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## Preferences

Navicat provides a complete user interface customization for various options of all tools.

Just simply click **Navicat Premium** -> **Preferences** from the main menu.

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## General

### Allow opening multiple instances

With this option is on, you allow opening multiple instances of the same selected window.

### Show table hint

While you roll the mouse pointer over a table within the object pane, you could get a popup hint giving details about the table structure.

### Show tables in connections tree

Displays database objects using the tree structure in navigation pane. To expand node, click the plus sign (+) or double-click the node.

**Hint:** Reopens the database/schema to take effect.

### Click to refresh object list

Displays objects in navigation pane.

### Show PostgreSQL system objects

Checks this option to show all the PostgreSQL system objects such as *information\_schema* and *pg\_catalog* schemas.

### Show SQLite auto indexes

Checks this option to show auto index generated for SQLite table in Index.

### Ask to save new queries

With this option is on, Navicat will prompt you to save new queries everytime when you quit the query editor.

## Tabs

### Default open in:

Allows you to define the basic window behavior style - Tab Windows (**a new tab** - like Macromedia Dreamweaver) or Floating Windows (**a new window** - like Borland IDE).

**Hint:** Presses the **Option** key and double-click to open your table, the table will be opened as the opposite style you set as default.

**Notes:** To switch between tabs, just simply press **Control-Tab**.

### Warn me when closing multiple tabs

A warning message will remind you while you are closing multiple tabs.

### Always show the tab bar

Shows tab bar.

### Select the newly created tab

The latest opened tab will get focus on the tabbed window.

## Grids

### **Limit records**    records per page

Checks this option if you want to limit the number of records showed on each page in table grid globally. Otherwise, all records will be displayed in one single page. The number representing the number of records (e.g. 1000) showed per page in table grid.

**Note:** To adjust the settings for particular table, see Table Viewer (MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL or SQLite).

### **Limit foreign key editor records**    records

Checks this option if you want to limit the number of records showed on each page in foreign key data selection globally. Otherwise, all records will be displayed in one single page. The number representing the number of records (e.g. 100) showed per page in foreign key data selection (MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL or SQLite).

## Shading of table grid

Defines the background layout of the data grid.

## Default row height

Defines the height of the row (e.g. 17) used in editor.

**Note:** To adjust the settings for particular table, see Formatting Table Grid (MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL or SQLite).

## Default column width

Defines the width of the column (e.g. 100) used in editor.

**Note:** To adjust the settings for particular table, see Formatting Table Grid (MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL or SQLite).

### **Show primary key warning**

Checks this option if you require notification while opening the table with no primary key being set.

### **Default show text**

If this option is on, data which set as TEXT field type is visible in table grid. Otherwise, [TEXT] will shown

## **Default show image**

If this option is on, data which set as BLOB field type is visible in table grid. Otherwise, [BLOB] will shown



## **Trigger editing by double-click**

With this option selected, double-clicking on a cell in table will start cell editing. While single-clicking, the row is highlighted.

## **Show left border for row selection**

Border will be shown on the left of the grid. Clicking on the border will highlight the whole row.

## **Auto commit (Available only for Oracle and SQLite Servers)**

Checks this option if you require auto commit of changing records in table grid. Otherwise, you allowed choosing  **Commit** or  **Rollback** to commit or rollback the changes. See Table Viewer (Oracle or SQLite).

## Fonts and Colors

### Font

Sets the font style and size for **Object List Font**, **Data Grid Font** and **Editor Font**.

### Editor Color

This color settings allows you to format your SQL queries in SQL Editor (i.e. Event, Function/Procedure (MySQL, Oracle or PostgreSQL), Materialized View, Object Type, Package, Query, Trigger Function, Trigger (Oracle or SQLite) and View (MySQL, Oracle, PostgreSQL or SQLite)) with colored syntax highlighting for your SQL statements to improve readability.

Sets font colors of the SQL Editor, uses to mark out different text fragments: Common, Keywords, Comments, Strings and Numbers. Just simply click on the color boxes and choose your desired color from the **Color-Selection** dialog.

## File Paths

### Write log for executed queries

Stores all SQL statements of all the operations executed over databases and database objects in Navicat.

**Hint:** Reopen Navicat to take effect.

### Empty queries log file before Navicat starts

You can clear the log every time when Navicat launches.

### Write log for batch jobs

Stores all operations while running schedule.

## Virtual Grouping File

Specifies the location for a xml file that store how the connections and objects.

**Hint:** Reopen Navicat to take effect.

## SQL\*Plus Default Path (Available only for Oracle Server)

Specifies the location for SQL\*Plus.exe in order to use SQL\*Plus for Oracle console in Navicat.

## SQLite Dynamic Library Path

Specifies the location for SQLite Dynamic Library Path.

**Hint:** Reopen Navicat to take effect.

## SQL Editors

### Show line number

Displays line numbers at the side of the editor for easily reference.

### Use code folding

Code folding allows codes to collapse as a block and only the first line displayed in the editor, see Code Folding.

### Use brace highlighting

Highlights the pair of braces in the editor when your cursor moves to either one brace for easily reference, see Brace Highlight.

### Use syntax highlighting

Syntax highlight helps viewing codes clearly. Codes are highlighted in the editor with different colors and fonts according to the categories they belong to.

#### Disable if file size larger than MB

The syntax highlighting feature can be limited by setting the maximum file size (e.g. 10) to increase performance.

## Code Completion

### Use code completion

When you type the . (dot) symbol between the object names, SQL Editor will offer you a popup list that showing some variants for the code completion, see Code Completion.

#### Delay

You can change the time the popup list takes to appear.

## Word Completion

### Use word completion

When you type the first character of words, SQL Editor will offer you a popup list that showing some variants for the word completion.

#### Delay

You can change the time the popup list takes to appear.

## **Autosave modified documents**

Saves automatically after modifications in SQL Editor by defining the interval (e.g. Every 30 seconds).

## Environments (Available only for Oracle Server)

### ORACLE\_HOME

Location of ORACLE\_HOME for full client only. Instant client should leave it blank.

### DYLD\_LIBRARY\_PATH

Location of the path which contains Oracle libraries for instant client and SQL\*Plus (e.g. ORACLE\_HOME/lib). Always required.

#### **User bundled instant client**

Checks this option to use the **Oracle Instant Client** included in Navicat installation folder.

**Oracle Instant Client** is the simplest way to deploy a full Oracle Client application built with OCI, OCCI, JDBC-OCI, or ODBC drivers. It provides the necessary Oracle Client libraries in a small set of files. It provides the necessary Oracle Client libraries in a small set of files. It has already included in Navicat installation folder. You can also download **Oracle Client / Oracle Instant Client** through -

### Downloading

#### **Oracle Client**

<http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/products/database/index.html>

#### **Oracle Instant Client**

<http://www.oracle.com/technology/software/tech/oci/instantclient/index.html>

**Hint:** MAC OS X any versions running on PPC cpu should use PPC Navicat and PPC Instant Client.  
MAC OS X 10.4 or below running on INTEL cpu should use PPC Navicat and PPC Instant Client.  
MAC OS X 10.5 or above running on INTEL cpu should use X86 Navicat and x86 Instant Client.

## Installation Guide

### Oracle Client for Mac OS X on Intel x86

[http://download.oracle.com/docs/cd/B19306\\_01/install.102/e12121/toc.htm](http://download.oracle.com/docs/cd/B19306_01/install.102/e12121/toc.htm)

### Oracle Instant Client

1. Download the appropriate Instant Client packages for your platform. All installations REQUIRE the Basic or Basic Lite package.
2. Just simply unzip the packages and copy all files under /usr/lib or ~/lib (not /usr/lib/instantclient/). (Copy all files under /usr/lib for Mac OS X 10.3, otherwise, copy all files under /usr/lib or ~/lib for Mac OS X 10.4 or above.)

### TNS\_ADMIN

Location of the tnsnames.ora file (e.g. ORACLE\_HOME/network). It is optional. Required when using TNS connection.

**Notes:** To change the path settings, you need to click the lock and enter your OS username and password to unlock the control.

- If you lock the control back after changing the settings, a dialog will be prompted to ask whether you want to save the settings.
- If you click **OK** after changing the settings, it will just save without prompting any dialogs.
- If you wait until the lock timeout (300 seconds) after changing the settings, your changes will be reverted.

