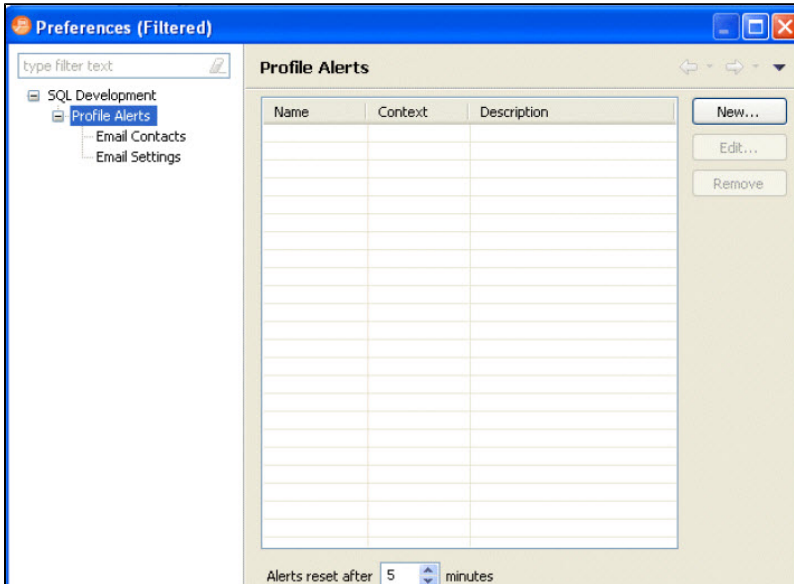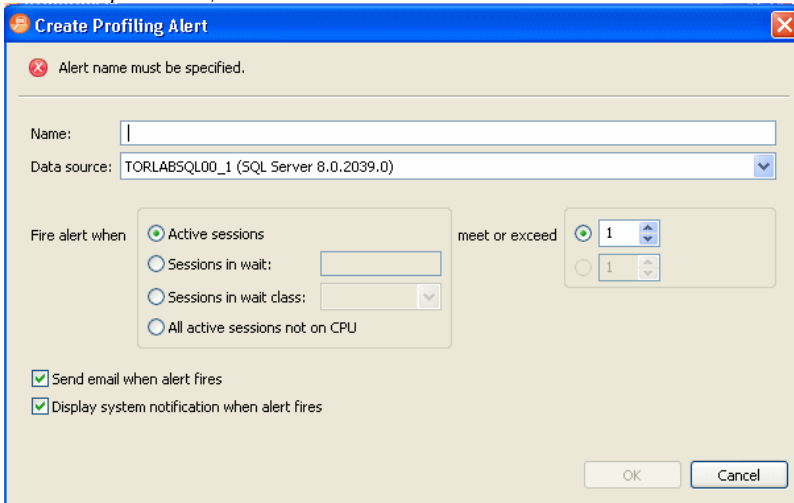# Specify Profile Alerts Preferences during Configuration

You can configure SQL Query Tuner to send you an alert via email if during a profiling session it detects that database activity has met or exceeded the threshold that you specified.

1. Select **Preferences > Profile Alerts**.

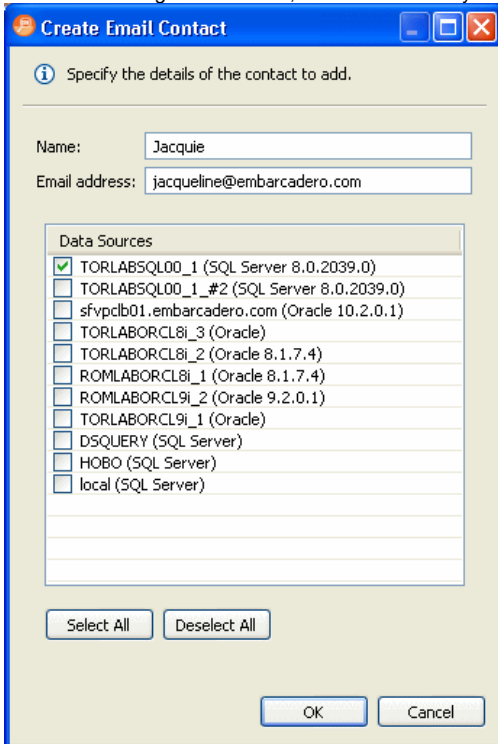2. *To create a profile alert*, click **New**.

   To edit an existing profile alert, select the alert you want to modify and then click **Edit**. The **Create Profiling Alert** or **Edit Profiling Alert** dialog appears.
3. Complete the create/edit profiling alert dialog as required and then click **OK**.
4. In the **Preferences** tree, click **Email Contacts**.
   If you select **Display system notification when alert fires**, you will receive an alert notification in your Windows system tray when the alert fires.
   If you select **Send email when alert fires**, you must specify email contacts and email server settings.

5. *To create a new email contact*, click **New**.
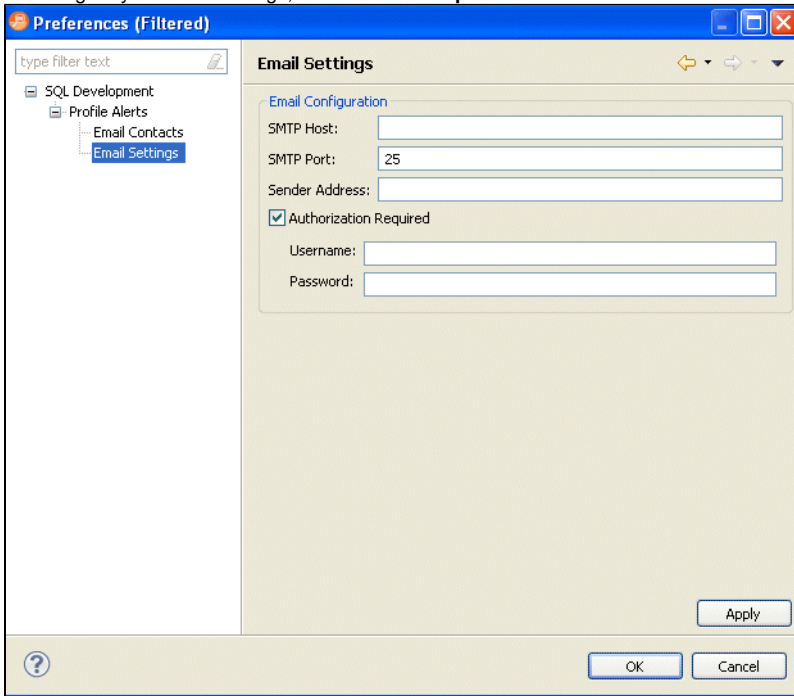   *To edit an existing email contact*, select the contact you want to modify and then click **Edit**.

6. From the list of **Data Sources**, select the data sources for which this contact should receive an email notification that. an alert has fired, and then click **OK** to save this contact.
7. To configure your email settings, click **SQL Development > Profile Alerts > Email Settings**.

8. Complete the Email Settings as required and click **Apply**.

- **Sender Address**: This is an email user configured on your email server. SQL Query Tuner uses this address to send alerts to the email contacts defined.