

# Is isCOBOL SQL Server a full-functioning instance of SQL Server that supports mainframe data? Or is this a data migration tool?

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isCOBOL SQL Server is a full fledged relational database, not a data migration tool. It runs on top of the isCOBOL ISAM Server, an ISAM file system that does not run on the mainframe.

ISAM files are very prevalent with COBOL applications running on opens systems (similar to the use of VSAM files with mainframe COBOL). With isCOBOL SQL Server, open systems COBOL users can now add the flexibility of a relational database engine to ISAM files without changing current program code or data. This eliminates the need to choose between maintaining ISAM files or moving to a mainstream relational database to meet new customer requirements.Â