SQL Server DBCC Commands: DBCC SHRINKDATABASE

DBCC SHRINKDATABASE is a DBCC command in Microsoft SQL Server that can be used to reduce the size of a database by moving pages of data from the end of the file to the front, and then releasing the unused space at the end of the file. It can be useful for reclaiming space in a database that has grown too large, or for reducing the size of a database before performing a backup or restore operation.

To use DBCC SHRINKDATABASE, you must specify the name of the database you want to shrink and the target size you want to shrink the database to. You can specify the target size as either a percentage of the current size of the database or as a specific number of megabytes.

Here is an example of how to use DBCC SHRINKDATABASE to reduce the size of a database to 50% of its current size:

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-- Shrink the "MyDatabase" database to 50% of its current size
DBCC SHRINKDATABASE ('MyDatabase', 50);
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The output of DBCC SHRINKDATABASE will be a message indicating whether the operation was successful or not. If the operation was successful, the size of the database will be reduced to the specified target size.

It's important to note that DBCC SHRINKDATABASE can be a resource-intensive operation, as it requires moving data pages within the database file. As a result, it is generally best to avoid using DBCC SHRINKDATABASE in production environments, or to use it sparingly and only when necessary.

DBCC SHRINKDATABASE should be avoided as a regular daily practice, and only used to occasionally shrink a data file when it has large amounts of space that will not be used for some time.

DBCC SHRINKDATABASE is a useful tool for reclaiming space in a database and reducing the size of a database in SQL Server, but it should be used with caution.

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