

SQL Framework

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1 Introduction

SQL framework is designed for simplifying access to database metadata and creating/editing SQL queries regardless of underlying database and data access components. It contains two parts

1. Database schema part
2. SQL queries part

Database schema part contains set of classes which represents database schema objects (tables, fields, sequences, etc.) and adapter classes for different databases and data access components. Following units are related to schema part:

- **DMSchema** - database objects classes and abstract classes for adapters.
- **DMFireDAC** - FireDAC provider.
- **DMUniDAC** - UniDAC provider.
- **DMUIB** - UIB provider.
- **DMFirebird** - Firebird adapter.
- **DMOracle** - Oracle adapter.
- **DMPostgres** - PostreSQL adapter.
- **DMMySQL** - MySQL adapter.
- **DMSQLServer** - Microsoft SQL adapter.

SQL part contains two units:

- **sqlparse** - SQL parser and transformer classes, SQL context class.
- **sqlhleditor** - example of SQL editor component based on JEDI JvWideHLEditor

1.1 Supported Databases

- Firebird
- Oracle
- MySQL
- Postgres
- Microsof SQL

1.2 Supported DAC

- **FireDAC** - unit DMFireDAC
- **UniDAC** - unit DMUniDAC
- **UIB** - unit DMUIB

Any other DAC can be used by implementing simple provider class descendant:

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```
TDMProvider = class abstract
 public type
   TDMProviderType = (Oracle, MySQL, Postgres, MSSQL, Firebird);
   function GetConnection: TObject; virtual; abstract;
 public
   constructor Create(const AConnection: string;
                      AProviderType: TDMProviderType;
                      const AConnectionOptions: string = ''); virtual; abstract;
   procedure Connect; virtual; abstract;
   function CreateQuery: TDMQuery; virtual; abstract;
   procedure ExecuteScript(const AScript: string); virtual; abstract;
   procedure CreateDatabase(const AName: string); virtual; abstract;
   property Connection: TObject read GetConnection;
   property ProviderType: TDMProviderType read FProviderType;
 end;
```

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2 Database schema

Database schema part represents database objects metadata and can be used for following purposes:

- Get list of database tables and its descriptions
- Get list of database views
- Get list of table or view fields with their types and descriptions
- Get list of table foreign keys and indexes
- Get list of database sequences
- Set table or field description
- Add new field into table
- Add new foreign key into table
- Add new index into table
- Add primary key into table
- Create new sequence
- Create new table with primary and foreign keys
- Get list of tables related to selected table
- Comparing tables metadata
- Comparing tables data
- Comparing schema metadata
- Creating trigger for autoincrement field simulation

2.1 Loading schema

Schema requires two objects - database adapter of TDMAdapter class which encapsulates specific features of a database and DAC provider of TDMProvider class for accessing DB server.
Example of creating and loading DB schema:

```
TDMSchema.GlobalSchema := TDMSchema.Create('', TDMFirebirdAdapter.Create,
  TDMFireDACProvider.Create('C:\test.fb@sysdba;masterkey', Firebird));
TDMSchema.GlobalSchema.Reload;
```

Adapter and Provider are destroyed automatically by schema object.
When using schema loaded from XML (see Serialization and deserialization topic 9) provider parameter can be nil.

2.2 Accessing schema objects

Tables (via TDMSchema object)

Tables	List of all schema tables
FindTable	Find table object by name, return nil if table is not found
TablebyName	Find table object by name and raise exception if table is not found
FindTablebyAlias	Find table object by default table alias
CreateTable	Create table in database by generating and executing SQL script

Sequences (via TDMSchema object)

Sequences	List of all sequences
SequencebyName	Return sequence by name and raise exception if sequence not found
FindSequence	Return sequence by name of nil when sequence is not found.

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Fields (via TDMTable object)

Fields	All table fields
FieldbyName	Return field by name or raise exception if field is not found
HasField	Return true when field is found in table
FindField	Find field by name, return nil if field is not found
AddField	Add field into DB table by generating and executing SQL script

Foreign Keys (via TDMTable object)

ForeignKeys	All table foreign keys
HasForeignKeyto	Return true if table has foreign key to table T
AddForeignKey	Add foreign key into DB table by generating and executing SQL script

Indexes

Indexes	All table indexes
AddIndex	Add new index into DB table by generating and executing SQL script
HasIndexOn	Return true if table has index on field F (F is only field in index or first field)

2.3 Creating SQL script

SQL script for schema objects can be obtained via schema Adapter object. It has the following methods:

CreateUpdateScript	Create script containing difference between two schemas
FieldSQL	Script for single field
TableSQL	Script for table and related objects (primary and foreign keys, indexes)
ForeignKeySQL	Script for table foreign key
IndexSQL	Script for table index
SequenceSQL	Script for sequence
TableDiffSQL	Script containing differences between two tables
TableDataDiffSQL	Script containing differences between data in two tables (only inserted and deleted records using primary key)
TableDescriptionSQL	Scipt for setting table description
FieldDescriptionSQL	Script for setting field description
AutoIncrementTriggerSQL	Script for creating trigger for autoincrement field simulation

2.4 Comparing schema objects

Library has methods for creating SQL scripts containing differences between schema objects. Compared objects can belong to different schema with different database types.

- **Schema.Adapter.CreateUpdateScript**: method for creating script containing difference in metadata between two schema.
- **Schema.Adapter.TableDiffSQL**: method for creating script containing difference in metadata between two tables

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- **Schema.Adapter.TableDataDiffSQL**: method for creating script containing difference in table data between two tables (only inserted and deleted records)

2.5 Creating triggers for autoincrement fields

Use Schema.Adapter.AutoIncrementTriggerSQL to create SQL script for simulating autoincrement field in table.

```
function AutoIncrementTriggerSQL(const T: TDMTable; const SQ: TDMSequence): string;
```

Trigger will fill primary key field with sequence value at insert when field is null.

2.6 Schema objects descriptions

Tables and Fields description (stored in database) can be read and modified via Description property. For sequences, description is read only and can be set only at sequence creation.

2.7 Using schema in multithread enviroment

When accessing schema and schema objects from different threads place all code that use schema objects between Schema.Aquire and Schema.Release calls.

2.8 Schema serialization and deserialization

Whole schema can be serialized to and deserialized from XML format using **TDMSchema.AsXML: string** property. This can be used f.e. in following cases:

- Client application has no database connection (REST client)
- Current database should be compared with other database which is not accessible via network.
- Changes tracking

2.9 TDMField class

TDMField class represents table field metadata. It has the following members:

```
  function IsNumeric: boolean;
```
Check if field is numeric

```
  function IsFloat: boolean;
```
Check if field is float.

```
  function IsDateTime: boolean;
```
Check if field is date/time, date or time.

```
  function IsText: boolean;
```
Check if field is text (varchar, memo)

```
  function QuotedName: string;
```
Quoted field name in quotes

```
  property Name: string;
```
Field name

```
  property FullName: string
```
Field name with table name

```
  property DataType: TFieldType
```
Field type

```
  property Size: integer
```
Size for string and numeric fields

```
  property Precision: integer read FPrecision;
```
Precision for numeric fields

```
  property Scale: integer read FScale;
```
Scale for numeric fields

```
  property Description: string
```
Field Description (from database)

```
  property DefaultValue: string
```
Field default value

```
  property Calculated: string
```
Expression for calculated fields

```
  property Charset: string
```
Field charset

```
  property Table: TDMTable
```
Reference to field table

```
  property ForeignKey: TDMForeignKey
```
Reference to foreign key if field belongs to any.

```
  property PrimaryKey: TDMIndex
```
Reference to primary key (if field is included in PK)

```
  property IsPrimaryKey: boolean
```
Check if field is only primary key field

```
  property IsReadonly: boolean
```
Check if field is read only

```
  property NativeSQLType: string read FNativeSQLType write FNativeSQLType;
```
Native Field type (for source database)

```
  property IsNotNull: boolean
```
Check if field is not null

```
  property TableName: string read GetTableName;
```
Name of field table

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2.10 TDMTable class

TDMTable class represents table or view metadata and has the following members:

```
    function FieldbyName(const FieldName: string): TDMField;
```
Find field by name. Raise exception when field is not found

```
    function FindField(const FieldName: string): TDMField;
```
Find field by name. Do not raise exception when field is not found

```
    function HasField(const FieldName: string): boolean;
```
Check if field exists in table

```
    function HasForeignKeyto(const T: TDMTable): boolean;
```
Check if table has foreign key to another table

```
    function HasRelationWith(const T: TDMTable): boolean;
```
Check if one of the tables has foreign key to another.

```
    function HasIndexOn(const F: TDMField): boolean;
```
Check if table has index on field

```
    function AddField(const AName, ANativeType: string; ANotNull: boolean = false; const ADefault:
```
Add new field into table

```
    procedure DeleteField(const AName: string);
```
Remove field from table

```
    function AddForeignKey(const FKFields: array of TDMField;
                           const FKTable: TDMTable;
                           FKName: string = '';
                           ADeleteAction: TDMForeignKey.TFKAction = faNoAction;
                           AUpdateAction: TDMForeignKey.TFKAction = faNoAction): TDMForeignKey;
```

Add new foreign key into table

```
    function AddIndex(const AIndexFields: array of TDMField; IndexName: string = ''): TDMIndex;
```
Add new index into table

```
    procedure AddAutoincrementTrigger(const SQ: TDMSequence);
```
Add trigger for setting table primary key on inset using sequence value

```
    function AsXML: string;
```
Table structure in XML format

```
    function LikelyNameField: TDMField;
```
Return field which is most likely name field

```
    property Fields: TDMFieldList
```
List of table fields

```
    property Indexes: TDMIndexList
```
List of table indexes

```
    property ForeignKeys: TDMFKList
```
List of table foreign keys

```
property Name: string
```
Table name

```
property FullName: string
```
Table name including schema name

```
property Description: string
```
Table description

```
property PrimaryKey: TDMIndex
```
Table primary key (if exists)

```
property Schema: TDMSchema
```
Table owner

```
property Alias: string
```
Table default alias for using in SQL queries (unique in schema)

```
property RelatedTables: TDMTableList
```
List of tables which has foreign keys to selected table of vice versa.

```
property Kind: TDMTableKind
```
Table type - regular table, view or stored procedure.

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3 SQL Parsing

SQL parser parses an SQL select query and translate it into a hierarchy of Delphi classes. The generated hierarchy can be used for following purposes:

- Syntax checking
- Schema based query checking
- Query text formatting
- Getting list of used tables/fields/views/params
- Changing query columns, "where" conditions, "order by" columns.
- Adding new tables/columns
- Replacing tables/fields
- Translating between dialects

3.1 Database dialects

Supported database dialects:

- SQL92
- Oracle 9
- Oracle 12
- Firebird 2.0
- Firebird 3.0
- MySQL
- Microsoft SQL
- PostgreSQL

3.2 Class hierarchy

TSQLObject
- TSQLExpression
  - TSQLOrderBy
- TSQLColumn
- TSQLTable
- TSQLTopRowLimit
- TSQLBottomRowLimit
- TSQLStatement
  - TSQLCaseStatement
  - TSQLCastStatement
  - TSQLSelectStatement
    - TSQLSelectQuery
      - TSQLCTE

TSQLDialect
- TSQLDialectFireBird
  - TSQLDialectFireBird3
- TSQLDialectOracle
  - TSQLDialectOracle12
- TSQLDialectMSSQLServer
- TSQLDialectMySQL
- TSQLDialectPostgres

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3.3 Query hierarchy

TSQLSelectQuery
[**CTE**: TSQLCTEStatements = list of TSQLSelectQuery]
Statements: TSQLSelectStatements = list of TSQLSelectStatement
[**Order**: TSQLOrderByList = list of TSQLOrderBy]
[**BottomRowLimit**: TSQLBottomRowLimit]

TSQLSelectStatement
[**TopRowLimit**: TSQLTopRowLimit]
Columns: TSQLColumns
Tables: TSQLTables = list of TSQLTable
[**Where**: TSQLExpression]
[**Group**: TSQLExpressions = list of TSQLExpression]
[**Having**: TSQLExpressions = list of TSQLExpression]

3.4 Parsing sample

```
var SQ: TSQLSelectQuery;
begin
  SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
  try
    SQ.ParseString(Editor.Lines.Text, TSQLDialectOracle);
    ...
  finally
    SQ.Free
  end;
```

3.5 Parsing errors and tolerant mode

In default parsing mode, exception is raised on first error in SQL script. Exception is of **ESQLException** class and has **Line** and **SourcePos** properties.
When query should be parsed to the end regardless of any errors, set **TolerantMode** property to true. In this mode only **TSQLSelectQuery.OnError** event is called but no exceptions raised.

3.6 Templates

Parser has support for mustache templates in SQL query. Templates has **stTemplate** token type and **nkTemplate** expression node kind.
Example: following query will be parsed without errors:

```
select * from customers c where c.kind={{CUSTOMER_KIND}}
```

4 SQL formatting

Class hierarchy can be serialized back into query text. **TSQLFormatter** class is used for producing formatted SQL and has set of properties for adjusting produces text.

4.1 TSQLFormatter class

TSQLFormatter class has the following properties:

```
property BlockIndent: integer
```
Block idend size (spaces)

```
property SpaceAfterComma: boolean
```
Add space after comma symbol

```
property AsBeforeFieldAlias: boolean
```
Add "as" between field expression and field alias

```
property AsBeforeTableAlias: boolean
```
Add "as" between table expression and table alias

```
property CaseReserved: TSQLFormatterCase
```
Char case for reserved words

```
property CaseTables: TSQLFormatterCase
```
Char case for table names

```
property CaseTableAliases: TSQLFormatterCase
```
Char case for table aliases

```
property CaseFields: TSQLFormatterCase
```
Char case for field names

```
property CaseFieldAliases: TSQLFormatterCase
```
Char case for field aliases

```
property CaseParams: TSQLFormatterCase
```
Char case for parameters

```
property CaseFunctions: TSQLFormatterCase
```
Char case for functions

```
property LineFeedSelect: TSQLFormatterLineFeeds
```
Line feeds before and after SELECT word

```
property LineFeedField: TSQLFormatterLineFeeds
```
Line feeds before and after column

```
property LineFeedFrom: TSQLFormatterLineFeeds
```
Line feeds before and after FROM word

```
property LineFeedTable: TSQLFormatterLineFeeds
```
Line feeds before and after table in FROM section

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```
    property LineFeedJoin: TSQLFormatterLineFeeds
```
Line feeds before and after JOIN

```
    property LineFeedWhere: TSQLFormatterLineFeeds read FLineFeedWhere write FLineFeedWhere defaul
```
Line feeds before and after WHERE word

```
    property LineFeedGroup: TSQLFormatterLineFeeds read FLineFeedGroup write FLineFeedGroup defaul
```
Line feeds before and after GROUP word

4.2 Generating formatted SQL

```
var SQ: TSQLSelectQuery;
    SF: TSQLFormatter;
begin
  SF := TSQLFormatter.Create(nil);
  try
    SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
    try
      SQ.ParseString(Editor.Lines.Text, DefaultSQLDialect);
      SQ.CaretPosition := Editor.PosFromCaret(Editor.CaretX, Editor.CaretY) + 1;
      SQ.AsString(SF);
      Editor.Lines.Text := SF.AsString;
      Editor.SetFocus;
      Editor.CaretFromPos(SQ.CaretPosition - 1, X, Y);
      Editor.SetCaret(X, Y);
    finally
      SQ.Free;
    end;
  finally
    SF.Free;
  end;

In this sample caret position in Editor is preserved using TSQLSelectQuery.CaretPosition property
```

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5 SQL transforming

5.1 Transforming methods

TSQLSelectQuery has the following methods for transforming:

```
    procedure AddColumn(const TableName, FieldName: string);
```
Add field into column list. If table is not used in query it will be added into table list and join expression will be created.

```
    procedure RemoveColumn(const TableName, FieldName: string);
```
Remove column containing field

```
    procedure OrderByColumn(const TableName, FieldName: string; Desc: boolean = false);
```
Add field into Order By list

```
    procedure ExpandAsterisk;
```
Replace table.* column with all table columns

```
    procedure ReplaceField(const SourceTableName, SourceFieldName, DestTableName, DestFieldName: s
```
Replace all occurences of table field with another field

```
    procedure AddWhereCondition(const Condition: string; AndOperation: boolean = true); virtual;
```
Add condition to WHERE section of a query or first select statement or CTE

```
    procedure ReplaceFrom(const ATables: string);
```
Replace whole FROM section of a query or first select statement or CTE

5.2 Translating between dialects

To translate query from one dialect to anyther, parse it using first dialect, change dialect property and then serialize. Example:

```
var SQ: TSQLSelectQuery;
    SF: TSQLFormatter;
begin
  SF := TSQLFormatter.Create(nil);
  try
    SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
    try
      SQ.ParseString(Editor.Lines.Text, TSQLDialectFirebird);
      SQ.DialectClass := TSQLDialectOracle;
      SQ.AsString(SF);
      Editor.Lines.Text := SF.AsString;
    finally
      SQ.Free;
    end;
  finally
    SF.Free;
  end;
```

6 SQL context and code completion

TSQLContext class is used for creating context lists (code completion, etc.). Is has several properties containing templates for different database objects - fields, tables, etc. (for template language description please refer to HTML Report Library manual) and methods for filling context list.

6.1 TSQLContext class

```
procedure FillContext(const Query: TSQLSelectQuery; CaretPos: integer);
```
Fill Items list with Query context at CarePos position

```
procedure AddTable(const T: TDMTable);
```
Add table into Items

```
procedure AddSequence(const S: TDMSequence);
```
Add sequence into Items

```
procedure AddTableAlias(const Alias, TableName: string);
```
Add table alias into Items

```
procedure AddField(const F: TDMField);
```
Add field without table alias into Items

```
procedure AddQueryField(const F: TDMField; const TableAlias: string = '');
```
Add field with table alias into Items

```
procedure AddReserved(const s: string);
```
Add reserved word into Items

```
procedure AddJoin(const FK: TDMForeignKey; ST: TSQLSelectStatement; LeftTable: TSQLTable);
```
Add join expression into Items

```
procedure AddColumn(const Name, Description: string; Index: integer);
```
Add column expression into Items

```
procedure AddFunction(const Name, Template: string);
```
Add function into Items

```
procedure AddFKTableValues(const Query: TSQLSelectQuery; const T: TDMTable; const FieldName: str
```
Add values from foreign key table for given table and field.

```
property Items: TStringList
```
Conpletion items list

```
property TableTemplate: string
```
HTML template for Table

```
property ViewTemplate: string
```
HTML template for View

```
property FieldTemplate: string
```
HTML template for Field without table alias

```
property QueryFieldTemplate: string
```

HTML template for Field with table alias

```
  property TableAliasTemplate: string
```
HTML template for table Alias

```
  property SequenceTemplate: string
```
HTML template for Sequence

```
  property ReservedTemplate: string
```
HTML template for Reserved word

```
  property JoinTemplate: string
```
HTML template for join expression

```
  property ColumnTemplate: string
```
HTML template for column expression

```
  property ColumnsTemplate: string
```
HTML template for list of comma-separated columns

```
  property FunctionTemplate: string
```
HTML template for function

```
  property TableValueTemplate: string
```
HTML template for table value

6.2 Using SQL context

Example of filling SQL context list

```
Context := TSQLContext.Create(nil);
try
  SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
  try
    SQ.TolerantMode := true;
    SQ.ParseString(Editor.Lines.Text);
    Context.FillContext(SQ, Editor.PosFromCaret(Editor.CaretX, Editor.CaretY) + 1);
    ....
  finally
    SQ.Free
  end
finally
  Context.Free
end
```

6.3 TSQLHLEditor class

TSQLHLEditorClass is a sample SQL editor with code completion implementation based on JVCL TJvWideHLEdittor component. It has the following members added:

```
  procedure AddField(const AName: string);
```
Add column to query

```
  procedure RemoveField(const AName: string);
```
Remove column from query

```
  procedure OrderByField(const AName: string);
```
Add field into Order By list

```
  property Query: TSQLSelectQuery
```
Editor Query object

```
  property ErrorLine: integer read FErrorLine;
```
Error line (=-1 if no errors found)

```
  property ErrorMessage: string
```
Error message

```
  property CompletionStyle: TStrings
```
CSS for completion list

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7 How To

7.1 Get token at source position

Token at source position:

```
var
  TokenIndex: integer;
  Query: TSQLSelectQuery;
  T: TSQLToken;
begin
  ...
  TokenIndex := Query.Tokenizer.GetTokenIndexAt(CaretPos);
  T := Query.Tokenizer.Tokens[TokenIndex];
  ...
```

Last non-space token at source position:

```
var
  TokenIndex: integer;
  Query: TSQLSelectQuery;
  T: TSQLToken;
begin
  ...
  TokenIndex := Query.Tokenizer.GetNonSpaceTokenIndexAt(CaretPos);
  T := Query.Tokenizer.Tokens[TokenIndex];
  ...
```

7.2 Add table field to query columns

```
var SQ: TSQLSelectQuery;
    SF: TSQLFormatter;
begin
  SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
  try
    SQ.ParseString(Editor.Lines.Text, SQLDialect);
    SQ.AddColumn(copy(FieldName, 1, pos('.', FieldName) - 1), copy(FieldName, pos('.', FieldName)
    SF := TSQLFormatter.Create(nil);
    try
      SQ.AsString(SF);
      Editor.Lines.Text := SF.AsString;
    finally
      SF.Free
    end;
  finally
    SQ.Free
  end;
```

7.3 Add condition to Where

```
var SQ: TSQLSelectQuery;
    SF: TSQLFormatter;
begin
  SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
```

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```
  try
    SQ.ParseString(Editor.Lines.Text, SQLDialect);
    SQ.AddWhereCondition('order.price>0');
    SF := TSQLFormatter.Create(nil);
    try
      SQ.AsString(SF);
      Editor.Lines.Text := SF.AsString;
    finally
      SF.Free
    end;
  finally
    SQ.Free
  end;
```

7.4 Generate query for given table

Create query containing main table and all joined tables. Column list is generated using all non-FK columns from main table and TDMTable.LikelyNameColumn from joned tables.

```
  SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
  try
    SQ.CreateQueryforTable('items', 1);
    SF := TSQLFormatter.Create(nil);
    try
      SQ.AsString(SF);
      Editor.Lines.Text := SF.AsString;
    finally
      SF.Free
    end;
  finally
    SQ.Free
  end;
```

7.5 Set row limit for query

```
var SQ: TSQLSelectQuery;
    SF: TSQLFormatter;
begin
  SQ := TSQLSelectQuery.Create(nil);
  try
    SQ.ParseSQL(Editor.Lines.Text, DefaultSQLDialect);
    if SQ.Statements[0].TopRowLimit = nil then
      SQ.Statements[0].TopRowLimit := TSQLTopRowLimit.Create(SQ.Statements[0]);
    SQ.Statements[0].TopRowLimit.ParseString('FIRST 100');
    SF := TSQLFormatter.Create(nil);
    try
      SQ.AsString(SF);
      Editor.Lines.Text := SF.AsString;
    finally
      SF.Free
    end;
  finally
    SQ.Free
  end;
```

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7.6 Get query parameters

To get list of query parameter use TSQLSelectQuery.GetAllParams method:

```
procedure GetAllParams(const L: TSQLParams);
```

each parameter has Name, DataType and NativeSQLType. Types are determined by sibling fields and constants when parameter is used in =, <>,like.. etc. operations.
There also are two class methods in TSQLSelectQuery class:

```
class procedure ExtractSQLParams(const ASQL: string; const L: TStringList; ADialect:
TSQLDialectClass = nil);
class procedure ExtractSQLParams(const ASQL: string; const L: TSQLParams; ADialect:
TSQLDialectClass = nil);
```