



QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Formatting & refactoring shortcuts

Rename variables/aliases	F2
Format SQL	Ctrl+K, Ctrl+Y
Uppercase keywords	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+U
Expand wildcards	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+W
Qualify object names	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+Q
Add/remove square brackets	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+B
Insert semicolons	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+C
Encapsulate as new stored procedure	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+E

Navigation shortcuts

Script object as ALTER	F12
Execute current statement	Shift+F5
Select in Object Explorer	Ctrl+F12
Tab history	Ctrl+Q
Summarize script	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+S
Find unused variables and parameters	Ctrl+B, Ctrl+F

Code-completion shortcuts

Show suggestions	Ctrl+Space
Refresh suggestions	Ctrl+Shift+D
Code suggestions on/off	Ctrl+Shift+P
Switch to/from column picker	Ctrl+Left / Ctrl+Right
Move up/down suggestions box filters	Ctrl+Up / Ctrl+Down

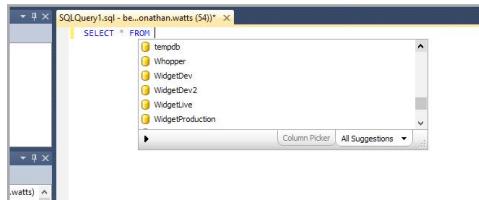
Top snippets

SELECT * FROM	ssf
INNER JOIN	ij
INSERT INTO	ii
ALTER PROCEDURE	ap
ORDER BY	ob
LEFT OUTER JOIN	loj
BEGIN/END	be
SELECT TOP 100 * FROM	st100
CREATE PROCEDURE	cp
DELETE FROM	df
GROUP BY	gb
CREATE TABLE	ct

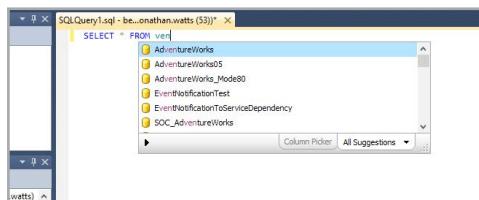
Snippet placeholders

\$DATE\$	Inserts the current date You can specify a custom date format, for example \$DATE(MM/dd/yyyy)\$
\$TIME\$	Inserts the current time You can specify a custom time format, for example \$TIME(HH:mm:ss)\$
\$USER\$	Inserts the name of the connected user
\$PASTE\$	Inserts the contents of the clipboard
\$MACHINE\$	Inserts the name of the machine running SQL Prompt
\$CURSOR\$	Specifies the cursor position when the snippet is inserted
\$SERVER\$	Inserts the name of the connected SQL server
\$DBNAME\$	Inserts the name of the connected database
\$SELECTIONSTART\$	Selects a block of the snippet text when the snippet is inserted
\$SELECTIONEND\$	

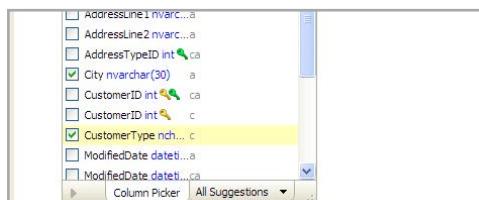
Code productivity tips



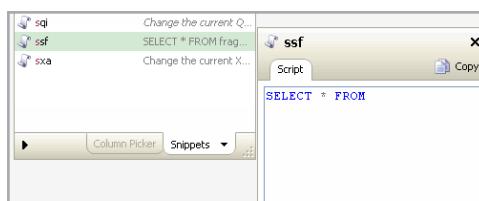
Suggestions can be matched by parts or first letters of names



Mid-string suggestions can also be helpful if you remember part of an object name

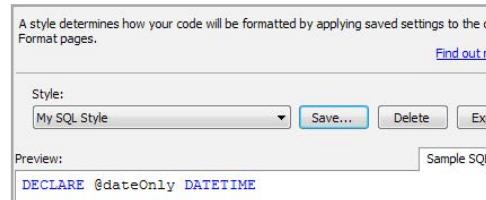


The column picker makes it easier to choose columns for your queries

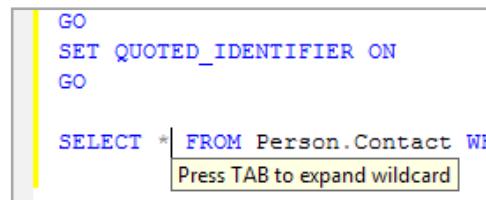


Type less using code snippets. Add your own and share them using your favorite file sharing service (e.g. Dropbox).

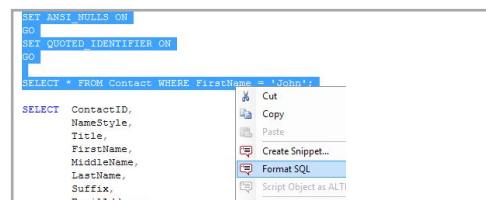
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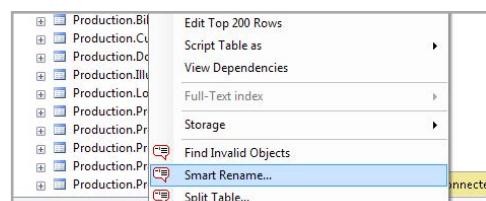
SQL formatting can be configured to your preferred style, in Options > Styles



Wildcards can be expanded directly from the query window

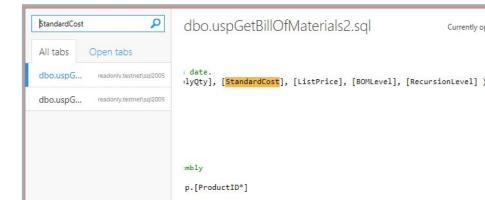


Formatting and refactoring commands can also be applied to selections



Smart rename lets you rename objects and update all references to them

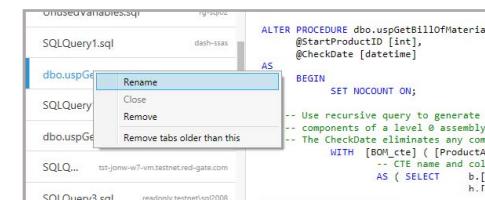
Tab history tips



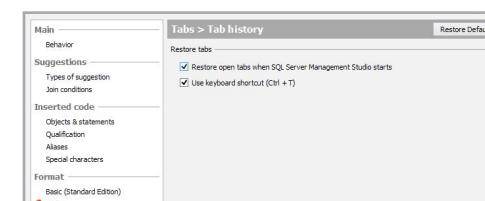
Search through all your open and recently closed scripts



Remove all tabs older than a specific tab, or close them individually

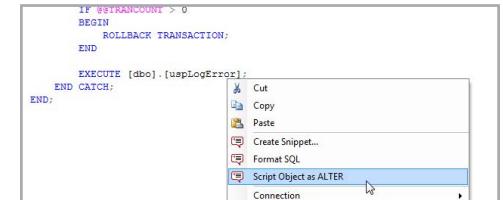


Rename a closed tab for easier retrieval

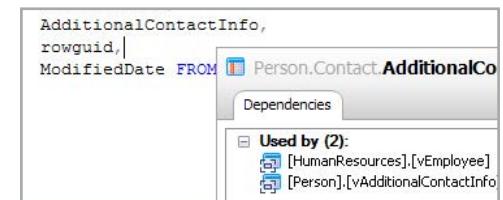


Open to restore tabs from your previous session automatically

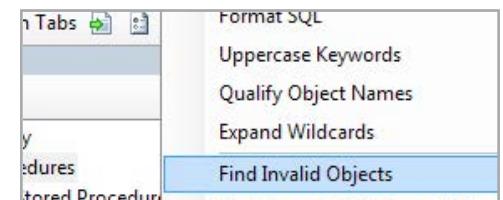
Navigation tips



Script objects as ALTER straight from query windows (F12)



Use the object definition box on columns to see column dependencies



Find all the invalid objects in your database, via the menu



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