

# Comments in SQLTalk Scripts

# Centura *Tip!*

**R.J. David Burke**—The SQLTalk documentation dutifully describes the REMARK statement as a way to enter comments (or remarks) in SQL scripts. Alternatively, SQL script writers may use a more concise syntax that has been supported in SQLTalk since at least SQLBase 6.0. However, it appears to have slipped through the documentation.

SQLTalk treats lines beginning with a double hyphen (--) as comment lines, just as C++ and Java compilers treat lines beginning a double slash (//) as comment lines. So instead of:

```
REMARK
\  
This script creates the database objects  
needed for the application and populates
```

```
the lookup tables with initial data  
/
```

you could have:

```
-- This script creates the database objects  
-- needed for the application and populates  
-- the lookup tables with initial data
```

There's a slight difference in the way these comments are handled by SQLTalk. The double hyphen comment lines are simply disregarded by the script execution engine. The REMARK statement, on the other hand, is treated as a command to be executed.

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