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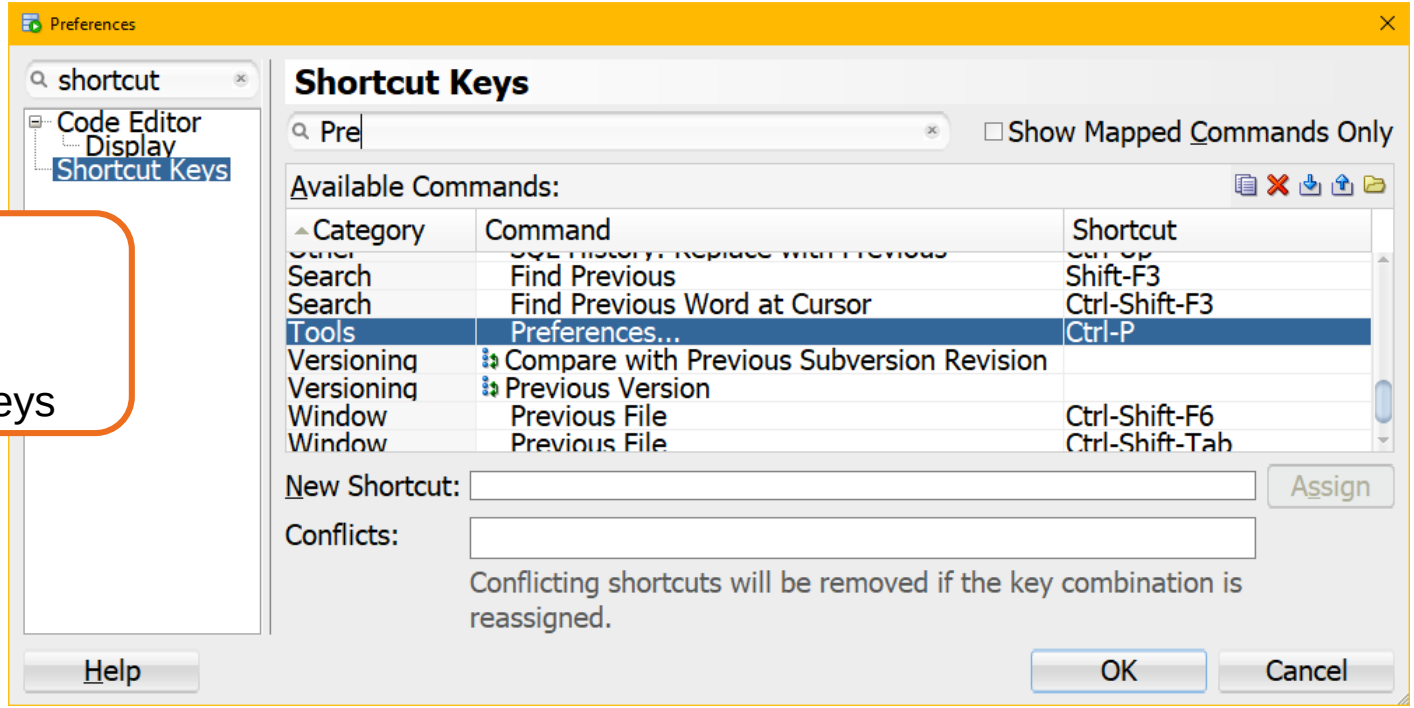
Edit/Setup Shortcuts

Menu:
Tools
→ Preferences
→ Shortcut Keys



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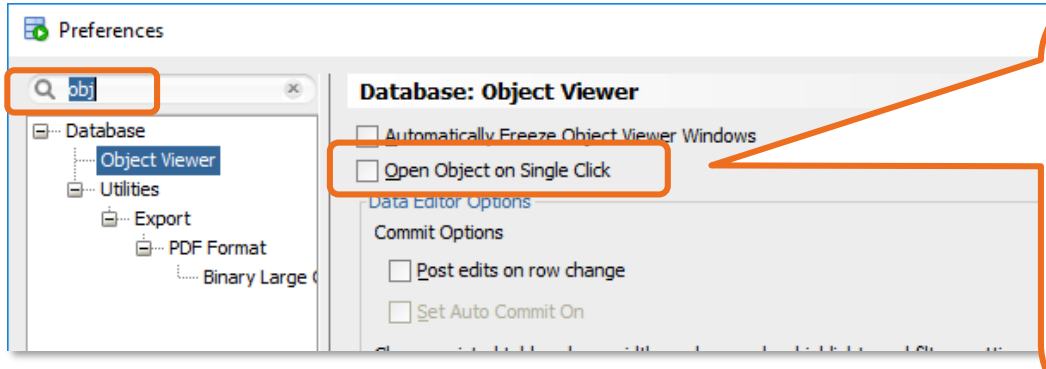
Open Object on Single or Double Click



If this option is checked, any table or view in the connection tree is opened in the object viewer as soon as you click on it once.

If you don‘t like that (it's driving me nuts!) uncheck this.

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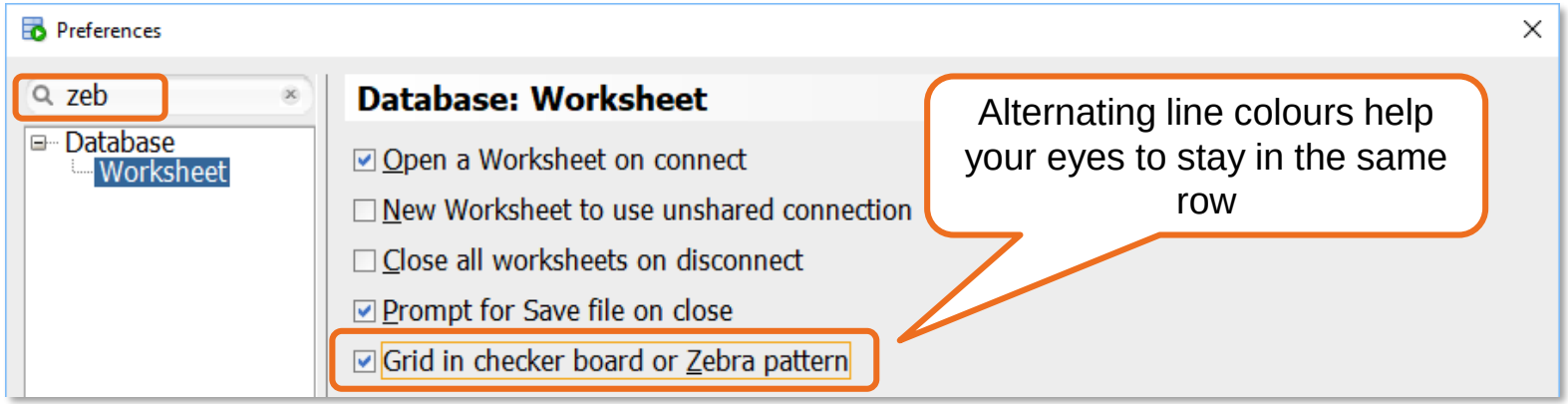
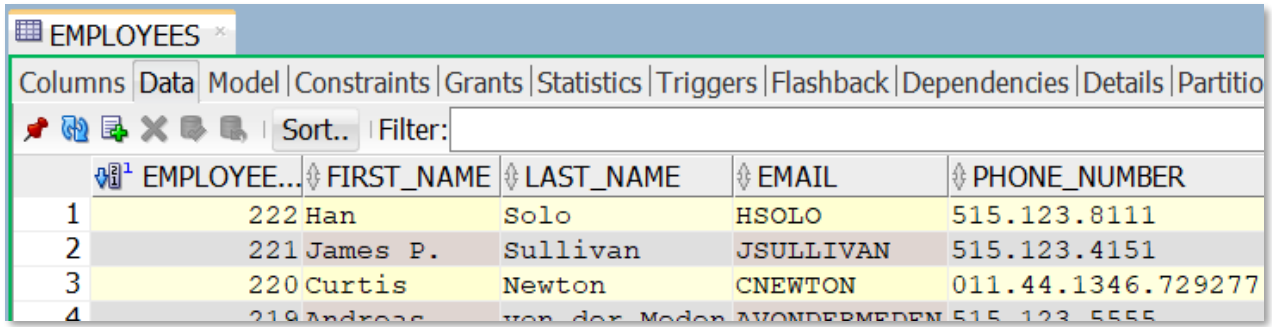
Data Grid: Zebra Pattern





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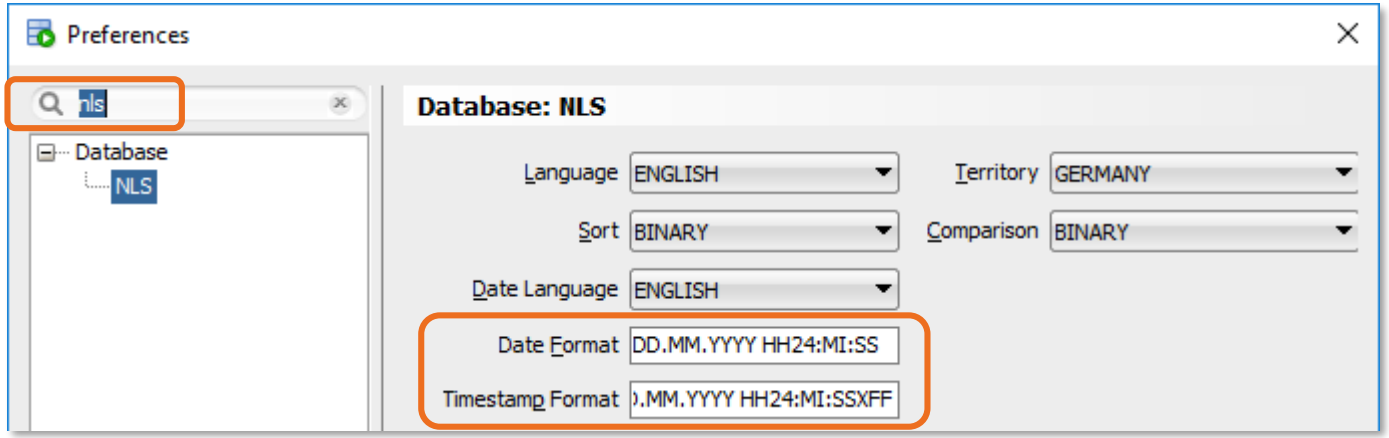
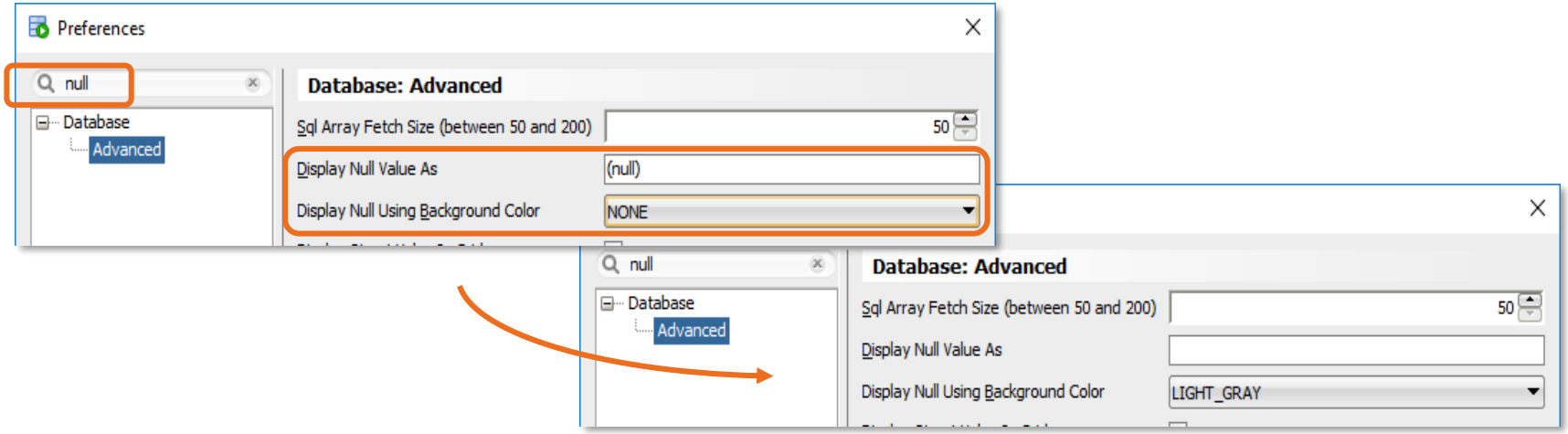
Display Dates



I don’t like the standard setting DD.MM.RR for displaying dates.
You can choose you favourite format here.

Changing the Appearance of Null Values



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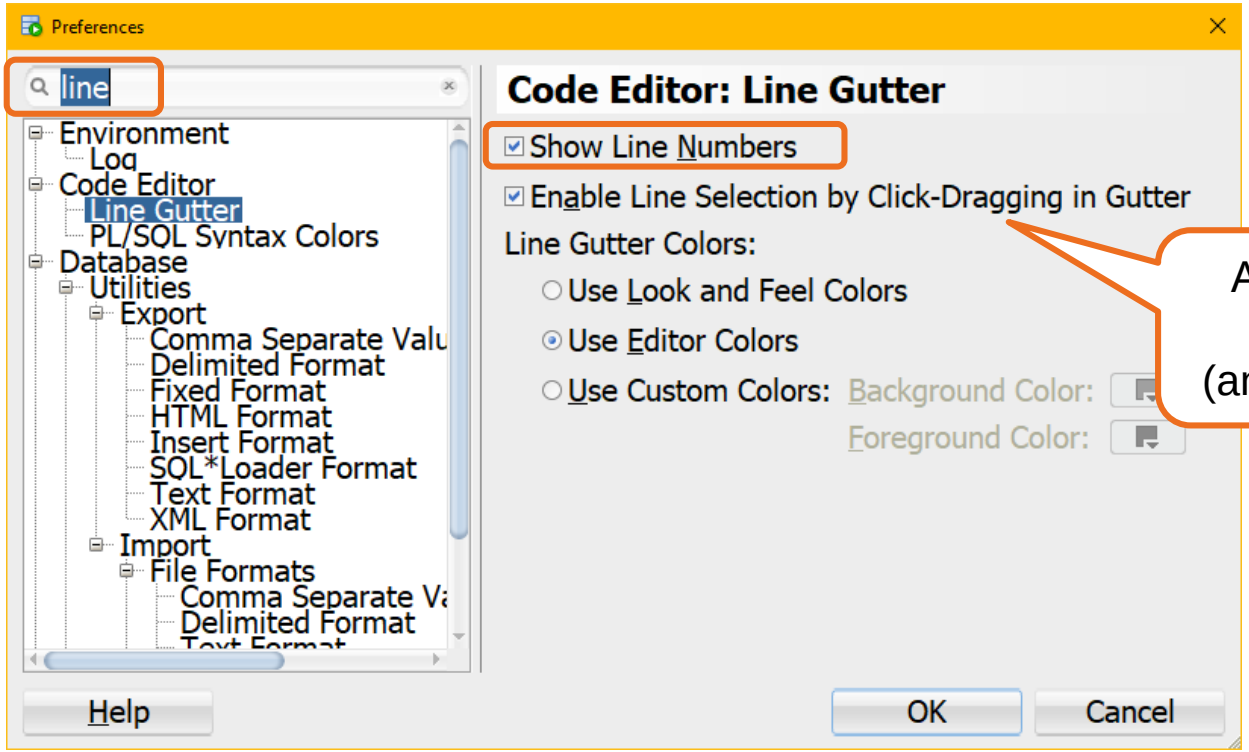
1100	93091 Calle della Testa	10934	Venice		IT
1200	2017 Shinjuku-ku	1689	Tokyo	Tokyo Prefecture	JP
1300	9450 Kamiya-cho	6823	Hiroshima		JP
1400	2014 Jabberwocky Rd	26192	Southlake	Texas	US

Now the values are easy to spot *and* can be distinguished from whitespace

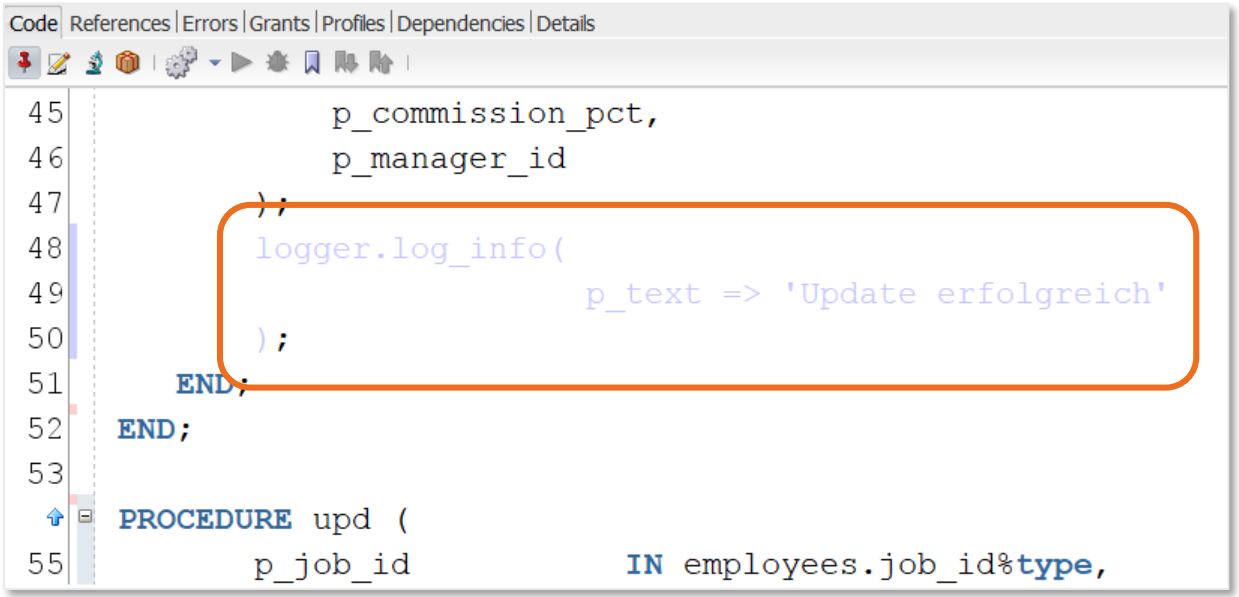
Show Line Numbers by Default



Another option that's quite useful
(and could be a default imho)

Greying out Instrumentation Code 1/3

You can choose to display instrumentation code in a different colour



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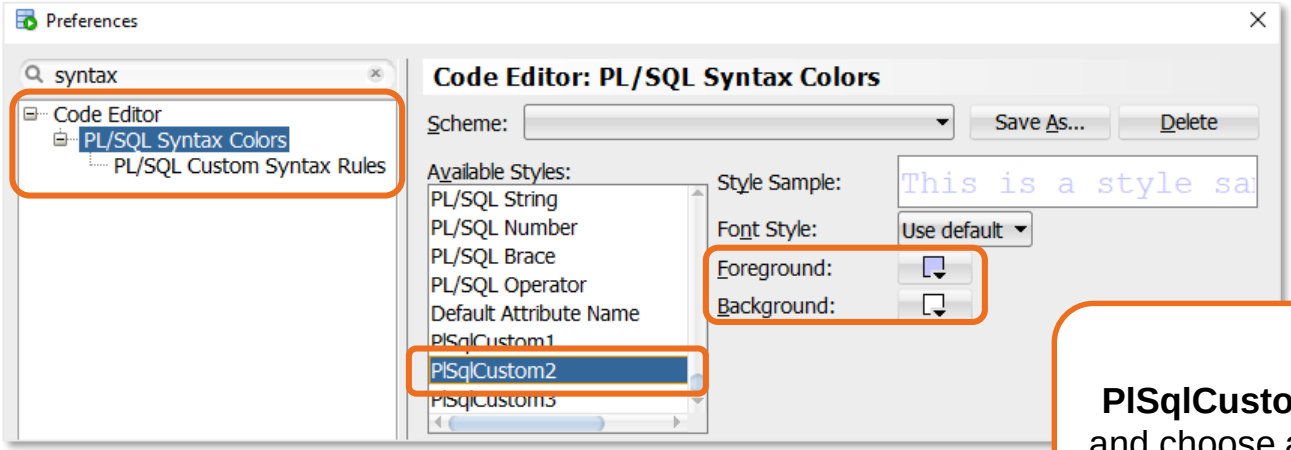
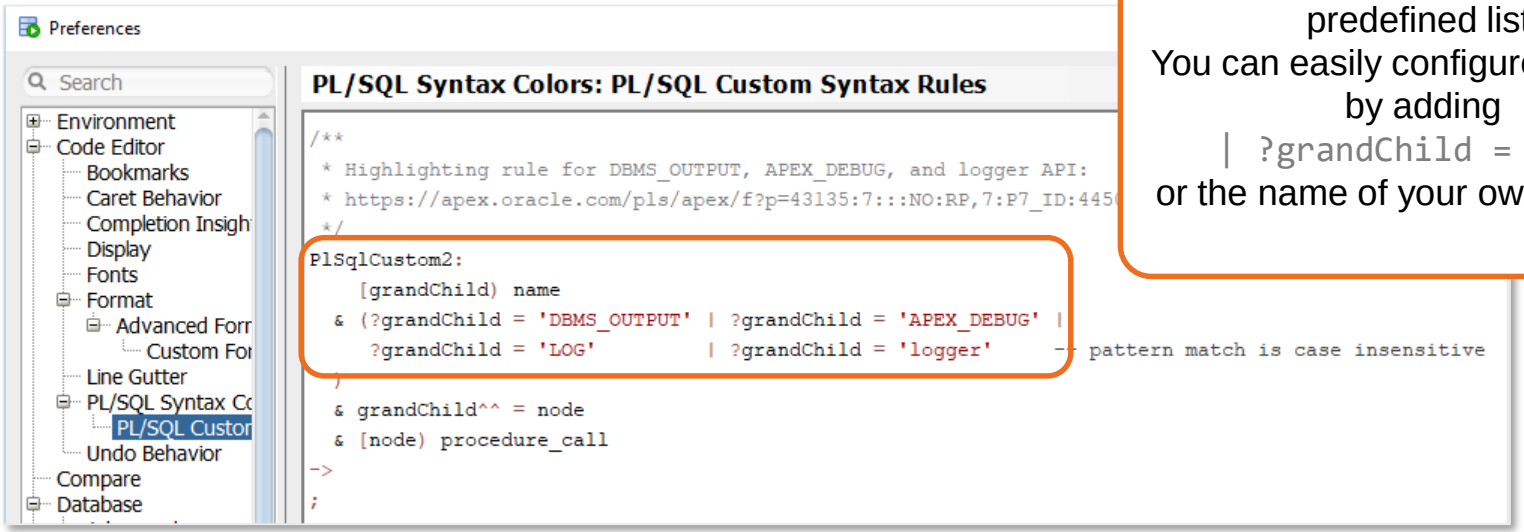


Navigate to
PlSqlCustom/PlSQLLogger (new!)
and choose an unobtrusive but legible colour

Greying out Instrumentation Code 3/3



You'll find some typical instrumentation tools in the predefined list.
You can easily configure your own by adding
`| ?grandChild = 'pit'`
or the name of your own package

By the way, here's more info about the *PL/SQL Instrumentation Toolkit* (PIT): GitHub PIT
… and about *Logger*: GitHub Logger

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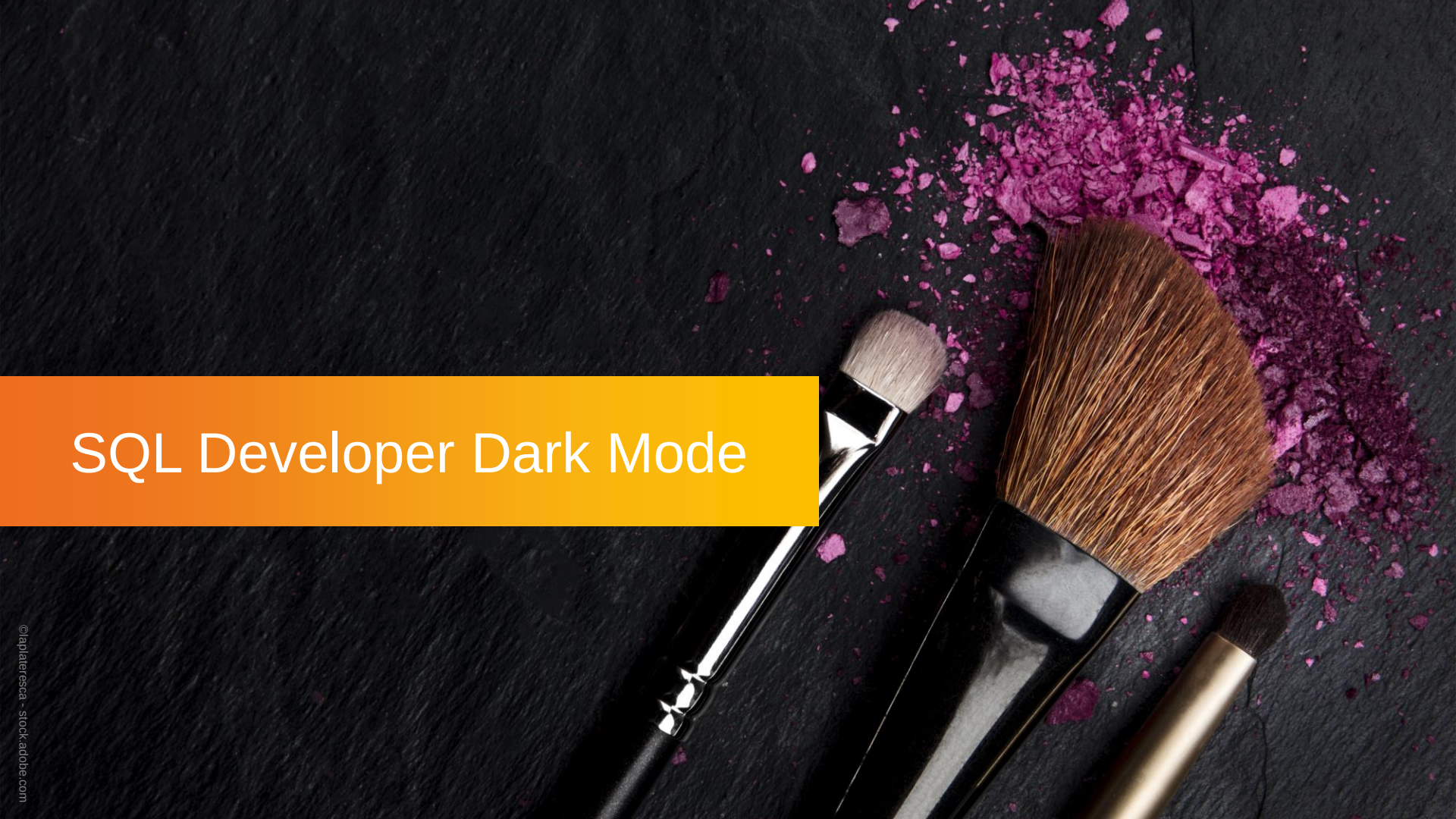
SQL Developer Dark Mode



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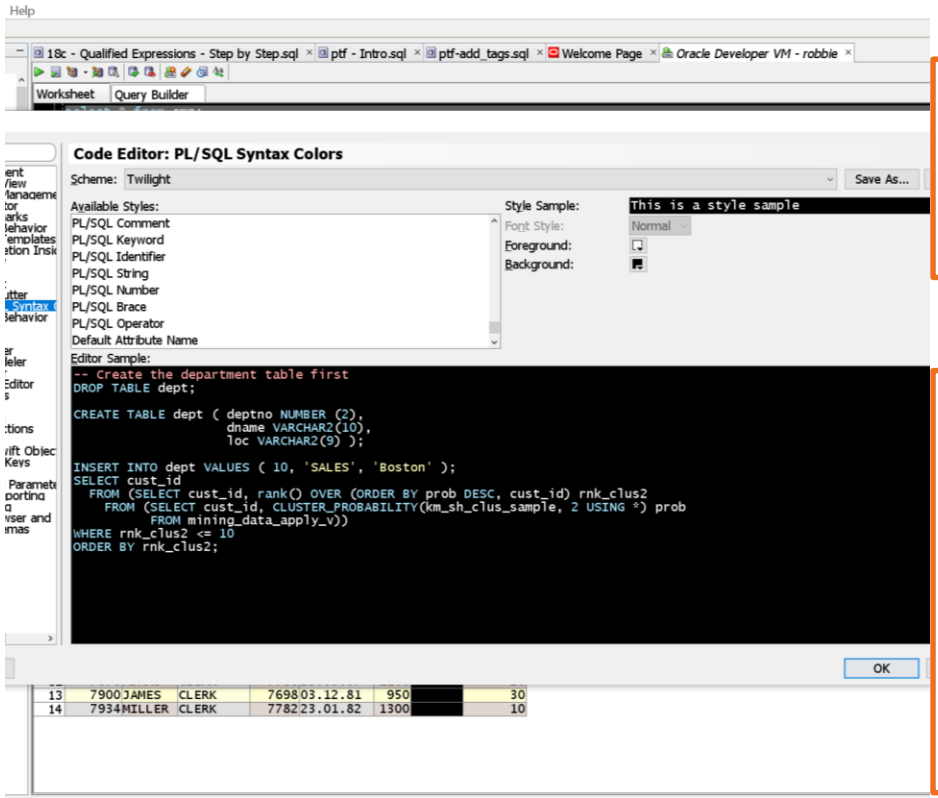
SQL Dev got the Look



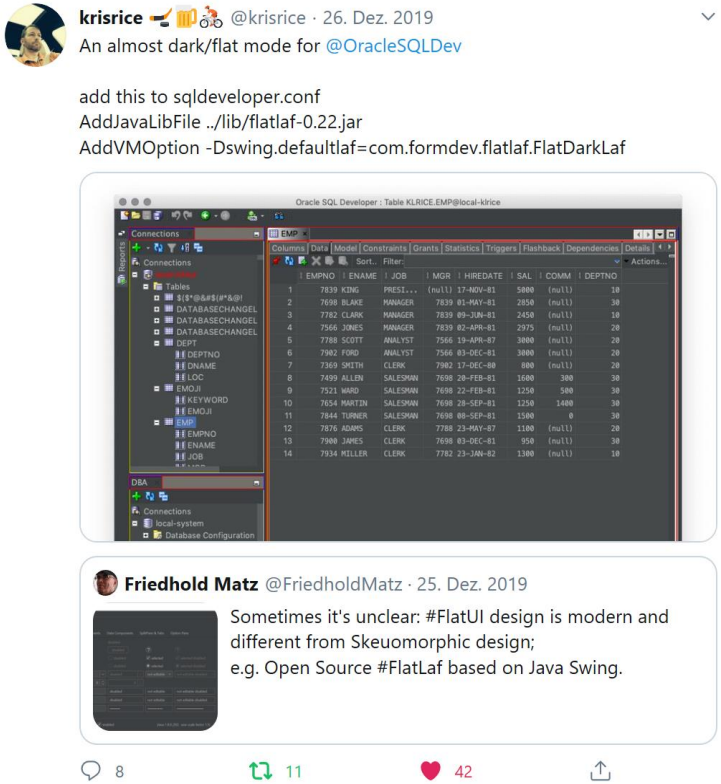
Color-Themes Limited to

Oracle (blue)
OS Native (Windows / Mac / Linux)

Code Editor has more Options

Only affects Editor-Pane
Custom Themes can be extended
by editing XML-File
e.g. Dracula Theme
Edits will be migrated between Releases
Remainder of UI is unchanged

Java Swing Dark/Flat Look & Feel



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flatlaf-0.36.jar
place in `sqldeveloper/sqldeveloper/lib`

Edit sqldeveloper.conf

(located in `sqldeveloper/sqldeveloper/bin`)

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  com.formdev.flatlaf.FlatDarkLaf
  com.formdev.flatlaf.FlatDarculaLaf
  com.formdev.flatlaf.FlatIntelliJLaf
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Enjoy

looks very pleasing
but low contrast in datagrid zebra pattern
absolutely no support from Oracle

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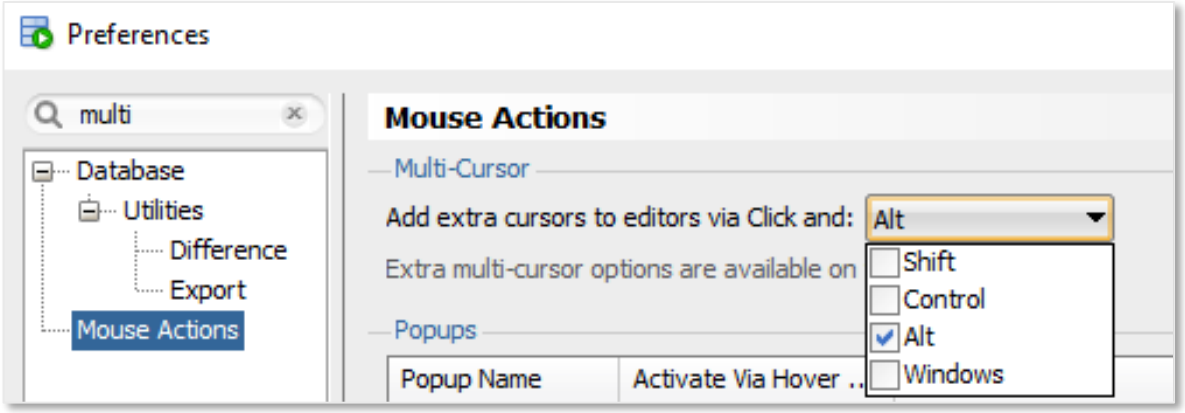
Multi Cursor Editing - Preparation

Preparation:
Choose your favourite key/key combination for adding extra cursors.
(Standard is Shift-Ctrl-Click, which is waaay to complicated ;-)



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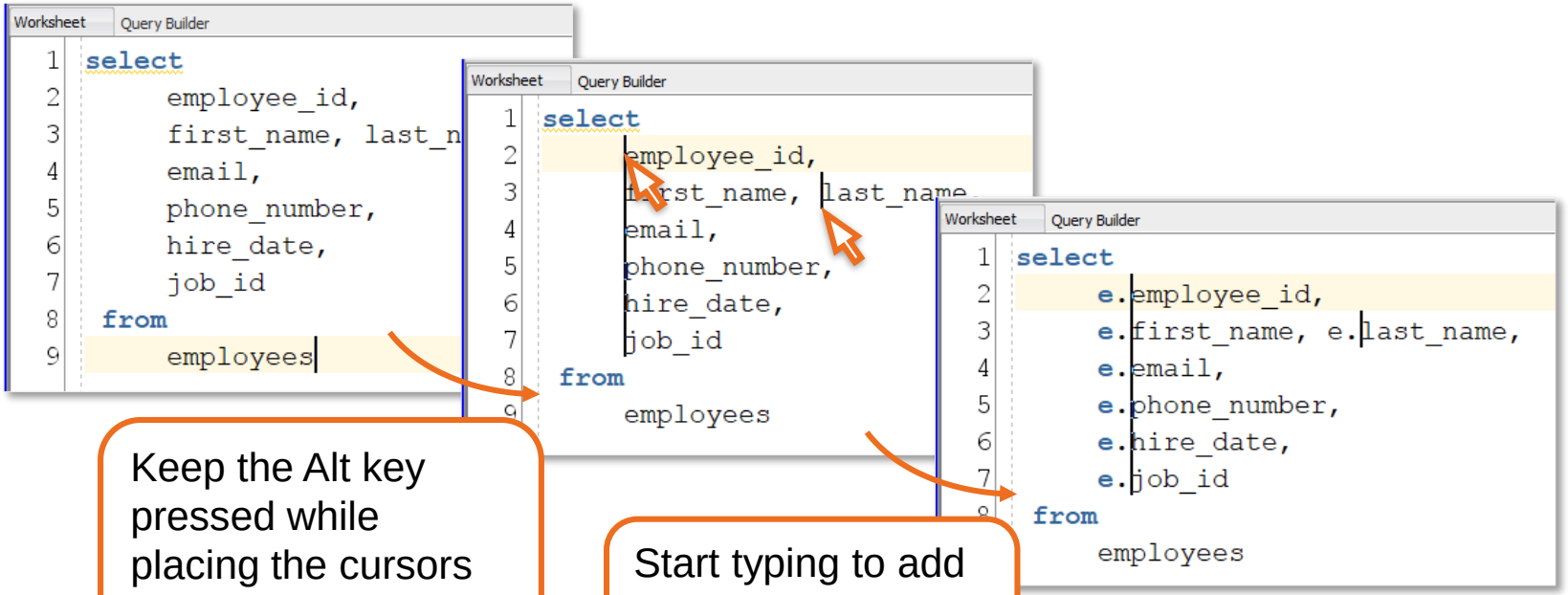

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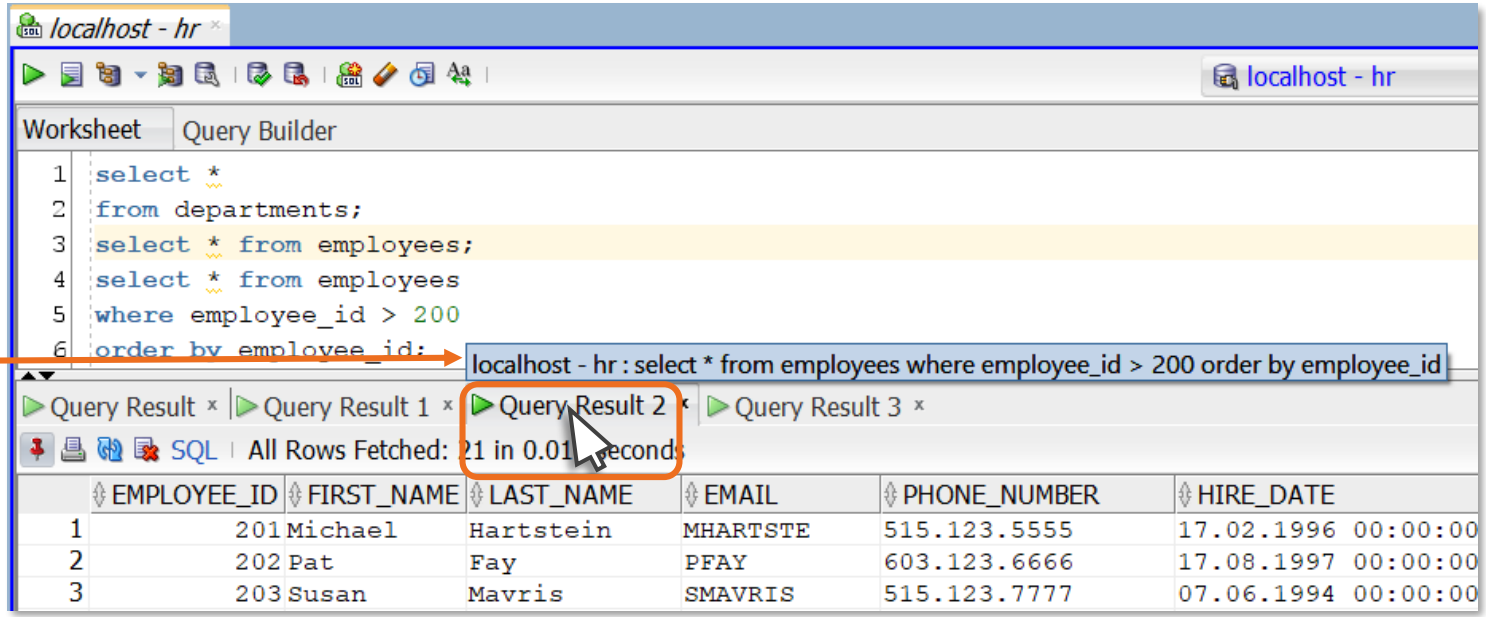
Find the SQL of Your Result Tab 1/2

Hovering the mouse over the result tab will show a popup including connection and SQL statement



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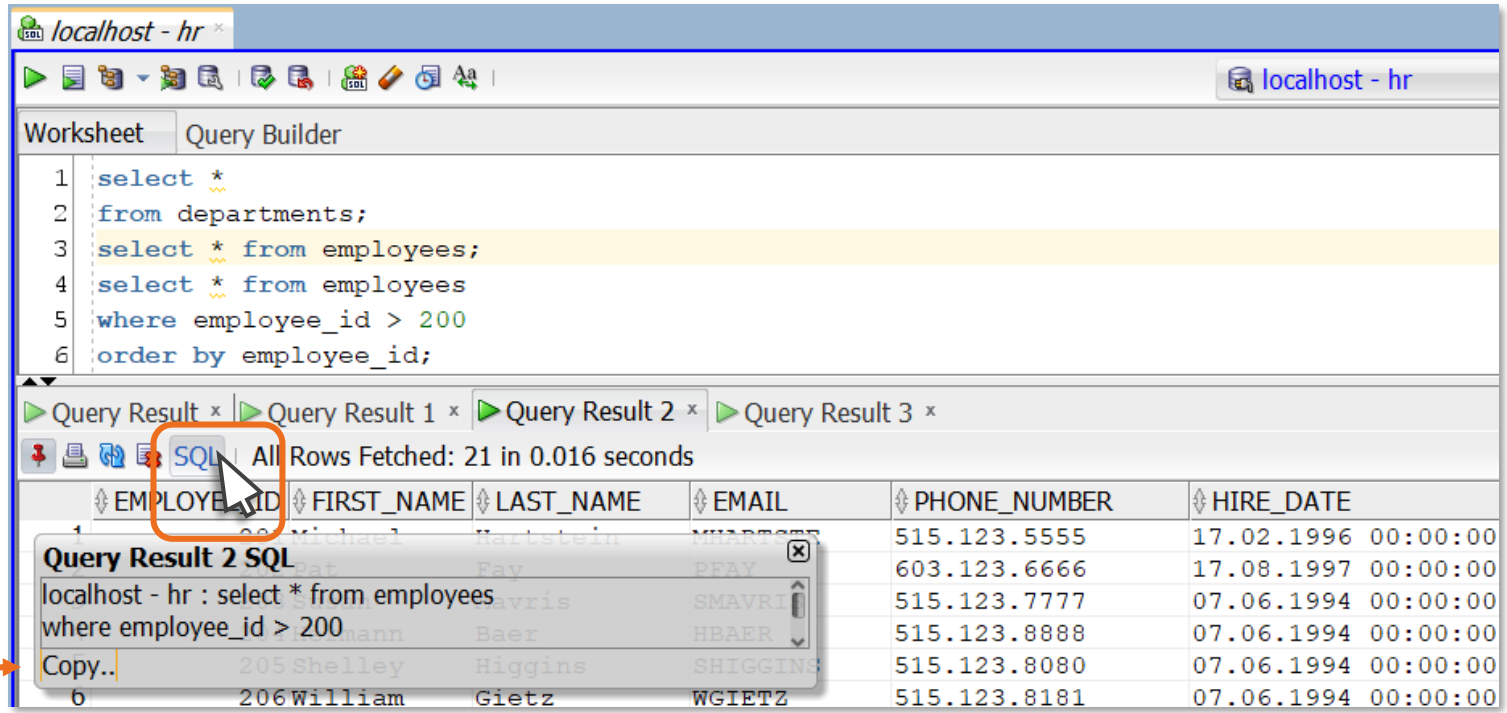
Find the SQL of Your Result Tab 2/2

Clicking the SQL button gives you an extra popup showing connection, SQL statement and a copy link



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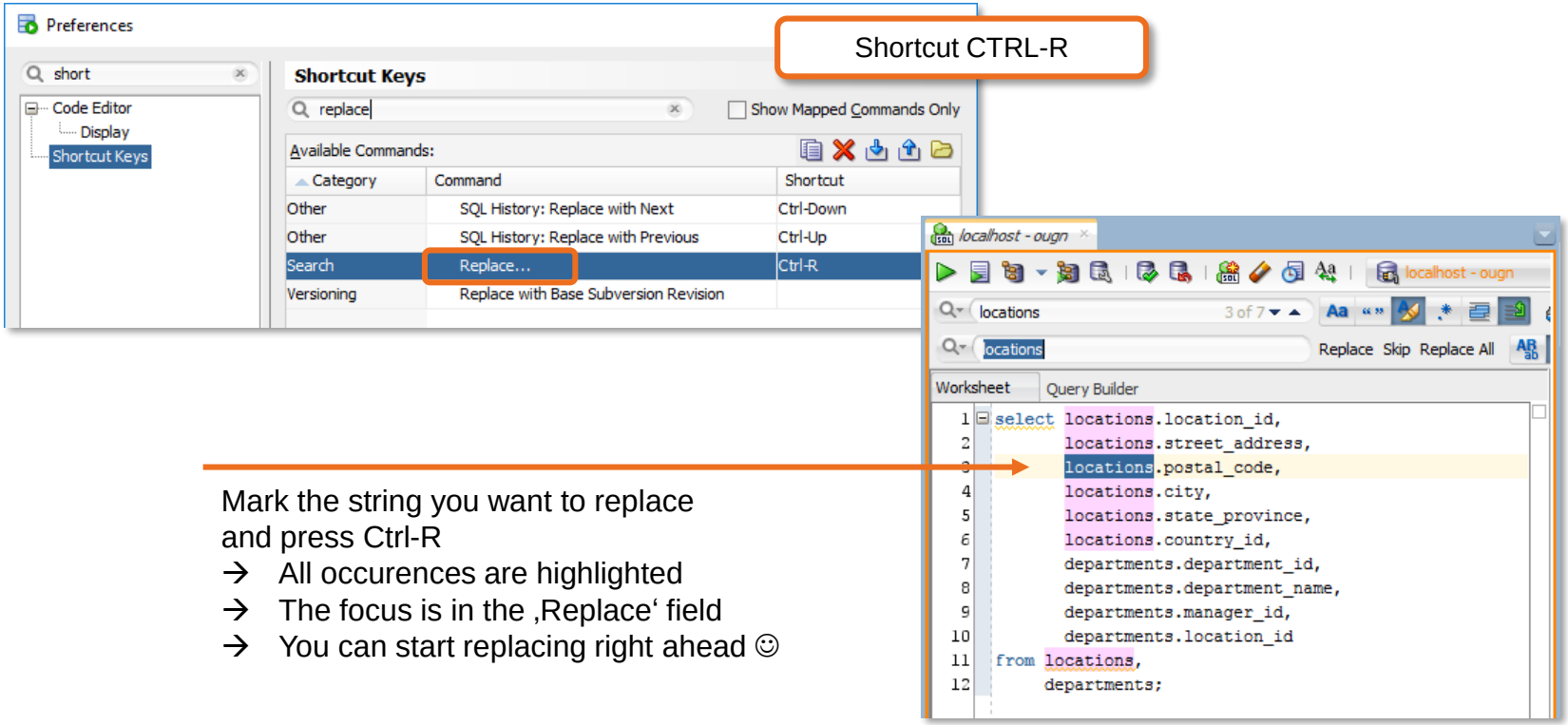
Search and Replace



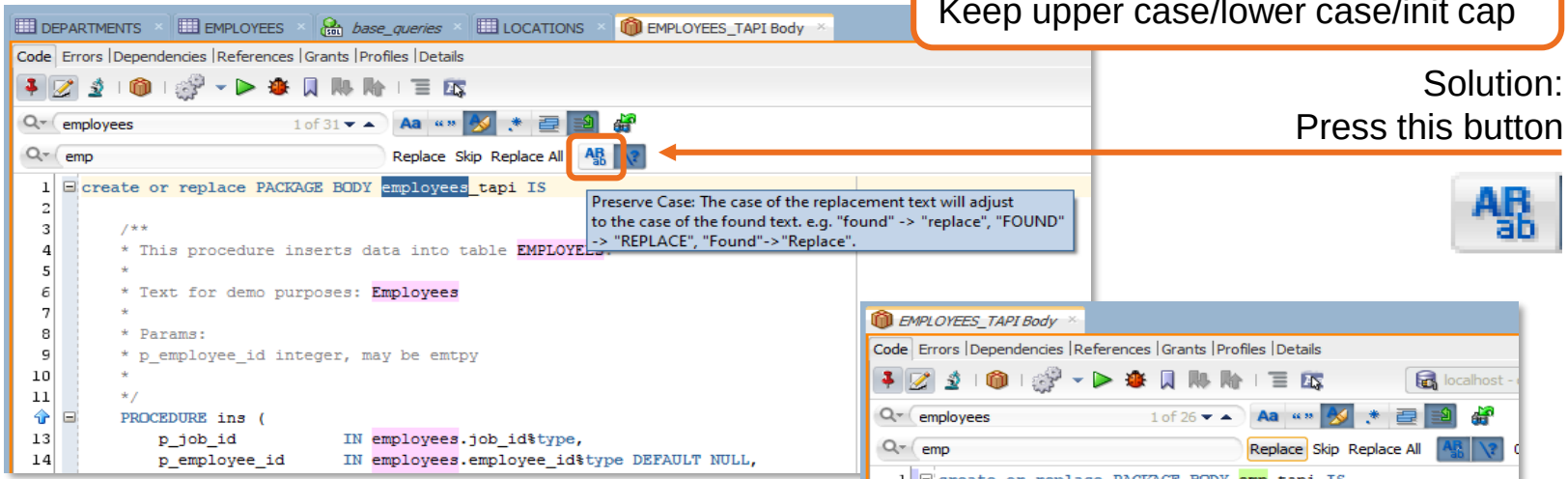
Mark the string you want to replace and press Ctrl-R

- → All occurences are highlighted
- → The focus is in the ‚Replace' field
- → You can start replacing right ahead ☺

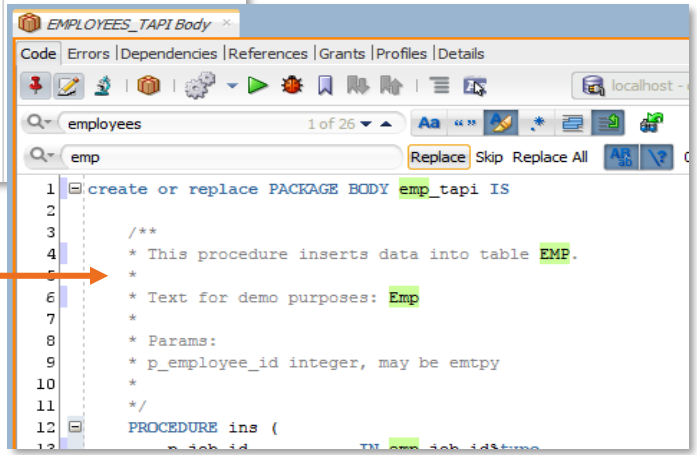
Search and Replace

Challenge:
Keep upper case/lower case/init cap

Solution:
Press this button



Result



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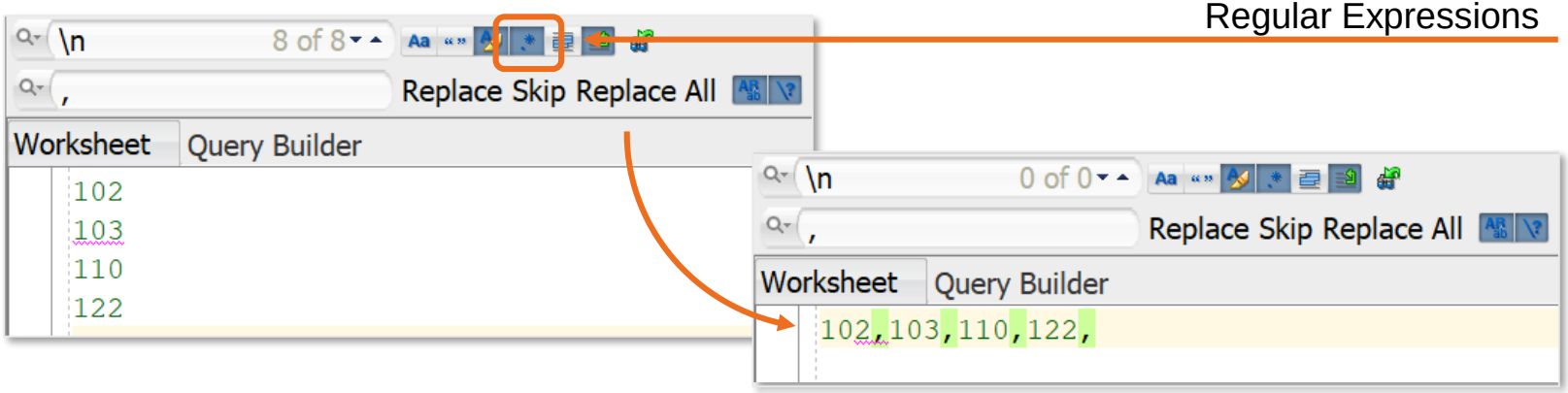
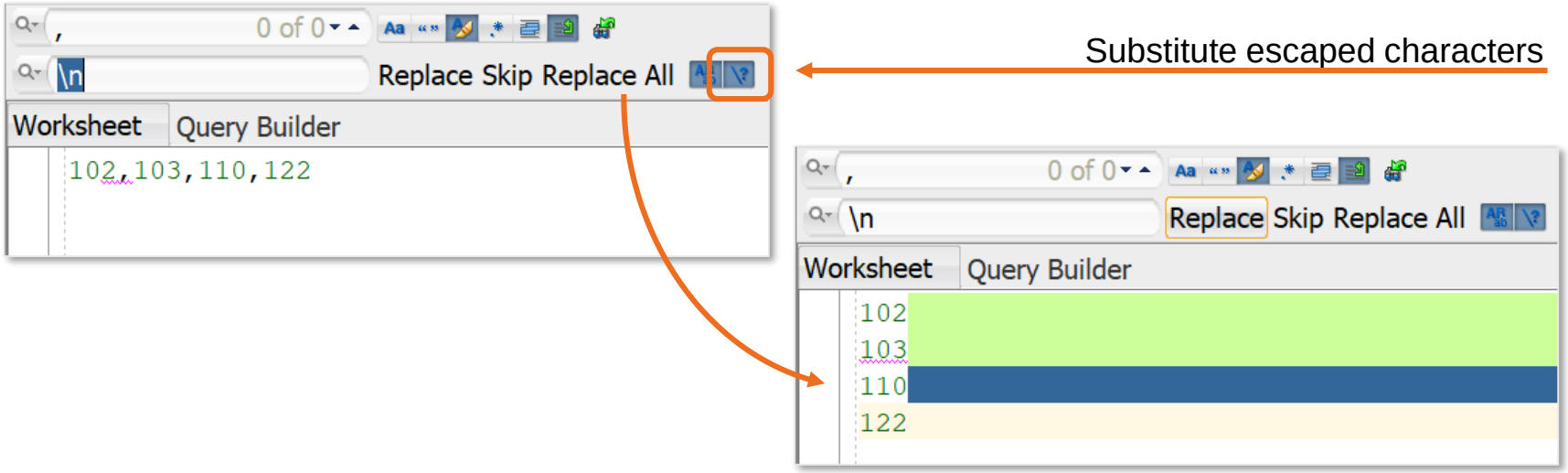
Search and Replace with RegExp



Search and Replace Escaped Characters



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Navigation

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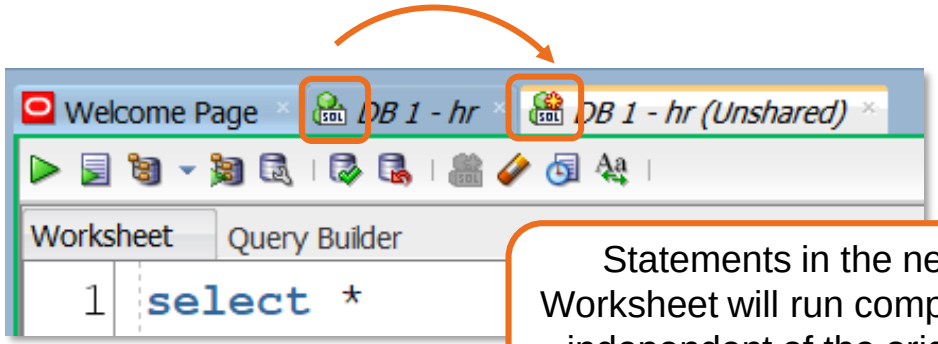
Unshared Worksheet

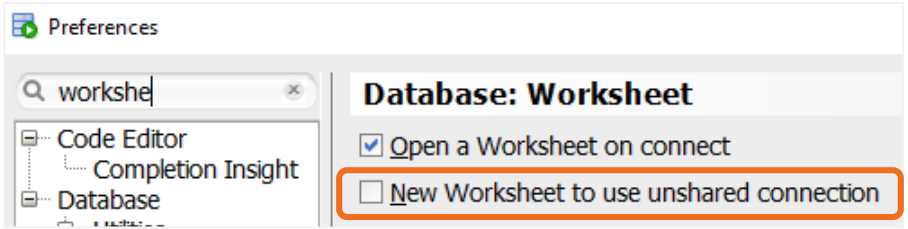
While a Worksheet is active, press

or **Ctrl-Shift-N**
to open a Worksheet with a **new** session using the same connection information



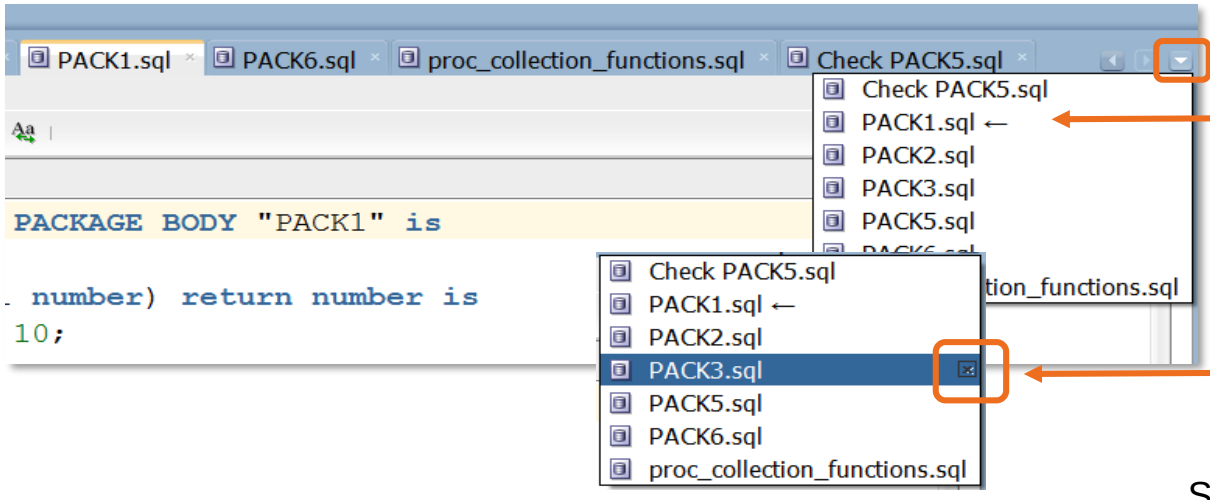
Statements in the new Worksheet will run completely independent of the original session

You can make this the default, but yout DBA might not like it if you open too many connections



List of Open Tabs

You can use the left and right arrows to navigate the tabs but there is an alternative:



Unobtrusive, but very helpful:
List of Open Windows

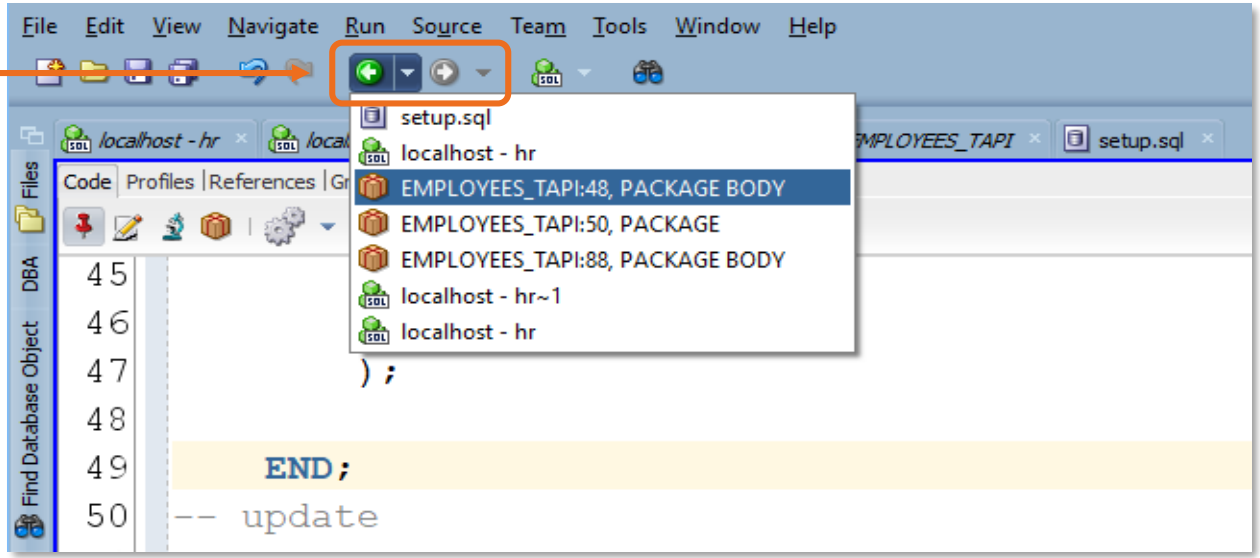
Current Window marked by arrow

Windows can be closed via the little x
Sometimes faster than via tab

Jumping Back and Forth

You can use the green buttons to go back and forward one step.

The arrow down shows the history of tabs (including worksheets, files, object viewers, package viewers).
A simple click will take you there

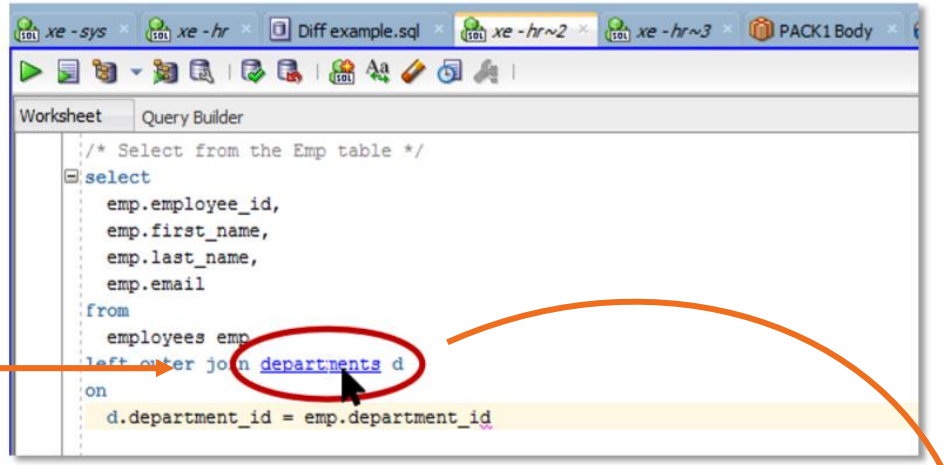


Go Directly to Object, Do Not Pass Connection Tree

Hover over an object's name while pressing Crtl

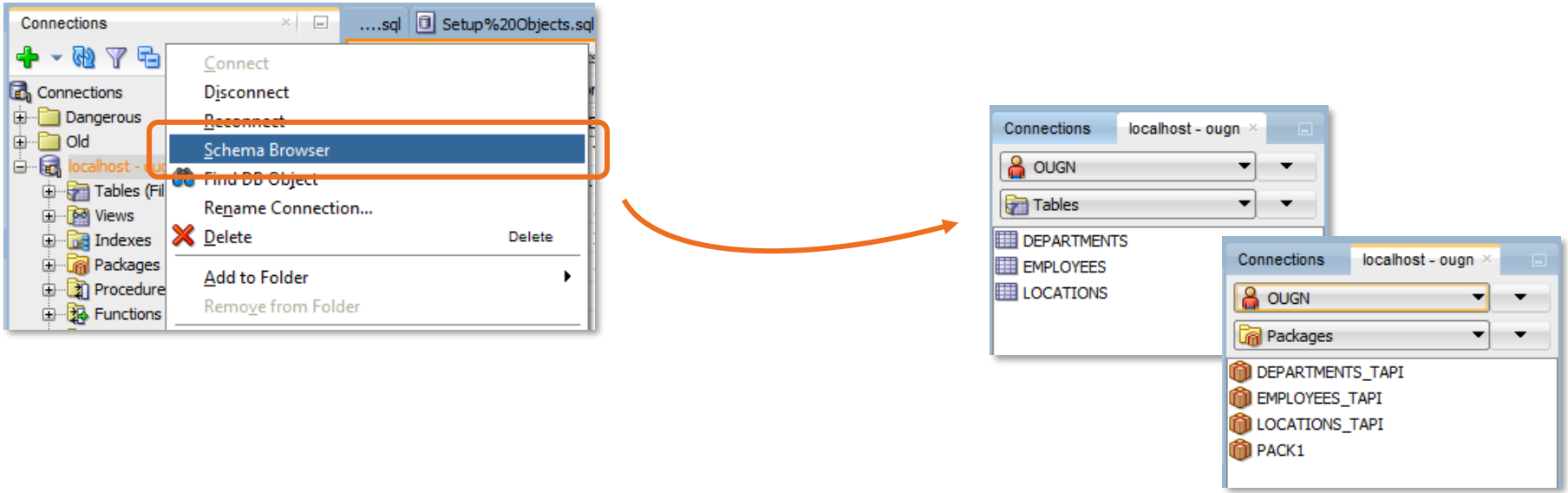
When the hyperlink appears, right click on it

It will take you the Object Viewer:



Schema Browser

If you don’t like the Connection Tree … Just use the Schema Browser!



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ssh Tunnels

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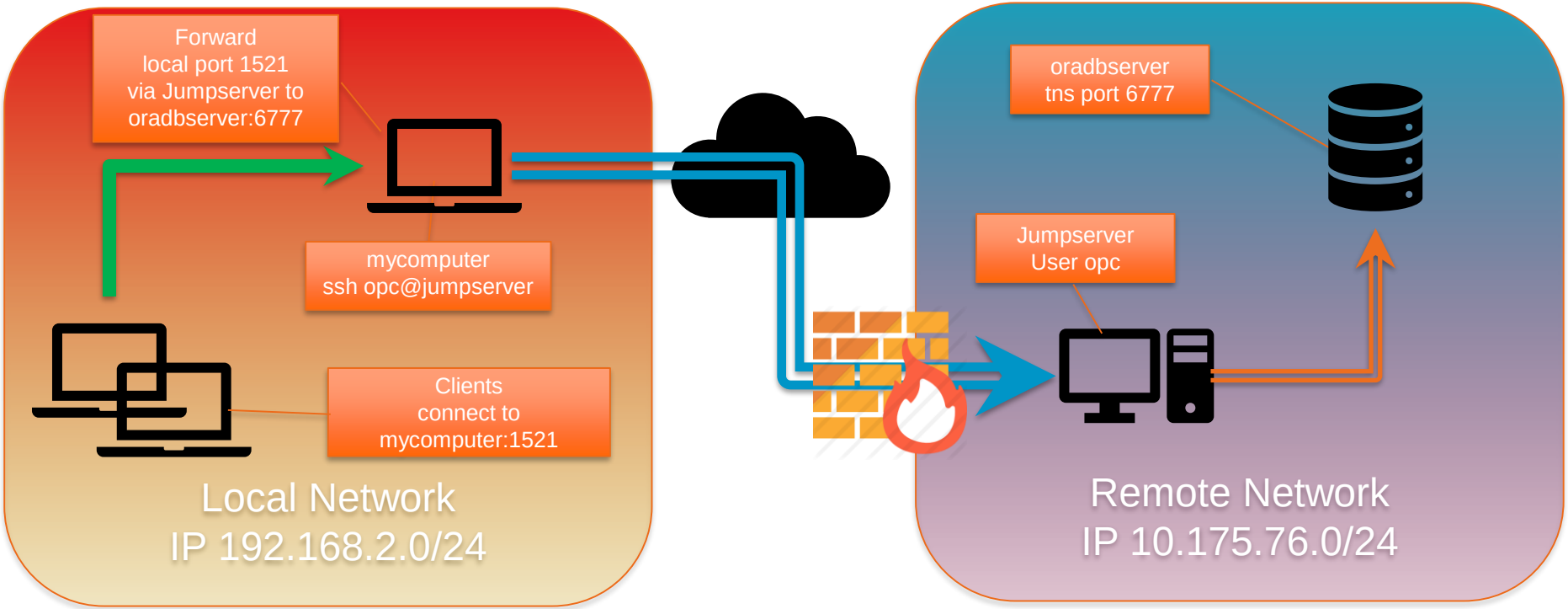


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sqlplus robbie@mycomputer:1521/orcl
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ssh Tunnel in SQL Developer

Show „SSH Hosts“ pane:

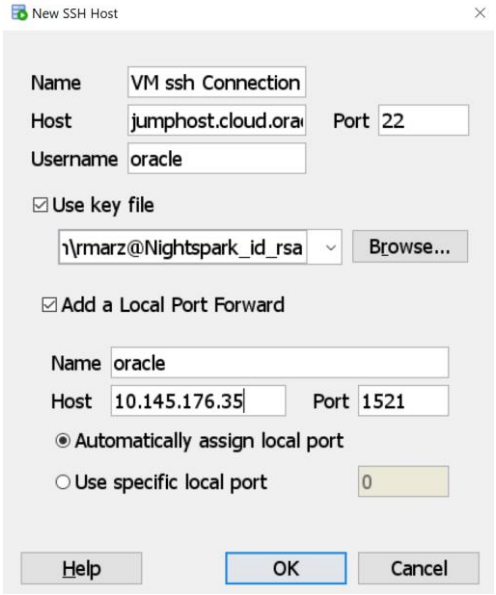
- Menu View => SSH

Create new SSH Host

- Wizard lets you create (one step)
  - ssh connection
  - Port Foward
- Test it!

Create new Oracle Connection

- Choose Connection Type SSH
- Select existing Port Forward
- Provide SID / Service name



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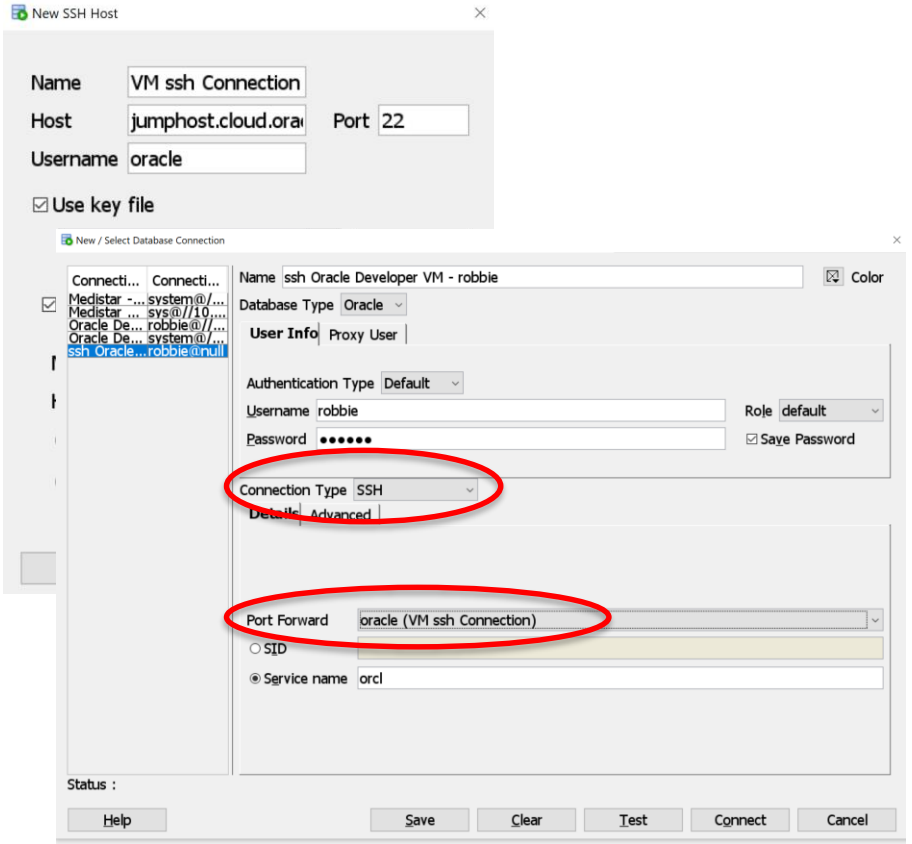

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History (Bonus)

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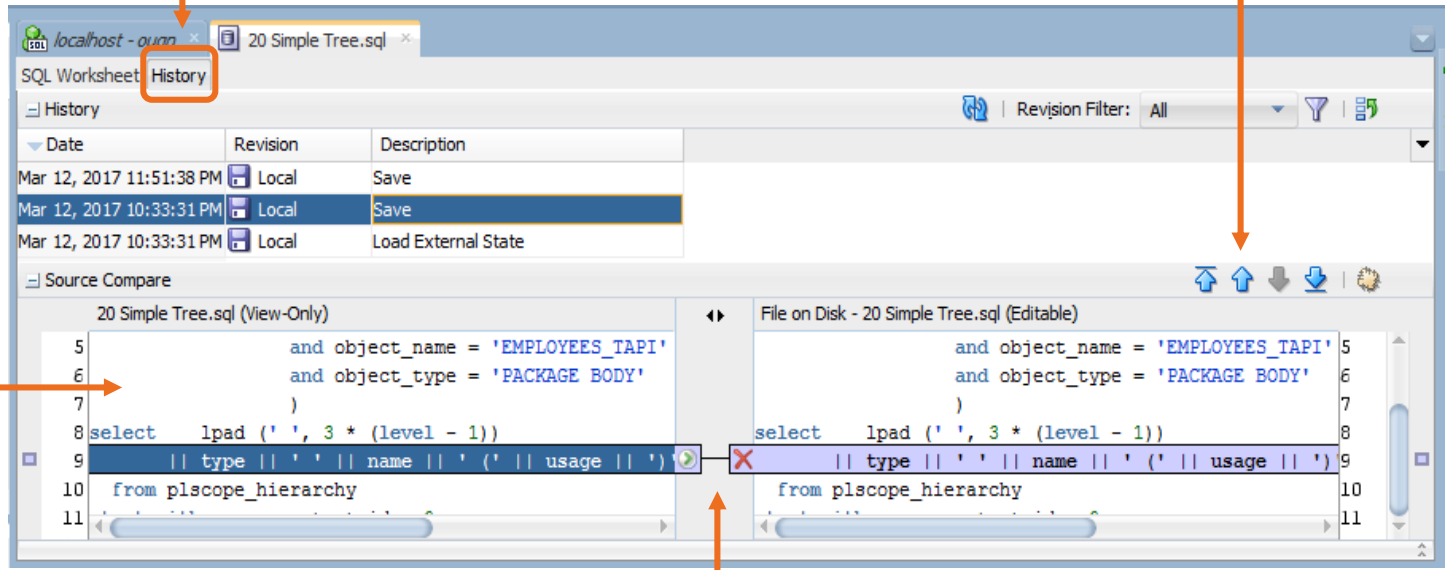
File History

The important tab!

Navigate



Saved versions of your file

Diff with current version

Choose which changes you want to apply to your file

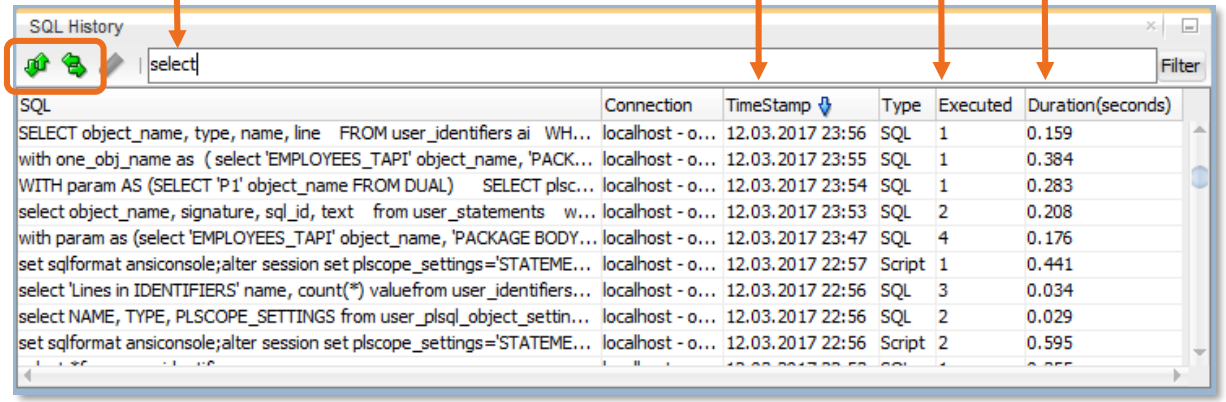
SQL History

You can filter for any string!

Time of execution

Number of executions

Duration



With these buttons you can replace the current text in the worksheet with the selected statement
or
insert the selected statement at cursor position

Statement History

Great for inquisitive people! ☺

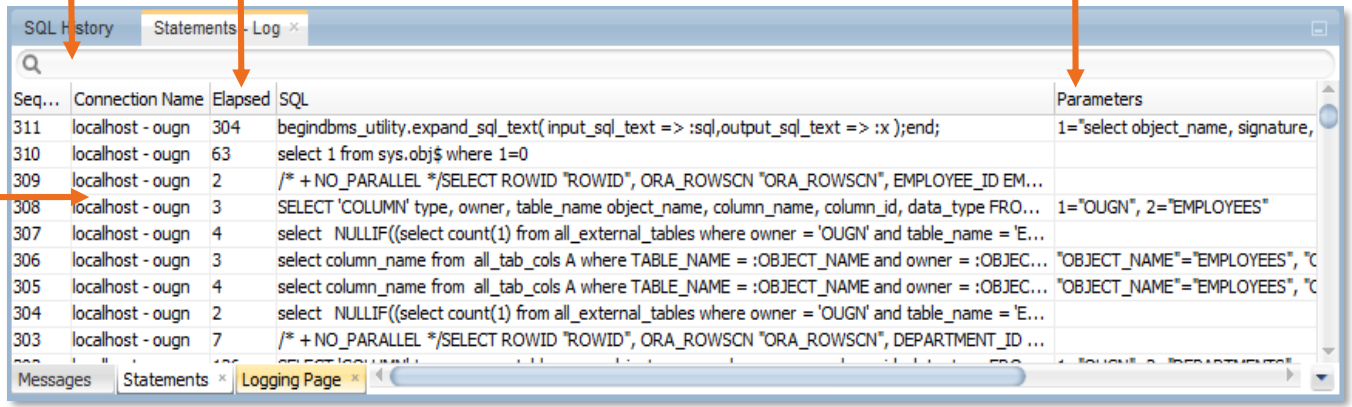
This log contains *everything* that's sent to the database.
So you see your own statements as well as the metadata queries that SQL Developer uses to display the database objects

You can filter for any string!

Duration

Parameters

Double click opens a window with the complete text



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Conclusion

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- SQL Dev is highly customisable
- Observe yourself while working
- Ask for help, discuss (Twitter, OTN)
- Follow @thatjeffsmith, @krisrice, @OracleSQLDev
- Always use the newest version