Toad for SQL Server 2025 R1

Release Notes

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About Toad for SQL Server

With Toad, developers and database administrators can use a familiar, proven tool to manage databases. Toad empowers developers and administrators, of varying skill levels, to rapidly create and execute queries, automate database object management, and develop SQL more efficiently.

Toad also provides utilities to compare, extract and search for objects, manage projects, import/export data and administer the database, while increasing your productivity and delivering access to an active user community.

System Requirements

Client Requirements

Before installing Toad, ensure that your client system meets the following minimum hardware and software requirements:

Requirement	Details
Platform	2 GHz processor (recommended minimum)
Memory	8 GB of RAM minimum, 16 GB recommended **Note:** The memory required may vary based on the following: • Applications that are running on your system when using Toad • Size and complexity of the database • Amount of database activity • Number of concurrent users accessing the database
Hard Disk Space	800 MB to install Toad 104 MB to run Toad **Note:** The disk space required may vary based on the edition of Toad selected for installation.
Operating System	Windows Server® 2012 Windows Server® 2012 R2 Windows Server® 2016 Windows Server® 2019 Windows Server® 2022 Windows® 8.1 (32-bit or 64-bit) Windows® 10 Windows® 11
Deprecated Version of Windows	Toad for SQL customer support will not be available for the following operating systems as Microsoft has stopped providing support for these platforms. • Microsoft Windows 8 (64-bit) • Microsoft Windows Server 2008 R2 (64-bit)
.NET Framework	Microsoft® .NET Framework 4.7.2
Additional Requirements	**Web Browser** Microsoft® Internet Explorer® 11 or later **Screen** Recommended maximum DPI settings for Toad are 125%. It is possible to use Toad up to 200% but some dialog windows will not be completely usable anymore. Maximum tested resolution for Toad is 1920 x 1080 px. **Copy/Move Database Wizard** The SQL Server Backward Compatibility package is required to use the Copy/Move Database wizard. **Log Reader** The Log Reader requires version 8.0 DLL files in the Microsoft Visual C++ 2005 SP1 Redistributable Package. If these files do not exist on the client, you will need to install them to use some functionality in the Log Reader. http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=200B2FD9-AE1A-4A14-984D-389C36F85647&displaylang=en

Server Requirements

Before installing Toad, ensure that your server meets the following minimum hardware and software requirements:

Requirement	Details
Database Server	SQL Server 2012 and SQL Server 2012 Express SQL Server 2014 Enterprise and SQL Server 2014 Express SQL Server 2016 SQL Server 2017 SQL Server 2019 SQL Server 2022 **Notes:** • SQL Server Compact Edition is not supported. • Storage Management is not available on SQL Server Express. **Note:** To use Access 2016 64-bit to connect to an Access database in Toad, the Microsoft Access Database Engine is required and might not be included in the Access installation. The engine must match the architecture (bitness) of Toad.
Deprecated Version of Database Server	Toad for SQL customer support will not be available for the following Database Server as Microsoft has stopped providing support for these platforms. • SQL Server 6.0 • SQL Server 6.5 • SQL Server 7.0 • SQL Server 2000 • SQL Server 2005 • SQL Server 2008 • SQL Server 2008 R2
Cloud Database Service	SQL Azure, Azure SQL Data Warehouse, and Azure SQL Managed Instance database **Note:** To be able to utilize a majority of Toad functionality, please grant VIEW DEFINITION on the SQL Azure databases you want to work with.

Virtualization Support

Requirement	Details
Application Virtualization	When deploying Toad in a virtualization environment, for best results ensure the system accurately reflects the applicable client hardware and software requirements listed in this document. Toad has been developed using Microsoft guidelines (see Remote Desktop Services programming guidelines) and can be deployed and operated in virtualization environments such as Citrix XenApp, Microsoft App-V, and VirtualBox. See "Install Toad on Citrix Systems" (page 1) for more information.

User Requirements

User Requirements to Install Toad

Only Windows Administrators and Power Users can install Toad.

If an Administrator installs Toad, the Administrator can share the Toad shortcut icon on the desktop and menu items with any user—a Power User, Restricted User—on the computer.

If a Power User installs Toad, a Restricted User cannot do the following:

- Associate file extensions.
- View the Toad shortcut icon on the desktop or the Toad menu options in the Windows Start menu. As a workaround, Restricted Users can create a shortcut to Toad from the install directory and place the shortcut on their desktop.

User Requirements and Restrictions for Running Toad

The following describes the requirements and restrictions for users who launch and run Toad:

- To create or modify the QuestSoftware.ToadSecurity table to enable Toad Security, the user who maintains this table must have privileges to create, insert, update, and delete it. All other users need only the ability to read the QuestSoftware.ToadSecurity table to use Toad Security features.

New Features or Enhancements

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Enhancement ID	Description
TSS-2946	AIExplain is an advanced new feature that uses AI technology to help users better understand complex SQL queries and scripts. With AIExplain, users can quickly analyze and interpret intricate SQL statements, making it easier to understand their logic, intent, and overall purpose. **Where to find AIExplain:** • SQL Editor toolbar • Script tab for supported object types • Right-click context menu for supported object types **Supported Objects:** Procedures, Functions, Views, Tables, Indexes, Databases, Sequences, Synonyms **Note:** AIExplain is a preview feature available to Toad for SQL Server Subscription users. Please refer to the Knowledge Base for instructions on how to enable it. Learn more about AIExplain at Toad World
TSS-2639	Improvements to the Filter options in the Data Compare wizard now allow users to easily import and export comparison filters, streamlining the setup of repeated comparison tasks.
TSS-2606	The Text Diff Viewer now support saving comparison results for later use. Users can export comparison outputs to a file and reopen them at any time, enabling quick review or re-execution of comparison tasks without reconfiguring comparison settings.
TSS-2608	Toad for SQL Server now includes a table Data Search capability. This new feature enables users to perform comprehensive searches across data stored in tables and views. Users can locate and retrieve information that matches a specific search phrase, supporting both text and numeric data types across tables, views, and databases.

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Enhancement ID	Description
TSS-2189	We are introducing Toad for SQL Server Xpert Plus, a new edition developed to provide enhanced features and capabilities for SQL Server users. For a detailed comparison of Toad for SQL Server editions, please see Toad for SQL Server metrix comparison. The Toad for SQL Server Xpert Plus edition includes additional software such as SQL Optimizer and ApexSQL. In this edition, we have implemented subscription support to ensure all assets are available for subscription sales.
TSS-2188	Toad for SQL Server now displays in-app messages informing users that they are entitled to product assets for additional software, and allows them to quickly download and use the tools from the Toad for SQL Server UI controls.
TSS-2165	When users restart the Toad for SQL Server application with an active number of editor tabs within the user interface, those tabs open automatically and are available upon restart.
TSS-2164	Run query option in the **Context Editor** menu: Users can now execute SQL scripts within the Editor working pane from the Context menu.
TSS-2096	Toad for SQL Server now supports the Azure SQL Managed Instance Cloud database using the following authentication types:

Enhancement ID	Description
	• SQL Authentication • Microsoft Entra authentication (Formerly known as Azure Active Directory): Multifactor authentication, Integrated Windows authentication • Windows authentication for Microsoft Entra principals **Limitations:** The following features/functionalities are not supported: • Creating firewall rules • Copying database (create like database) operation • Creating an assembly from a file • Server compare functionality

Resolved Issues

The following is a list of issues addressed in this release of Toad for SQL Server:

Resolved Issues in 2025 R1

Feature	Resolved Issues	Defect ID
Schema Compare	Unable to perform a Schema Compare between two SQL Servers	TSS-2194
DevExpress Dark style theme	ToadBlue2014 skin reverts back to DevExpress Dark Style on close and relaunch	TSS-2610
DarkRoom theme	Incorect letter color when using DarkRoom theme	TSS-2604
Query Builder	Query is changed and errors are raised when visualization is finished	TSS-2308
Data Compare	Data compare consider the last searched object set instead of all mapped objects	TSS-2243
Schema Compare	Stored Procedures not identified as different when schema compare is performed	TSS-2617
Schema Compare	CREATE keyword not found Exception occurred on generating script post Schema compare	TSS-2612
Data Compare	Data Compare identifies a single record of table EStaff as existing only on both source and target	TSS-2599

Resolved Issues in 8.1

Feature	Resolved Issues	Defect ID
Editor	The **Auto-replace** option under the **Editor** menu is not working as expected when the application is used in DevExpress Dark Style mode.	TSS-2564
Dark Office 2016	Users are not able to save the highlighted color for any text using the Dark Office 2016 skin tool; the highlighted text color changes back to black.	TSS-2163
Object Explorer	When users click on the **Last Updated** column in the tables list in **Object Explorer**, the tables list gets cleared. Users then have to restart the application to see the list of tables again.	TSS-2162
Drag and drop	Users are not able to rearrange the existing saved connections within the group using the drag-and-drop functionality.	TSS-2161
Azure SQL database	When importing data from Excel to Azure SQL database, the query processor ran out of internal resources and could not produce a query plan. This issue occurs when importing data into a table with over 1.6 million records using a spreadsheet containing 10,000 or more records.	TSS-2160
Security Migration	The **Security Migration** wizard is not functioning as expected. After selecting the target databases, the **Next** button becomes disabled. When the target databases are deselected, the **Next** button becomes enabled.	TSS-2153
TIC connection	Toad for SQL Server is not displaying the TIC connection in the **Import Connections** wizard, under the **Available**	TSS-2152

Feature	Resolved Issues	Defect ID
	Connections/Group section.	
Licensing	The **License Details** and **About** windows display a negative number of days in the **License Remaining Days** section instead of indicating that the license has expired.	TSS-2146
SSMS plugin	Users can launch the Toad application from the **Tools** menu in the latest Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio versions 19.x and 20.x. **Limitation:** Support for **Context** menu options 'Toad Manage' and 'Toad Optimize'.	TSS-2097
Optimize the current statement	When users enter a valid statement in the editor, the **Optimize the current statement** option is not enabled. This issue is observed in the SQL Server 2022 database environment.	TSS-2093
Editor	The TSS source code editor and code formatter do not support the `select sysutcdatetime() at time zone 'UTC' at time zone 'Pacific standard Time'` query.	TSS-2065
Objects	Toad for SQL Server is not displaying the objects for all referenced tables in the Object list of the nested query.	TSS-2064
Extended property	When users create, add, or delete an extended property for a user in a database (security/users), the generated code defines the extended property on the 'schema' instead of the 'user,' and Toad for SQL Server displays an error if the user doesn't have an existing schema.	TSS-2001
Job Schedule	Users are not able to update the job schedule using Toad for SQL Server.	TSS-1996
Configuration Wizard	A few options under the **Layout and Settings** section in the **Configuration Wizard** window are not fully visible. This issue is observed on Windows 11.	TSS-1994
General	The application is not opening a new tab after establishing a database connection, even when the **Open on New Connection** option is checked.	TSS-1988
Binary comparison keys	Users are not able to compare two binary comparison keys using Toad for SQL Server.	TSS-1797
General	The **Save** and **Cancel** buttons, used to save or cancel queries, are disabled.	TSS-1788
Log reader export	A few log reader export options are missing in Toad for SQL Server 7.4.	TSS-1787
Index	Users are not able to create a clustered or non-clustered index using Toad for SQL Server.	TSS-1774
Schema Compare	Toad for SQL Server is not displaying the search text box for advanced search in the **Schema Compare** window.	TSS-1696
Code Snippets	When users restart Toad for SQL Server and open the **Code Snippets** window, all the folders appear expanded.	TSS-1447

Known Issues

The following is a list of issues known to exist at the time of this release.

Feature	Known Issue	Defect ID
Migration	Settings and options don't migrate from previous version. **Note:** Before installing the latest version of Toad for SQL Server, make sure to export your connections from the previous version of the tool.	TSS-2853
Azure Managed Instance	Creating a Symmetric Key, Asymmetric Key, and Certificate under the Security section is not supported for Azure Managed Instance with Microsoft Entra Service Principal authentication.	TSS-2593
Azure Managed Instance	Server compare functionality is not supported on Azure SQL Database and Azure SQL Managed Instance connections.	TSS-2592
Azure Managed Instance	Azure SQL Managed Instance does not support creating an assembly from a file.	TSS-2591
Azure Managed Instance	The option to copy or create like database from an existing database is not supported for Azure Managed Instance databases.	TSS-2589
Azure Managed Instance	The option to create a firewall rule at the server level under Server Security is not available for Azure Managed Instance databases.	TSS-2588
Schema Comparison Report	Schema Comparison Report is not displaying data under the Summary table. This issue is observed only when the user is logged in with Azure DB using SQL authentication.	TSS-2537
Log reader help	The Toad for SQL Server help page displays an error when users try to open the help for Log Reader.	TSS-2532
Partition Scheme	Users are not able to create a Partition Scheme for an Azure database because the File Group value is not displayed after selecting the **Partition Function** option.	TSS-2465
General	The **To Editor** and **Append To Editor** options are not working as expected when used from **Execute Script** under the **Generate SQL** menu. This issue is observed only when the user is logged in using multi-factor authentication.	TSS-2435
Options menu	Toad for SQL Server is disabling the **Create Extended Stored Procedure...** and **UDDTs** options when users clear the **Show Toolbar** checkbox under the **Options** menu.	TSS-2429
Text Diff Viewer	The responsiveness of the Toad for SQL Server application slows down when users compare assembly scripts in the **Text Diff Viewer**.	TSS-2426
Editor	Toad for SQL Server is displaying a syntax error in the editor when users attempt to open a SQL script to edit the permissions.	TSS-2425
General	Toad for SQL Server displays an error while creating an **Asymmetric Key** and **Certificate** for an MFA connection.	TSS-2143
General	Toad for SQL Server displays a subscription error when attempting to create UDDTs and tables in Azure Managed Instance.	TSS-2142
General	Toad for SQL Server does not support the **Server Compare** functionality for Azure SQL Database and connections using MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication).	TSS-2140
General	The **Drop Stored Procedure** option is not functioning properly for script options in the master database. This issue has been observed in **Object**	TSS-2135

	Explorer > **Master Database** > **Programmability** > **Right-click on any Stored Procedure** > **Generate SQL** > **Drop Script**.	
General	The **Optimize SQL Statement** option is disabled in the editor for the Azure DB connection.	TSS-2093
General	When users attempt to generate an Azure DBA report using the **Generate Detail Report** option after completing a schema compare, Toad for SQL Server displays an error.	TSS-2092
General	Toad for SQL Server is generating an incorrect schema compare report for system data types.	TSS-2088
General	Toad for SQL Server displays a database error when creating a role as an Azure database user.	TSS-2083
General	When creating a new database, Toad for SQL Server displays a syntax error in the editor for a valid database script.	TSS-2077
General	Toad for SQL Server displays an error when users use the **TO_Date** function in the WHERE clause.	TSS-2035
General	The **Reports Manager** displays the database error while generating the table reports of non-indexed tables.	TSS-1758
General	Toad for SQL Server is not displaying any matching files when searched using the **Find and Replace** option.	TSS-1757
General	Toad for SQL Server is not displaying the list of active servers while creating a new database connection.	TSS-1756
General	The **Manage License and Exit Application** buttons on the **Toad for SQL Server – All Licenses Expired** window are not aligned properly.	TSS-1755
General	Toad for SQL Server gets hanged when users try to start service for a database from **Microsoft SQL Server** from the **Connection Manager** pane.	TSS -1749
General	Users are not able to access the **SQL Azure** portal URL when navigated from Toad for SQL Server.	TSS -1747
General	The **Certificate** field on the **Alter Database Encryption – TestDB** window is not displaying any option to select while using the **Encrypt Database** functionality.	TSS -1729
General	Toad performs the backup operation of the database successfully but the backup file (.bak) is not available at the backup destination provided in the script.	TSS -1728
General	When users work in the **Editor** mode, most of the options under the **Edit** menu are disabled, however, users are able to use those options through keyboard shortcuts.	TSS -1726
Drag and Drop Objects	Users are unable to edit the default action for any object under the **Drag and Drop** functionality.	TSS -1724
General	Users are not able to convert the PLI Application code to SQL code using the code conversion functionality.	TSS -1718
SQL Script Generation	Toad for SQL Server is not generating the correct SQL script while comparing data from two tables in the same database. This issue is observed when there is a difference in the data of two tables.	TSS -1717
General	When users delete the duplicate entry from the table, Toad does not commit the delete operation and displays the concurrency violation	TSS -1716

	error.	
General	Toad for SQL server is facing an issue while opening the SQL Azure portal in a new tab within the application.	TSS -1715
Debug and Run	Toad for SQL Server displays an error while setting up the **Debugger** wizard	TSS -1711
Execution Plan	The **Include actual Execution plan** option is not working as a toggle button for the **Execution plan** option when used from the shortcut panel in the **Editor** window.	TSS -1710
General	Toad Intelligence Central is not able to fetch results for host name even if users search with the valid host name.	TSS -1708
General	Toad is displaying an error when users start tracing the activity of the application.	TSS -1707
General	Toad for SQL Server displays an error when users open the **Always On Monitor** screen.	TSS -1703
Import and Export	Users are not able to open the template in the editing mode on **Import Wizard**.	TSS -1701
General	If any **Select SQL** query has more number of rows in its output than the set Fetch Rows Limit, the output displays results only till that Select query. The Fetch Rows Limit is not applied on every output individually.	TSS -1698
Statistics Tab in View Details	Toad for SQL Server is not displaying the **Statistic Log** details for any table selected from the object explorer in the **Statistics** tab.	TSS -1697
Startup/Installation	If intending to hibernate the machine with the open connections to the servers that might be unavailable at the next startup, it is recommended to disconnect first due to risk of data loss.	N/A
Code Completion	Code Completion provides limited syntax support of SELECT * INTO clause.	ST87112
Connection Manager	Cannot establish Named Pipes connection if "Poll service status in connection list" option is selected. **Workaround:** Clear "Poll service status in connection list" checkbox on the **Tools | Options | Database | General** page.	ST86603
	You need to install Microsoft Active Directory Authentication Library (adalsql.msi) to connect to Azure SQL Database using Active Directory Password Authentication.	QAT-14556
Data	For some queries, attempting to right-click a row and select **Row Count** results in a message stating that the row count could not be determined.	N/A
Performance Monitor	You may encounter an exception in the Performance Monitor during recording: in the Object explorer expand and collapse a tables list.	930
	You may encounter an exception when using the Performance Monitor and Session Browser at the same time.	948
Schema Compare	When the Ignore column order option is not selected two tables are incorrectly reported to be equal.	245
	The script comparing two databases where one database is empty has execution errors.	271
	The script synchronizing two databases that have the same table with	834

	different index is incorrect.	
Debugger	You may encounter some issues when debugging remotely.	ST82044
Editor	Toad may hang after applying Short Format Uppercase Keywords or Short formats to large scripts.	ST83268
Execution Plan	You cannot generate an estimated execution plan for queries containing local temporary tables because the execution plan uses a different connection to generate the plan and does not know about the temp table. **Workaround:** Use the actual execution plan button to generate execution plans for SQL that contains a temp table.	N/A
Export Wizard/ One Click Export	Limitations when exporting fractional seconds: • When exporting to an Access Database File, exports do not support fractional seconds, so the additional data is not exported. • When exporting to an Excel instance, exports support only 3-digits for fractional seconds. However, if you export to an Excel file, it supports all fractional seconds.	N/A
	Avoid using Excel for exporting if your data has numeric values that require a high precision because Excel's precision is limited to 15 digits. If you export numbers with more precision, the values are rounded. If you export boundary numbers (max, min), rounded numbers will exceed the data type limit.	N/A
Job Manager	SQL Azure connections currently display in the Job Manager even though the Job Manager is not available for SQL Azure.	ST75721
Log Reader	User information only displays for operations in the sessions that are currently open. Backups do not contain this information because only the SPID information is available to them.	ST37112
	SQL Azure connections currently display in the Read Log wizard even though the Log Reader is not available for SQL Azure.	ST75720
Object Explorer/ Database Explorer	Table and Index Partitioning: • Currently, you cannot create or manage a partition on a table or index that includes a FileStream column. • Currently, estimating index compression savings runs a full table compression savings query, so the estimation may be slow on large tables.	ST59194 ST68131
	FDCC: User cannot start/stop SQL Agent running Toad with Regular or Admin User account on the client side in some limited environments. **Workaround:** Start the SQL Agent on the server side.	ST91618

Third Party Known Issues

The following is a list of third party issues known to exist at the time of release of Toad for SQL Server 2025 R1.

Feature	Known Issue	Defect ID
Excel	If an Excel file is open in Toad, you cannot open the same file in a separate Excel instance. To review this and other limitations when using Excel in the Web Browser, see "Considerations When Using the WebBrowser Control" at: http://support.microsoft.com/kb/304662.	42486
Export Wizard/ One Click Export	To export to an Office 2003 or 2007 Excel instance, the Office Primary Interop Assemblies (PIAs) must be installed. You can install the PIAs from one of the following locations: **2003 PIAs:** http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=20923 **2007 PIAs:** http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=18346	N/A
Import Wizard	Importing large data sets from Excel (approximately 650,000 rows) is not recommended because of the amount of time it may take. This issue occurs because the Excel import component maintains the output in memory until the import completes. This can cause performance issues depending on the available system resources.	219754
Screen Resolution	Some users may experience an exception when the screen is set to certain resolutions. **Workaround:** Adjust screen resolution.	N/A

Deprecated Features

Features that have been deprecated in Toad for SQL Server 8.1 version:

The **Health Check** option for the Spotlight Cloud is no longer available.

Getting Started

Contents of the Release Package

The Toad release package contains the following products:

1. Toad for SQL Server 2025 R1
2. Product Documentation, including:
    - Installation Guide
    - Online Help
    - Release Notes

Installation Instructions

See the *Toad for SQL Server Installation Guide* for more information.

Toad for SQL Server Editions

Toad for SQL Server

Quest SQL Optimizer for SQL Server

Benchmark Factory

Toad Data Modeler

Product Licensing

Legacy Toad for SQL Server with offline license keys

To activate a purchased commercial license

1. In the Licensing dialog, enter your license (Authorization) key.
2. Enter the site message included with the license key.

Toad for SQL Server Subscription with online licensing (including Editions)

Toad for SQL Server Subscription requires you to sign in with your Quest.com account. Licenses are tied to your account giving you the flexibility to use Toad from multiple computers without having to move your license.

Sign in with existing Quest.com account

1. Enter your account email address and password when prompted.
2. If you already have a Toad for SQL Server Subscription license, no further action is needed.
3. If you do not have a Toad for SQL Server Subscription license, see Activating a new license below.

Create a new Quest.com account

1. Select **Sign up for a new account**.
2. Enter your account details and select **Sign Up**.
3. A confirmation email is sent containing a verification code.
4. Enter the code from the email and select **Verify**.

   NOTES:

   - It may take a few minutes for the verification email to arrive
   - Check your spam/junk folders for the email sent from supportadmin@quest.com if you do not receive it
   - For additional assistance, please contact Quest support .

Activating a new license

1. Toad for SQL Server Subscription automatically provides a fully functioning, 30-day Trial license.
2. To purchase a new license, click **Buy Now** from Toad's title bar.
3. After completing your transaction, restart Toad and your license is automatically detected.
4. To manage licenses, select Account Settings beneath your account shown at the top-right of Toad.

   NOTE: You can view your licenses from within Toad by selecting **Help** | **About...** | **Licenses**.

Globalization

This section contains information about installing and operating this product in non-English configurations, such as those needed by customers outside of North America. This section does not replace the materials about supported platforms and configurations found elsewhere in the product documentation.

This release is Unicode-enabled and supports any character set. It supports simultaneous operation with multilingual data. This release is targeted to support operations in the following regions: North America, Western Europe and Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Far-East Asia, Japan.

This release has the following known capabilities or limitations: If the user overrides the default installation path during installation, the new path specification cannot contain Unicode characters.

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