Microsoft SQL Server 2016 and Azure SQL Database
Database Engine Permissions

Permission Syntax
Most permission statements have the format :

AUTHORIZATION PERMISSION ON SECURABLE::NAME TO PRINCIPAL

- AUTHORIZATION must be GRANT, REVOKE or DENY.
- PERMISSION is listed in the charts below.
- ON SECURABLE::NAME is the server, server object, database, or database object and its name. (ON SECURABLE::NAME is omitted for server-wide and database-wide permissions.)
- PRINCIPAL is the login, user, or role which receives or loses the permission. Grant permissions to roles whenever possible.

Sample grant statement: GRANT UPDATE ON OBJECT: Production.Parts TO PartsTeam

Denying a permission at any level, overrides a related grant.

To remove a previously granted permission, use REVOKE, not DENY.

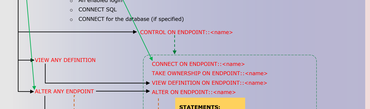
How to Read this Chart
- Most of the more granular permissions are included in more than one higher level scope permission. So permissions can be inherited from more than one type of higher scope.
- Black, green, and purple arrows and boxes point to subordinate permissions that are included in the scope of higher a level permission.
- Brown arrows and boxes indicate some of the statements that can use the permission.
- Permissions in black apply to both SQL Server 2016 and Azure SQL Database
- Permissions in red apply only to SQL Server 2016
- Permissions in blue apply only to Azure SQL Database
- The newest permissions are underlined

NOTES:
- The CONTROL SERVER permission has all permissions on the instance of SQL Server or SQL Database.
- The CONTROL DATABASE permission has all permissions on the database.
- Permissions do not imply role memberships and role memberships do not grant permissions. (E.g. CONTROL SERVER does not imply membership in the sysadmin fixed server role. Membership in the db_owner role does not grant the CONTROL DATABASE permission.) However, it is sometimes possible to impersonate between roles and equivalent permissions.
- Granting any permission on a securable allows VIEW DEFINITION on that securable. It is an implied permissions and it cannot be revoked, but it can be explicitly denied by using the DENY VIEW DEFINITION statement.
- SQL Database permissions refer to version 12.
- Object owners can delete them but they do not have full permissions on them.
- A DENY on a table is overridden by a GRANT on a column. However, a subsequent DENY on the table will remove the column GRANT.

Azure SQL Database Permissions Outside the Database

Top Level Server Permissions

Notes:
- Server-level permissions cannot be granted on SQL Database. Use the **loginmanager** and **dbmanager** roles in the master database instead.



Server Level Permissions for SQL Server

Top Level Server Permissions

* **NOTE:** The SHUTDOWN statement requires the SQL Server SHUTDOWN permission. Starting, stopping, and pausing the Database Engine from SSCM, SSMS, or Windows requires Windows permissions, not SQL Server permissions.

Connect and Authentication – Server Permissions

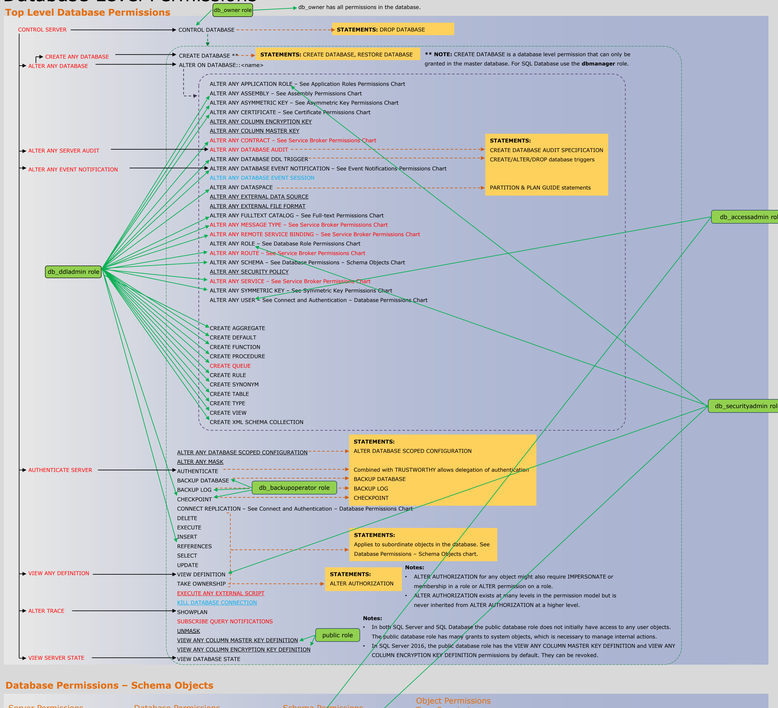
Server Role Permissions

NOTES: To add a member to a fixed server role, you must be a member of that fixed server role, or be a member of the sysadmin fixed server role.

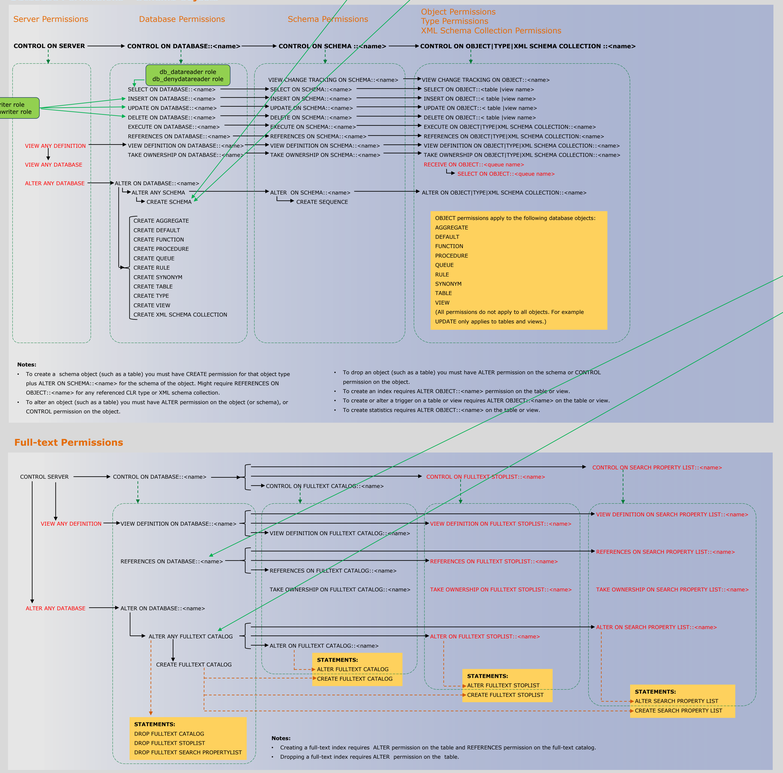
Availability Group Permissions

Database Level Permissions

Top Level Database Permissions



Database Permissions – Schema Objects

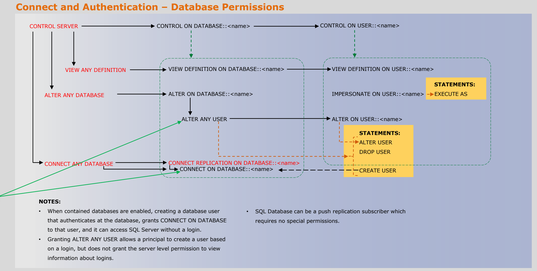


Notes:
- To create a schema object (such as a table) you must have CREATE permission for that object type plus ALTER ON SCHEMA::<name> for the schema of the object. Might require REFERENCES ON OBJECT::<name> for any referenced CLR type or XML schema collection.
- To alter an object (such as a table) you must have ALTER permission on the object (or schema), or CONTROL permission on the object.
- To drop an object (such as a table) you must have ALTER permission on the schema or CONTROL permission on the object.
- To create an index requires ALTER OBJECT::<name> permission on the table or view.
- To create or alter a trigger on a table or view requires ALTER OBJECT::<name> on the table or view.
- To create statistics requires ALTER OBJECT::<name> on the table or view.

Full-text Permissions

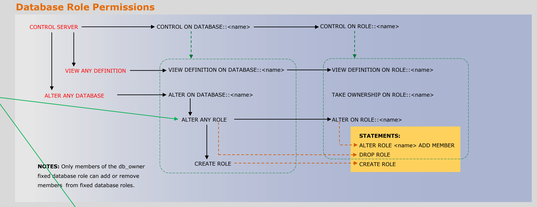
Notes:
- Creating a full-text index requires ALTER permission on the table and REFERENCES permission on the full-text catalog.
- Dropping a full-text index requires ALTER permission on the table.

Connect and Authentication – Database Permissions



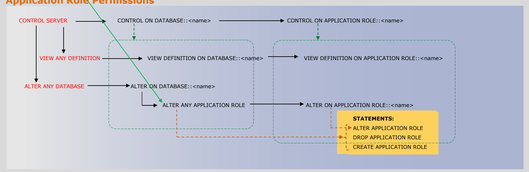
NOTES:
- When contained databases are enabled, creating a database user that authenticates at the database, grants CONNECT ON DATABASE to that user, and it can access SQL Server without a login.
- Granting ALTER ANY USER allows a principal to create a user based on a login, but does not grant the server level permission to view information about logins.
- SQL Database can be a push replication subscriber which requires no special permissions.

Database Role Permissions

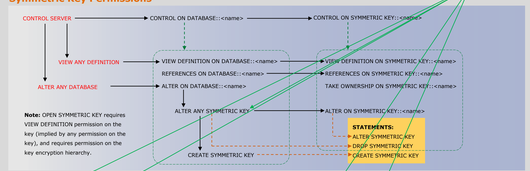


NOTES: Only members of the db_owner fixed database role can add or remove members from fixed database roles.

Application Role Permissions

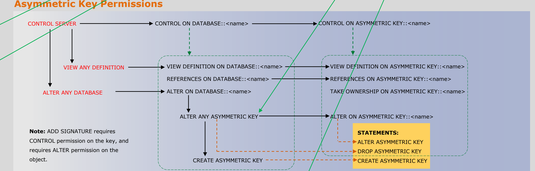


Symmetric Key Permissions



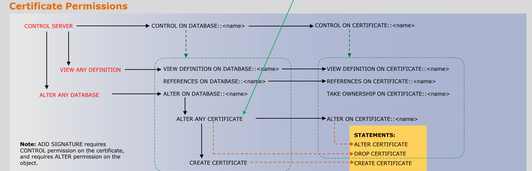
Note: OPEN SYMMETRIC KEY requires VIEW DEFINITION permission on the key (implied by any permission on the key), and requires permission on the key encryption hierarchy.

Asymmetric Key Permissions



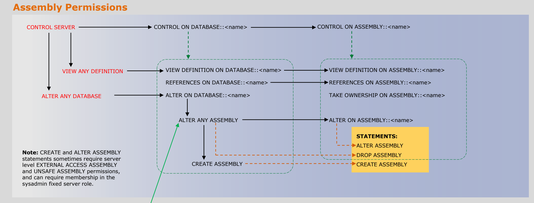
Note: ADD SIGNATURE requires CONTROL permission on the key, and requires ALTER permission on the object.

Certificate Permissions



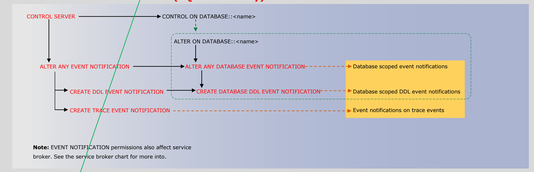
Note: ADD SIGNATURE requires CONTROL permission on the certificate, and requires ALTER permission on the object.

Assembly Permissions



Note: CREATE and ALTER ASSEMBLY statements sometimes require server level EXTERNAL ACCESS ASSEMBLY and UNSAFE ASSEMBLY permissions, and can require membership in the sysadmin fixed server role.

Event Notification Permissions (SQL Server only)



Note: EVENT NOTIFICATION permissions also affect service broker. See the service broker chart for more info.

Service Broker Permissions (SQL Server only)

Notes:
- The user executing the CREATE CONTRACT statement must have REFERENCES permission on all message types specified.
- The user executing the CREATE SERVICE statement must have REFERENCES permission on the queue and all contracts specified.
- To execute the CREATE or ALTER REMOTE SERVICE BINDING the user must have impersonate permission for the principal specified in the statement.
- When the CREATE or ALTER MESSAGE TYPE statement specifies a schema collection, the user executing the statement must have REFERENCES permission on the schema collection specified.
- See the ALTER ANY EVENT NOTIFICATION chart for more permissions related to Service Broker.
- See the SCHEMA OBJECTS chart for QUEUE permissions.
- The ALTER CONTRACT permission exists but at this time there is no ALTER CONTRACT statement.

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