

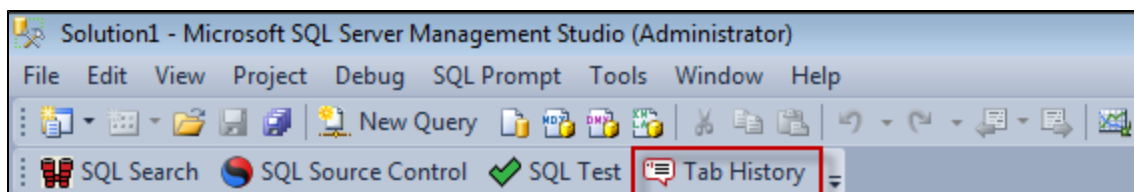
Tab history

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

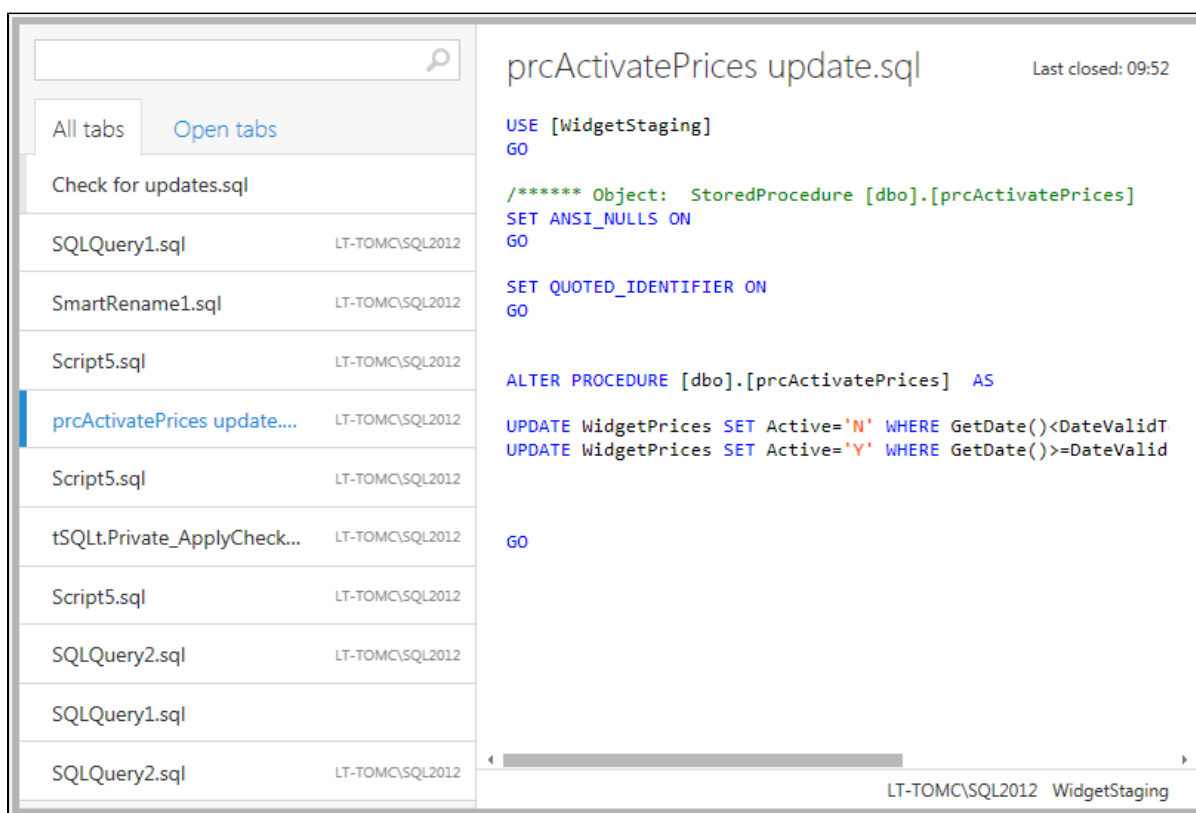
 You can use Tab history in Management Studio 2008 or later.

Browsing tab history

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



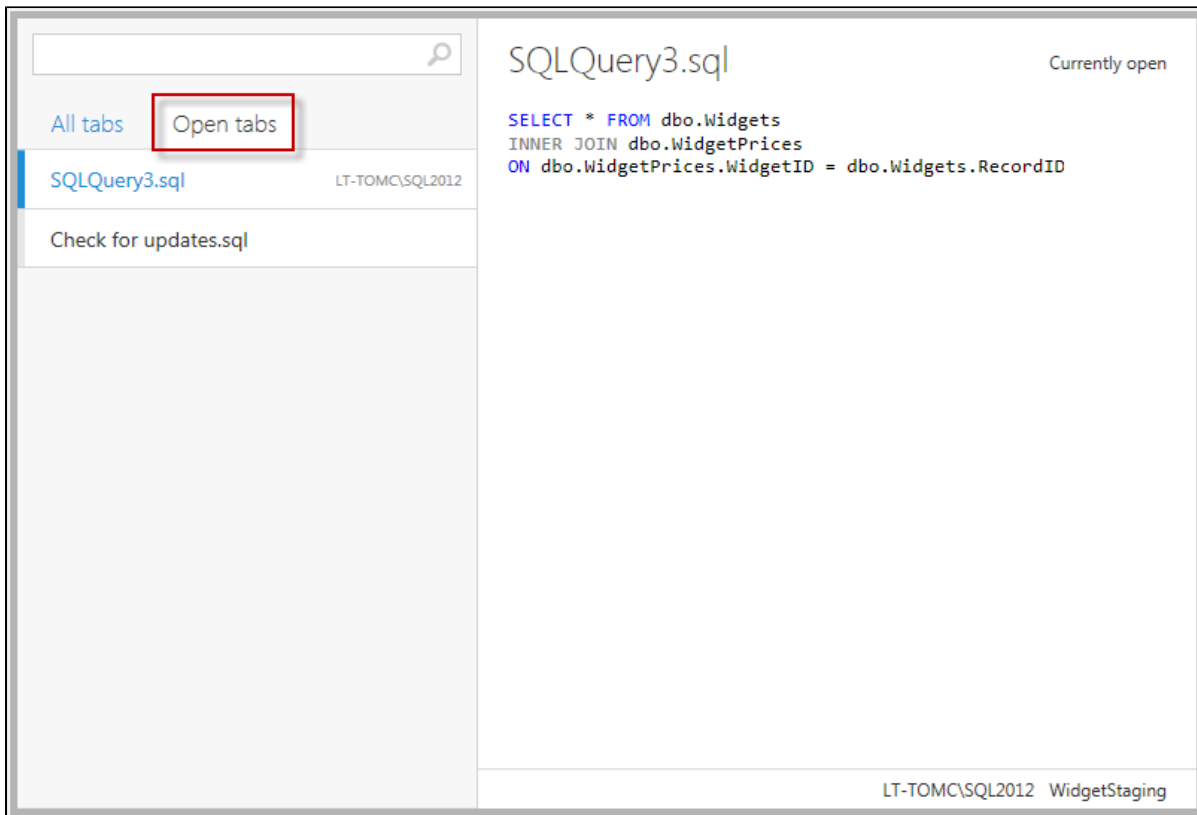
The tab history window is displayed:



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**:



Using the keyboard

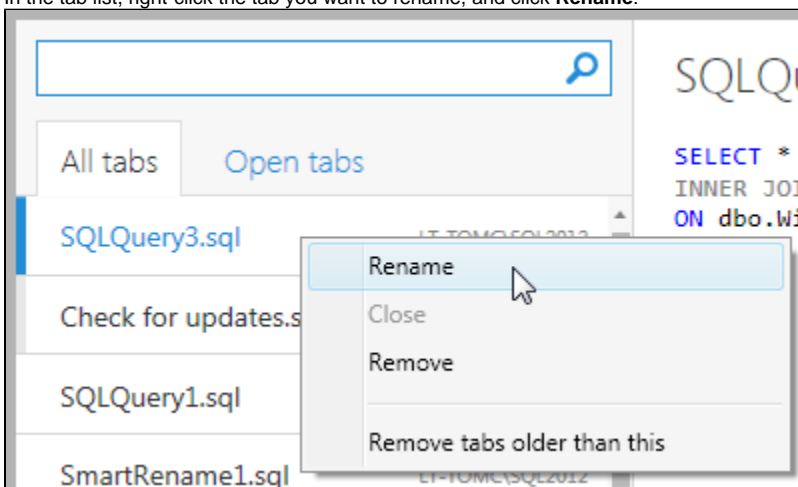
To browse open tabs, press **Ctrl + Q**.

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**:



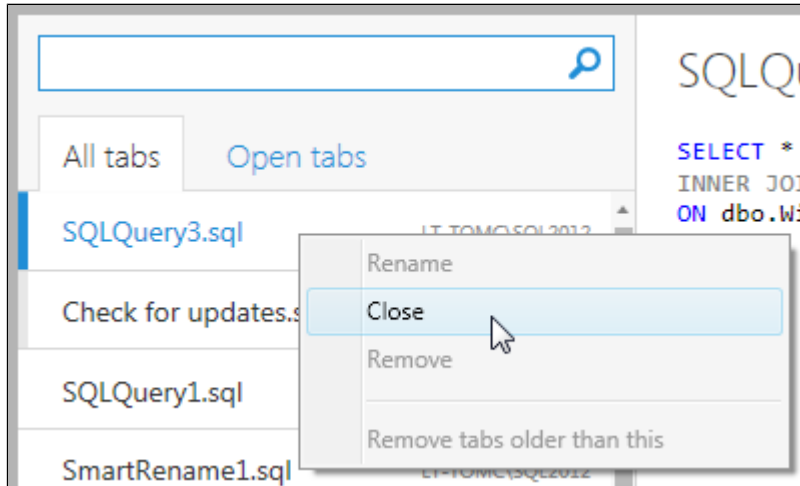
2. Type a new name for the tab, and press **Enter**.



You can't rename open tabs.

Closing an open tab

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



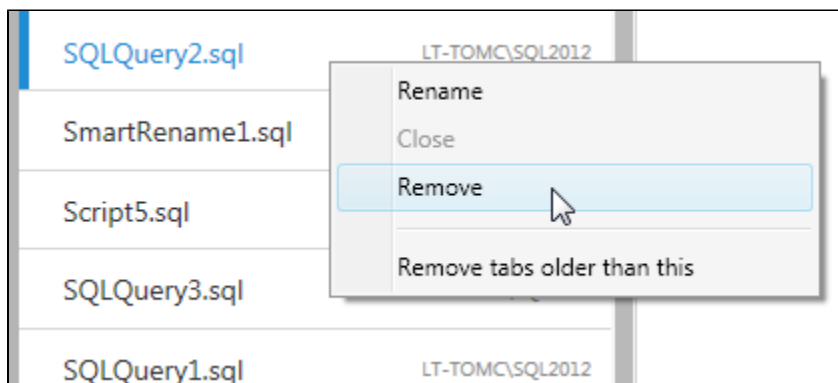
Removing tabs from the history



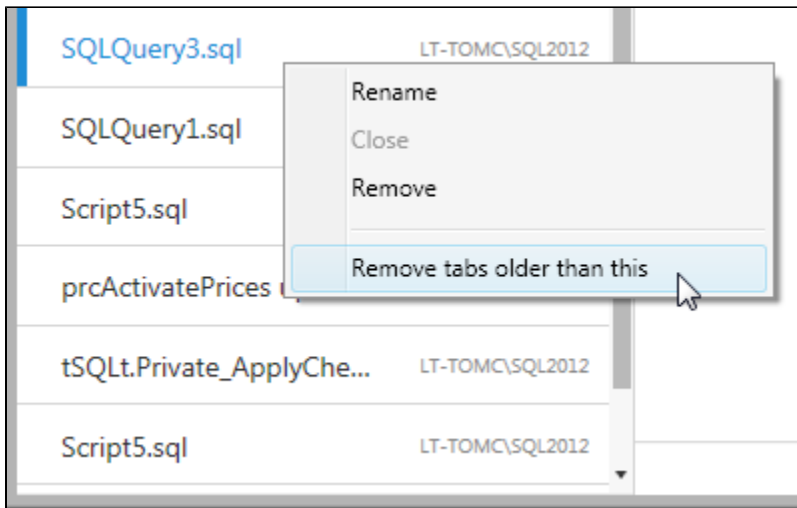
When you remove a tab from the history it is permanently deleted; you can't restore it.

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**:



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

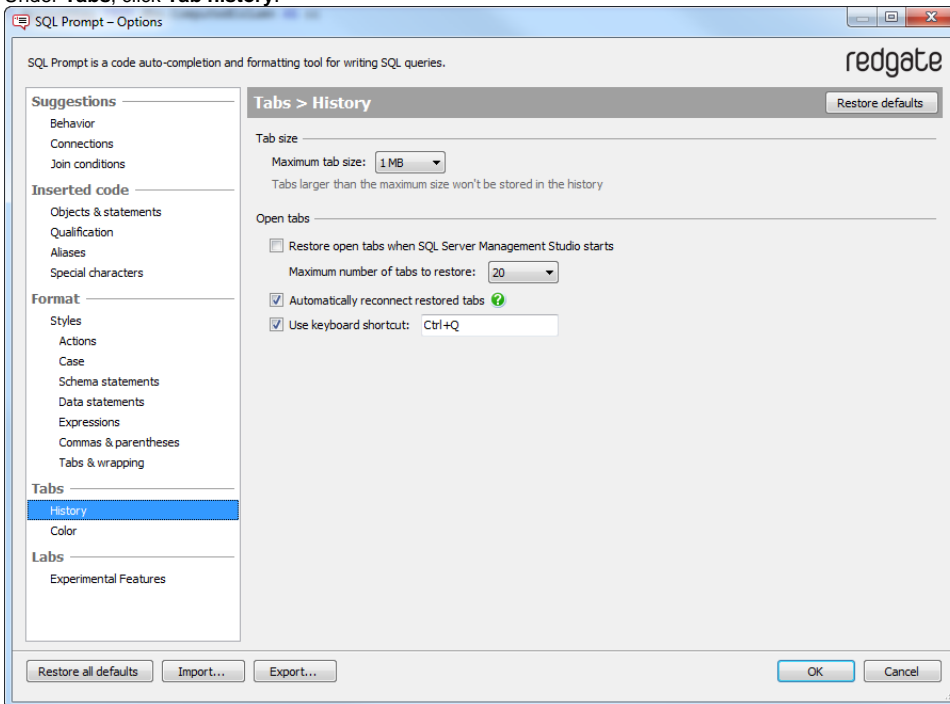


Restoring open tabs

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:

1. On the SQL Prompt menu, click **Options**.
2. Under **Tabs**, click **Tab history**:



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