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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 ▶ or double-click the node.

Hint: Reopens the database/schema to take effect.

Click to refresh object list

Displays objects in navigation pane.

Show system items (PostgreSQL, SQL Server) (Available only for PostgreSQL and SQL Server)

Checks this option to show all the PostgreSQL and SQL Server system objects. For example, *information_schema* and *pg_catalog* schemas in PostgreSQL.

Show auto index (SQLite) (Available only for SQLite)

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

Ask to save new queries/profiles before closing

With this option is on, Navicat will prompt you to save new queries or profiles every time when you quit the relevant sub-window.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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, SQLite and SQL Server)

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

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 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 (Available only in Full Version)

Stores all operations while running schedule.

Virtual Grouping File (Available only in Full Version)

Specifies the location for a xml file that store how the connections and objects are categorized in Navicat.

Hint: Reopen Navicat to take effect.

SQL*Plus Default Path (Available only for Oracle)

Specifies the location for SQL*Plus used in Oracle console in Navicat.

SQLite Dynamic Library Path

Specifies the location for the SQLite Dynamic Library.

Hint: Reopen Navicat to take effect.

Data Models Path (Available only in Full Version)

Specifies the location for Model files.

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 (Available only in Full Version)

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 (Available only in Full Version)

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).

Tab Width

Enter the number of characters that a tab occupies, e.g. 5.

Model (Available only in Full Version)

Guess field types

With this option is on, Navicat will predict field types when you design field without using Table Designer.

Highlight objects

With this option is on, when a mouse cursor hovers over an object, Navicat will highlight its border with blue color.

Highlight table with relations

With this option is on, when a mouse cursor hovers over a relation, Navicat will highlight it with blue or green color indicating relationships between two tables.

Environments (Available only in Full Version and only for Oracle)

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, e.g. /Applications/Navicat Premium.app/Contents/OCI.

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/technetwork/database/enterprise-edition/downloads/index.html>

Oracle Instant Client

<http://www.oracle.com/technetwork/database/features/instant-client/index-097480.html>

Installation Guide

Oracle Client for Mac OS X on Intel x86

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 and the CPU. All installations REQUIRE the Basic or Basic Lite package.
2. Just simply unzip the packages and set the path points to it.

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.