

Welcome to ER/Studio Viewer 20.6.x

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Thank you for using IDERA ER/Studio Viewer. ER/Studio Viewer provides to anyone outside of the data modeling team an interactive environment for viewing ER/Studio data models. This distributable application provides the same sophisticated and advanced viewing features offered to modelers through the native ER/Studio application. Why rely on static representations and graphical snapshots that are difficult to navigate and find information? ER/Studio Viewer displays the same DM1 model file generated by the native ER/Studio application. This enables the Viewer to provide all of the data model's underlying information, such as table and column definitions, in the same accessible format as ER/Studio. To ensure data integrity and security, ER/Studio Viewer offers no editing capabilities preventing unauthorized modifications to the DM1 file.

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WHAT'S NEW IN VERSION 20.6

Adds support for SQL Server 2022

ER/Studio Data Architect now supports Microsoft SQL Server 2022 database platform.

Adds support for external tables in Azure SQL DB, Azure Synapse, and SQL Server

This release of ER/Studio Data Architect supports external tables in Microsoft's SQL Server 2019 and 2022, Azure SQL DB, and Azure Synapse platforms to pull data from an external source upon a DML read. Note that before you can create an external table, you must create an external file format and an external data source.

An external table has fewer features than a normal table. Once a table is set as an external table in ERDA, many properties are disabled or hidden, except for the following:

- Primary Keys
- Foreign Keys
- Relationships with other tables

Adds support for Oracle 23ai / 23c

ER/Studio Data Architect now supports Oracle 23ai / 23c database platform.

Adds the Switch Object Class button for Databricks and Google BigQuery

This release of ER/Studio Data Architect includes a button to **Switch Object Class** to convert a Nested Object to a Table and vice versa in Databricks and Google BigQuery. Use this option on the ribbon bar of the **Insert** tab or by right-clicking an object in the explorer tree, and then selecting **Switch Object Class**, or if using the Automation Interface, by the **SwitchObjectClass** method in the Entity object.

ER/STUDIO VIEWER FEATURES

Visual Data Lineage (VDL)

Visually analyze and document how data flows through your organization without needing to inspect code. View and print data lineage diagrams from the Data Lineage tab. For more information, see "Documenting Data Extraction, Transformation, and Load" in the *User Guide*.

Repository Connectivity

Viewer users connect directly to all repository diagrams and named releases. No longer are they reliant on ER/Studio users to get the diagrams and place them on a network drive for them to access. Use Team Server Search criteria to find diagrams in the Repository.

Data Dictionary Access

Viewer users now have full access to the data dictionary of ER/Studio diagrams. Viewer users can navigate and open all dictionary object editors to browse critical information like attachment values or domain binding information.

Read-only Editor Access to All Model Objects

Unlimited viewing of Model objects such as Entities, Attributes, Relationships, Views, schema objects, and others. Viewer users have access to all properties such as storage parameters, the DDL preview, definitions/notes – everything.

Model Layout Capabilities

The Viewer displays the same sophisticated layout algorithms available in ER/Studio. The layout engines can be used to clean up a model layout prior to printing to make the model more readable.

Workstation and Concurrent Licensing

ER/Studio Viewer now has the same concurrent and workstation licensing as ER/Studio. If your viewer license has expired, please contact sales@idera.com or [Support](#) to unlock it.

Object Editor Access

ER/Studio Viewer now allows the user read-only access to the property editors for all objects on the diagram and in the explorer tree. You'll have complete, detailed model information such as definitions, notes, constraints, dependency and pre/post-SQL, and relationship properties.

Entity Pop-Up Help

A customizable feature that allows the user to instantly obtain information related to the entity/table objects by hovering the cursor over the desired object. The user can customize this view by selecting text from the entity's definition, notes, attributes, keys, color properties, and more. Select "View" from the Main Menu, then select the "Model Help Settings" submenu for the complete list.

Model Explorer Browser

Easily browse and find information within the model with a familiar Explorer-type browser. Toggle between Logical and Physical Models, drill down to the attribute level while the application highlights the object on screen for easy identification.

Zoom Window

This sizable, positionable window magnifies the view of all objects on the modeling workspace underneath the cursor. This is particularly useful when navigating large models.

Customizable Model Views

Choose the level of information you wish to view within the model as it appears on the workspace. The user can choose to see the model as a series of simple entities and their relationships, can expose all of an entity's attributes, view only the primary keys, and more. In addition, the users can increase or decrease the zoom-level via a readily available toolbar selection.

Choose Your Design Notation

ER/Studio Viewer allows the user to toggle between any one of the three leading data modeling notations supported by the native ER/Studio Data Architect application: IDEF1X, Information Engineering (IE or 'Crows Foot'), and Filtered IE (hidden foreign keys).

Printing Capability

ER/Studio Viewer allows the user to print diagrams. The application has the same level of printing support available in the native ER/Studio application. A full range of printing capabilities is available, including print-to-scale, and more.

Complete ER/Studio Help Guide

Provides the same level of information found in the commercially available version of ER/Studio, including information on the data modeling notations, how to use ER/Studio's advanced graphical features, and more.

On-Line HTML Help

ER/Studio features an HTML help facility that takes advantage of the universal search and browsing capabilities of a browser-based system.

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IMPORTANT INSTALLATION NOTES

- None

IMPORTANT RELEASE ADVISORY

- None

BUG FIXES AND KNOWN ISSUES

For the more recent list of known issues and bug fixes in this release, see http://docwiki.embarcadero.com/ERStudioDA/206/en/Release_Notes.

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