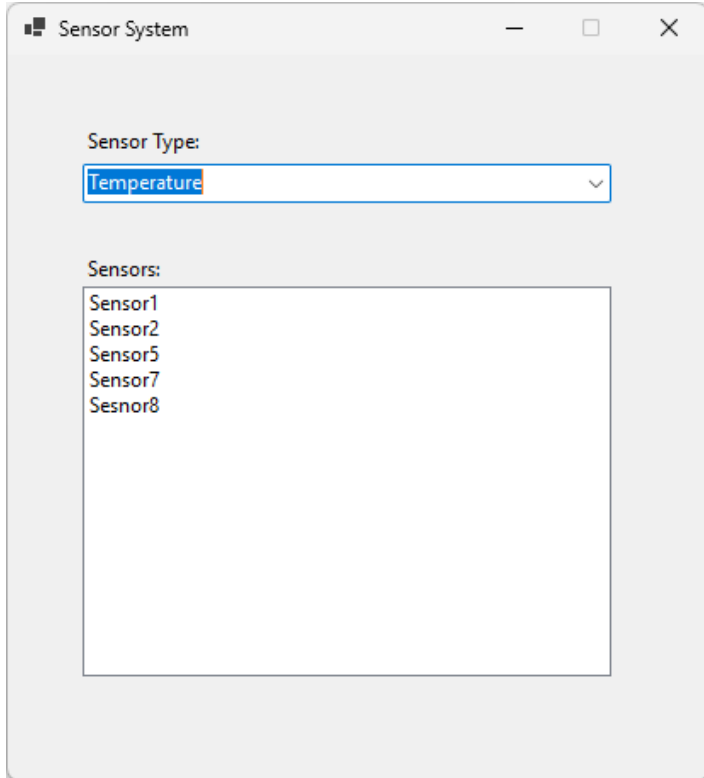
```
private void GetSensors(string sensorTypeSelected)
{
    lstSensors.Items.Clear();

    Sensor sensor = new Sensor();

    List<string> itemsSensors = new List<string>();
    itemsSensors = sensor.GetSensors(sensorTypeSelected);

    foreach (string sensorName in itemsSensors)
    {
        lstSensors.Items.Add(sensorName);
    }
}
```

# “Read Sensors” App 2c – App.config



We will improve the App by putting the Connection String into a Configuration File called “**App.config**”.

That’s because it makes it easier to change the Connection string without changing the C# code.

Then we can make an Executable Application and distribute the Application to others that do not have Visual Studio.

# App.config

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>
<configuration>

  <connectionStrings>
    <add name="DatabaseConnectionString" connectionString="Server=Hans-Petter\SQLEXPRESS;Database=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated
Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True"
    providerName="System.Data.SqlClient" />
  </connectionStrings>

</configuration>
```

# Updated "Sensor.cs"

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App.config Sensor.cs \* x

```
1 using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;
2 using System.Collections.Generic;
3 using System.Configuration;
4
5 namespace SensorSystem.Classes
6 {
7     public class Sensor
8     {
9         string connectionString = ConfigurationManager.ConnectionStrings["DatabaseConnectionString"].ConnectionString;
10
11         public List<string> GetSensorTypes()
12         {
13             string sqlQuery = "select distinct SensorType from SENSOR order by SensorType";
14
15             SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
16             con.Open();
17
18             SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
19             SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();
20
21             List<string> itemsSensorTypes = new List<string>();
22
23             if (dr != null)
24             {
25                 while (dr.Read())
26                 {
27                     string sensorType = dr["SensorType"].ToString();
28                     itemsSensorTypes.Add(sensorType);
29                 }
30             }
31             con.Close();
32             return itemsSensorTypes;
33         }
34
35         public List<string> GetSensors(string sensorTypeSelected)
36         {
37             string sqlQuery = "select SensorName from SENSOR where SensorType = '" + sensorTypeSelected + "' order by SensorName";
38
39             SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
```

Solution Explorer

Solution 'ReadSensors2c' (1 of 1 project)

- SensorSystem
  - Dependencies
  - Classes
    - Sensor.cs
  - App.config
  - Form1.cs
  - Program.cs

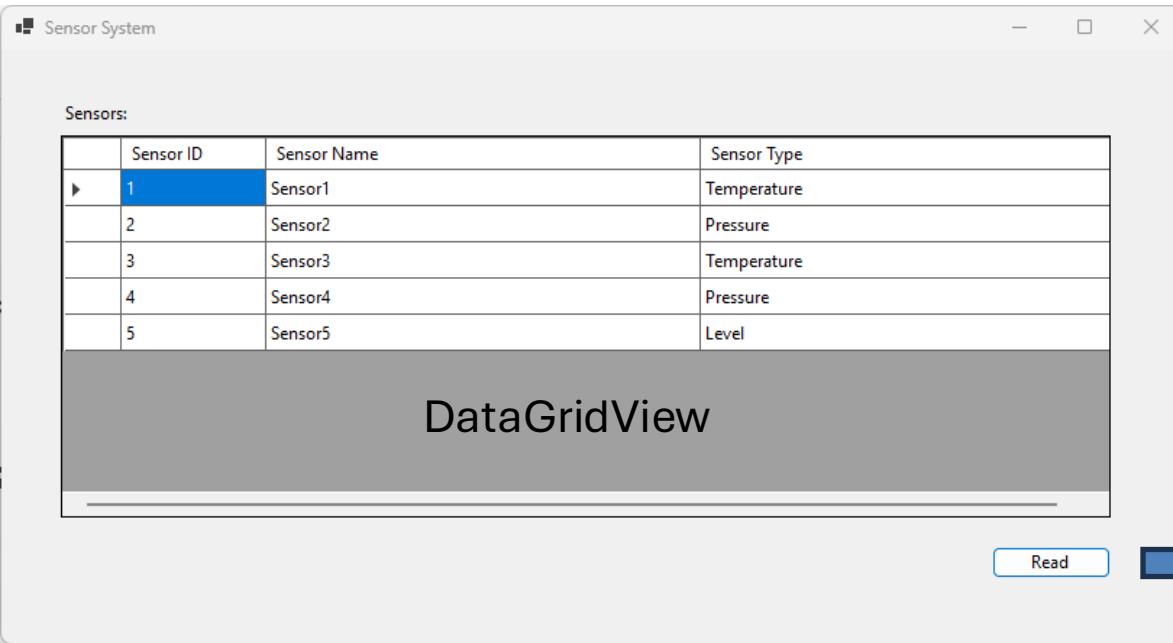
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# “Read Sensors” App3 - DataGridView



Here we will use  
a **DataGridView**

When clicking “Read”, data from the SQL Server Database will be shown in the **DataGridView**.

# Create Class and Method

The screenshot displays the Visual Studio IDE with the following components:

- File Explorer:** Shows the project structure with `SensorSystem` and `SensorSystem.Classes` folders. The `SensorSystem` folder is highlighted with a red box.
- Solution Explorer:** Shows the project structure with `SensorSystem` and `SensorSystem.Classes` folders. The `SensorSystem` folder is highlighted with a red box.
- Code Editor:** Shows the `Sensor.cs` file with the following code:

```
5 namespace SensorSystem.Classes
6 {
7     class SensorSystem
8     {
9         public int SensorId { get; set; }
10        public string SensorName { get; set; }
11        public string SensorType { get; set; }
12
13        public List<Sensor> GetSensors()
14        {
15            string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;I
16
17            string sqlQuery = "select SensorId, SensorName, SensorType from SENSOR";
18
19            SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);
20            con.Open();
21
22            SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);
23            SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();
24
25            List<Sensor> sensorList = new List<Sensor>();
26            if (dr != null)
27            {
28                while (dr.Read())
29                {
30                    Sensor sensor = new Sensor();
31
32                    sensor.SensorId = Convert.ToInt32(dr["SensorId"]);
33                    sensor.SensorName = dr["SensorName"].ToString();
34                    sensor.SensorType = dr["SensorType"].ToString();
35
36                    sensorList.Add(sensor);
37                }
38            }
39            con.Close();
40            return sensorList;
41        }
42    }
43 }
```
- Properties Window:** Shows the properties of the selected file.



# Create Class and Method

```
using Microsoft.Data.SqlClient;  
using System;  
using System.Collections.Generic;
```

```
namespace SensorSystem.Classes  
{
```

```
    class Sensor
```

```
    {  
        public int SensorId { get; set; }  
        public string SensorName { get; set; }  
        public string SensorType { get; set; }  
    }
```

```
    public List<Sensor> GetSensors()
```

```
    {
```

```
        string connectionString = "Data Source=Hans-Petter\\SQLEXPRESS;Initial Catalog=SENSORSYSTEM;Integrated  
            Security=True;TrustServerCertificate=True";
```

```
        string sqlQuery = "select SensorId, SensorName, SensorType from SENSOR";
```

```
        SqlConnection con = new SqlConnection(connectionString);  
        con.Open();
```

```
        SqlCommand cmd = new SqlCommand(sqlQuery, con);  
        SqlDataReader dr = cmd.ExecuteReader();
```

```
        List<Sensor> sensorList = new List<Sensor>();
```

```
        if (dr != null)
```

```
        {
```

```
            while (dr.Read())
```

```
            {
```

```
                Sensor sensor = new Sensor();
```

```
                sensor.SensorId = Convert.ToInt32(dr["SensorId"]);  
                sensor.SensorName = dr["SensorName"].ToString();  
                sensor.SensorType = dr["SensorType"].ToString();
```

```
                sensorList.Add(sensor);
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

```
        con.Close();
```

```
        return sensorList;
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

Class "Sensor.cs"

## Form1.cs

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Windows.Forms;
using SensorSystem.Classes;

namespace SensorSystem
{
    public partial class Form1 : Form
    {
        public Form1()
        {
            InitializeComponent();

            private void btnRead_Click(object sender, EventArgs e)
            {
                GetData();
            }

            private void GetData()
            {
                Sensor sensor = new Sensor();
                List<Sensor> sensorList = new List<Sensor>();

                sensorList = sensor.GetSensors();

                dgwSensors.DataSource = sensorList;
                FormatDataGridView();
            }

            private void FormatDataGridView()
            {
                dgwSensors.Columns[0].HeaderText = "Sensor ID";
                dgwSensors.Columns[1].HeaderText = "Sensor Name";
                dgwSensors.Columns[2].HeaderText = "Sensor Type";

                dgwSensors.Columns[0].Width = 100;
                dgwSensors.Columns[1].Width = 300;
                dgwSensors.Columns[2].Width = 300;
            }
        }
    }
}
```

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