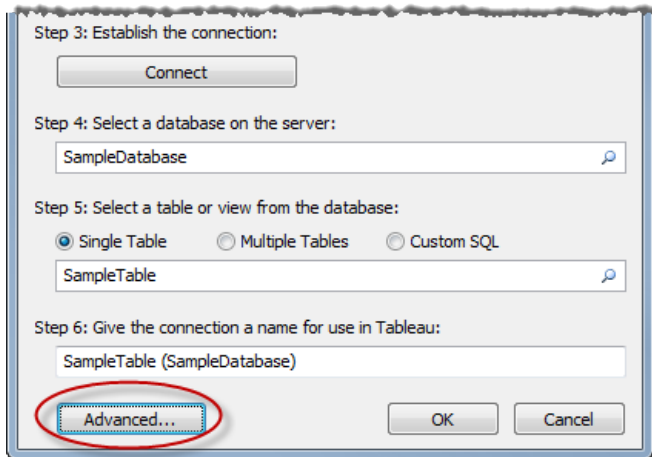


Teradata Initial SQL

When connecting to Teradata data sources, you can specify a SQL command that will be run once upon connection. This query is useful to set up temporary tables that will be used during the session and can be used to set up a custom data environment. This initial SQL is different than a Custom SQL connection because it is only run when the you first open the workbook rather than affecting every query to retrieve rows from the database. Follow the steps below to set up initial SQL for a Teradata connection.

1 Open the Advanced Dialog Box

In the Teradata Connection dialog box, click the **Advanced** button in the bottom left corner.



2 Specify the Initial SQL Command

In the lower part of the Advanced dialog box, type the SQL command that you want to send to the database upon connection.

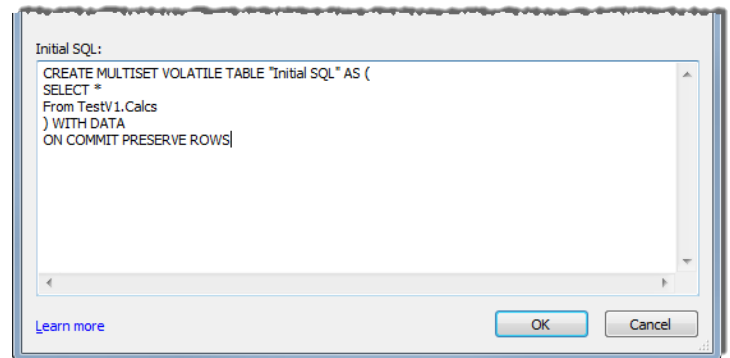


Tableau does not examine or error check the commands. They are simply sent to the database upon connection.

Initial SQL on Tableau Server

By default, Tableau Server is configured to allow the initial SQL to run when a workbook is loaded in the browser. Administrators can disable this functionality on the Data Connections tab of the Tableau Server Configuration utility. Select the **Ignore initial SQL statements for all data sources** option. The workbook will still open but the initial SQL commands will not be sent.

Your software license may also restrict you from using initial SQL with your Teradata connection.

