

# SQL Prompt Quick Reference Guide

## Formatting & refactoring shortcuts

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

## Top snippets

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

## Navigation shortcuts

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

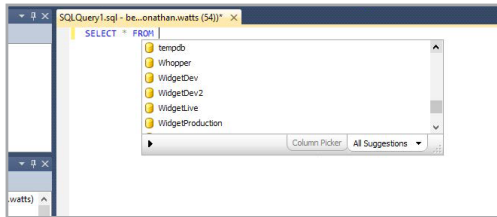
## Code-completion shortcuts

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

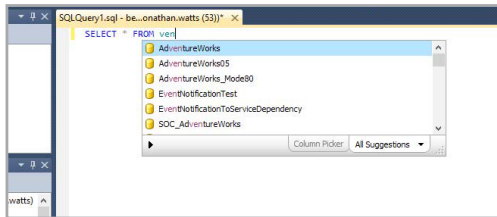
## Snippet placeholders

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

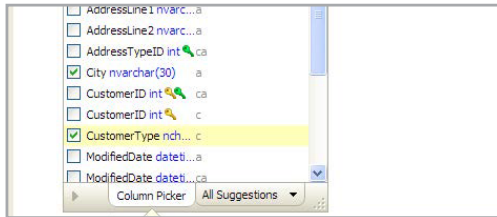
## Code productivity tips



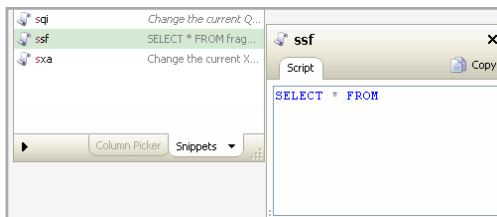
Suggestions can be matched by parts or first letters of names



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

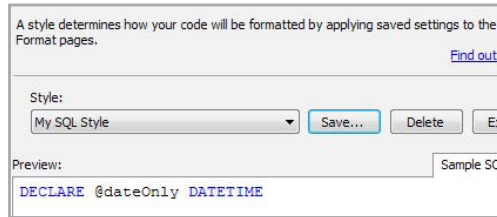


The column picker makes it easier to choose columns for your queries

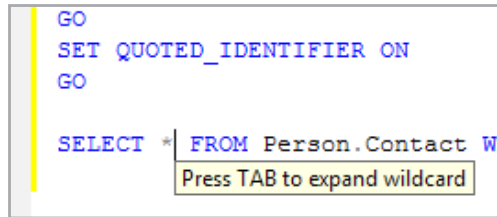


Type less using code snippets. Add your own and share them using your favorite file sharing service (e.g. Dropbox).

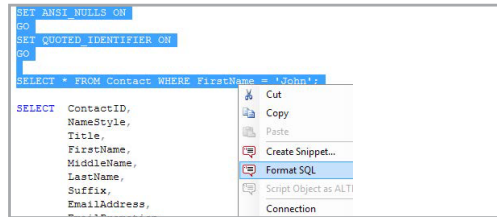
## Formatting & refactoring tips



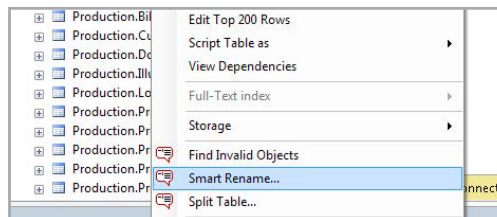
SQL formatting can be configured to your preferred style, in Options > Styles



Wildcards can be expanded directly from the query window

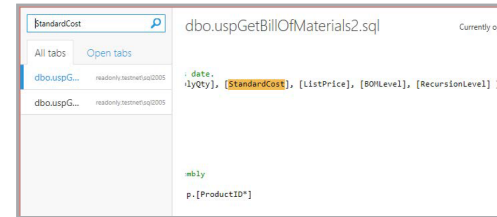


Formatting and refactoring commands can also be applied to selections

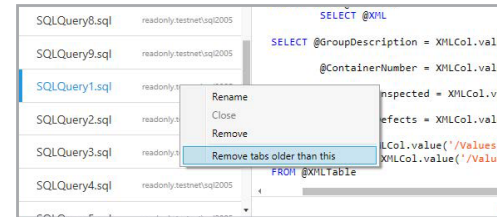


Smart rename lets you rename objects and update all references to them

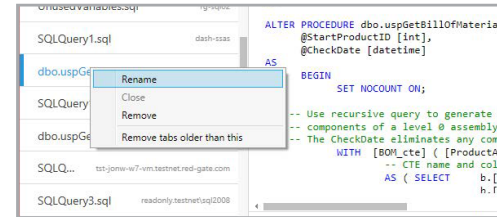
## Tab history tips



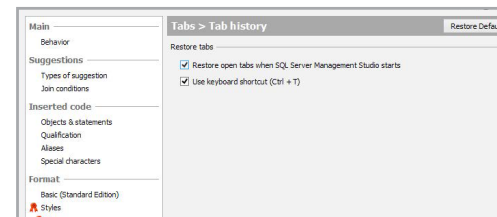
Search through all your open and recently closed scripts



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

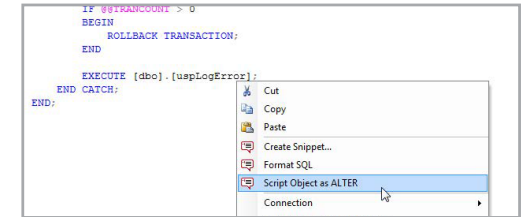


Rename a closed tab for easier retrieval



Open to restore tabs from your previous session automatically

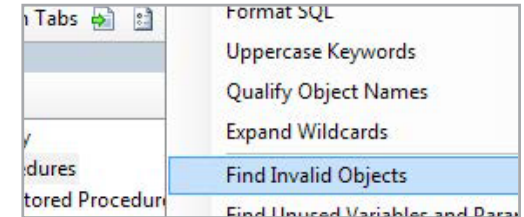
## Navigation tips



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