

O*NET 17.0 Database (SQL Format) July 2012

Introduction

This document provides notes specific to the SQL format release of the O*NET 17.0 database. For comprehensive information on the contents, structure, and relationship of the database files, and a history of changes in each database release, please consult the O*NET Data Dictionary 17.0, available at:

http://www.onetcenter.org/dl_files/DataDictionary17_0.pdf

New in 17.0

The O*NET 17.0 database includes new and updated data for 108 O*NET-SOC occupations. Also, new and updated Work Values ratings are included for 83 occupations.

File Structure

The SQL format release represents the O*NET database as a set of 24 relational database tables. Each text file in the release contains SQL statements describing the structure and contents of a single table. For information on the purpose and structure of each table, consult the O*NET Data Dictionary 17.0. See also the section “Data Dictionary Supplemental Notes” below.

Primary and foreign keys are specified to reflect the relationships between O*NET database tables. Some database systems enforce these relationships, and require tables to be loaded in a particular order. Each SQL file is preceded by a number; to avoid errors, load each file in numeric order. Consult your database system documentation for more information on key constraints.

Loading SQL Files

Database 17.0 for Microsoft SQL Server: O*NET database files can be loaded using the **SQL Server Management Studio** utility. Open each SQL file in that utility, select the destination database in the SQL Editor toolbar, and click **Execute** in the SQL Editor toolbar.

Database 17.0 for MySQL: O*NET database files can be loaded using the **mysql** utility. Use the **source** command to import each file. For example, to load the Content Model Reference table, you might enter the command:

```
source C:\db_17_0_mysql\01_content_model_reference.sql
```

Database 17.0 for Oracle: O*NET database files can be loaded using the **SQL Plus** utility. Use the **@** command to import each file. For example, to load the Content Model Reference table, you might enter the command:

```
@C:\db_17_0_oracle\01_content_model_reference.sql
```

Compatibility

The SQL format release has been tested on the following database systems. The files may be compatible with other products or versions, but consult your database system documentation for further information.

Database 17.0 for Microsoft SQL Server:

- SQL Server 2008 R2

Database 17.0 for MySQL:

- MySQL 4.1.22
- MySQL 5.1.51
- PostgreSQL 8.4.4
- SQLite 3.7.2
- Firebird 2.0.3

Database 17.0 for Oracle:

- Oracle 11g, version 11.2.0.1.0

Data Dictionary Supplemental Notes

Developers should keep the following SQL-specific items in mind when consulting the O*NET Data Dictionary:

- To conform to SQL standards, column and table names have been reformatted. For example, the column “O*NET-SOC Code” is formatted as “onetsoc_code” in the SQL files. The column “Date” has been renamed to “date_updated” to avoid conflict with a reserved SQL keyword.
- For maximum compatibility with different database systems, the DECIMAL data type has been used for all numeric columns. A column listed as “FLOAT(4,2)” in the Data Dictionary is represented as “DECIMAL(4,2)” in the SQL files. A column listed as “INTEGER(3)” is represented as “DECIMAL(3,0)” in the SQL files.
- Columns that represent dates are represented with the SQL DATE data type. While this data type specifies a year, month, and day, only the year and month are significant for O*NET metadata purposes.
- The Data Dictionary lists an “Element Name” column for most domain-specific tables. This column is redundant information, and excluded from the SQL format tables. SQL developers should instead use the “Element ID” foreign key to join to the Content Model Reference table, and retrieve the element names from there.