

# Tuning SQL Statements

A tuning job enables you to view the cost details of SQL statements on a registered data source and then select the best, or most efficient, array of execution path directives in order to make query execution faster, therefore improving the entire enterprise, overall.

A tuning job consists of a set of SQL statements and any analysis results you generate against a data source using tuning. The SQL statements and analysis results that compose a tuning job can be saved in a tuning file (.tun). This enables you to open a tuning job at a later time for inspection and analysis, to add, delete, or modify the SQL statements, or generate new execution statistics.

The following topics provide a high-level overview of the tuning process:

1. [Create a New Tuning Job](#)
2. [Specify a Data Source](#)
3. [Add SQL Statements](#)
4. [Run a Tuning Job](#)
5. [Analyze Tuning Results](#)
6. [Modify Tuning Results](#)



For additional commands that fall outside the general tuning workflow, but may still be helpful, see [Additional Tuning Commands](#).



For information on working with data sources such as adding and browsing them, see [Working with Data Sources](#).