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Microsoft SQL Server Script Sources

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Preface

Read *Microsoft SQL Server Script Sources* to learn how to register and configure Microsoft SQL Server Script database source systems in Metadata Command Center as catalog sources. After you configure a catalog source, you extract metadata and then view the results in Data Governance and Catalog.

CHAPTER 1

Introduction to Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog sources

You can use Metadata Command Center to extract metadata from a source system.

A source system is any system that contains data or metadata. For example, Microsoft SQL Server is a source system from which you can extract metadata through a Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source with Metadata Command Center. A catalog source is an object that represents and contains metadata from the source system.

Before you extract metadata from a source system, you first create and register a catalog source that represents the source system.

When Metadata Command Center extracts metadata, Data Governance and Catalog displays the extracted metadata and its attributes as technical assets. You can then perform tasks such as analyzing the assets, viewing lineage, and creating links between those assets and their business context.

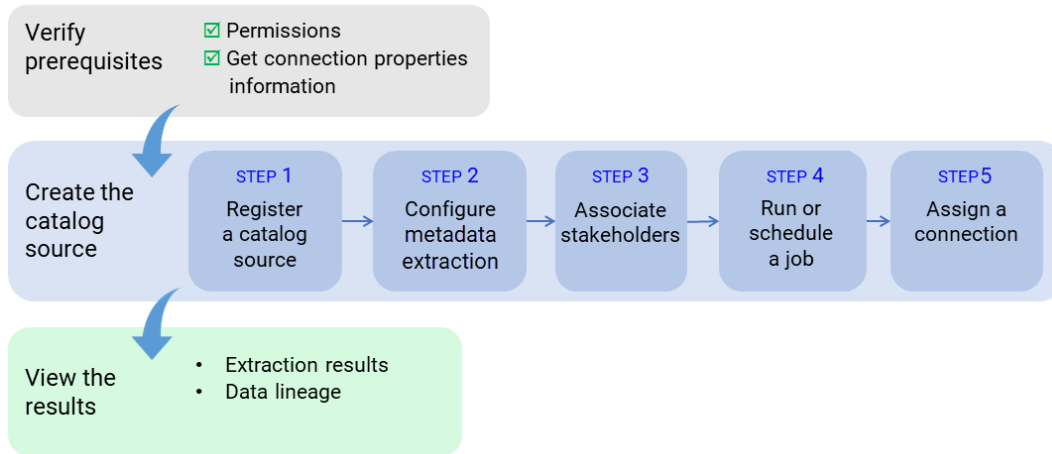
The following table describes the capabilities of the catalog source:

Capability	Description
Advanced Programming Language Parsing	Advanced Programming Language Parsing parses the source system code in addition to extracting objects from the source system.

Extraction and view process

To extract metadata from a source system, configure the catalog source and run the extraction job in Metadata Command Center. Then view the results in Data Governance and Catalog.

The following image shows the process to extract metadata from a script:



After you verify prerequisites, perform the following tasks to extract metadata from Microsoft SQL Server Script:

1. Register a catalog source. Create a catalog source object, select Microsoft SQL Server Script, and specify values for connection properties.
2. Configure the catalog source. Specify the runtime environment, configure the metadata extraction capability, and add filters for metadata extraction.
3. Optionally, associate stakeholders. Associate users with technical assets, giving the users permission to perform actions determined by their roles.
4. Run or schedule the catalog source job.
5. Optionally, if the catalog source job generates referenced asset objects, you can assign a connection to referenced source system assets.
You can view the lineage with object references without performing connection assignment. After connection assignment, you can view the objects.

After you run the catalog source job, you view the results in Data Governance and Catalog.

About the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source

You can use the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source to extract metadata from a Microsoft SQL Server source system.

Microsoft SQL Server Script is a set of Microsoft SQL statements stored in files that you can use for sequential execution.

Extracted metadata

You can use the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source to extract metadata from Microsoft SQL Server scripts.

Metadata Command Center extracts the following metadata from the Microsoft SQL Server Script source system:

- Calculation
- Folder
- Script
- Statement

Compatible connectors

Before you configure a catalog source, you must connect to the Microsoft SQL Server source system.

Use the Microsoft SQL Server connector to connect to the Microsoft SQL Server source system.

For information about configuring a connection, see *Connections* in the Administrator service.

CHAPTER 2

Before you begin

Before you create a catalog source, ensure that you have the information required to connect to the source system.

Perform the following tasks:

- Assign the required permissions.
- Save the Microsoft SQL Server Script files on the runtime environment from which you want to extract metadata.
- Get the database source information to connect to the source system.

Verify permissions

To extract metadata and to configure other capabilities that a catalog source might include, you need account access and permissions on the source system. The permissions required might vary depending on the capability.

Permissions for metadata extraction

To extract Microsoft SQL Server Script metadata, you need account access and permissions to the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source and the Microsoft SQL Server source system.

Verify that the administrator has the following permissions:

- Read permission to access the folder containing scripts.
- Permissions to configure the Microsoft SQL Server connection:
 - select on sys.all_columns
 - select on sys.all_objects
 - select on sys.all_parameters
 - select on sys.database_principals
 - select on sys.databases
 - select on sys.foreign_key_columns
 - select on sys.indexes
 - select on sys.index_columns
 - select on sys.partitions

- select on sys.schemas
- select on sys.sql_modules
- select on sys.synonyms
- select on sys.types
- select on sys.tables
- select on sys.table_types

Create a connection

Before you configure the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source, create a connection object in Administrator.

1. In Administrator, select **Connections**.
2. Click **New Connection**.
3. Enter the following connection details:

Property	Description
Connection Name	Name of the Microsoft SQL Server Script connection. Must be unique within the organization. Connection names can contain alphanumeric characters, spaces, and the following special characters: _ . + - Maximum length is 100 characters. Connection names are not case sensitive.
Description	Optional description of the connection. Maximum length is 255 characters.
Type	Type of connection. Ensure that the type is Microsoft SQL Server.

4. Enter properties specific to the Microsoft SQL Server connection:

Property	Description
Runtime Environment	The execution platform that runs tasks. The runtime environment is either a Secure Agent or a serverless runtime environment.
User Name	Name of the Microsoft SQL Server user account that connects to the Microsoft SQL Server database.
Host	Host name of the machine where Microsoft SQL Server runs.
Port	Port number for the Microsoft SQL Server database engine service.
Code Page	Code page associated with the Microsoft SQL Server database.

Property	Description
Schema	Schema used for the target connection.
Database Name	Name of the Microsoft SQL Server database to connect to.

5. Click **Test Connection**.
The results of the test are displayed on the page.
6. Click **Save**.

CHAPTER 3

Create catalog sources in Metadata Command Center

Use Metadata Command Center to configure a catalog source for Microsoft SQL Server Script and extract metadata.

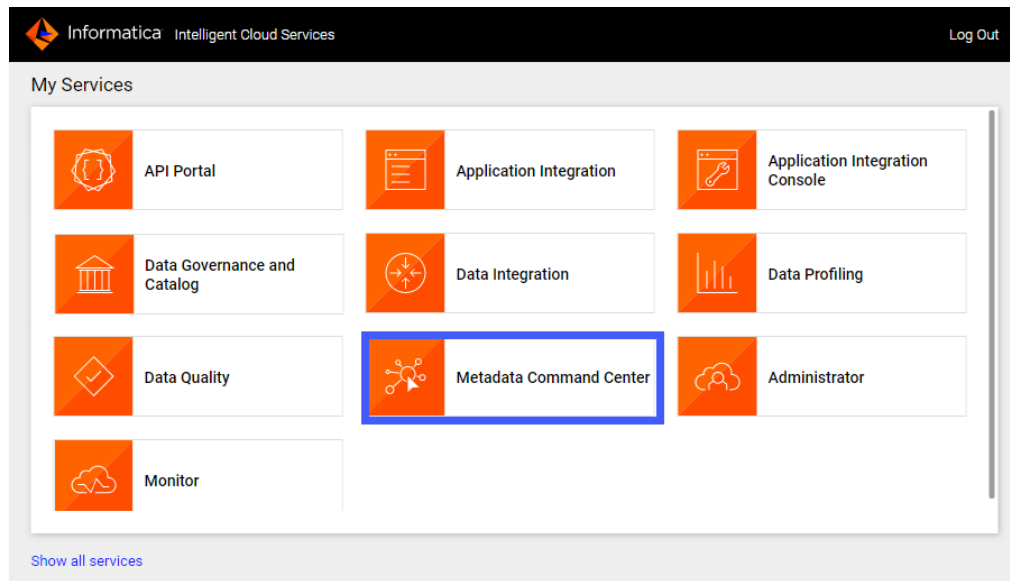
When you configure a catalog source, you define the source system where you want to extract metadata from. Configure filters to include or exclude source system metadata before you run the job. To provide stakeholders access to technical assets, you can assign access through stakeholder roles. You can also associate technical assets extracted from the catalog source to asset groups. If your catalog source references other source systems, you can create a connection assignment to the endpoint catalog source to view complete lineage.

Step 1. Register a catalog source

When you register a catalog source, provide general information and connection values.

1. Log in to Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services.
The **My Services** page appears.
2. Click **Metadata Command Center**.

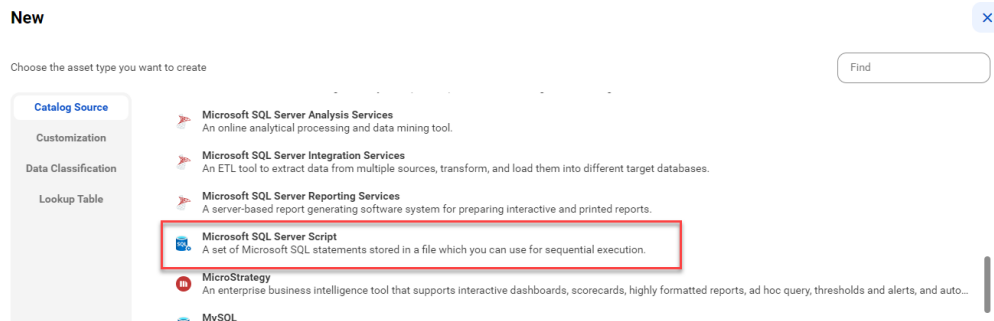
The following image shows the Metadata Command Center box on the **My Services** page:



The Metadata Command Center home page appears.

3. Click **New**.
4. Select **Catalog Source** from the list of asset types.
5. Select Microsoft SQL Server Script from the list of catalog source types.
6. Click **Create**.

The following image shows the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source:



The **New Catalog Source** page opens.

7. In the **General Information** section, enter a name and an optional description for the catalog source.

Note: You can rename a catalog source after you create it, but to apply the change to all associated objects you must rerun the metadata extraction job.

After you save the catalog source, you can update the description in Metadata Command Center and Data Governance and Catalog. The update appears only in the service in which you update it.

8. Click **Connection Properties** to expand and view the connection properties for the selected connection.
9. Click **Test Connection** to test your connection to the source system.
10. Click **Next**.

The **Configuration** page appears.

Step 2. Configure capabilities

When you configure the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source, you define the settings for the metadata extraction capability.

The metadata extraction capability extracts source metadata from external source systems.

You can save the catalog source configuration at any point after you enter the connection information. After you save the catalog source, you can choose to run the catalog source job. To run the job once, click **Run**. To run metadata extraction and other capabilities on a recurring schedule, configure schedules on the **Schedule** tab.

Configure metadata extraction

When you configure the Microsoft SQL Server Script catalog source, you choose a runtime environment, define filters, and enter configuration parameters for metadata extraction.

1. In the **Connection and Runtime** area, choose a serverless runtime environment or the Secure Agent group where you want to run catalog source jobs.

Note: Serverless runtime environment options are available if the catalog source works with a serverless runtime environment.

2. Choose to retain, delete, or deprecate objects that are deleted from the source system in the catalog with the **Metadata Change Option**.
 - **Retain.** Retains objects that are deleted from the source system in the catalog. If you update or add a filter, the catalog retains objects extracted from the previous job and extracts additional objects that match the current filter. Objects deleted from the source system are not deleted from the catalog. Enrichments added on deleted objects and relationships are retained.
 - **Delete.** Deletes metadata from the catalog based on objects deleted from the source system and changes you make to the filter. Enrichments added on deleted objects and relationships are also permanently lost. Objects renamed in the source system are removed and recreated in the catalog.
 - **Deprecate.** The lifecycle of objects imported into the catalog moves to Obsolete based on objects deleted from the source system and changes you make to the filter. This does not impact enrichments added on deprecated objects and relationships. Objects renamed in the source system are removed and recreated in the catalog. When you run the catalog source job again for other capabilities such as data classification, relationship discovery, or glossary association, the job doesn't consider obsolete objects. Obsolete objects remain in the catalog until they are purged when you run a **Purge Obsolete Objects** job on the **Explore** page.

Note: You can also change the configured metadata change option when you run a catalog source.

3. In the **Filters** area, define one or more filter conditions to apply to metadata extraction.
 - a. Select **Yes** to view filter options.
 - b. From the Include/Exclude list, choose to include or exclude metadata based on the filter parameters.
 - c. From the Object type list, select **Script Path**.
 - d. Enter the script path as the filter value.

Filter values can contain the following wildcard characters:

- Asterisk. Represents multiple characters or empty text.
- Question mark. Represents a single character.

The following image shows the **Filter conditions** options:

If the scripts root directory path is `/users/opt/input`, use the following examples to create filter conditions:

- To include or exclude metadata from the script named `script1.sql` located in the path `/users/opt/input/folder1/`, enter: `folder1/script1.sql`
 - To include or exclude metadata from all scripts with SQL extension stored in the path `/users/opt/input/folder1/`, enter: `folder1/*.sql`
 - To include or exclude metadata from all scripts stored in the path `/users/opt/input/`, enter: `*`
 - To include or exclude metadata from all scripts with SQL extension and names that start with 'script' followed by a single character, stored in the path `/users/opt/input/folder1/`, enter `folder1/script?.sql`.
 - To include or exclude metadata from the script named `script1.sql` located in a directory with a name that starts with 'folder1' followed by zero or more characters, enter: `folder1*/script1.sql`
 - To include or exclude metadata from all scripts with SQL extensions from `folder2` as well as any subfolders within `folder2`, enter: `folder1/folder2/**/*.sql`
 - To include or exclude metadata from all scripts from `folder2` as well as any subfolders within `folder2`, enter: `folder1/folder2/*`, `folder1/folder2/`, or `folder1/folder2`
4. Optionally, in the **Configuration Parameters** area, enter properties to override default context values and job parameters.

Note: Click **Show Advanced** to view all configuration parameters.

The following table describes the properties that you enter for Catalog Source Configuration Options:

Property	Description
Scripts Root Directory Path	Path to the remote SQL script root directory.
Default Database	Default database for SQL script processing.
Default Schema	Default schema for SQL script processing.
MetaTables Include Filter	Advanced parameter. Use this parameter if you want Metadata Command Center to read the content from tables or views when processing dynamic SQL statements.

The following table describes the property that you can enter for additional settings:

Note: The **Additional Settings** section appears when you click **Show Advanced**.

Property	Description
Expert Parameters	<p>Enter additional configuration options to be passed at runtime. Required if you need to troubleshoot the catalog source job.</p> <p>Caution: Use expert parameters when it is recommended by Informatica Global Customer Support.</p>

- 5. Click **Next**.
The **Associations** page appears.

Step 3. Associate stakeholders and asset groups

Associate users or user groups within a stakeholder role as stakeholders for technical assets in Data Governance and Catalog. Also, you can choose to assign technical assets extracted from the catalog source to asset groups. You can then use access policies to control permissions on assets that are assigned to asset groups.

Verify that the administrator assigned users and user groups to the stakeholder role that you want to associate with technical assets.

- 1. To associate users or user groups as stakeholders with technical assets extracted from the catalog source, perform the following steps:
 - a. On the **Associations** page, click **Stakeholders**.
 - b. Select **Assign Stakeholders**.
 - c. Select a stakeholder role.
 - d. Click **Select** to add users and user groups from the stakeholder role as stakeholders for the technical assets.

The **Add Users & User Groups** dialog box displays a list of users and user groups assigned to the selected stakeholder role.

Add Users & User Groups

Users

User Groups

All Users (1)

Find

<input type="checkbox"/>	Full Name	Email	User Name	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	gov owner_09			Active

?

OK

Cancel

- e. Select one or more users or user groups to assign as stakeholders for the technical assets, and click **OK**.
Only the selected users and user groups belonging to the specified stakeholder role are granted the permissions to technical assets.
- f. To assign users or user groups from another stakeholder role, click **Add** and then repeat the steps.

2. To assign asset groups to technical assets extracted from the catalog source, perform the following steps:

- a. On the **Associations** page, click **Asset Groups**.
- b. Select **Assign Asset Groups**.
- c. Click **Select**.

The **Select Asset Groups** dialog box displays the list of asset groups.

If you enabled an access policy that includes an asset group, you can only view assets that belong to that asset group.

3. Select the asset groups to which you want to assign technical assets extracted from the catalog source, and click **OK**.

4. Choose to save and run the job or to schedule a recurring job.
 - To save and run the job, click **Save** and then **Run**.
 - To schedule a recurring job, click **Next** to open the **Schedule** page.

Step 4. Run or schedule the job

Choose to run a catalog source job manually, or configure it to run on schedule.

Note: You can't run multiple jobs simultaneously.

You can choose to perform a full or an incremental metadata extraction. A full metadata extraction extracts all objects from the source to the catalog. An incremental metadata extraction extracts only the changed and new objects since the last successful catalog source job run. Incremental metadata extraction doesn't remove deleted objects from the catalog and doesn't extract metadata of code-based objects if applicable.

When you run an incremental metadata extraction job with a filter to include metadata from objects, the job extracts only the objects that have the latest timestamp since the last successful job.

Note: The incremental extraction option appears if it is available for the catalog source.

Run the job manually

Click **Save** to save the catalog source and click **Run**. On the **Run Catalog Source Job** window, click **Run** to run the job.

You can override the capabilities that you selected while configuring your catalog source on the **Configuration** page. The first time you run the catalog source job, the metadata extraction capability is mandatory. From the second run onwards, you can choose to override the configured metadata change option. You can retain, delete, or deprecate objects that are deleted from the source in the catalog. For subsequent runs of the catalog source job, the metadata extraction capability is optional.

Note: You can choose incremental metadata extraction for subsequent runs only after one full metadata extraction job completes successfully. Incremental metadata extraction jobs run with the **Retain** metadata change option even if you set the option to **Delete** or **Deprecate** in the catalog source.

Note: To run a catalog source job, you need permissions on the connection to the source system. To run a catalog source job for catalog sources that reference other source systems, you need permissions on the connections for all the reference source systems.

Run the job on a schedule

You can choose to run metadata extraction and other capabilities on a recurring schedule. You can't choose incremental metadata extraction and full metadata extraction in the same schedule. To create a schedule for incremental metadata extraction, you must have completed at least one full metadata extraction job successfully. If not, first create a schedule for a full metadata extraction.

If an incremental metadata extraction is scheduled to run when the last run details aren't available, the job first performs a full metadata extraction, followed by incremental metadata extraction on subsequent runs.

For example, this can happen in the following scenarios:

- You create schedules for both incremental metadata extraction and full metadata extraction, but schedule the incremental extraction to run before the first full metadata extraction job.
 - You create schedules for both incremental metadata extraction and full metadata extraction, but delete the full metadata extraction schedule before its first run.
1. On the **Schedule** tab, select **Run on Schedule**.
The **Schedule** configuration page opens.
 2. Click the checkbox corresponding to each capability that you want to include in the schedule.
 3. Enter the start date, time zone, and the interval at which you want to run the job.
 4. You can manage additional schedules using the following options:
 - To create a new schedule, click the **Add** button.
 - To delete a schedule, click the **Delete** button.
 - To enable or disable a schedule, click the **Enable Schedule** toggle button.

Note: You can create a maximum of one schedule per capability that you enable. If you purged a catalog source or did not run the metadata extraction job, the catalog source job runs metadata extraction before running other scheduled capabilities.

Note: To create a schedule, you need permissions on the connection to the source system. If you lose permissions on the connection after you create a schedule, the scheduled jobs continue to run.

5. Click **Save** to save the schedule.

Monitor job status

After the job runs, you can monitor the status of the job on the **Overview** page of the job.

For more information about job monitoring, see *Administration*.

Step 5. Assign reference catalog source connections to endpoint catalog source objects

When you run the catalog source job, if the catalog source references another source system, a reference catalog source and connection get created that point to the reference source system. To view the complete lineage for your catalog source, you can perform connection assignment from the reference catalog source connection to the objects in the reference source system. A referenced source system might be a database such as Microsoft SQL Server Script. You must first create and run an endpoint catalog source that connects to the reference source system.

Before you assign a connection, ensure that you have created and run an endpoint catalog source for each reference source system.

Note: If the source schema contains case-sensitive tables or if the reference objects contain multiple objects with the same name in different cases, perform case-sensitive connection assignment to get correct lineage.

If you enabled the lineage discovery capability for your catalog source, you can either curate the CLAIRE recommended endpoint objects on the **Related Catalog Sources** tab or assign connections manually.

For more information about related catalog sources and lineage discovery, see *Lineage discovery* in the *Administration* help.

1. On the **Configure** page, select the **Lineage** tab, and then select the **Lineage Discovery** tab. On the **Catalog Sources** panel, select the required catalog source and click the **Assign Connections** tab.

The **Assign Connections** tab displays a list of assigned and unassigned connections along with details for each connection. Use filters to view the connections based on the connection names. Click the **Add Filter** menu to add filters.

2. Select the connection to the reference source system and click **Assign**.

The connection name appears prefixed to the reference catalog source name on the **Hierarchy** tab of your catalog source in Data Governance and Catalog.

The **Assign Connection** dialog box appears with a list of recommended objects from the endpoint catalog sources. Click **All** to view all endpoint catalog source objects.

3. In the **Assign Connection** dialog box, select one or more catalog sources to assign to the selected connection and click **Assign**.

You can assign a Microsoft SQL Server Script source system as a referenced source system. To create a connection assignment, the catalog source must belong to the Schema class type.

When you click **Assign**, Metadata Command Center creates links between matching objects in the connected catalog sources, and it calculates the percentage of matched and unmatched objects. The higher the percentage of matched objects, the more accurate the lineage that you view in Data Governance and Catalog.

CHAPTER 4

View results in Data Governance and Catalog

After Metadata Command Center runs a job, you can view the results in Data Governance and Catalog where the catalog source and its elements are called technical assets. You can view a catalog source as a hierarchy. Expand each technical asset to see its components.

When referenced source systems are connected to a catalog source, you can expand the hierarchy to see details about the technical asset's component elements.

You can view the data lineage of an asset contained within a catalog source to see individual elements such as data sources, calculations, and filters. When you view data lineage, you can see the individual upstream elements that contribute data or expressions to each component of a data flow or catalog source.

View metadata extraction results

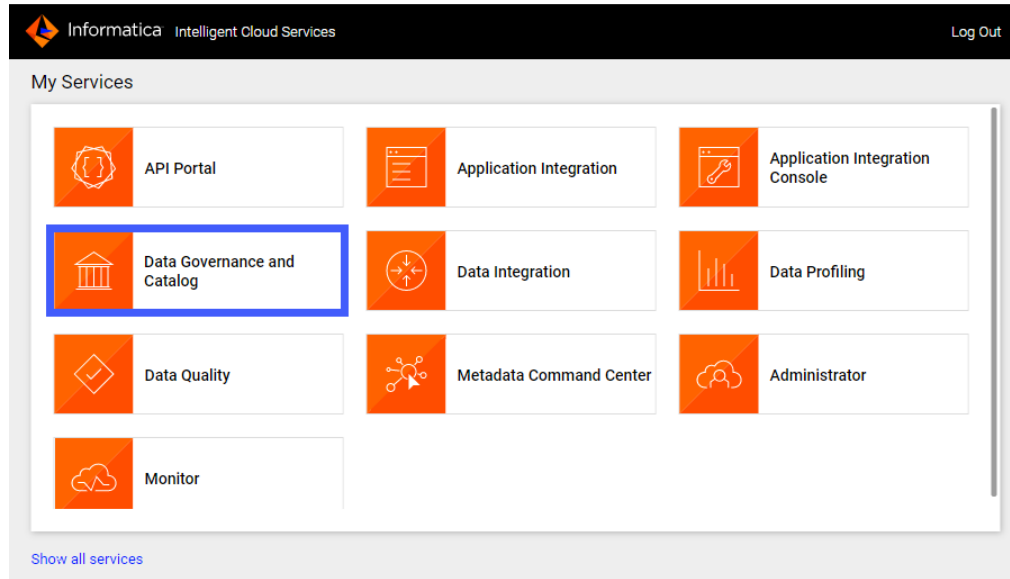
After a job runs in Metadata Command Center, view the results in Data Governance and Catalog. You can view details about source system contents in a hierarchical structure and trace data lineage.

1. Log in to Informatica Intelligent Cloud Services.

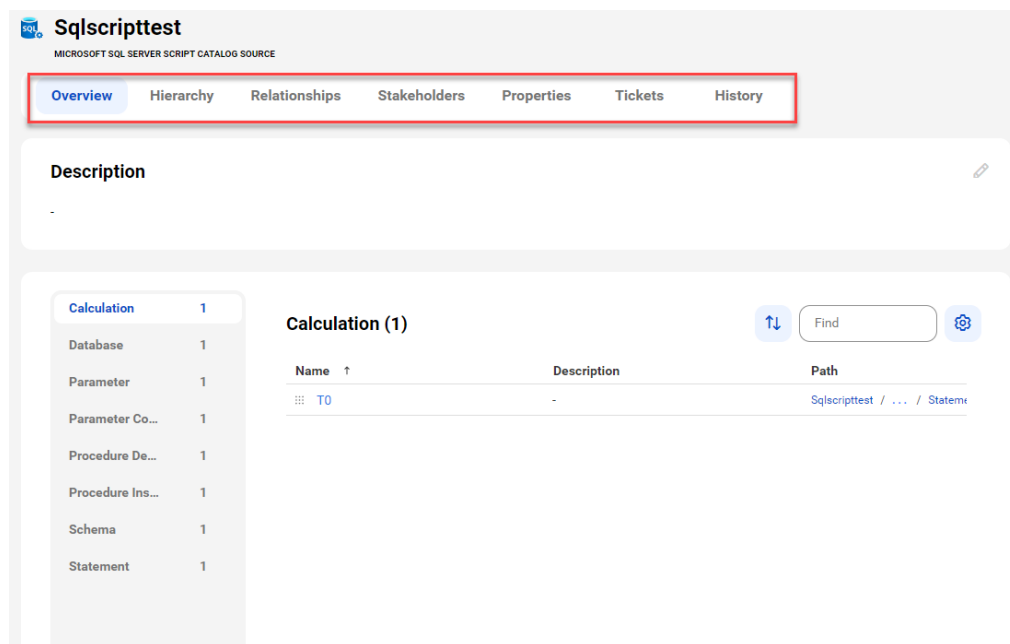
The **My Services** page appears.

2. Click Data Governance and Catalog.

The following image shows the Data Governance and Catalog box on the **My Services** page:



3. On the Data Governance and Catalog home page, click the number in the **Technical Assets** panel. The **Technical Assets** page opens.
4. Select **Catalog Source** in the **Filter** list. The list of catalog sources opens.
5. Search for the catalog source from which you extracted metadata, and click the name. The **Overview** tab of the asset opens. The following image shows a sample asset page:



6. View the asset from different perspectives by clicking on the tabs.

Note: If you run catalog sources created prior to the July 2023 release with Retain as the **Metadata Change Option**, duplicate calculations appear in Data Governance and Catalog. To avoid duplicate calculations and to view complete lineage information, run catalog sources created prior to the July 2023 release with Delete as the **Metadata Change Option**.

For more information about working with assets, see *Working with Assets* in *Data Governance and Catalog* help.

View data lineage

Data lineage is a visual representation of the flow of data across the systems in your organization. Lineage depicts how the data flows from the system of its origin to the system of its destination.

Data lineage views are available for technical assets in the catalog source. You can view lineage at the catalog source, data set, or data element level.

The lineage at the catalog source level shows how data flows from one catalog source to another. The lineage at the data set and the data element levels show how other technical assets such as files or tables contribute to the selected asset.

If linking catalog sources is available for your catalog source, you can use Metadata Command Center to generate data lineage based on rules or by generating automated lineage with CLAIRE. You can choose source and target catalog sources and objects to link and generate lineage.

To determine whether linking catalog sources is available for your catalog source, navigate to the **Configuration** tab of the **Link Catalog Sources** page. The catalog source must appear in the list of source and target catalog sources.

For information about linking catalog sources, see *Link catalog sources* in the Administration help.

View lineage at the catalog source level

The catalog source level shows how data flows from one catalog source to another with the lineage aggregating data from the data set and data element levels.

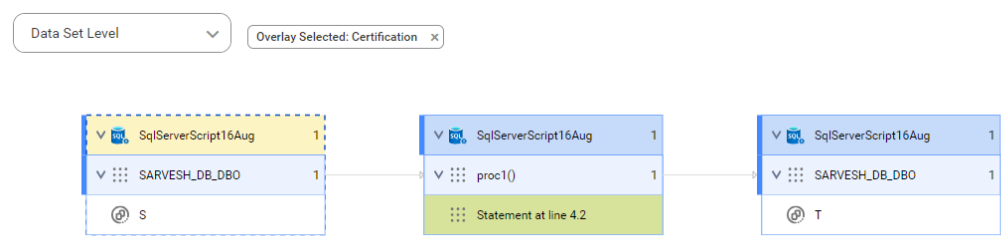
To view data lineage at the catalog source level, open a technical asset, click the **Lineage** tab, and then verify that the level is set to **Catalog Source Level**.

View lineage at the data set level

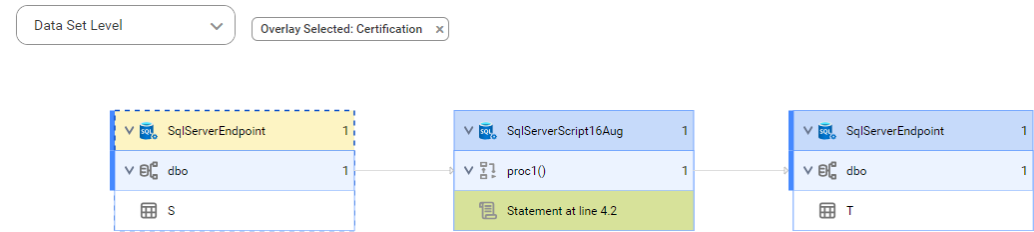
The data set level displays individual sets of data in the data flow.

To view lineage at the data set level, open a technical asset, click the **Lineage** tab, and then verify that the level is set to **Data Set Level**.

The following image shows how the target table gets data from the referenced source table before connection assignment:



The following image shows how the target table gets data from the actual source table after connection assignment:

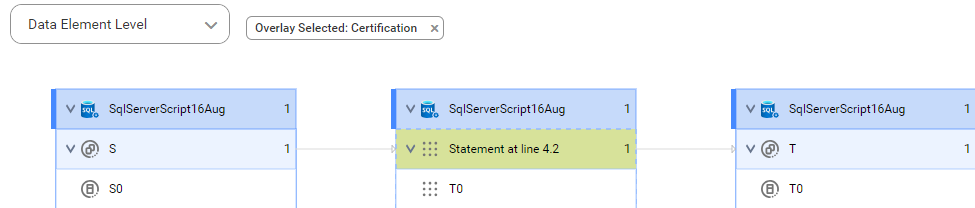


View lineage at the data element level

The data element level displays details of the data set level. At the data element level, you can see the input sources for expressions or commands and calculations or transformations on the data.

To view data lineage at the data element level, open a technical asset, click the **Lineage** tab, and then verify that the level is set to **Data Element Level**.

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