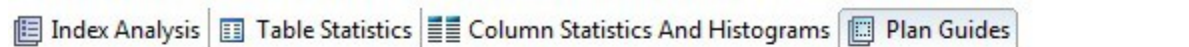# Using the Plan Guides tab (SQL Server)

This tab displays any existing plan guides on the server for the statements being tuned. This can be useful when trying to determine whether a plan guide is, or should be, used for a query, or conversely, finding plan guides that have become obsolete.

In addition to the **Enabled** and **Drop** controls, each plan guide entry on the tab shows columns corresponding to the `sp_create_plan_guide` call arguments the plan guide was created with.

Column	Description
Name	The name given the plan guide when it was created.
Statement	The text of the Transact-SQL statement
Type	The type of entity in which the statement occurs: • **OBJECT**. In the context of a stored procedure, scalar function, multi-statement table- valued function, or DML trigger in the current database. • **SQL**. In the context of a stand-alone statement or batch. • **TEMPLATE**. Specifies that this plan guide applies to any query that parameterizes to the specified statement form. Only the `PARAMETERIZATION { FORCED | SIMPLE }` hint can be specified if a **Type** of TEMPLATE is specified.
Module /Batch	Specifies either the name of the object in which the statement occurs or the batch text in which the statement appears.
Parameters	Specifies the definitions of all parameters in the statement.
Hints	Can be one of the following: • An OPTION clause containing any valid sequence of query hints • A query plan in XML format to be applied as a hint • NULL

> ⓘ For a detailed understanding of the **Parameters** and **Hints** values, particularly when using the edit plan guide functionality described below, see the Microsoft SQL Server documentation.

You can modify any plan guide listed on the **Plan Guides** tab. You can enable or disable the plan guide, drop it, or specify parameters or hints.

To drop a plan guide

- Select the **Drop** check box for that plan guide entry and then click the Apply button (⬚) on the far right of the tab.

To enable or disable a plan guide

- Enable by selecting the **Enabled** check box (or deselect **Enabled** to disable) for the plan guide entry and then click the Apply button (⬚) on the far right of the tab.

To edit a plan guide

1. Right-click a plan guide entry and select **Edit** to open the **Edit Plan Guide**.
2. In the **Parameters** field, provide a valid sp_create_plan_guide stored procedure call
   `@params = argument`
3. In the **Hints** field, provide a valid sp_create_plan_guide stored procedure call
   `@hints = argument`
4. Click **Next** to preview the generated stored procedure calls.
5. Click **Finish**.