SQL Prompt 6.0 release notes

September 4th, 2013

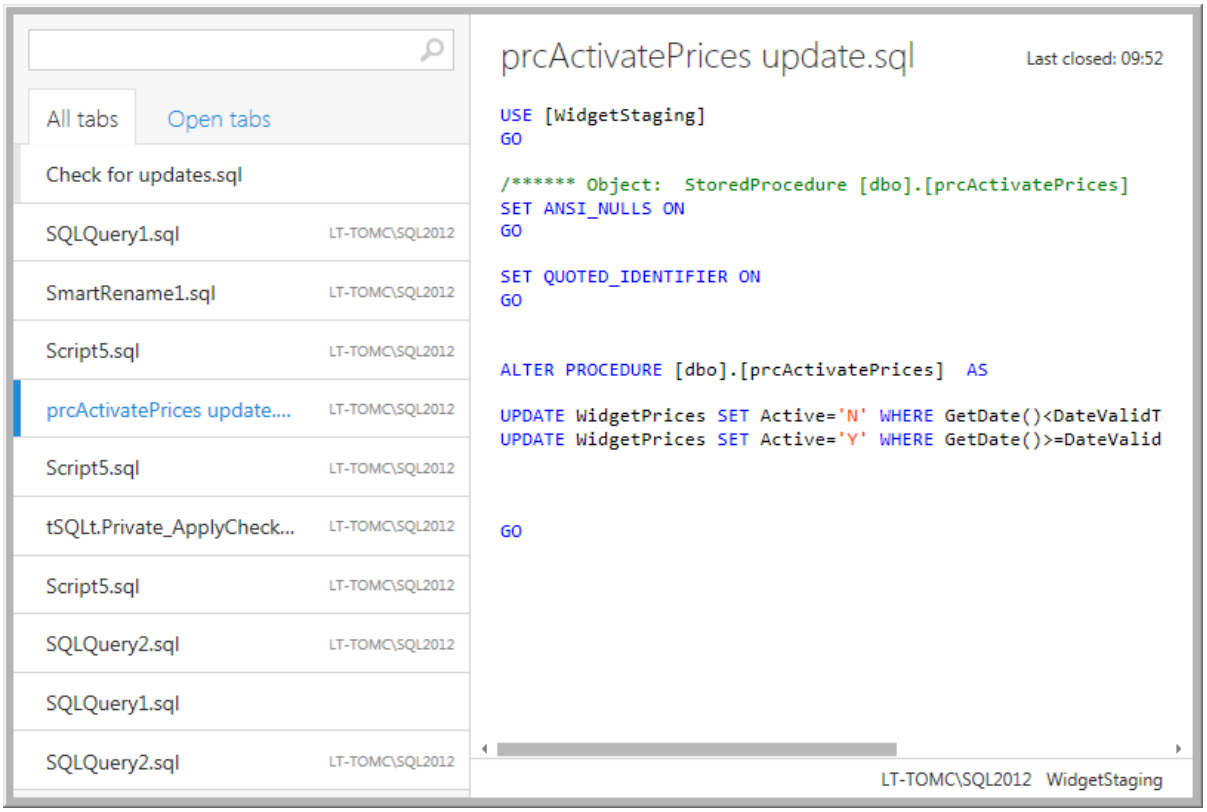
SQL Prompt Standard edition has been retired with the release of SQL Prompt 6.0. All SQL Prompt features are now available in a single edition.

If you are using SQL Prompt Standard, please email sqldev.info@red-gate.com to discuss your upgrade options.

SQL Prompt 6.0 includes the following:

Tab history

SQL Prompt now keeps a history of query tabs you open in SQL Server Management Studio:



For more information, see Tab history.

Synonym support

Synonyms (including columns from a synonym's base object) are now suggested.

CLR support

CLR functions and CLR stored procedures are now suggested.

XML functions support

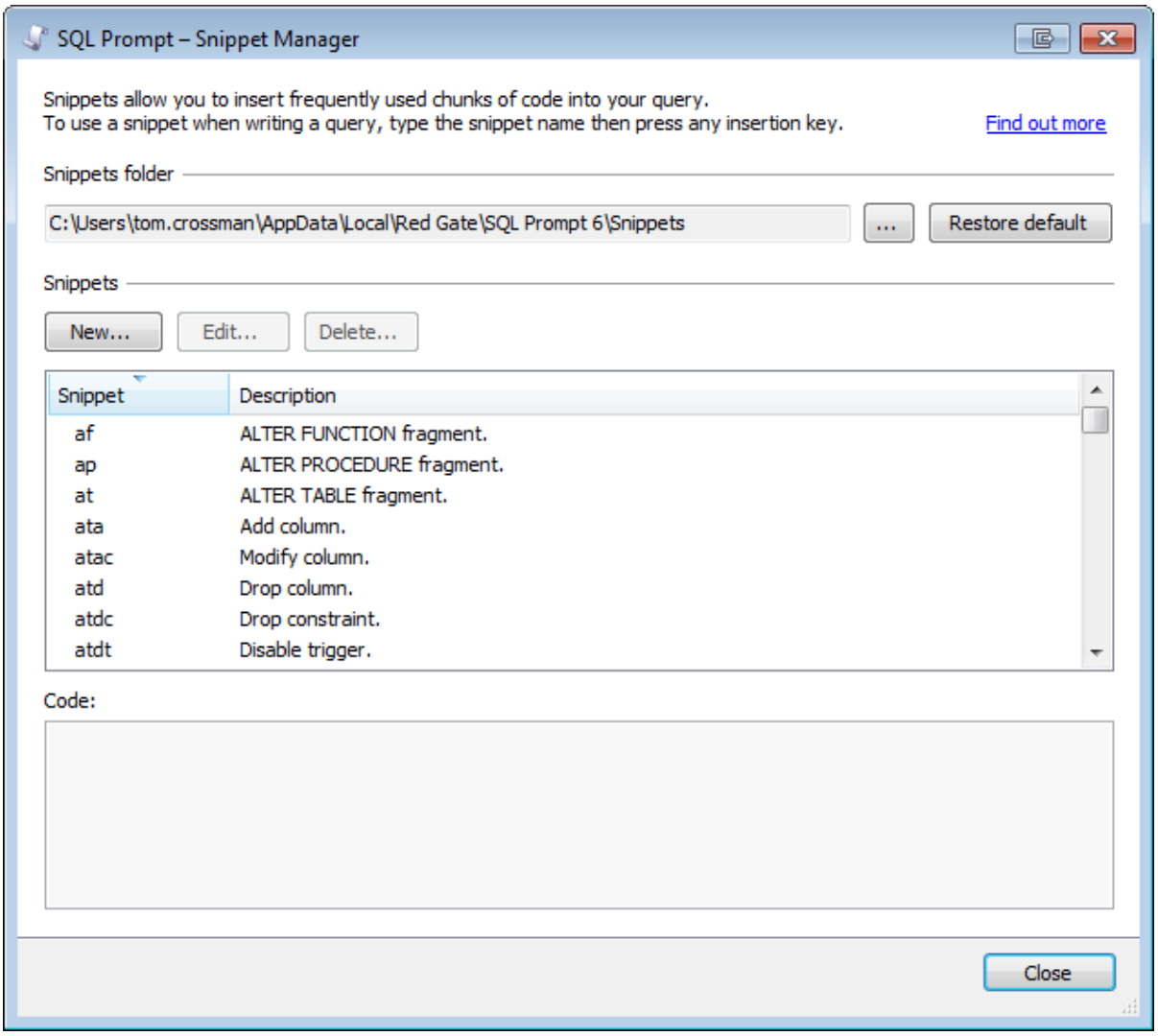
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SQL Azure support

SQL Azure databases are now supported.

Custom snippets folder

You can now share snippets with other SQL Prompt users by using a shared snippets folder:



For more information, see Sharing snippets.

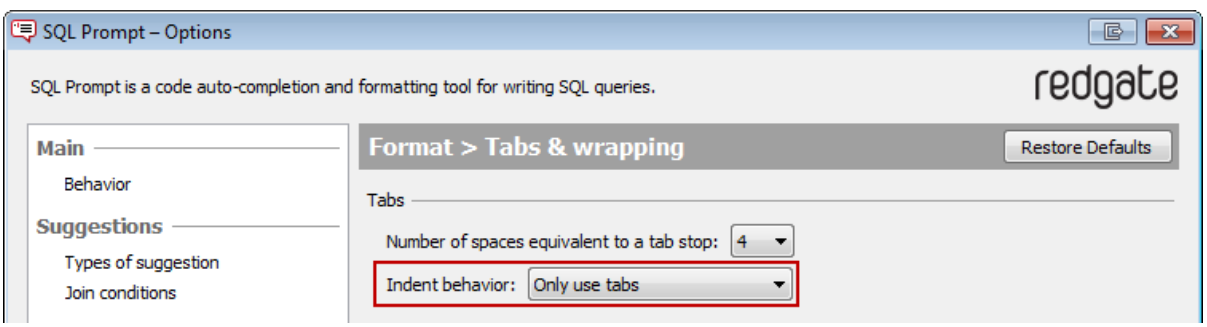
More snippet placeholders

You can now use $PASTE$, $DBNAME$ and $SERVER$ in SQL Prompt snippets. You can also specify a custom $DATE$ and $TIME$ format, eg $TIME(HH:mm:ss)$.

For more information, see Using placeholders.

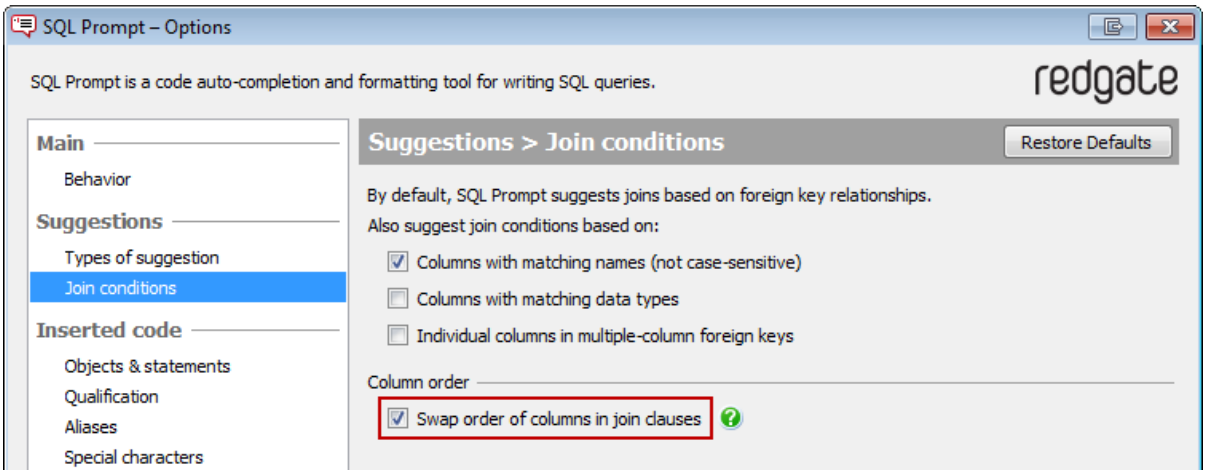
Indent using tab characters

You can now customize SQL Prompt formatting to indent text using tab characters:



JOIN clause improvements

All relevant tables are now suggested in a join clause, and we've added an option to swap the order of columns in the clause:



Copy from object definition box

You can now press CTRL + C to copy the contents of the object definition box.

Bug fixes

We've fixed the following bugs that were reported by users:

SP-1057	Select from table WH does not suggest WHERE
SP-1170	XML value predicate doesn't work
SP-1329, SP-1871, SP-3060, SP-3090, SP-3612	Use tabs instead of spaces while laying out
SP-2129	Ctrl + C does not copy in hover prompt expanded schema panel
SP-2381	SM#78 FOR XML statement squigglied
SP-2571, SP-2731	Ctrl + A doesn't work in the snippet editor
SP-2804	Once trial has expired, it says you still have an 'unlicensed trial'
SP-2914	(XML) value statement is autom. converted to uppercase
SP-2947	Code of a procedure is shown twice when using the copy code for a stored procedure
SP-3136	SET @xml_variable.modify(...) is not recognized
SP-3928	No candidates in the list for FETCH NEXT ... INTO
SP-4236	Middle-click closes the in focus tab, not the tab that the mouse cursor is over
SP-4454	Find invalid objects fails with an incorrect error on this attached DB
SP-4495	SQL Prompt doesn't install into Visual Studio when SSMS is also installed
SP-4546	Native intellisense is not suppressed in SSMS 2012
SP-4547	{SA} TypeLoadException @ UnusedVariableMarker.FromAnalysisResult(...)
SP-4576	Suggestions stop in query window after XML query
SP-4577	Attempting to format a query with a question mark hangs SSMS
SP-4628	Prompting and tooltips offset when using a non standard dpi (Medium or High settings) in SSMS 2012 (F0069016)
SP-4711	Support try_cast 2012 function in format SQL
SP-4745	Support continuous connection to server in VS 2012

We've also fixed the following bugs that were send to us as error reports from SQL Prompt:

SP-3412	{SA} NullReferenceException @ PromptEngineEmulator.ApplyCompletionFor(...)

SP-3912	{SA} InvalidOperationException @ DatabaseCandidateBase.GetConnectionSource(…)
SP-4001	{SA} NullReferenceException @ UpdateUtils.StartupUpdate(…)
SP-4124	{SA} InvalidProgramException @ EditorWindowBase.OnSqlPromptEnabledChanged(…)
SP-4127	{SA} InvalidProgramException @ VSScriptProvider.NotifyScriptChange(…)
SP-4257	{SA} FileNotFoundException @ ColumnDependenciesCalculator.RegisterDabase(…)
SP-4267	{SA} NullReferenceException @ ObjectExplorer.UnHookEvents(…)
SP-4269	{SA} ArgumentOutOfRangeException @ PrefixRadixTreeDictionary`1/TrieNode/<FindPartial>d__2e.MoveNext(…) - Calculating suggestions during database load
SP-4293	{SA} ArgumentNullException @ ServerTools.GetServerName(…)
SP-4346	{SA} NullReferenceException @ ServerTools.CreateTabNameToServerNameDictionary(…)
SP-4359	{SA} ArgumentNullException @ AddinServices.GetServiceForSite(…)
SP-4413	{SA} NullReferenceException @ PromptEngineEmulator.get_FilterStartIndex(…)
SP-4547	{SA} TypeLoadException @ UnusedVariableMarker.FromAnalysisResult(…)
SP-4561	{SA} NullReferenceException @ DatabaseCandidateBase.GetAllColumns(…)
SP-4568	{SA} NullReferenceException @ PromptEngineEmulator.get_FilterStartIndex(…)
SP-4703	Exception occurs when using middle click on the mouse to close a tab that was not active when Coloured Tabs active
SP-4704	{SA} NullReferenceException @ Connect2010.Dispose(…)
SP-4706	{SA} NullReferenceException @ UnhandledExceptionHandler.UnhandledExceptionHandler(…)
SP-4735	{SA} ArgumentOutOfRangeException @ StrongName.StrongName(…)
SP-4779	{SA} InvalidProgramException @ Options.ToString(…)
SP-4785	{SA} InvalidProgramException @ StandardEditionCommonControl.set_Label(…)
SP-4792	{SA} SqlException @ SqlConnection.OnError(SqlException exception, Boolean breakConnection, Action`1 wrapCloseInAction)(…)
SP-4802	{SA} FileNotFoundException @ TableSplitWizard.BWRegisterDabase(…)

We've also fixed some stability issues on Windows 8 and 8.1.