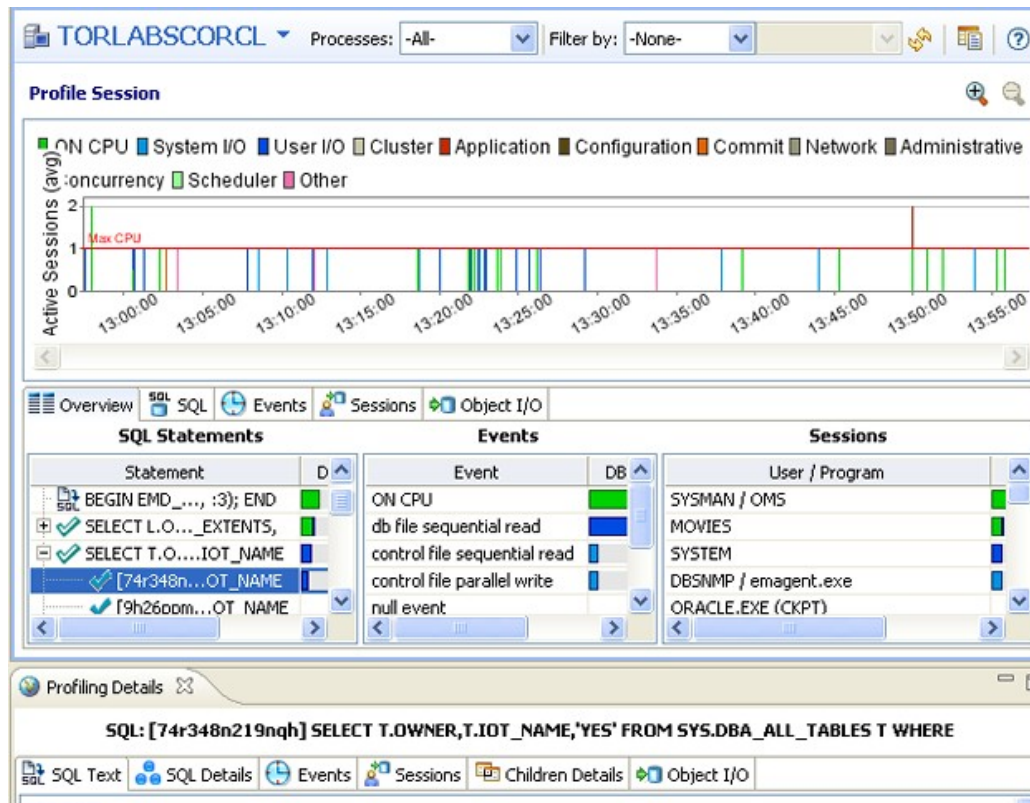


# Execute a profiling session

Profiling is monitored and managed via profiling's three major interface components: the Load Chart, Top Activity Section, and Profiling Details view.



## To execute a profiling session

1. In Data Source Explorer, right click on the data source you want to profile and select **Profile As** from the menu, and then choose **Data Source 1**.
2. In the **Profile Configurations** dialog, select the configuration to use for this profiling session. If you haven't already created a profile, see [Building profiling configurations](#) for a description of the profiling configuration options you can choose.


The profiling session begins. Alternatively, clicking the Profiling icon on the Toolbar automatically runs a profiling session for the last data source you selected.

Once a profiling session launches, it runs until you stop it. When a session has run for a length of time, you can then interpret and analyze the results. See [Working with session results](#).

## To stop a profiling session

You can stop a profiling session at any time by clicking the **Stop** button [  ] in the upper left-hand side of the Profile Session screen or by clicking the Stop button in the Progress Window.

## Executing a session from the Command Line

 This is not supported when using DB Optimizer InstantOn.

You can launch a profiling session from the command line using the following syntax:

```
dboptimizer.exe profile ds:ROM*L*ABORCL10G_1 duration:20 tofile:c:\testprofile.oar
```

In the above command, the user has specified ROM\*L\*ABORCL10G\_1 as the data source, and indicates a profiling session of 20 minutes. The tofile variable specifies the directory and name of the file to which the profiling session will be saved.