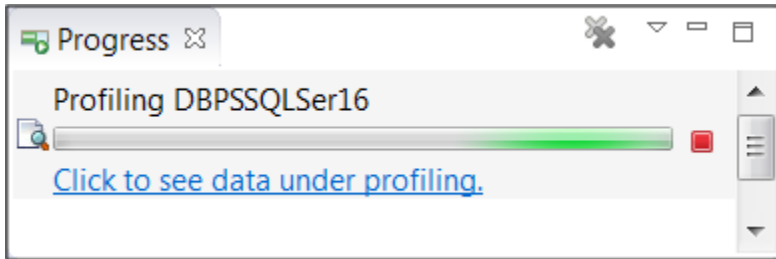


# Starting a Profiling Session

In order to access SQL Profiler, you need to run a profiling session on a data source registered in Data Source Explorer.

## To run a profiling session

- In Data Source Explorer, right-click on a data source and select **Profile As > Data Source**. The profiling session begins.



Once a profiling session launches, it runs until you stop it or it has run for its specified length of time. You can stop a session by clicking the **Stop** icon on the right-hand side of the Profiling progress bar.

When the profiling session is complete, the first two sections (**Load Chart** and **Top Activity**) are populated with information about the database load. You can then begin analyzing the data and identifying problem areas.