Welcome to IDERA Rapid SQL® 18.4.x

Thank you for using IDERA Rapid SQL, the integrated development environment for IBM DB2, Microsoft SQL Server, MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, Sybase and Teradata database systems. Rapid SQL is your fast path to higher productivity whether you're programming in SQL, PL/SQL, Transact-SQL or HTML. Before you use Rapid SQL, please read the following information.

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WHAT'S NEW IN RAPID SQL 18.0.0

Add native GIT support

DBArtisan now includes native Git version control. You must have Git installed on the system where you want to use DBArtisan to utilize the native Git version control functionality.

Users may use Git version control to:

- create projects
- get the latest version
- add a file or project
- remove a file or project
- check in a file or project
- get history logs of files

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Before using Rapid SQL, please verify that your environment meets the requirements listed below:

NOTE: Users need full registry privileges during the installation and access to the keys under HKEY_CURRENT_USER in the registry after installation.

Browser Requirements

Rapid SQL requires Microsoft Internet Explorer 11 or later.

Hardware Requirements
IDERA recommends the following minimum hardware requirements:

- 1 GHz or faster CPU
- 3 GB of RAM
- 1 GB of free disk space
- 1024 x 768 screen resolution

Operating System Requirements
Rapid SQL supports the following operating systems:

- Windows 7, 8., 8.1, and 10 (32-bit and 64-bit)
- Windows Server 2008 SP1 and 2008 R2 (32-bit and 64-bit), 2012, 2012 R2, 2016, and 2019

Windows 7 Support Notes - Windows 7 provides two user types: Standard users and Administrators. Rapid SQL can be installed or uninstalled by an administrator or by a standard user using an administrator token. Standard users can run Rapid SQL. For the purpose of running Rapid SQL, default standard user token privileges should not be modified. Modifying standard user token privileges can result in licensing issues which will prevent Rapid SQL from operating properly.

32-BIT VERSUS 64-BIT APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS
If you install the 64-bit version of Rapid SQL and you are using custom drivers, you must be using 64-bit versions of those drivers when using the 64-bit version of Rapid SQL. Similarly, 32-bit versions of custom drivers must be used with the 32-bit Rapid SQL installation.

For version control integration, if you install the 64-bit version of Rapid SQL, you can work with either a 32-bit or 64-bit MSSCCI provider. The feature is controlled from the Options Editor's **Version Control** tab (**File > Options > General > Version Control**).

DBMS SUPPORT AND CONNECTIVITY OPTIONS

Dedicated Support Connectivity Options

Rapid SQL provides dedicated connectivity to a specific version range of IBM DB2 for Linux, UNIX, and Windows, IBM DB2 for z/OS, Microsoft SQL Server, MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL, Sybase, and Teradata databases.

The following connectivity options are provided:
- **Native drivers** - For use with IBM DB2, SQL Server, MySQL, Oracle, and Sybase ASE datasources, Rapid SQL is packaged with a set of native drivers, each requiring a DBMS-specific client to be installed.

- **JDBC drivers** - For all supported DBMS platforms, Rapid SQL can connect to a datasource more directly using one of the packaged, third-party JDBC drivers. No additional connectivity components need to be installed. One or more third-party drivers, tested against Rapid SQL, are installed with Rapid SQL.

The following table provides a summary of resources/requirements for connectivity to dedicated DBMS platforms. For each platform, it lists supported versions, the client software, driver, or client/driver combination that must be installed if using native IDERA clients, and the third-party, Type 4 JDBC drivers packaged with Rapid SQL.

DBMS Platform	Supported Versions	Client (or driver/client combination) Required for use with Native IDERA Drivers	Packaged JDBC Driver	Source & License
IBM DB2 for z/OS	**10.x** and **11.x***	**DB2 UDB Client for Windows 8.0** or later	**IBM Data Server Driver for JDBC**	
IBM DB2 for LUW	**10.x** and **11.x***	**IBM DB2 LUW Client for Windows 8.0** or later	**IBM Data Server Driver for JDBC**	
Microsoft SQL Server	**2008 2012 2014* 2014 SP2* 2016* 2017* 2019***	**Microsoft SQL Server Client Library**	**jTDS Type 4 JDBC Driver for Microsoft SQL Server Microsoft SQL Server JDBC Driver**	LGPL **source** & **license**
MySQL	**4.x**, **5.x**, and **8.x**	**MySQL Connector/ODBC Driver 5.2.x Driver - MySQL Connector/ODBC driver 3.51.x Driver**	**MySQL Connector/J JDBC Driver**	**GPL source & license**
Oracle	**10g**, **11g**, **11g R2**, **12c**, **12c R2**, **18c**, **1921cc**, and	**Oracle SQL*Net Client**	**Oracle JDBC Thin Driver**	
PostgreSQL	**9.3** - **9.10**, **10.7**, **11.2**, **12.x**, and **13.0**	**PostgreSQL ODBC Driver (latest version recommended)**	**PostgreSQL JDBC Driver**	**BSD License**
Sybase ASE	**15.7** and **16.0**	**Sybase Open Client**	**jTDS Type 4 JDBC Driver for Microsoft SQL Server Sybase jConnect JDBC Driver**	LGPL **source** & **license**
Sybase IQ	**15.4**, **16.0**, and **16.1**	**SQL Anywhere ODBC drivers for Sybase IQ 12.7 Sybase IQ 32-bit ODBC drivers**	**Sybase jConnect JDBC Driver for Sybase IQ**	

* **About Technical Previews** - Technical previews are intended to introduce a new DBMS platform only. The available functionality is typically minimal. For example, command Line startup, standard datasource registration and connection features, limited Datasource Navigator tree functionality, a minimal set of object actions, as well as SQL Editor execution and related, common SQL Editor functionality such as Query Options, Paste SQL Syntax, and Paste SQL Statement.

Generic JDBC/ODBC Connectivity
Generic JDBC/ODBC connectivity to non-dedicated DBMS systems or non-database datasources is also provided. Rapid SQL can connect to a datasource using a customer-provided, third-party JDBC version 4.0 or ODBC version 3.0 driver. Minimal Rapid SQL functionality is provided, including a basic Explorer tree and SQL querying.

IBM DB2 for z/OS Stored Procedure Requirements
When working against an IBM DB2 for z/OS data source, Rapid SQL relies on the following stored procedures, provided as an optional installation step in setting up the DB2 subsystem:
- DSNWZP
- DSNUTILS

- ADMIN_COMMAND_DSN
- ADMIN_COMMAND_DB2

Prior to using Rapid SQL against an IBM DB2 for z/OS data source, ensure that these components are installed on the server.

Cloud
Rapid SQL runs on cloud virtual machines, such as Microsoft Azure VM and AWS EC2, with Microsoft Windows. It supports database instances on cloud virtual machines, such as Microsoft Azure VM and AWS EC2.

DBMS Versions No Longer Supported
Rapid SQL is no longer being tested against Sybase ASE versions before 15.7.

RELEASE NOTES

Known Issues and Bug Fixes

For the more recent list of known issues and bug fixes in this release, see
http://docwiki.embarcadero.com/RapidSQL/184/en/Release_Notes_for_Rapid_SQL_18.4.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Licensing Your IDERA Product
All IDERA products include a 14-day trial period. To continue using the product without interruption, we recommend that you license it as soon as possible. For information on licensing your product, refer to the *Installation Guide*. If you have not yet purchased this product, contact sales@idera.com.

IDERA Product Support
The IDERA Web site is an excellent source for additional product information, including white papers, articles, and discussion forums. Click any of the links below to find:

- Documentation
- Online Demos, Technical Articles, and White Papers
- IDERA Community

IDERA Technical Support
If you have a valid maintenance contract with IDERA, the Technical Support team is available to assist you with any problems you have with our applications. Our maintenance contract also entitles registered users of IDERA products to download free software upgrades during the active contract period. Evaluators receive free technical support for the term of their evaluation (14 days).

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