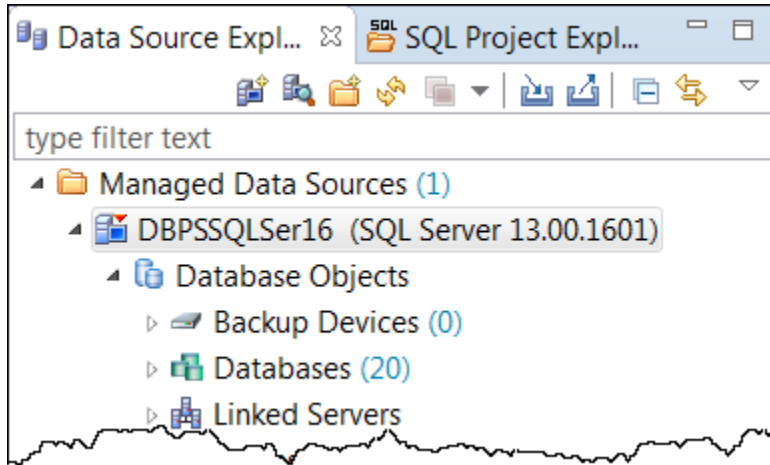


Working with data sources

The Data Source Explorer provides a tree view of all registered data sources and associated database objects. When you first start DB Optimizer, a prompt appears and offers to populate Data Source Explorer from multiple sources on the system. This includes previously-registered data sources on other IDERA products, and third-party DBMS clients such as TOAD. If DB Optimizer cannot detect a data source, you can register it manually.

Additionally, you can initiate this feature by clicking the Auto-Discovery button on the Toolbar or via the **File > Import > IDERA > Data Sources > Previously Registered IDERA Data Sources (Registry)** command from the Main Menu.



The Profiling Repository entries in the Data Source Explorer are available only when configured in the **Profile Configuration Dialog** for Oracle data sources only. These are saved profiling sessions that you can share with other DB Optimizer users. For information on configuring the data source profiles, see [Building profiling configurations](#).

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