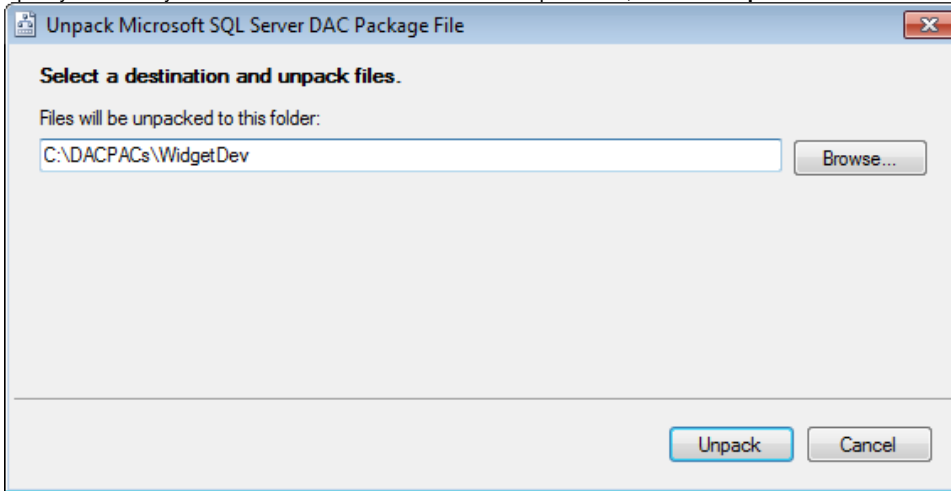# Using a DACPAC as a data source

> ⓘ DACPAC support is in beta.

You can use SQL Compare to compare data-tier application packages (DACPACs).
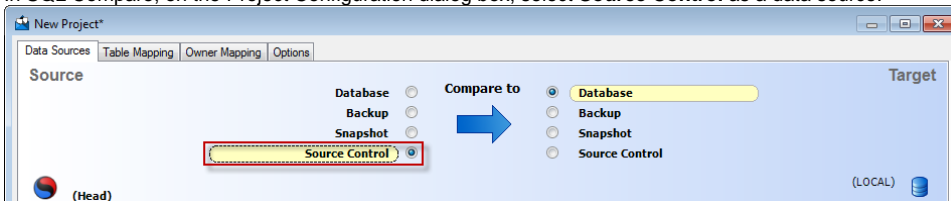
To specify a DACPAC as a data source:

1. In Windows Explorer, right-click the DACPAC file you want to use, and click **Unpack**.
   The **Unpack Microsoft SQL Server DAC Package File** dialog opens.
2. Specify the folder you want the files in the DACPAC to be unpacked to, and click **Unpack**:

> ⓘ DACPACs contain a *model.sql* file. This is a creation script for all the database objects in the package. SQL Compare uses it when you compare a DACPAC.

3. In SQL Compare, on the Project Configuration dialog box, select **Source Control** as a data source:

4. Select **Scripts folder**, and browse to the folder you unpacked the DACPAC to:

⚠ When you specify a DACPAC folder, SQL Compare displays a warning: 'Scripts folder found with missing metadata file'. This is a known issue with the beta DACPAC support, and can be ignored.

If you have any problems using DACPACs with SQL Compare, contact Red Gate support.