

# erwin<sup>®</sup> Data Modeler by Quest<sup>®</sup>

## At a glance

Data modeling is a proven technology for visually designing, documenting and deploying high-quality data sources as well as analyzing metadata and database schema to understand complex data structures. erwin has been the most trusted name in data modeling for more than 30 years and continues to be foundational for an agile enterprise data capability. Use it to discover and document any and all enterprise data assets from any location for consistency, clarity and artifact reuse across large-scale data integration, master data management, metadata management, NoSQL, cloud migration, business intelligence and analytics initiatives – all while seeding data governance and intelligence efforts.

## Key features

erwin Data Modeler remains the gold standard in data modeling and comes in three versions to meet specific customer requirements.

erwin Data Modeler Standard Edition includes these key features:

- **Native, JDBC and ODBC connectivity** — Support a wide array of DBMS targets, including relational, NoSQL, big data and cloud databases.
- **Modern, configurable workspace** — Users can customize the modeling canvas and optimize access to the features and functionality they use most.
- **Visualization of complex data structures** — Automatically generate data models to visualize a wide range of enterprise sources through a single interface.

- **Database design generation** — Deploy database schema directly from visual models, increasing efficiency and reducing errors.
- **Schema migration** — Auto-document and transform schema from one DBMS to another to support re-platforming as well as NoSQL (Cassandra, Couchbase, MongoDB) and cloud database migrations (e.g., Snowflake, MariaDB, etc).

## Benefits:

- Master hybrid data architectures and infrastructure to accelerate data-centric innovation.
- Increase design quality and consistency to reduce analysis, development and maintenance costs.
- Automate the documentation and migration of schema between database technologies and deployment platforms.
- Centralize model development for consistency, governance and maximum reuse.
- Accelerate data source analysis and target schema design cycles in BI/analytics, master data management and data warehouse/data lake initiatives.
- Reduce data silos by implementing design and metadata management standards to simplify integration and improve enterprise collaboration.

- **RE Scheduler** — Automate the offline reverse-engineering of databases into data models so modelers can focus on other activities.
- **Standards definition** — Increase quality and efficiency with reusable standards, including model templates, domains, automation macros, naming standards and datatype standards.
- **Model and database comparison** — The Complete Compare facility automates bidirectional synchronization of models, scripts and databases; compares one item with the other; displays any differences, and permits selective updates, generating ALTER scripts when necessary. Quick Compare templates automate and standardize comparison criteria for added efficiency and consistency.
- **Design transformations** — Customize and automate super-type/sub-type relationships between logical and physical models and de-normalize ERD models into JSON/document models.
- **Model exchange** — Import/export models to/from a wide variety of data management environments for standardization and reuse across data management and governance efforts.
- **Reporting and publication** — The Report Designer's intuitive point-and-click interface and ODBC query tool create PDF, HTML and text-based reports for both diagrams and metadata.

erwin Data Modeler Workgroup Edition adds the following model management and modeler collaboration features:

- **Centralized model management repository available on-premises or as a SaaS subscription model** — Store and provision data models, naming standards glossaries and standards templates in a shared repository for managed access, collaboration and cross-model analysis, and governing modeling practices and processes.

- **Collaborative modeling with conflict resolution** — Team members can work together more efficiently via concurrent model access with optional model locking, multi-user collision resolution, and independent model merge.
- **Change management and audit capabilities** — Controlling and tracking changes is critical to maintaining quality, consistency and audit compliance. Specific features include change impact analysis, version management and undo/redo capability over the lifespan of a model.
- **DevOps capabilities** — Greater accuracy, traceability, time savings and better collaboration is experienced as data modelers stay within the tool and, with one click, push data definition language (DDL) to GitHub/Git repository via Mart.
- **User permission and model security management** — Control model assets by managing user profiles and security settings, including authentication via LDAP.
- **Web-based model and repository administration** — An intuitive, web-based console allows administrators to manage marts, models, users, profiles, permissions, session locks, connections and more.
- **erwin Data Modeler Connect for Data Intelligence** — Automatically harvest erwin data models and naming standards from the erwin Data Modeler Mart for ingestion and cataloging in erwin Data Intelligence.

erwin Data Modeler Navigator Edition provides read-only access for a wide range of roles for greater collaboration through the following key features:

- **Visualization and navigation of data models** — See data models in a secure, read-only environment for easy viewing and understanding of database structures and business definitions.

- **Impact analysis** — View and test the impact of changes to data models in a secure, read-only environment before changes are implemented.
- **Enterprise-wide view of data assets** — With access to the erwin Data Modeler Workgroup Edition model repository, users can obtain a central view of all enterprise data assets.

## Critical differentiators

- **Visual design, documentation and analysis of any data source from anywhere** — Unify enterprise data management by harmonizing platform inconsistencies for a single source of truth.
- **Modern, customizable modeling environment** — Automate complex and time-consuming tasks for more effective database design, standardization, deployment and maintenance. The configurable workspace enables users to customize the modeling canvas and optimize access to features and functionality to improve productivity.
- **Breadth of DBMS integrations and metadata bridges** — Design, auto-document, engineer and transform schema for all major cloud and on-premises database platforms using models rich in metadata, thanks to built-in interfaces. erwin Data Modeler also provides out-of-the-box bridges for metadata exchange and transformation from other modeling environments, data management platforms and metadata exchange formats.

- **Model and database comparisons** — The Complete Compare facility, with Quick Compare templates, automates bidirectional synchronization of models, scripts and databases to keep model contents up to date. Without such automation, this task is time-consuming and error-prone.
- **Roundtrip engineering** — Forward- and reverse-engineering of database code from relational and NoSQL models reduces the time and costs associated with error-prone manual development processes and ensures models are an accurate depiction of what has been deployed to support more efficient and effective model-driven development.
- **Data catalog and business glossary integration** — erwin Data Modeler is an essential source of metadata and the best way to view metadata. It's a critical enabler of data governance and intelligence, so we've enabled metadata from erwin data models to be auto harvested and then ingested into our data catalog and business glossary, part of the erwin Data Intelligence Suite.

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