

# What is SQL Virtual Database?

Idera SQL Virtual Database (SQL VDB) is a powerful one-of-a-kind solution that lets you attach SQL Server backup files and query them like real databases. With its revolutionary, patent-pending technology, you gain instant access to critical data in a backup file without spending the time and storage previously required for restore. In minutes, you can create a virtual database and then use any native SQL Server or third-party tools to query and extract the data you need.

SQL Virtual Database offers:

## Virtual recovery

Provides instant, feature-rich access to all data from within SQL Safe backup and native SQL Server backup files.

## Point-in-time selection

Provides point-in-time selection and recovery, allowing granular control over the state of the data displayed in the virtual database.

## Native SQL Server and third-party application access

Use existing SQL Server tools such as SQL Server Management Studio and third-party applications to interact with the new virtual database as though it were an actual physical database.

## Intuitive Console

Allows virtual databases to be quickly and easily created, edited, or removed.

## No impact to production servers

Installs to a single non-critical server and attaches all virtual databases to a single SQL Server instance.

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