Tab history

SQL Prompt keeps a history of query tabs you open in Management Studio.



You can use Tab history in Management Studio 2008 or later.

Browsing tab history

To browse your tab history, on the Management Studio toolbar, click Tab History:

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The tab history window is displayed:

All tabs Open tabs	Q	prcActivatePrices update.sql Last closed: 09:52
Check for updates.sql		<pre>/****** Object: StoredProcedure [dbo].[prcActivatePrices]</pre>
SQLQuery1.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	SET ANSI_NULLS ON GO
SmartRename1.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	SET QUOTED_IDENTIFIER ON GO
Script5.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	ALTER PROCEDURE [dbo].[prcActivatePrices] AS
prcActivatePrices update	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	UPDATE WidgetPrices SET Active='N' WHERE GetDate() <datevalidt UPDATE WidgetPrices SET Active='Y' WHERE GetDate()>=DateValid</datevalidt
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SQLQuery2.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	
SQLQuery1.sql		
SQLQuery2.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	LT-TOMC\SQL2012 WidgetStaging

The tab history window shows the following information about each tab:

- the file name
- the SQL code
- the SQL Server and database the tab was connected to
- the time the tab was closed

To view a list of tabs that are currently open, click **Open tabs**:

All tabs Open tabs	SQLQuery3.sql SELECT * FROM dbo.Widgets INNER JOIN dbo.WidgetPrices	Currently open
SQLQuery3.sql LT-TOMC\SQL2012	ON dbo.WidgetPrices.WidgetID = dbo.Widgets.Recor	dID
Check for updates.sql		
	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	? WidgetStaging

Using the keyboard

To browse open tabs, press Ctrl + Q.

You can also navigate the tab history window using the keyboard:

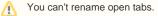
- To move through the tab list, press the Up or Down arrows.
 To open the selected tab, press Enter.
- To switch between the All tabs and Open tabs lists, press Ctrl + Left arrow or Ctrl + Right arrow.

Renaming a closed tab

1. In the tab list, right-click the tab you want to rename, and click Rename:

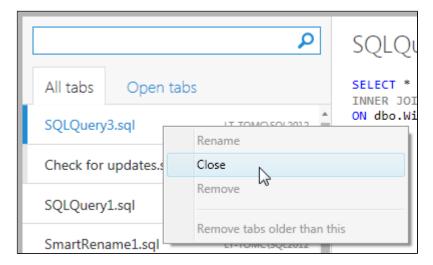
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SmartRename1.sql	Remove tabs older than this	5

2. Type a new name for the tab, and press Enter.



Closing an open tab

In the tab list, right-click the tab you want to close, and click Close:



Removing tabs from the history

When you remove a tab from the history it is permanently deleted; you can't restore it.

You can remove a single closed tab, or a set of old closed tabs from the history.

To remove a single tab, in the tab list, right-click the tab you want to remove and click Remove:

SQLQuery2.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	
	Rename	
SmartRename1.sql	Close	
Script5.sql	Remove	
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SQLQuery3.sql	Remove tabs older than this	
SQLQuery1.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012	

To remove old tabs, in the tab list, right-click the oldest tab you want to keep and click Remove tabs older than this:

SQLQuery3.sql	LT-TOMC\5QL2012
SQLQuery1.sql	Rename Close
Script5.sql	Remove
prcActivatePrices	Remove tabs older than this
tSQLt.Private_App	lyChe LT-TOMC\SQL2012
Script5.sql	LT-TOMC\SQL2012

Restoring open tabs

When you start Management Studio, SQL Prompt automatically restores open tabs from your previous session.

If you don't want SQL Prompt to restore tabs:

SQL Prompt – Options		
SQL Prompt is a code auto-completion	n and formatting tool for writing SQL queries.	redgat
Suggestions	Tabs > History Tab size Maximum tab size: Tabs larger than the maximum size won't be stored in the history Open tabs Restore open tabs when SQL Server Management Studio starts Maximum number of tabs to restore: Quert abs Quert abs	Restore defaults

3. Under Open tabs, clear the Restore open tabs when SQL Server Management Studio starts check box.