

# InstantSQL

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## Product Highlights

### Business Challenge

Today's business climate includes a renewed focus on driving down costs within the IT organization. When multiple technologies are used to address a common business need there are unnecessary costs introduced into the management of those systems, building connections between them, and dealing with multiple vendors. A common area in which this is seen is data access. InstantSQL provides a simplified way of using popular, relational databases directly from within your OpenText™ RM/COBOL application.

### Product Overview

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## Key Benefits

- Leverage the power and flexibility of SQL from COBOL
- Simplify the COBOL code needed to perform data operations
- Ability to combine the power of a native database engine with the reliability of COBOL

## Key Features

InstantSQL allows easy access to databases using Structured Query Language (SQL) from RM/COBOL. InstantSQL provides SQL connectivity from RM/COBOL applications to any Open Database Connectivity (ODBC)-compliant data source, including Relativity data sources. InstantSQL is implemented at compile time with a set of copy files and at runtime with a dynamic link library (DLL) or shared object (SO).

InstantSQL provides a set of statements that can be used in an RM/COBOL application to access databases using SQL.

### Connection statements

Connect and disconnect from a data source

### Query statements

Query a connected data source

### Advanced statements

Bind columns and parameters; transactions

### Status inquiry statements

Acquire InstantSQL state information

### Browse statements

Browse available data sources and connected data source structure

## System Requirements

- RM/COBOL v8.0 or later. ODBC version 2.0.12 or later

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### Additional Product Information

The Instant SQL runtime component is freely distributable.

### Other Key Features

RM/COBOL's runtime system is the core component of a suite of products. Other solutions include:

#### WOW EXTENSIONS

**Windows Object Workshop:** OpenText™ WOW Extensions gives you an easy-to-use, integrated development environment that supports screen design, coding, compiling, and testing in a modern visual environment.

#### INSTANTSQL

**Database Access with RM/COBOL:** InstantSQL provides a simplified way of using popular relational databases directly from within your RM/COBOL application.

### RELATIVITY

**ODBC access to OpenText and RM/COBOL data:** OpenText™ Relativity allows core data from sophisticated OpenText™ or RM/COBOL applications to be re-tooled as a full-featured relational database. The data can then be joined with other disparate data and accessed by Windows-based tools seamlessly and transparently.

#### OPENTEXT™ XCENTRISTY

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