Add files to a project

Existing files that reside in directories outside of the workspace can be added to a project via the following methods:

* Dragging and dropping the file set from a system directory to SQL Project Explorer.
* Copying and pasting the file set from a system directory to SQL Project Explorer.
* Executing the Import command.

To drag/drop or copy/paste files from a system directory to SQL Project Explorer

1. With the SQL Project Explorer view open, navigate to the directory where the files you want to add to the project are located on the system.
2. Drag and drop the files you need from Windows Explorer into SQL Project Explorer. The files appear in the tree view under the appropriate categories.

> Alternatively, you can use the **Copy** command on the files you want to add in Windows Explorer and then right-click the **Project Explorer** and select **Paste** from the menu. The files appear in the tree view under the appropriate categories.

To use the Import command

1. Right-click anywhere on the Project Explorer and select **Import**. The **Import** dialog appears.
2. Expand the **General** node and double-click **File System**. A dialog containing the import specification parameters appears.
    * In the **From directory** field, manually type the directory location of the files you want to import to Project Explorer, or click **Browse** and navigate to the appropriate folder. The panels below the field populate with the folder selection and a list of suitable files contained in that folder. Use the check boxes beside each folder and file to specify what folders/files you want the import function to add in Project Explorer.
    * In the **Into folder** field, manually type the name of the folder within Project Explorer where you want to import the files specified in the panels above, or click **Browse** and navigate to the appropriate folder.
    * Select the **Overwrite existing resources without warning** check box if you do not want to be prompted when the import process overwrites Project Explorer files that contain the same name as the imported files.
    * Choose **Create complete folder structure** or **Create selected folders only**, depending on whether you want the import process to build the folder structure of the imported directory automatically, or only create those folders you selected in the panels above, respectively.
3. Click **Finish**. The import process moves all selected folders and files into Project Explorer and thus into the DB Optimizer development environment.

> In addition to accessing the Import command via the shortcut menu, you can also access the Import dialog by choosing **File > Import...** from the Main Menu.