

Welcome to ER/Studio Data Architect 20.8.x

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Thank you for using IDERA ER/Studio Data Architect, previously known as ER/Studio, the award-winning data modeling application for logical, and physical database design and construction. ER/Studio Data Architect's (ER/Studio DA) powerful, multi-level design environment addresses the everyday needs of database administrators, developers, and data architects who build and maintain large, complex database applications.

ER/Studio DA's progressive interface and processes have been logically organized to effectively address the *ease-of-use* issues that have plagued data modeling tools for the past decade. The application facilitates your ability to create, understand, and manage the mission-critical database designs within an enterprise. It offers strong logical design capabilities, bidirectional synchronization of logical and physical designs, automatic database construction, accurate reverse engineering of databases, and powerful HTML-based documentation and reporting facilities. Before you use ER/Studio, please read the information below.

See the most recent documentation at the IDERA Web site, <https://www.idera.com/support/productdocuments>

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WHAT'S NEW IN VERSION 20.8

Introduces AI Model Builder capabilities

ER/Studio Data Architect 20.8 allows you to create a logical data model using a block of text. This feature is available by clicking **Generate Using AI** when creating a new file or by clicking the **AI Model Builder** button in the **Tools** ribbon bar. Note that the Welcome Page also offers a link to generate a model using AI.

WARNING: The accuracy of data models generated using AI is not guaranteed. Any content generated using this tool must be separately reviewed and verified by a human.

For more information about this new feature, see [Generating a Model Using AI](#).

RELEASE NOTES

IMPORTANT RELEASE ADVISORY

To ensure compatibility with ER/Studio Repository synchronization, this version of ER/Studio Data Architect requires ER/Studio Repository (Team Server) version 19.1 or later for all Repository operations.

ER/Studio Portal is no longer supported by ER/Studio Data Architect. Most functionality formerly provided by ER/Studio Portal is now provided by ER/Studio Team Server. Users that formerly used the **Repository** tab to browse the portal can use a Web browser instead.

License Enforcement

When working with the Repository, all users must use the same license type. ER/Studio now enforces this by marking the Repository as an Enterprise Team Edition Repository when a user with an Enterprise Team Edition license logs in. Subsequent log in attempts by users with a non-Team Edition license will not be allowed

IMPORTANT INSTALLATION NOTES

- To install ER/Studio Data Architect on Windows 11, 10, 8.1, 8, or 7, you must have administrative privileges. Once you have installed ER/Studio DA, you can then log in as a standard or limited user and use the application without having administrative privileges.
- In order to run ER/Studio DA, you must provide valid licensing information.
- When you install ER/Studio DA, certain files and directories that were previously stored under the Program Files folder are now by default installed to system-specified application data directories.
- During installation, the following directories are created:
 - For **Datatype Mapping Editor** files, which is also the default location for user-generated Datatype Mapping files:
 - C:\ProgramData\IDERA\ERStudioDA_XXXX\DatatypeMapping
 - For **Automation Handler** files, which is also the default location for sample macros:
 - C:\ProgramData\IDERA\ERStudioDA_XXXX\Macros
 - For **sample model** files, for which a shortcut is generated in the ER/Studio DA program group:
 - C:\ProgramData\IDERA\ERStudioDA_XXXX\Sample Models
- When the application is run for the first time, the following directories are created by ER/Studio DA:
 - Directories used by the Repository client to **transfer** files to and from the Repository server:
 - C:\Users\ - C:\Users\
 - Default directory for **Report** files:
 - C:\Users\
 - Default directory for **SQL** scripts:
 - C:\Users\
 - Default directory for **Quicklaunch** files:
 - C:\Users\
 - Default **Save** location for new diagrams:
 - C:\ProgramData\IDERA\ERStudioDA_XXXX\Sample Models

BUG FIXES AND KNOWN ISSUES

For the most recent list of known issues and bug fixes in this release, see http://docwiki.embarcadero.com/ERStudioDA/208/en/Release_Notes.

UPGRADE INSTRUCTIONS

UPGRADING FROM ER/STUDIO PORTAL TO ER/STUDIO TEAM SERVER

For detailed instructions on upgrading to Team Server, see [Install or Upgrade Team Server and Repository](#).

UPGRADES FOR ER/STUDIO REPOSITORY USERS

To use the repository with this release, you will need to be running ER/Studio Repository (Team Server) 20.5 or later.

UPGRADES FOR VERSION OF ER/STUDIO REPOSITORY PRIOR TO 2016

Repository is now installed as part of Team Server. To upgrade an earlier version of Repository, please see [About Team Server and Repository Upgrade](#).

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 *Quick Start Guide*. If you have not yet purchased this product, contact sales@idera.com.

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