ECL Playground

Boca Raton Documentation Team



ECL Playground

Boca Raton Documentation Team
Copyright © 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

We welcome your comments and feedback about this document via email to <docfeedback@hpccsystems.com>

Please include **Documentation Feedback** in the subject line and reference the document name, page numbers, and current Version Number in the text of the message.

LexisNexis and the Knowledge Burst logo are registered trademarks of Reed Elsevier Properties Inc., used under license.

HPCC Systems® is a registered trademark of LexisNexis Risk Data Management Inc.

Other products, logos, and services may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective companies.

All names and example data used in this manual are fictitious. Any similarity to actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

2026 Version 10.8.16-1

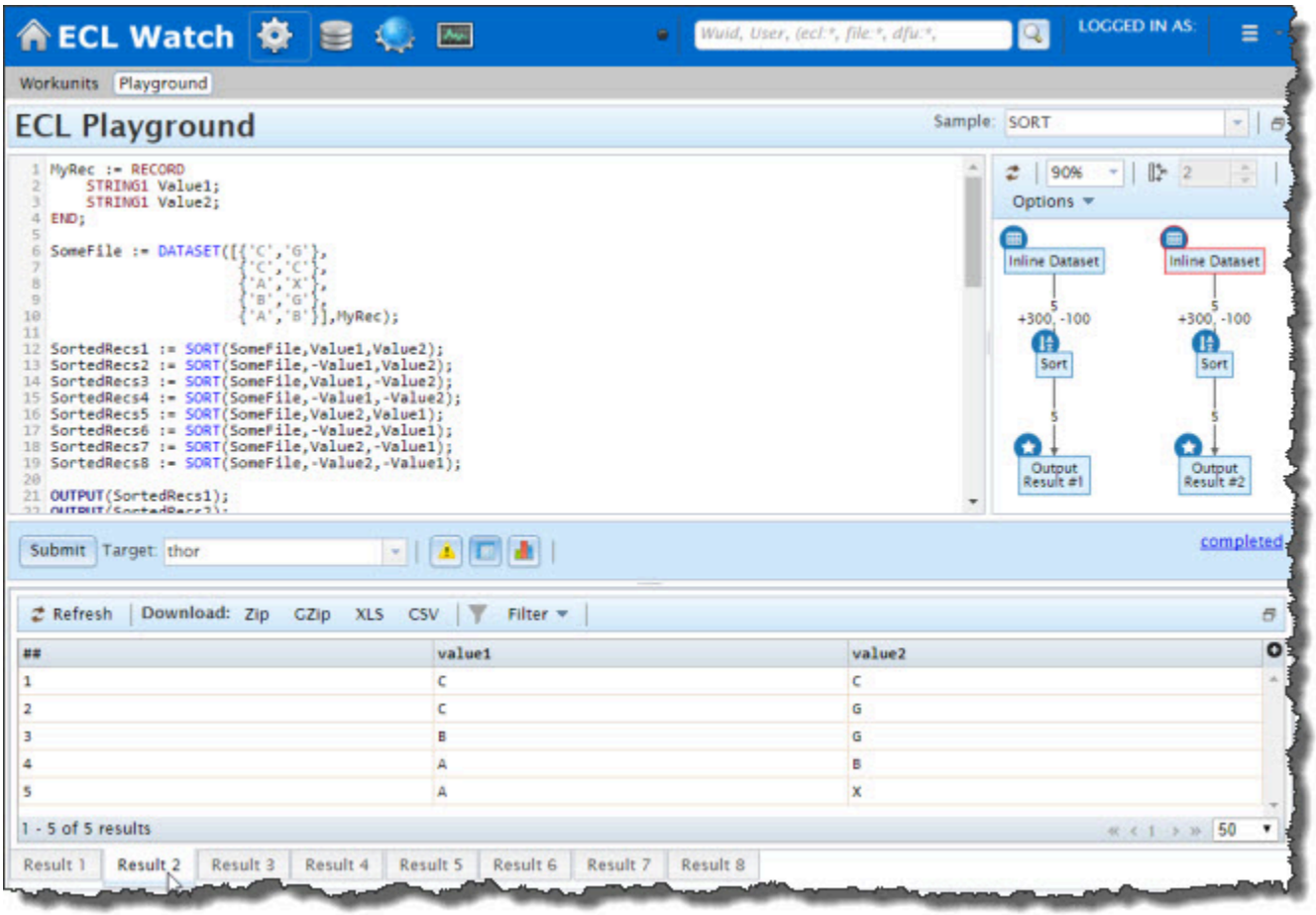
ECL Playground 4
Using the ECL Playground 5

© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

ECL Playground

This manual covers the ECL Playground which is a component found in ECL Watch.

Figure 1. The ECL Playground in ECL Watch



© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

Using the ECL Playground

ECL Playground is a tool hosted on an ESP server. A page runs in your browser, allowing you to access and execute self-contained ECL code on your HPCC Systems platform without the use of any other tools. The ECL Playground then shows you the results and the graph in your browser. The view is very similar to what the ECL IDE displays.

Accessing ECL Playground

ECL Playground is installed with the HPCC Systems platform. You can access it through the ECL Watch page.

1. In your browser, go to the **ECL Watch** URL. For example, http://nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn:8010, where nnn.nnn.nnn.nnn is your ESP server node's IP address.

	Your IP address could be different from the ones provided in the example images. Please use the IP address of **your** node.

2. From ECL Watch, click on the**ECL** icon, then click the **Playground** link from the navigation sub-menu.

Figure 2. ECL Playground link



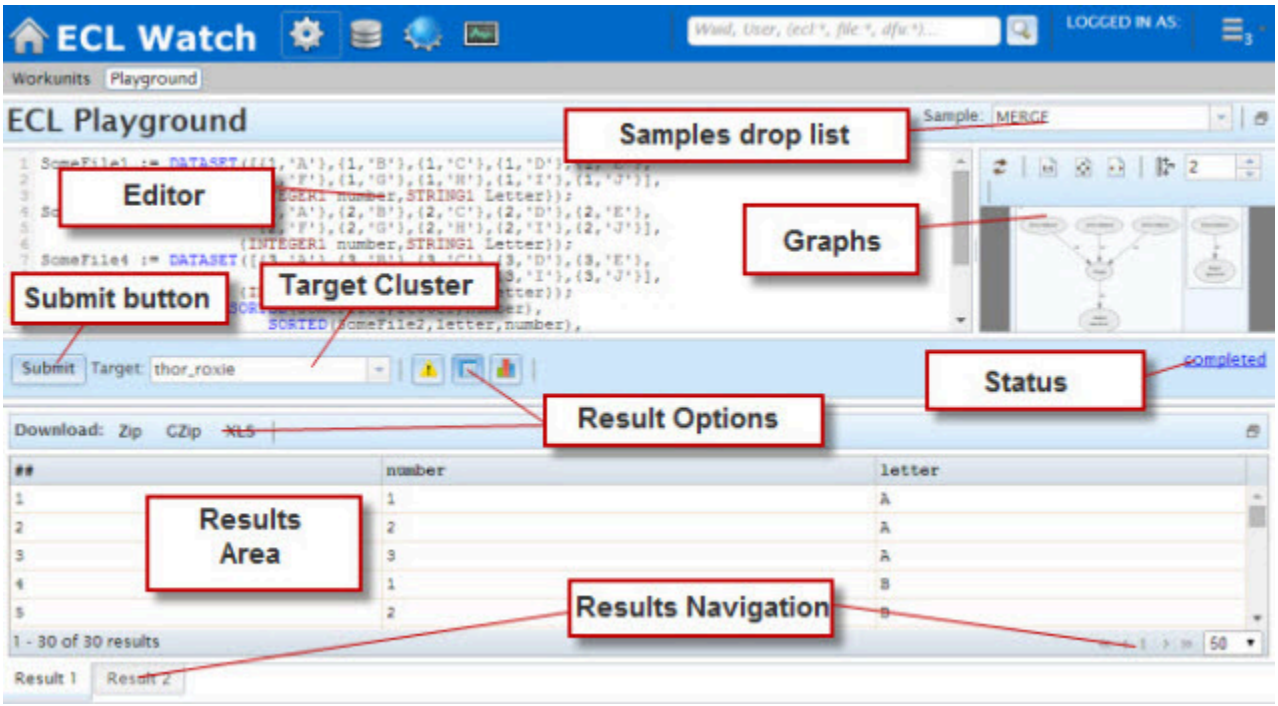
The ECL Playground displays.

© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

Introducing the ECL Playground

The ECL Playground page is a work area where you can see and run self-contained ECL code. You can see the code, submit it, and see the results. You can even change the code and resubmit it to instantly see the new results right in your browser. This is an ideal tool for the user who is not an ECL programming expert who wants to change some of the ECL code and see the results.

Figure 3. The ECL Playground



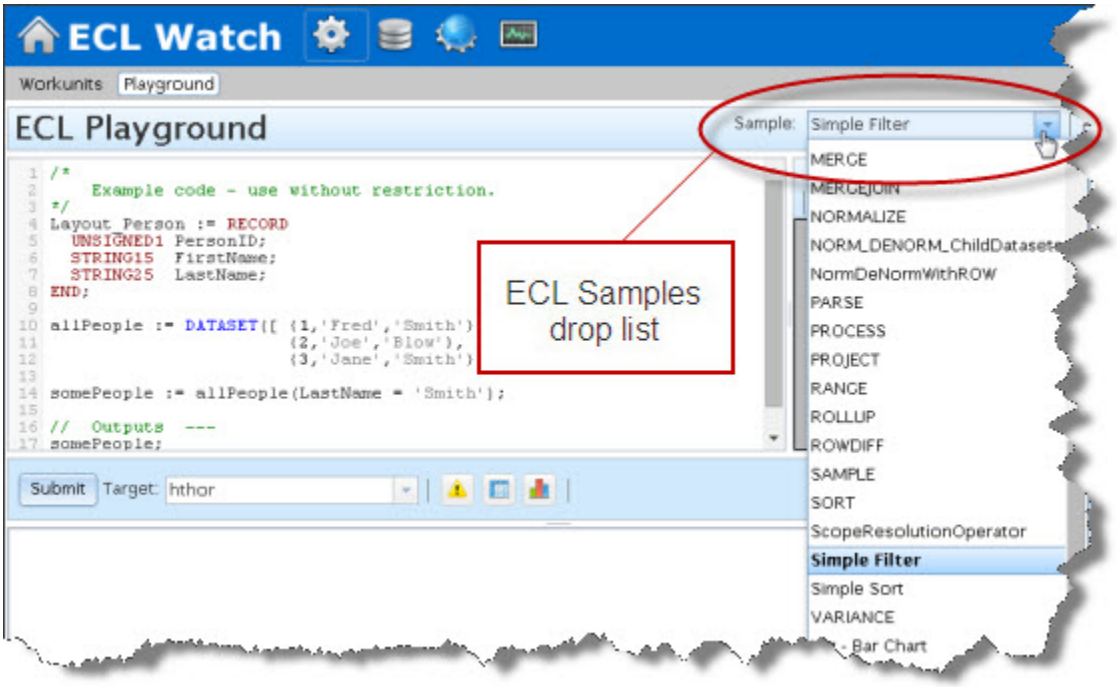
The ECL Playground page is divided into areas. The top portion contains the *Editor* area and the *Graph Viewer*. The Sample code drop list is at the top right. The bottom portion of the page displays the results.

The ECL Playground comes with a set of ready to run sample ECL code. The drop list contains code samples. Select any one of these samples and it loads in the editor.

© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

ECL Playground

Figure 4. Sample drop list



The selected code displays in the *Editor* area. You can then submit it as-is, or modify and submit. The results display at the bottom portion of the page.

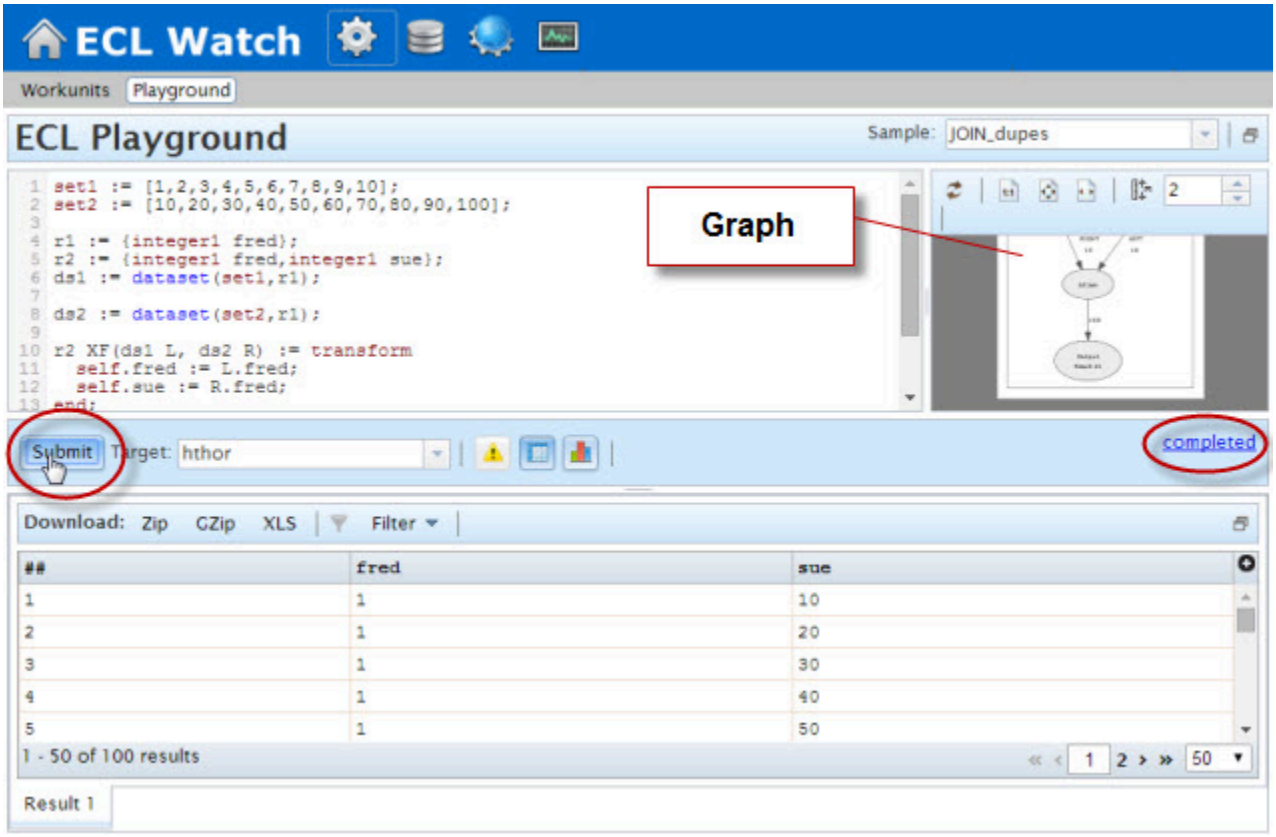
Running ECL Code

To run the selected sample code, choose a target cluster from the drop list, then press the **Submit** button.

A successful run displays the word **completed** as the status and the results display in the results viewer. You can also view the graph in the upper right.

© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

Figure 5. Success

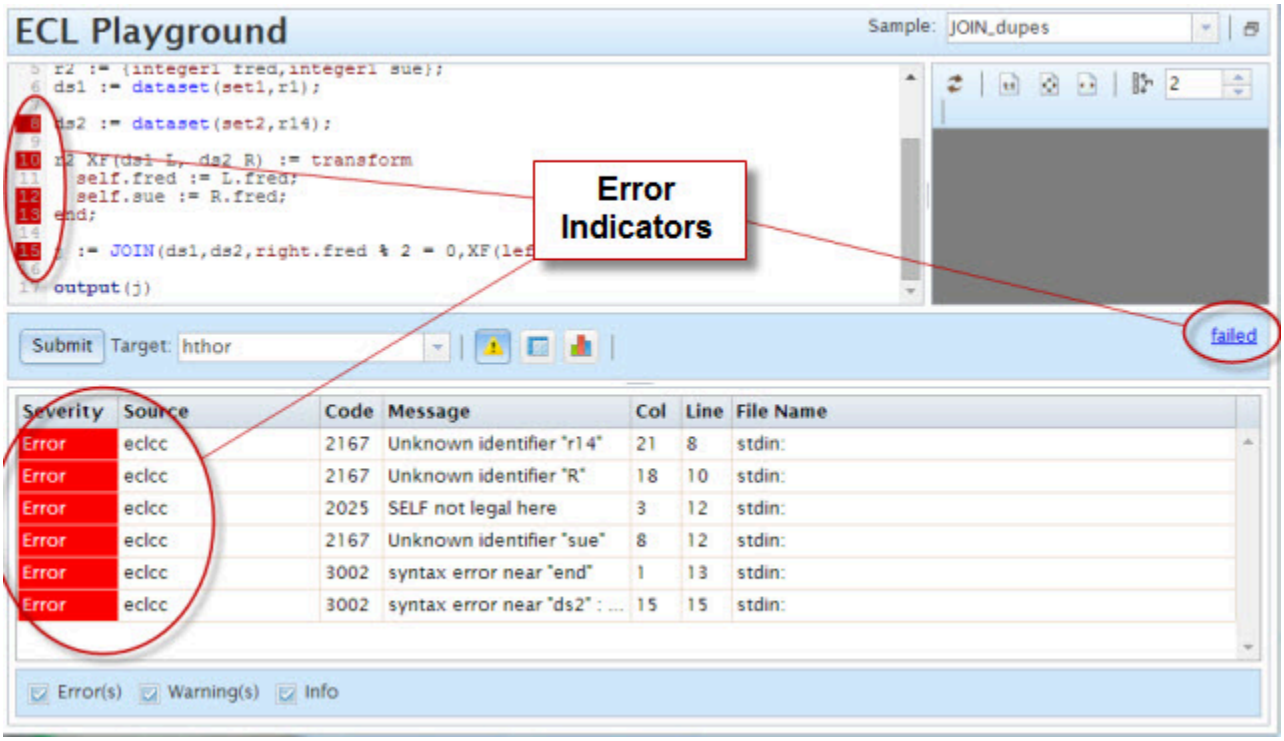


A completed job generates a graph. You can examine the graph in greater detail by double-clicking the graph to zoom in. You can also zoom in with the mouse wheel. A double-click on a blank area of the graph will zoom out. You can use the scroll bars on the border of the graph to navigate or you can drag the graph with your mouse.

Selecting a node in the graph highlights the relevant section of the code in the Editor. This is helpful in troubleshooting or modifying code since it shows you the code that corresponds to a node in the graph.

© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

Figure 6. Error



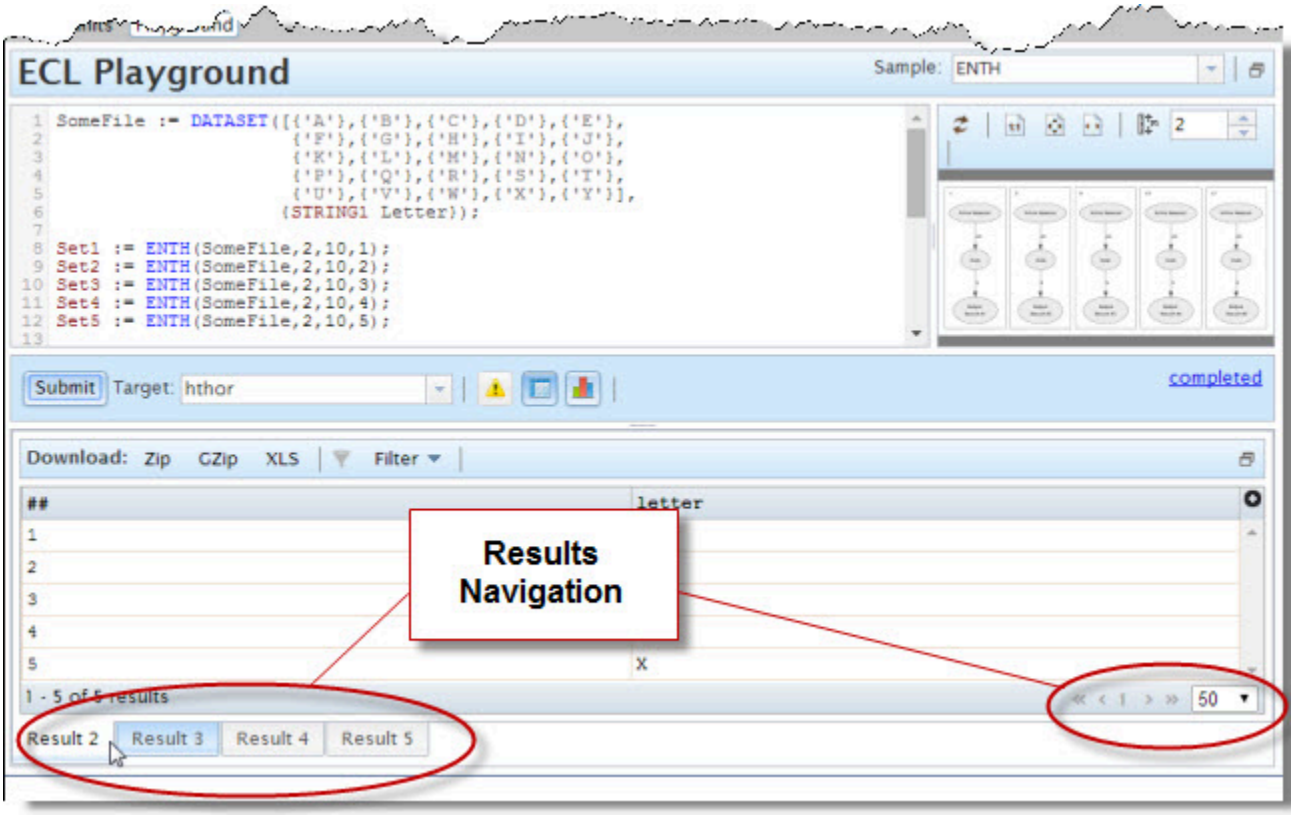
The status area displays the job status. If a job fails, errors display in the result viewer and the code is highlighted in red in the *Editor*. If there are warnings they are displayed in yellow.

Analyze the results

When running ECL Code that has multiple results, each result is on a separate tab. Select a tab to see that set of results. You can also change number of results displayed or page through the results with the links at the bottom.

© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

Figure 7. Multiple results



© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved

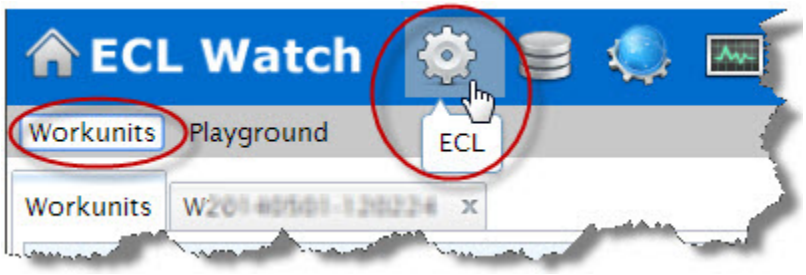
ECL Playground

ECL from a Workunit

You can access ECL code from inside a Workunit Details page in ECL Watch.

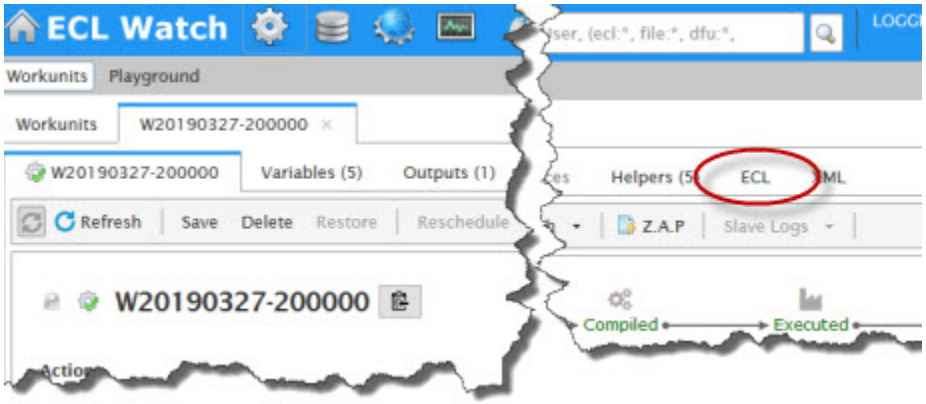
1. Select **Workunits** from the ECL Watch menu.

Figure 8. Browse Workunits



2. Click on a workunit hyperlink to open the Workunit Details page.
3. Click on the **ECL** tab to view the workunit's ECL code.

Figure 9. ECL link



© 2026 HPCC Systems®. All rights reserved