

SQL Data Compare Add Databases

Before comparing SQL Server databases, you must add them to the workspace. Access **Add Databases** from the ribbon (the Home tab) or from the **Add Databases** action link located in the top-left section of the Workspace.

On the Add Database window, enter the SQL Server instance, a friendly name you wish to use in the UI, and the SQL Server credentials. Click **Refresh** in the SQL Server drop down to discover the SQL Server instances running on your network. If the application is unable to discover SQL Server instances, type in the SQL Server instance in the drop down box.

i If the SQL Server is not listening on the default port 1433, you can specify the port number as: **[ServerName]\[Instance Name],PortNumber**

Once you have chosen the SQL Server and the credentials, click **Read Databases**. Data compare will connect to the specified SQL Server and bring in the databases from that server. You can add one or more databases to the workspace by checking them in the database listbox.

Under the Advanced Settings tab, you can enter various connection settings, such as the timeouts, the connection protocol, packet size and a few more. By default data compare uses the advanced settings specified in the Application Settings.

The Other connection settings edit box allows you to specify additional connection properties as **name=value**, separated by semicolons: **name1=value1;name2=value2;...** To check whether these properties are allowed for a SQL Server connection, click **Check Settings**. For a full list of the connection properties supported for by a SQL Server database, check the MSDN.

The following property names are already included in the SQL Server connection and should not be specified in the **Other connection settings** area. Their synonyms must be excluded as well:

- Data Source
- Initial Catalog
- Integrated Security
- Persist Security Info
- User ID
- Password
- Pooling
- Connect Timeout
- Network Library
- Packet Size
- Application Name

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add SQL Server databases to the workspace" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog is divided into two main sections: "Databases" and "Advanced Settings".

Databases Section:

- SQL Server Instance: DEVSRV003\SQL2019 (dropdown menu) with a "Clear All" link to the right.
- Friendly Name: SQL 2019 (text input field).
- Authentication Type: Windows Authentication (dropdown menu).
- Username: (text input field).
- Password: (password input field) with a "Show Password" link to the right.

Advanced Settings Section:

- Connection Timeout: 15 (spin box) seconds, with a "Restore Defaults" link to the right.
- Query Timeout: 1200 (spin box) seconds.
- Protocol: Default (dropdown menu).
- Packet Size: 0 (spin box) (0 default).
- Pooled Connection.
- Other connection settings, specified as name=value, separated by semicolons: name1=value1;name2=value2... (text area) with a "Check Settings" link to the right.

At the bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.