

IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager®

Version 10.1

SQL Diagnostic Manager Home

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- Performance monitoring for physical and virtual SQL Servers
- Deep query analysis to identify excessive waits and resource consumption
- History browsing to find and troubleshoot past issues
- Adaptive & automated alerting with 100+ pre-defined and configurable alerts
- Capacity planning to see database growth trends and minimize server sprawl

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Access the SQL Diagnostic Manager Release Notes

IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager provides an unprecedented level of diagnostic information on the health, performance, and status of SQL Server instances across your environment. You can view, diagnose, and report on critical performance statistics from a central point of control.

Using a unique agent-less architecture, SQL Diagnostic Manager gathers diagnostic information in real time, keeping database administrators and managers informed by providing customized alerts. Easy to install and use, SQL Diagnostic Manager is an indispensable SQL Server management tool that benefits both experienced and junior database administrators.

To get a glimpse into the newest features, fixed issues, and known issues in this release of SQL Diagnostic Manager, review the following sections of the Release Notes:

- See new features in this release
- Review issues fixed by this release
- Review previous features and fixed issues
- See known issues
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New features and fixed issues

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides the following new features and fixed issues.

10.1.1 New features

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to launch SQL Workload Analysis in context of your monitored server from the desktop console and the IDERA Dashboard. For more information, see [Launch SQL Workload Analysis](#).

10.1.1 Fixed issues

Reports

The Transaction Log Statistics report is no longer showing erroneous used size values.

The Disk Space History report is no longer encountering the 'String or binary data would be truncated' error.

Query Monitor

Query Monitor is no longer reporting a captured stored procedure as both a SQL Batch and a Stored Procedure when Query Monitor is configured to collect queries using Extended Events.

Query monitor is no longer capturing queries that do not meet threshold definitions.

Procedure Cache

SQLDM is no longer having issues when accessing to the Procedure Cache tab.

SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)

SQLDM is no longer reported inflated values for the SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent) metric on monitored instances running on systems with hyper-threaded CPU.

Server Log file

The IDERA Dashboard is no longer recording the user login and password in the server.log file.

Cloud instances

SQLDM is no longer encountering the 'Read login mode failed:System.IndexOutOfRangeException: Index was outside the bounds of the array' error while attempting to retrieve live data from a monitored instance running on Amazon EC2.

Blocked Sessions Graphs

The Blocked Sessions graphs report correctly the number of deadlocks that were detected by SQLDM.

Prescriptive Analysis

The Prescriptive Analysis is no longer encountering the '*Error converting data type nvarchar to float*' error while saving the collected data into the SQLDM repository database.

Grooming

SQLDM is now grooming the DatabaseFileStatistics table in the SQLDM repository database.

Alerts

The Alerts pane is no longer having issues loading any active alerts due to a timeout with the query being issued against the SQLDM repository database. This query has been optimized to retrieve the list of active alerts in a timely manner.

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Previous features and fixed issues

This build includes many fixed issues, including the following updates from previous releases.

10.1 New features

Health Index Calculation

Modify the index calculation scale factor for each type of alert. Assign instances more or less importance in the overall heatmap ranking by modifying their scale factors. For additional information, see [Heatmap Calculation Configuration](#).

Use Instance Friendly Name in Web Console

The Friendly Name assigned in the Desktop Console can also be used in the Web Console. For more information, see [Assign a friendly name to your SQL Server instance](#).

Query Waits Alert Response Action

Collect more information by enabling the collection of Query Waits when the criteria for an alert response rule is met. For additional information, see [Query Waits Action Provider](#).

SCOM Alert Response Action

Send an Event or an Alert to SCOM in response to an alert when the criteria for the new alert rule is met. For additional information, go to [SCOM Event Action Provider](#) and [SCOM Alert Action Provider](#).

PowerShell Alert Response Action

Specify a PowerShell script to run in response to an alert when the criteria for the new alert rule is met. For additional information, see [PowerShell Action Provider](#).

PowerShell Snap-in Added Functions

Customize your monitored SQL Server properties with new cmdlets. For more information, see [Customize your Monitored SQL Server properties within PowerShell](#).

Independent Scheduling of Multiple Baselines

Add and schedule multiple baseline periods in addition to the default baseline. For additional information, see [Schedule multiple baselines](#).

10.1 Fixed issues

General

The SQLDM Desktop is no longer showing slow performance that was caused by retained data from deleted instances.

Grooming process

The grooming process has stopped the exceeding growth of the SQLStatementsOverflow table.

Monitor AlwaysOn Availability Groups

The monitored Availability Group Listeners no longer have issues gathering information from the primary replica.

The “Unreadable availability replica” status is no longer displaying in the databases that are part of AlwaysOn Availability Groups.

Collection service

Enabling maintenance mode for all monitored instances is no longer causing SQLDM Collection Service crash.

Troubleshoot WMI connectivity issues

After troubleshooting the WMI connectivity issues the “WMI is not available on the server” alert is no longer displayin

10.0.2 New features

There are no new features.

10.0.2 Fixed issues

General

- The "DtcService Status" error displayed after selecting a view or tag in the desktop client, when configured with the Hungarian system language, no longer occurs.
- An issue preventing SQL Diagnostic Manager from registering instances using long and complex SQL Authentication passwords no longer occurs.
- The Snapshot Selection window now displays correctly the AM and PM time symbols when using French (Swiss) regional settings in SQL Diagnostic Manager.
- The SQL Server 2012 and SQL Server 2008 versions are now displayed correctly in SQL Diagnostic Manager.
- An issue preventing SNMP Traps to work properly no longer occurs

Report

- An issue preventing the Top Queries report from displaying accurate results is fixed.
- There are no longer any issues preventing the Top Servers report from rendering properly or deploying into a Microsoft Reporting Services Server.
- A data type conversion error no longer occurs when running the Top Queries report in SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Query waits

- An issue preventing Query Waits from being retrieved historically no longer occurs.

Query Monitor

- An issue causing Query Monitor to be disabled after Maintenance Mode no longer occurs.

Alerts

- There are no longer any issues preventing alert templates from being edited after making changes in the "Days since last backup" metric configuration.
- There are no longer any issues causing operational query monitor alerts to be triggered repeatedly due to an XML parsing error in SQL Diagnostic Manager.
- The Days since last backup alert now works seamlessly in an availability group environment.
- The Days since last back up alert is no longer triggered for database snapshots.
- The Days since last back up alert is no longer triggered for mirrored databases.
- There are no longer any issues preventing alerts from being triggered properly in the desktop console after upgrading SQL Diagnostic Manager.
- The details section of the Alerts view now displays the full list of recorded error log messages for SQL Server Error Log alerts.

Tables & Indexes view

- There are no longer any issues causing data to populate slowly and timeout messages when accessing the Tables & Indexes view.

Custom Counters

- Monitored SQL Server instances now remain linked to custom counters when setting maintenance mode with PowerShell.

10.0.1 New features

There are no new features.

10.0.1 Fixed issues

General

- The desktop client is no longer unresponsive when the registered instances are unable to connect.

Blocking Sessions view

- The bottom chart of the Blocking Sessions view is now displaying a correct blocking session count.

Reports

- There are no longer any issues preventing the Top Servers report from rendering properly or deploying into a Microsoft Reporting Services Server.

10.0 New features

Prescriptive analysis

Run or schedule a prescriptive analysis or workload analysis on a specific SQL Server instance to identify and resolve common areas of SQL Server performance problems such as queries, database objects, and more. The analysis results in useful configuration and tuning recommendations that you can apply. For additional information, see [Analyze your SQL Server instance](#).

Multiple baselines

Define and schedule any number of baseline periods. View relevant baseline in effect in various metric graphs plus enable alerting and recommendations to review thresholds. For additional information, see [Configure server baseline options](#)

Multiple SQL Diagnostic Manager custom dashboards

Graphically create multiple custom dashboards by dragging-and-dropping widgets. Easily control time range across widgets, add, edit, duplicate, and remove dashboards. Use your multiple dashboards to compare metrics across your monitored instances. For additional information, see [Create custom dashboards](#)

Import/Export alert response

In SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 you can select alert responses to import or export . For additional information, see [Configure how SQL Diagnostic Manager responds to alerts](#) .

Import/Export wizard

The Import/Export wizard centralizes all SQL Diagnostic Manager import and export capability for customization. In one stop import or export all your alert responses, alert templates, custom counters, and custom reports. For additional information, see [Use the SQL Diagnostic Manager Import/Export wizard](#)

Top Servers report

Generate a report on a specific metric (e.g. CPU utilization) and clearly view the top 10 servers with the highest threshold over a given timeframe. For additional information, see [Top servers custom report](#).

Self-service licensing model

In SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 you can login to the Idera Customer Portal or launch the license manager utility to generate your own license keys. For additional information, see [Generate a new license key](#).

Web console improvements

Federated Overview screens

Access aggregated views and functions for all your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repositories connected to the IDERA Dashboard. Filter results by tags, a specific SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository, a specific SQL Server Major version, or an instance name through wildcard characters. For additional information, see [Navigate the web console dashboard](#).

New common Dashboard widgets

Use any of the eighteen Top X widgets available for customization in the Overview tab or the Details view of the IDERA Dashboard. For more information on this feature, see [Navigate the IDERA Dashboard](#)

New color-coded Alerts Timeline view

Easily identify the highest alert for your monitored instance at any point in the time and the highest alert for a specific category. Select a default time range or a customized one, filter timeline results by category and display order. For more information on this feature, see [View your SQL Server alerts](#).

Query Waits view enhancements

Re-designed Query Waits by Time and Query Waits by Duration views. New Wait Category dimension to display, selectable time range, and improved navigation from one view to another. For more information, see [View your SQL Server query waits information](#).

Databases Summary view enhancements

Select multiple databases to display as horizontal stacked bar charts. For more information, see [View your SQL Server databases information](#).

Collapsible side panel

Hide or expand the side panels of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Overview view. For more information, see [Navigate the web console dashboard](#).

10.0 Fixed issues

General

- This release fixes an issue with unsigned executables that occasionally blocked upgrades or resulted in security concerns that files may be corrupted. In SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 executable binary files are digitally signed.

Web console

- An issue preventing the Databases view of the web console from populating when a database is offline no longer occurs.

Newsfeed

- An issue preventing users from creating a Newsfeed user account no longer occurs.

9.1.2 New features

There are no new features.

9.1.2 Fixed issues

General

- An issue causing a management service memory leak no longer occurs.

IDERA Dashboard

- A registration issue causing the web console and IDERA Dashboard to display blank no longer occurs.

Disk view

- An issue preventing the Disk Busy Total or Disk Busy Per Disk graphs from displaying data no longer occurs .

9.1.1 New features

There are no new features.

9.1.1 Fixed issues

General

- An issue preventing OS metric statistics from being collected and disk drives not to be discovered after upgrading to 9.1, no longer occurs.

Single instance dashboard

- This release fixes an issue that prevented the databases tab of the single instance dashboard from populating when a database was set offline.

Deadlocks

- An issue causing deadlocks in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database after upgrading to SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1, no longer occurs.

Mount Point

- An issue preventing filegroup statistics to be saved to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository, no longer occurs. This issue was specific to filegroups aiming at Mount Point drives.

Alerts

- An issue causing the Filegroup Space Full (percent) alert to trigger with higher than normal percentage values after upgrading to SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1, no longer occurs.

Hyper-V

- A permissions issue preventing the Hyper-V server from collecting data and displaying the same, no longer occurs. Note that SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the direct WMI credentials established by the user under **OS Metrics > Properties** to obtain data for the Hyper-V host. To gather VM metrics SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the VM credentials assigned by the user under **Tools > VM Configuration**.

9.1 New features

Web console improvements

Aggregated views across multiple SQL Diagnostic Manager repositories

SQL Diagnostic Manager users are now able to access aggregated views and functions for all their SQL Diagnostic Manager Repositories connected to the IDERA Dashboard. For example, the option to filter results by a specific SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository are included. For additional information, see [Navigate the IDERA Dashboard](#).

Launch the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console from various views

In SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1 users can launch the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console from the Thumbnail and Heatmap views, as well as from the Alerts Detail screen. Upon clicking the SQL Diagnostic Manager icon , users are directed to the associated instance. In addition, users can navigate back to the Overview tab of a specific single instance dashboard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.

Adjustable panels in key web console views

The panels in the list, thumbnail, and heatmap sub-views of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console are now adjustable, allowing users to expand panels to fit the page or to return to previous setting.

Improved thumbnail sub-view

The thumbnail sub-view provides you with a graphical replication of your monitored SQL servers. The thumbnail sub-view is now sorted by criticality of worst alert and it includes CPU, Memory, I/O, and Response Time sparkline graphs for a 1-hour view so that users can obtain an overview of key metrics quickly. For additional information, see [Use sub-views to identify and diagnose issues](#).

Improved heatmap sub-view

The heatmap sub-view provides you with a visual overall status of your SQL Server environment in the form of a grid of color coded squares that contain a *health index*. Through its color scheme and health index, you can easily identify which of your monitored instances need the most attention. Each square in the heatmap sub-view represents a monitored instance. For additional information, see [Use sub-views to identify and diagnose issues](#).

New web console widgets

SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1 contains several new widgets for practical access to specific information in both the IDERA Dashboard and the web console:

- Overview tab widgets.** Overall status , Instance status , Instance list , and Active alerts list.
- Details view tab widgets.** Top instances by alert count, Top databases by alert counts, Top instances by CPU usage, and Alert counts by category.
- Resources tab widgets.** Top sessions by active CPU and Top sessions by I/O activity.

Monitoring of non-query activities with Extended Events

In SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1 collection of non-query events data such as deadlocks, Autogrow, and blocking is performed through Extended Events by default for SQL Server instances running SQL Server 2012+. First introduced in SQL Server 2008, Extended Events provide a new mechanism to capture information about events inside the Database Engine and diagnose performance problems. This functionality is highly efficient and lightweight, resulting in minimum impact on your SQL Server performance. For additional information, see [Set activity monitor options](#).

Integration with the IDERA community site

SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1 allows users to share product content , saving valuable resources. With these new features you can import and export custom counters, custom reports and alert templates. For additional information, see [Use custom counters to track metrics](#), [Custom reports](#), and [Configure alert templates](#).

Filegroup and Mount Point monitoring improvements

Configurable database filegroup alerts are now available

The [Filegroup Space Full \(Percent\)](#) and the [Filegroup Space Full \(Size\)](#) alerts allow users to track available space at the filegroup level.

New Disk Size view

The new Disk Size view in the Resources tab allows users to view key statistics on all monitored disk drives, including mount point drives, in their environment. To access this new view, users can select an appropriate SQL Server instance, and then click **Disk Size** in the **Views** group of the **Resources** tab. For more information on this feature, see [Get disk size details](#).

Disk Space Usage report available in SQL Diagnostic Manager

The Disk Space Usage report provides users with the most recent snapshot of available disk space in their environment. To access this report, users can go to **Reports** in the Navigation pane and select **Resources > Disk Space Usage** in the Analyze menu. For more information on this report, see [Disk Space Usage](#).

Disk Space History report available in SQL Diagnostic Manager

The Disk Space History report provides an overview on available disk space with an emphasis on the historic level of activity for a specific disk. To access this report, users can go to **Reports** in the Navigation pane and select **Resources > Disk Space History** in the Analyze menu. For more information, see [Disk Space History](#).

Monitoring of additional SQL Server services

SQL Server Active Directory Helper Status

SQL Diagnostic Manager users are now able to monitor the status of the SQL Server Active Directory Helper service. For more information on this new alert, see [SQL Server Active Directory Helper Service Status alert](#).

SQL Server Browser Service Status

SQL Diagnostic Manager users are now able to monitor the status of the SQL Server Browser service. For more information on this new alert, see [SQL Server Browser Service Status alert](#).

Server Summary report supports new SQL Server monitored services

The Server Summary report now also displays the current status of the SQL Server Active Directory Helper service and the SQL Server Browser service. For additional information, see [Server Summary](#).

9.1 Fixed issues

Installation

- This release fixes a Windows 7 compatibility mode issue that prevented users from installing SQL Diagnostic Manager past the selection of a SQL Server instance to use for the Repository Database. An upgrade to InstallShield solved this issue.

Web console

- An issue preventing the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console from displaying, no longer occurs with the full integration to the IDERA Dashboard.

Query views

- An issue in the Query views of the single instance dashboard, causing data to populate slowly and timeout messages, no longer occurs.

Query waits view

- An arithmetic overflow error causing the Query Waits view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management console to display an empty pane, no longer occurs.

Alerts

- This release fixes an issue that caused fragmentation alerts to trigger without updating the latest value returned in the **Databases > Table & Indexes** view, resulting in false alerts.
- An issue preventing users from receiving critical Database Full (Percent) alerts no longer occurs.

- This release fixes an issue where SQL Diagnostic Manager triggered a false unable to monitor SQL Server status alert when an invalid or nonexistent SPID was found during collection.
- This release fixes an issue where SQL Diagnostic Manager triggered false critical Database Full (Percent) alerts for several servers when the actual values were much lower and did not require an alert notification.

Maintenance mode

- This release fixes an issue in the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console, where servers displayed incorrectly as in maintenance mode even when maintenance mode was not enabled or scheduled.

SCOM Management pack

- An issue in the SCOM Management pack, preventing users from discovering the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository when it contained unexpected NULL values, no longer occurs.

WMI

- An issue causing RPC errors on servers with FQDN and the WMI collection method enabled, no longer occurs.

9.0 New features

Integration with the IDERA Dashboard

SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 now integrates with the IDERA Dashboard, a common technology framework, designed to support the IDERA product suite. Users are able to obtain an overview of the status of their SQL Servers and hosted databases all in a consolidated view and navigate to individual product dashboards for details. The IDERA Dashboard provides a central set of services for managing users, product registry, instance registry, aggregated alerts across IDERA applications, a central web server, and tags for grouping instances. For additional information, see [Navigate the IDERA Dashboard](#).

New advanced query views

SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 takes SQL Diagnostic Manager's capabilities around query monitoring and diagnostics to the next level with a new Main Query view along with two low-level views (Query Signature and Query Details views). Users are now able to explore query data in multiple ways and easily get a handle of query performance in their environment. In SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 query monitoring is enabled by default for SQL Server instances running SQL Server 2008+, and collection is performed through Extended Events which has minimum impact on your SQL Server performance. Improved query monitoring allows for capturing of Query Execution Plans and provides graphical representations of the same in the Plan Diagram of the Query Details view. In addition, you can view the actual XML, SQL Text, and referenced columns of a query execution plan. For additional information, see [View your SQL Server queries information](#).

Improved and integrated SQL Diagnostic Manager web console

SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 provides a fully functional web console that integrates seamlessly with the IDERA Dashboard (common technology framework) and is easy to access from any connected browser. The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console provides the overall status of a SQL Server environment to help diagnose any issues. Users can quickly view the status of a single instance or instance groups, view all active alerts in their SQL Server environment and drill down for details, or select different sub-views to diagnose performance issues faster, and view top values for selected metrics. In addition, users are able to access the new advanced query views (see above) only from the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console and not from the SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop client console. For additional information, see [Navigate the web console dashboard](#).

Licensing and version upgrading –

Upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0

Customers upgrading from previous SQL Diagnostic Manager versions to SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 need a new license key or it is not possible to continue with the upgrade process. Users can access the IDERA Customer Portal at the moment of upgrade from the license management window in SQL Diagnostic Manager (Help > Manage Licenses) or directly at <https://idera.secure.force.com>. Information necessary to generate a new license key is provided in the license management screen or the portal.

Help documentation –

SQL Diagnostic Manager Help (User Guide and Release Notes) is now wiki-hosted and available at wiki.idera.com > **SQL Diagnostic Manager**.

9.0 Fixed issues

Query Monitor

- An issue preventing users from enabling the Query Monitor in monitored SQL Server 2000 instances no longer occurs.

Queries

- An issue in the Queries tab and corresponding Statement mode, Signature mode and query history views, causing queries exported into Excel to truncate, no longer occurs.

Alerts

- This release fixes an issue that prevented users from knowing when Repository grooming had timed out. SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 includes a new alert [SQLdm Repository Grooming Time out](#) that notifies users when SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer deletes stored metrics in the Repository at the set schedule. To configure this alert access the Alert Configuration window.

Reports

- An issue preventing users from running the Disk Details report of the Resources analysis reports no longer occurs.

8.6 New features

Full support for SQL Server Express instances

SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.6 fully supports monitoring of SQL Server Express instances. The following editions are supported: SQL Server 2005 Express, 2008, 2008 R2, 2012, and 2014.

Reporting on Query Wait Statistics

You can now run the Query Wait Statistics report to quickly analyze different wait type categories on your SQL Server and identify where your biggest bottlenecks are occurring impacting your performance. For additional information about the new Query Waits Statistics report, see [Query Waits Statistics report](#).

Query Waits information is now extended to the Top Servers and Top Databases reports

SQL Diagnostic Manager has extended Query Waits information to the Top Servers and Top Databases report, providing users insight into the queries on your SQL Server instance that exceed a specific wait threshold. Users can now view information on Top Servers by wait time and Top Databases by wait time. For additional information, see [Top Servers](#) and [Top Databases](#).

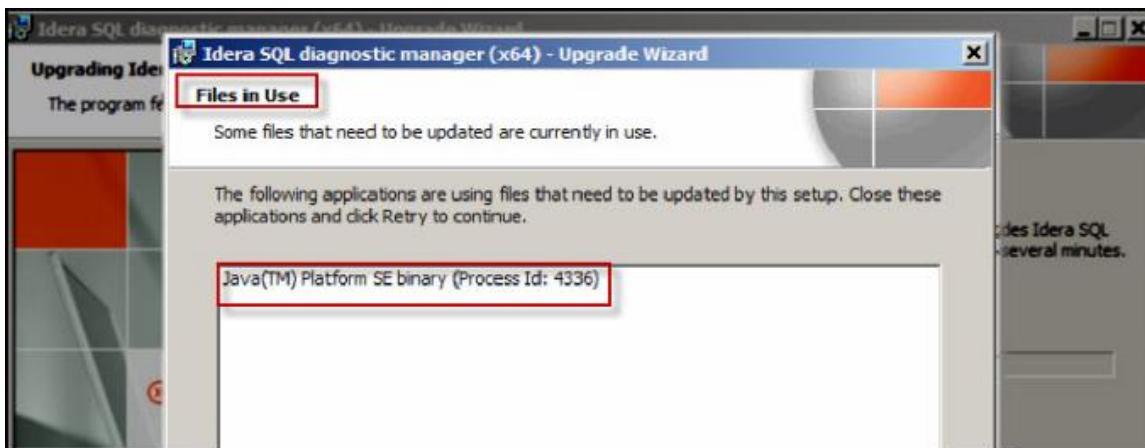
New database alert for Availability Group Preferred Replica

SQL Diagnostic Manager triggers an [Availability Group Preferred Replica](#) whenever the primary role changes to a different replica and is unavailable for a defined amount of time in minutes.

8.6 Fixed Issues

Upgrade

- Users upgrading from SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5 to 8.6 may encounter a message (see image below) that requests closing the Java framework application to proceed with the upgrade process. This framework is in use by the SQLdm WebUI Service of our web console feature. Clicking **Ignore** allows the upgrade installation process to complete successfully. You can also stop the SQLdm WebUI Service manually and click **Retry** to proceed with the Upgrade Wizard.



General

- This release fixes an issue where scheduled SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository grooming failed.
- This release fixes an issue that prevented data from being returned on a SQL 2012 instance when selecting the option **Use Extended Events (SQL2012 + only)** in the Wait Monitoring tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

Views

- An issue causing **Data File Spaced Used** and **Log File Space Used** values in the **Overview > Details** view to vary from the real server values no longer occurs.
- This release fixes an issue where the number of sessions displayed in the **Sessions > Details** view, after applying the **Affecting Tempdb only** filter, does not match the number of sessions in the **Databases > Tempdb Summary** view.
- An issue preventing disk drive statistics to return in the Disk view of the Resources tab no longer occurs.
- This release fixes an issue that caused the Query waits and Query History views to lag displaying data when the frequency of how often the console refreshes data was modified in the **Tools > Console Options** window.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager is designed to return the information that you want to view in the Signature Mode, Statement Mode, and Query History views through filters. However, the filter **Exclude Currently Running Queries** that excludes data returned with null values is not applicable to the Query History view and is now disabled by default.

Alerts

- An issue causing OS Disk Full (Percent) alerts to trigger for disk drives previously excluded from alerting in the Alert Filters tab of the Advanced Configuration window no longer occurs.
- This release fixes an issue impeding the Deadlock Sessions report with detailed deadlock information to display when right-clicking (Show Deadlock Details) or double-clicking over a deadlock alert in the Alerts view. Note that after upgrading to our latest version it is not possible to view deadlock details for alerts generated in SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5 since this issue prevented deadlock information from being stored.
- This release fixes an issue impeding the Blocking Sessions report with detailed blocking and blocked sessions' information to display when right-clicking (Show Block Details) in the Alerts view, double-clicking over a Block report in the Blocking view, or clicking the Show Block Details link in the Details section of the Alert view. Note that after upgrading to our latest version it is not possible to view block details for alerts generated in SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5 since this issue prevented block information from being stored.
- An issue impeding new custom counters to be added in the Administration tab is solved.

Console

- This release fixes an issue present after upgrading to SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5 with custom counters that had customized categories. This issue caused a .NET framework error and the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console to crash when clicking any monitored server.

Dashboard

- An issue preventing the Lock Waits and Tempdb panels from displaying in a customized Dashboard view no longer occurs.

Reports

- An issue preventing the Top Queries report to deploy correctly into a Microsoft Reporting Services Server no longer occurs.
- This release fixes an issue where a custom report was deployed into the Microsoft Reporting Services Server instead of the selected report in SQL Diagnostic Manager with a similar name.

8.5 New features

Full support for SQL Server 2014

SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5 fully supports monitoring of SQL Server 2014 RTM. Users who implement the SQL Server 2014 In-Memory OLTP Engine functionality should note that SQL Diagnostic Manager does not support this feature at the moment.

Hyper-V support

SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5 has extended virtual support to Hyper-V, providing users insight into the performance of their virtual system more effectively. Users can track and monitor Hyper-V specific performance metrics for a complete view of the virtualized server and the physical host. For additional information, see [How SQLdm works with a virtual environment](#).

Tech Preview of the new SQL Diagnostic Manager web console

In SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5 rapidly and easily identify problems. The [SQL Diagnostic Manager web console](#) is designed to provide quick access to the overall status of the SQL Server environment to help diagnose any issues.

- Quickly view status of a single instance or instance groups.
- Access from any connected browser. No SQL Diagnostic Manager Desktop Console required.
- Stand-alone web application with no need for IIS.

- Provide an easy to use web console to non-DBAs without giving access to entire management console so they can check on status of their SQL Server environment.

To provide feedback on the Tech Preview of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console, access the [IDERA community forum](#).

 The SQLdm REST Service requires a service account that is a *local administrator*. If the service account provided during installation for the SQL Diagnostic Manager services is not a local administrator, you need to manually change the service account in Windows Service Control Manager.

Monitoring and alerting enhancements

Enhanced alert response usability

Ability to set up Alert Response that is triggered only after multiple user defined metric thresholds have been breached. For additional information, see [Configure automated responses to alerts](#).

Inclusion filters for Query monitors

Ability to do query monitoring on selected applications, databases, and SQL text. For additional information, see [Configure advanced query monitor options](#).

New filter in the Signature Mode and Statement Mode views

Ability to exclude data returned with null values through the **Exclude Currently Running Queries** filter in the Signature Mode and Statement Mode views.

Improved Maintenance Mode flexibility

Additional monthly option for scheduling maintenance mode on monitored SQL server instances. For details, see [Schedule Maintenance Mode](#).

Virtualization counters available for custom reports

Select both Hyper-V and VMware virtualization counters when creating a custom report. For additional information, see [Select counter type and counters](#).

Run one-click System Diagnostics

Ability to run system diagnostics and collect service and desktop client logs in the System Diagnostics window. See [System Diagnostics](#) for details.

Deadlock victim details now available in the Deadlock Sessions Report

The Deadlock Sessions Report of the **Sessions>Blocking** view includes deadlock victim information by default. Users no longer have to manually add this option through the **Column Chooser** dialog. For additional information see, [Analyze blocked sessions](#).

Configuration option added to control WMI timeouts

Configure the WMI timeout value in SQL Diagnostic Manager when suitable. For instructions, see [Configure OS metrics monitoring](#).

8.5 Fixed Issues

General

- An issue causing settings in the Monitored SQL Server Properties window to revert no longer occurs.
- This release fixes an issue in deadlock data collection that caused discrepancies in the UTCCollectionDateTime.
- An issue causing SQL Diagnostic Manager to display an error on the monitored SQL Server 2014 instance when expanding the databases node, no longer occurs.
- Some users may experience Windows console crashes, applying the **Microsoft update 2919355** solves this issue. For additional information on this solution, see the Microsoft knowledge base articles:
 - [Out of memory when you load some image resources in a Windows application](#).
 - [Platform update for Windows 7 SP1 and Windows Server 2008 R2 SP1](#).

Alerts

- An issue preventing cluster failover alerts to be triggered no longer occurs in SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.5.
- An issue preventing SQL Diagnostic Manager to update statistics for some monitored SQL servers that triggered a persistent alert 'Unable To Monitor' no longer occurs in version 8.5.

Reports

- This release fixes an issue impeding the VM Statistics report to display correctly.
- An issue preventing users from exporting the Blocking Sessions report in XML no longer occurs.
- An issue preventing the CPU Statistics report to display correctly when being deployed to the Microsoft Reporting Services no longer occurs.

8.0.1 New features

There are no new features in this release.

8.0.1 Fixed issues

General

- Users with large Repository databases no longer experience high CPU Usage by the sqlserv.exe process.
- An issue causing occasionally negative CPU Delta (ms) and Physical I/O Delta values in the Details view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Sessions tab, when parallel usage of CPU is enabled, no longer occurs.

Management Service Log

- An issue causing exceptions in the SQLdm Management Service logs when removing an availability group or replica from Availability Group Topology no longer occurs.
- The exceptions logged for 'primary and foreign key duplication errors' no longer occur.

AlwaysOn Availability Groups

- An issue causing deadlock errors after updates to the AlwaysOn Availability Group Topology tables in SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer occurs.

Mobile

- Users who remain logged in the IDERA Newsfeed account and upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0.1 no longer experience console crashes.

8.0 New features

SQL Diagnostic Manager now fully supports the AlwaysOn Availability Groups feature of SQL Server 2012

SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 now allows DBAs to monitor their availability groups, availability replicas, and availability databases. Support for this feature comes with:

- An [Availability Group Statistics report](#) that allows you view the historical health of your availability groups, availability replicas, and availability databases.
- An [Availability Group Topology report](#) that allows you to view the current topology of your availability groups configuration.
- Monitoring of key metrics specific to the AlwaysOn Availability Groups feature.
- Queue Size and Transfer Rates charts.

For additional information on SQL Diagnostic Manager and the AlwaysOn Availability Groups feature, see [Monitor AlwaysOn Availability Groups](#).

SQL Diagnostic Manager now offers integration with Microsoft System Center Operations Manager (SCOM)

SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 now includes the SQLdm Management Pack (SQLdm MP) to enhance the SQL Server monitoring capabilities of Microsoft System Center Operations Manager (SCOM). Detailed alert and status information tracked by SQL Diagnostic Manager provides SCOM with a wealth of knowledge not previously available including:

- Seamless integration between SQL Diagnostic Manager and the SCOM health model and console.
- More robust overview of your server health and performance through the addition of SQL Diagnostic Manager metrics to the current SCOM ability to use availability to determine SQL Agent health.
- Detailed record of state changes and events that might impact the availability and performance of your server.
- Instant access to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console from SCOM, providing access to vital insights not readily available using SCOM alone.

For additional information about using SQL Diagnostic Manager with System Center Operations Manager, see [Integrate SQL Diagnostic Manager with SCOM](#).

Change Log Summary report

The Change Log Summary report allows users to view a list of all actions and configuration changes performed in their SQL Diagnostic Manager environment over a specified period of time. For additional information on this report, see [Change Log Summary](#).

Improved collection of query and non-query activities

SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 now allows users to collect solely queries' performance data through the [Query Monitor tab](#) in the Monitored SQL Server Properties window. Configure collection of non-query activities such as deadlocks and autogrow events through an independent window, the [Activity Monitor tab](#).

Blocked Process report available in SQL Diagnostic Manager

SQL Diagnostic Manager users are now able to view the captured Blocked Process report directly in their SQL Diagnostic Manager Console. In the Activity Monitor tab, users can configure the Blocked Process Threshold (in seconds) that results in the Blocking Process and Blocked Process details report. To access this report, users can go to Sessions>Blocking and double click under Block Reports. For more information on this feature, see [Set activity monitor options](#).

Improved Maintenance Mode and Snooze Alerts features

In the SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 version, applying maintenance mode modifications to a large number of servers at once is possible through the Maintenance Mode command. Review [Schedule Maintenance Mode](#) for details. Also users that want to tackle several alerts, can mass snooze/resume alert generation through the Snooze Alerts/Resume Alerts commands. For additional information, see [Snooze Alerts](#).

SQL Diagnostic Manager Console supports Operating Systems where FIPS compliance is required

The SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 console supports operating systems with enabled system cryptography that use FIPS (Federal Information Processing Standard) compliant algorithms. For more information about FIPS compliance, see the Microsoft document, [FIPS Compliance](#).

SQL Server 2014 experimental support

SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 is SQL Server 2014 compatible. This version of SQL Diagnostic Manager is not certified against newer builds of SQL Server and should not be used with these builds in a production environment. IDERA provides experimental support while you use your installation in a testing environment to ensure the features you rely on most are working as or better than expected.

Users who implement the SQL Server 2014 In-Memory OLTP Engine functionality should note that SQL Diagnostic Manager does not support this feature at the moment.

8.0 Fixed Issues

General

- An arithmetic overflow error that converts expression to data type integer in the Query Waits and Session Details views no longer occurs.
- An issue causing errors related to data retention or data visibility in the History Browser no longer occurs. Note that some views in SQL Diagnostic Manager only collect data on demand in the repository after configuration.
- In SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 users are now able to limit the amount of memory used by the desktop client.

Servers

This release fixes an issue that occurred while refreshing the Server Summary view.

Databases

An issue causing errors related to fragmentation collector timeouts or fragmentation statistics collection in the Tables & Indexes view no longer occurs.

Services

This release fixes an issue caused when the collector for the SQL Agent Jobs View could not interpret null values, resulting in job and job steps collection errors.

Alerts

- The transactions (Per Second) metric now displays correctly in the History Browser when user selects a historical snapshot.
- This release fixes an issue where after modifying the advanced configuration settings of the SQL Server Status alert, the Lowered to OK status still showed.

Resources

An issue causing an unknown value in the User/Schema column of the Procedure Cache view no longer occurs.

Reports

An issue preventing users from running the Alert History Report after deployment to Reporting Services no longer occurs.

7.5.4 New Features

General

Charts now properly manage real-time and scheduled collection data in the same time span

SQL Diagnostic Manager charts provide data whether collected real time or as part of a scheduled collection event. If you pause or leave this view and then return during the same Console session, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the real-time data points as previously viewed, followed by a period of data points from any scheduled collections that occurred while you were away. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager displays charts, see [Charts](#).

Queries

Query Waits now located on Queries tab

The Query Waits feature is no longer located on the Resources tab but now is available on the Queries tab. For additional information about Query Waits, see [View Query Waits](#).

Alerts

Manage how the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console responds to alert notifications

SQL Diagnostic Manager can now play a sound when an event triggers an alert to change states. You can also control how SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the resulting alert notification in the Console. For additional information about Console notifications for alerts, see [Configure notification settings](#).

Set SQL Diagnostic Manager to notify you of only critical alerts

Use the Notifications section of the Console Options feature to set SQL Diagnostic Manager to notify you for only critical alerts. You can select whether you want to view or even play a sound when a critical alert occurs. For additional information about Console notifications for alerts, see [Configure notification settings](#).

Mobile

SQLdm Mobile & IDERA Newsfeed now supports IIS 8

SQLdm Mobile & IDERA Newsfeed now supports IIS 8 on Windows 2012 and Windows 8 environments. For additional information about SQLdm Mobile & IDERA Newsfeed requirements, see [SQLDM Mobile and IDERA Newsfeed requirements](#).

7.5.4 Fixed Issues

General

- SQL Diagnostic Manager now responds to the collection filtering set for disk drives to prevent the Collection service from gathering data on non-monitored disks.
- Users who upgraded to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.3, and who collect data using a direct WMI connection no longer experience an issue causing an instance to stop collecting snapshots.
- An issue causing errors when the Collection service attempted to collect Table Growth information no longer occurs.

Servers

- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer pauses data point creation in other real-time panels when the user accesses the Timeline view.
- This release fixes an issue caused when the scheduled refresh did not successfully complete, resulting in missing History Browser snapshots.
- The SQL Server Plan Cache object no longer continues to grow with SQL Diagnostic Manager queries even with the SQL Server Optimize for ad hoc workloads server configuration option selected.
- The SQL Diagnostic Manager Powershell plug-in now properly puts monitored SQL Server instances into maintenance mode when selected.

Alerts

- The Autogrow alert no longer displays the same previous and current data file size when viewing alert details in the Alerts view.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer dismisses certain alerts when SQL Diagnostic Manager generates an Unable to Connect, Unable to

- Monitor, or Paused alerts. These alerts include SQL Server Agent job alerts, VM Host Server Change, VM Resource Configuration Change, Mirroring Server Role Change, and Cluster Failover alerts.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays an incorrect percentage in the Database Full (Percent) alert.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer delays generation of some Oldest Open Transaction alerts until the transaction is significantly older than the alert threshold. The alert now triggers immediately when the transaction crosses the threshold.
- An issue preventing some users from monitoring multiple instances and causing job completion error alerts no longer occurs.

Reports

- The Server Summary report now correctly displays statistics graphs and grids even when the results include no data for that interval.
- The Server Statistics report now consistently applies the UTC offset to both servers when using the report to compare two servers.

Counters/Custom Counters

- When WMI counters are unavailable due to a stall, SQL Diagnostic Manager now continues to collect available counter data until it hits the connection limit and triggers an alert.
- VM custom counters now close the connection to the vCenter Server immediately after use, thereby avoiding a high number of connections to the server at one time.

7.5.3 New Features

There are no new features for SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.3.

7.5.3 Fixed Issues

General

- Users who upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.2 no longer experience missed alerts.
- Users who upgrade from SQL Diagnostic Manager 6.2 to a more recent version of SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer experience issues upon subsequent upgrades. SQL Diagnostic Manager displayed the message, "Query Monitor upgrade paused," in the log and caused excessive connections to the Repository.
- Users with large databases who upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.2 no longer experience Management Service blockage, causing slow inserts into the Repository.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager now successfully installs and no longer stalls on the splash screen while displaying the message, "Connecting to Repository."
- The SQLdm Management Service no longer causes high CPU on the Repository.

7.5.2 New Features

There are no new features for SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.2.

7.5.2 Fixed Issues

General

- When upgrading to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.x and a timeout occurs while upgrading the database statistics, SQL Diagnostic Manager now properly re-submits the query and no longer indicates that it is running without re-starting the stopped upgrade. This issue caused some users to not see older database information.
- An issue causing the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console to take a long time to load or time out after upgrading to 7.5 and display the message, "Unable to connect: Timeout expired attempting to open server connection," no longer occurs.
- Users who upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5 no longer experience an issue causing the transaction log file to grow dramatically.
- An issue with the stored procedure p_GetTagServersAsXML not closing or de-allocating a cursor no longer occurs as the stored procedure no longer uses a cursor.
- An issue with table statistics collection causing a communication problem between the Management Service and the Collection Service is resolved.
- SQLdm no longer displays an "Arithmetic overflow error" message when refreshing the Server Summary view. This issue was caused by a timestamp containing a value greater than the SQL Server Max Integer value.

Overview

- An issue causing SQL Diagnostic Manager to display some monitored SQL Server instances more than once in the Servers tree no longer occurs.
- The CPU Dashboard panel no longer displays an occasional red "X" in the Call Rates chart when the panel is resized.

Sessions

- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays the messages, "Error executing Session List collector: Arithmetic overflow error converting expression to data type int," or "Error processing Session List Collector: Object reference not set to an instance of an object," when some

users attempt to access pages in the Sessions view.

Resources

- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays the error message, "The given key was not present in the dictionary," when a user attempts to view Server Waits.

Alerts

- SQL Diagnostic Manager custom counters now properly trigger alert responses.
- Deadlock and Autogrow alerts no longer persist after the triggering condition is resolved.

Reports

- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays the message, "Item with the same key has already been added," when some users attempt to run the Top tables by Growth or Top Tables by Fragmentation report.
- Users can now select the time of day in all SQL Diagnostic Manager reports by using the Start Hours and End Hours fields.

7.5.1 New Features

There are no new features for SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.1.

7.5.1 Fixed Issues

General

- An issue causing an exception error and possibly preventing some users from closing the SQLdm desktop client no longer occurs.

Overview

- The Memory, Network, and Virtualization panel chart selections are now properly saved when a user saves a Dashboard layout.
- Timeline users who double-click an alert to access the Alerts pane with the selected alert highlighted now receive the proper selected alert information in the Details pane of that view.

Sessions

- On a case-sensitive server, the Sessions Blocking graph now shows the correct deadlocks in the sessions.

Resources

- The Query Waits graphs right-click menu options View Text and View Query History are now operative.

Logs

- A user interface update fixed an issue causing some Microsoft Windows 7 users to see a cut-off Search window in the Log tab.

Alerts

- SQL Diagnostic Manager and the Windows Event Log now both show accurate metrics for the OS Disk Free Space (Size) alert.

Reports

- Users who attempt to schedule email notifications for some reports no longer receive an error message at the end of the wizard.
- Generation of the Top Databases report is improved, preventing the report from suffering a time out because of the long load time.
- Disk Details report users no longer receive an exception message when attempting to run the report with the Drive Name field selection of All Drives.

7.5 New Features

There are no new features for SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.

7.5 Fixed Issues

General

- The SQL Diagnostic Manager installer no longer checks your Windows firewall service. If you have communication issues after installation, verify that ports 5166 and 5167 are open for access in Windows firewall and/or whichever firewall you use.

- SQL Diagnostic Manager now properly aggregates data based on the number of days displayed in the Aggregate query data into daily records after X days field in the Grooming Options.
- Users monitoring disk activity on Windows 2008 and later operating systems no longer have to wait one second per disk for statistics gathering.
- Users no longer receive false "Unable to connect" alerts for monitored SQL Server instances known to be online. The server availability check now attempts one connection retry in order to avoid alerting in case of transient network issues.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager now can send email notifications to Gmail accounts and other email accounts using SSL encryption.
- The About IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager dialog box no longer includes the System Info button.

Virtual Machines

- An issue in the SQLdm Management Service causing some VM statistics to not display for monitored virtual SQL Server instances no longer occurs.

Dashboard

- An issue causing the CPU Dashboard panel to display 0 when a greater value should appear no longer occurs. This issue was caused by SQL Diagnostic Manager switching from one counter to another at certain refresh rates when calculating CPU values.

Server Overview

- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer attempts to delete a monitored SQL Server instance in some situations when the user pressed the Delete key while in the Server view.
- An issue causing some users to receive an exception error when attempting to view Server Details after quickly clicking through different panes of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console no longer occurs.

Sessions

- The Y-axis unit of time measurement now appears in the Sessions > Locks Wait Time chart as "ms" (milliseconds).

Resources

- Resources > Query Waits times are now in chronological order.
- Users no longer receive the error message, "The given key was not present in the dictionary," when attempting to view the Resources > Server Waits view.

Databases

- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays restore activity on the original database instead of the destination database. Now the destination database includes any restore information.

Services

- The SQL Agent Jobs list now retains the open (+) and closed (-) settings after a refresh. This list also remains on the same row after a refresh and no longer jumps to the top of the list.
- An issue causing the job collector to fail for some users no longer occurs. This issue occurred when the user attempted to filter jobs or job categories with a string that included a single quote character (') in the title.

Alerts

- The Alerts pane now retains your column sort selection when you return to the pane after visiting another page, as when investigating an individual alert.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager now sends an alert when a cluster failover occurs even when the server appears as offline in the preceding refresh of the SQLdm Collection Service. Previously, this situation would not trigger a cluster failover alert.
- The Session Tempdb Space Usage (MB) alert now triggers based on the Total User Space Used and no longer includes the Total Internal Space Used in the calculation. This update fixes an issue where users received an alert that shows a tempdb session using more space than the entire size of tempdb.
- The Cluster Failover alert no longer displays a timestamp of 1-1-1900 when an event triggers an alert.
- The Unsubscribed Transactions alert now displays the resulting time in hours, minutes, and seconds for easier comprehension.
- This release fixes an issue that caused some users to receive alerts stating that the data files are over 1000.00% full.
- Users no longer receive multiple email messages for the same alert.

Reports

- Users no longer receive the error message, "An error occurred while retrieving data for this report. Additional information: Invalid Column name. (Microsoft SQL Server, Error: 207)," when attempting to run a custom report.
- An issue causing the Top Queries report to appear empty when the user selected a Custom Range older than seven days no longer occurs.

Custom Counters

- An issue causing some users to receive an error message when attempting to modify an existing custom counter no longer occurs.

7.2.2 New Features

There are no new features for SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2.2.

7.2.2 Fixed Issues

- SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2.2 now displays an accurate Physical I/O metric on the Blocking view of the Session tab.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2.2 no longer displays XML document related error messages to users who upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2 with a SQL 2005 repository. To learn more about the cause of this issue, see Microsoft Support Article 968914, "FIX: When you convert a TEXT column to a VARCHAR(MAX) column, an NTEXT column to a NVARCHAR(MAX) column, or an IMAGE column to a VARBINARY(MAX) column, the original NULL values in these columns may become empty strings in SQL Server 2005."
- An issue causing some users to receive an error message when attempting to view details for a monitored SQL Server instance no longer occurs. When this issue occurred, the results were replaced by a large red X.
- Both the Alerts and Custom Area views in SQLdm Mobile now display your custom counters regardless of whether you defined unique category names. By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager assigns the category "Custom" to all custom counters.

7.2.1 New Features

SQL Server 2012 RTM Support

SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2.1 supports the use of SQL Server 2012 RTM version. Users who implement the SQL Server 2012 AlwaysOn functionality should note that while SQL Diagnostic Manager seamlessly monitors servers with this feature enabled, it does not currently administer or diagnose issues with AlwaysOn.

7.2.1 Fixed Issues

- Users who have implemented SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2 with SQL Server 2012 RC0 in a non-production environment may experience issues with data display on the Tempdb Summary and Database Files views after upgrading to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2.1. Upgrading to SQL Server 2012 RTM their test environment will remedy this issue.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2.1 no longer displays error messages related to an "XML document" when users who upgraded to SQLdm 7.2 attempt to access the SQLdm Management Console.
- Users who implemented SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2 with SQL Server 2012 RC0 in a non-production environment now receive an accurate name and version number for SQL Server 2012 RTM when viewing the Compatibility Level for a monitored SQL Server 2012 RTM instance.

7.2 New Features

Monitoring SQL Server virtual environments

Get complete insight into the performance of your virtualized SQL Server databases. Monitor and track VMware-specific performance counters allowing you to get a complete performance picture of the SQL Server environment. Two VM-related reports provide performance trends and a summary of your virtualized environment. For additional information about configuring the new VM functionality, see [Configure your virtual machine connections](#).

SQL Server 2012 experimental support

SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2 is SQL Server 2012 RC0 compatible. This version of SQL Diagnostic Manager is not certified against newer builds of SQL Server and should not be used with these builds in a production environment. IDERA provides experimental support while you use your installation in a testing environment to ensure the features you rely on most are working as or better than expected.

Users who implement the SQL Server 2012 AlwaysOn functionality should note that while SQL Diagnostic Manager seamlessly monitors servers with this feature enabled, it does not currently administer or diagnose issues with AlwaysOn. For additional information about SQL Diagnostic Manager and SQL Server 2012, see [SQL Diagnostic Manager requirements](#).

SQLdm Mobile views

SQLdm Mobile features a new server dashboard specifically for tablets and incorporated VMware monitoring data. For additional information about the new SQLdm Mobile features, see [SQLdm Mobile Help](#).

Reporting on Tempdb Statistics

You can now run the Tempdb Statistics report to quickly identify and keep tabs on tempdb performance-related issues. For additional information about the new tempdb report, see [Tempdb Statistics report](#).

SQL Server Memory Usage Percent counter available for custom reports

You can now select the SQL Server Memory Usage Percent counter when creating a custom report. For additional information about creating a custom report, see [Custom reports](#).

Updated alert notification functionality

SQL Diagnostic Manager now allows you to suppress system tray notifications when a monitored SQL Server instance returns to an OK status. Click Tools > Console Options. On the Notifications tab, check the Never show console alert notifications when the server status goes to OK checkbox, and then click OK. For additional information about the Management Console options, see [Configure Console Options](#).

CPU Statistics report now available in a custom range of hours

The CPU Statistics report now includes an option for you to select a custom date range and view results in hours. To select this range, click Reports > CPU Statistics. Select the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then select Custom Range from the Period drop-down list. Use the calendar tool to select the range, and then click OK. Select Hours from the Sample drop-down list to view your results in hours. For additional information about the CPU Statistics report, see [CPU Statistics report](#).

Input how long SQL Diagnostic Manager waits before raising an alert for a long-running job

Users can now specify a minimum job length for the SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent) alert. This may be used to prevent alerting on short or trivial jobs. For additional information about configuring job exclusions, see [Configure Job Exclusions](#).

7.2 Fixed Issues

- Users with a large number of databases no longer notice a performance issue caused by leaving the SQL Diagnostic Manager Dashboard open for a long period of time.
- The Value Configuration window in SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays blank column headings but includes alert state icons to easily identify the content. You can access the Value Configuration window by clicking Edit on the Alert Configuration window.
- The Login Time column of the Sessions Details page now uses the local time on the client server for the timestamp. You can access the Sessions Details page by clicking Sessions > Details while viewing a monitored SQL Server instance.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays an error message when a user attempts to view tempdb detail for a SQL Server 2000 monitored instance. Tempdb monitoring is supported for SQL Server 2005 and above monitored instances only.
- Table growth collection no longer fails for monitored SQL Server 2000 servers, allowing the Top Table Growth report to function correctly.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays an error message when a user attempts to use PowerShell cmdlets to configure Query Monitor.
- The CLR Enabled alert now properly functions after triggering an Informational alert.
- The Export to Excel function on the Tempdb Sessions view no longer fails for users who had cells in the Last Command column containing more than 32,767 characters.
- The Database Statistics report results format is updated and no longer causes any issues in viewing accurate results for users with large databases.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays an error message when a user attempts to schedule an email delivery of the Top Tables by Fragmentation report.
- The Repository now properly saves Query Monitor data while the grooming job runs.
- A failure in the SQL Diagnostic Manager replication monitoring no longer prevents otherwise successful scheduled refreshes from saving to the repository.
- The Table Fragmentation (Percent) alert now changes to gray shading if the alert is raised for more than 12 hours.
- Extremely long queries no longer cause the Query Monitor to generate OutOfMemory exceptions on the Collection Service. These exceptions could previously cause a service crash.
- Users no longer experience an error during installation that caused an error when attempting to validate the user account used to perform the install.
- Performance updates including query aggregation and grooming changes improve SQL Diagnostic Manager data collection and processing efficiency.
- SQL Server authentication no longer occasionally fails for users attempting to use a password containing the quotation mark ("') special character.
- When you delete a database, the system is groomed to removes all references to that database. Now the feature also grooms the deleted database from the [SQLServerDatabaseNames] table.

7.1.1 New Features

There are no new features for SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.1.1.

7.1.1 Fixed Issues

- Improvements now allow SQL Diagnostic Manager to return data for the Session Details page more quickly and avoid a timeout due to slow or no response.

7.1 New Features

New SQL Server dashboard

SQL Diagnostic Manager now features a completely redesigned dashboard, which dramatically expands the display of your performance data and simplifies the view of the overall health of a SQL Server instance. For additional information about the new dashboard, see the [SQL Server performance overview](#).

New Tempdb monitoring

You can now quickly identify and resolve tempdb performance-related issues with the new tempdb monitoring and diagnostic views. For additional information about the new tempdb monitoring functionality, see [tempdb status summary](#).

New SQLdm Mobile views

The following new views in SQLdm Mobile make diagnosing performance issues even easier while you're on the go:

- Blocking Chain View
- Sessions > Top Wait Customer View
- Tempdb Monitoring View

For additional information about SQLdm Mobile, see [SQLdm Mobile Help](#).

View and copy SQL Agent Job messages from the Job History list

SQL Diagnostic Manager now allows users to view SQL Agent Job messages from the Job History list. Right-click the appropriate job, and then select View Message. A copy feature allows you to copy the existing message and then paste it into a different application. For more information about SQL Agent jobs, see how to [Monitor SQL Agent Jobs](#).

7.1 Fixed Issues

- SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository timeouts no longer cause the SQL Diagnostic Manager services to stop for some users.
- This release of SQL Diagnostic Manager fixes an issue that caused SQL Diagnostic Manager to display an error message when some users attempted to configure alerts.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager performance improvements decrease the amount of time spent waiting for page loading and processes to complete.
- The CLR Enabled alert now properly retains settings when the user changes the alert state to Informational.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer experiences an issue when a user adds servers to a custom view.
- Improved collection functionality corrects an issue causing some users to see an incorrect SQL CPU Usage statistic.
- Refreshing the SQL Agent Jobs view no longer deselects all selected rows.
- The SQLdm Service Availability chart on the Services tab no longer incorrectly displays, "Unable to monitor" when the server is available.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays an error message when users who upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0 attempt to edit their custom counters.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays the error message, "An INSERT EXEC statement cannot be nested," for some users who attempt to run a report when SQLdm Application Security is enabled.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager users monitoring SQL Server instances by IP address instead of name no longer receive the error message, "The server you are trying to access is not monitored by IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager," when attempting to view history for a mirrored database.
- Users who have clustered servers no longer receive the error message, "Error interpreting Services Collector: Invalid length parameter passed to the substring function" when attempting to use the Show Real Time View function.

7.0 New Features

New SQLdm Mobile interface

SQL Diagnostic Manager now offers a Web application (SQLdm Mobile) that displays real-time SQL Server performance dashboards on a variety of mobile devices, including iPhone, iPad, Android and Blackberry. SQLdm Mobile includes the IDERA Newsfeed technology. The IDERA Newsfeed is a revolutionary new way for DBAs and managers to collaborate, share knowledge, and keep close tabs on their most critical SQL Server issues.

New Alert Templates

SQL Diagnostic Manager now offers alert templates, which allow a user to configure generic alert settings to apply to monitored SQL Servers or groups of servers all at once. You can create and assign alert templates to any of your monitored SQL server instances.

New Informational Alerts

Informational alerts allow you to set a threshold that triggers a status that does not affect the overall status of the server within SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can use informational alerts to notify an administrator of the state of a particular metric for a server or trigger secondary processes that could take action to prevent issue escalation.

Improved Alert Response Usability

Alert Response rules, which configure how SQL Diagnostic Manager responds when an event triggers an alert, are easier to create and manage due to an updated interface and process. Users can now apply an alert response rule to all metrics quickly and easily.

Improved Notification Times for Unresponsive SQL Server Instances

SQL Diagnostic Manager can now alert you more quickly when one of your monitored SQL Server instances becomes unresponsive for any reason. Although the default is set to 30 seconds, you can adjust the interval at which the Collection Service checks whether your SQL Server instances are “up” or available. If a connection is not confirmed within the specified time, SQL Diagnostic Manager creates an Unable to Connect alert.

Improved Metrics Collection

The Collection Service now:

- Uses a different SQL Server metric to determine the CPU Busy Value for instances running SQL Server 2005 or later. This change prevents timeout errors during the metric collection process.
- Uses separate processes to collect table growth and fragmentation metrics. This approach ensures quiet time data collection does not delay alerts about other metric thresholds.
- Is able to efficiently collect error log metrics for SQL logs that are large or infrequently cycled.

Improved Repository Performance

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database will perform more efficiently due to the following enhancements:

- The Repository grooming job now:
 - Calls the index maintenance in a separate step. Using SQL Server Management Studio, you can now disable this step and then later run your own index maintenance script after the grooming job completes.
 - Better handles I/O and CPU demands when processing data.
- Several stored procedures used by SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository were updated.

New Reports

SQL Diagnostic Manager now offers the following new reports:

- The Metric Thresholds report is for users who want to view a list of metric thresholds for a monitored SQL Server instance. The report includes the metric name, description, and threshold for their informational, warning, and critical alerts.
- The Disk Details report lists key disk metrics for a specific SQL Server instance. This report offers Disk Time Per Read, Disk time Per Transfer, Disk Time Per Write, Disk Reads Per Second, Disk Transfers Per Second, and Disk Writes Per Second.

7.0 Fixed Issues

Alerting Updates

SQL Diagnostic Manager now offers the following updates to alerting:

- SQL Diagnostic Manager now accesses the correct database when a user double-clicks an associated Fragmentation alert on the Active Alerts tab of the SQLdm Today page. When you use this feature, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the affected database information on the Tables & Indexes pane of the Databases tab.
- Editing an alert response no longer causes SQL Diagnostic Manager to display an error message when attempting to save your changes. This issue affected users who manually changed XML detail in the repository, and then attempted to save additional alert response changes using the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager now properly captures customer error detail when Error: 0, Severity: 19, State: 0 occurs. This issue affected users using the SQL Server error log alert.
- The SQL Diagnostic Manager scheduled alert refresh is no longer dependent on table statistics before completing a full refresh and possibly triggering alerts. Because table growth and fragmentation can be long-running processes, SQL Diagnostic Manager was delayed in delivering alerts. These items were removed from the scheduled alert refresh for a more responsive alert system.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager now raises an alert when a monitored SQL Server instance does not respond within the default 30 seconds. You can configure the response time in the Server Properties.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager now checks to make sure that the WMI services are running before trying to connect to a monitored SQL Server instance. If SQL Diagnostic Manager detects that previous attempts to connect are causing multiple connections, it will stop monitoring that server and triggers an alert. All real time views in SQL Diagnostic Manager will display an error message explaining the issue. SQL Diagnostic Manager automatically resumes monitoring once the number of connections drops below the default of 30 connections.

Fragmentation Monitoring Updates

SQLdm now offers the following updates to your table fragmentation monitoring:

- SQLdm now accurately collects table fragmentation data on tables within the entered size range. An issue causing SQLdm to

- collect table fragmentation data on tables less than the entered minimum size no longer occurs.
- Large tables no longer cause a block when collecting table fragmentation on a monitored SQL Server instance. This issue occurred when multiple very large tables were involved. Fragmentation data for populating the reorganization panel on all tables in a database is not collected. The reorganization query in SQLdm 6.1 and SQLdm 6.2 can timeout before table statistics are collected. For more information, refer to IDERA Solution 1583.

SQL Server Statistics Updates

SQL Diagnostic Manager now offers the following updates to the functionality that collects and analyzes your SQL Server statistics:

- The Sessions view now retains any custom filtering when viewing your Historical Snapshots. Custom filtering across all snapshots helps you quickly determine changes needing your attention.
- The History Browser on the Queries tab now allows you to scroll when you have large amounts of data.
- The SQL Server Physical I/O chart on the Resources tab now displays values in seconds instead of raw values. Displaying results in seconds provides you with more accurate real-time analysis.
- Users with mirrored databases no longer receive an error message that the mirror is not monitored when the database is actually monitored. This issue affected users viewing their monitored mirrored database information in the real time view on the Mirroring pane of the Databases tab.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager now includes a new counter for collecting CPU stats. This new counter include a number of improvements over the previous counter, which occasionally suffered an error due to reaching maximum capacity cumulative CPU time.
- SQL Diagnostic Manager no longer displays an error message when a user stops the Session Detail Trace and then refreshes the view. Previously, users received the error message, "Error starting Session Details collector System.InvalidOperationException: BeginExecuteReader: CommandText property has not been initialized."
- Users with very large numbers of tables no longer cause the CPU to reach maximum threshold during table statistics collection. New processes allow SQL Diagnostic Manager to read large data sets in smaller chunks to avoid collecting unnecessary data and causing a strain on CPU resources.
- Users working on diagnostics while troubleshooting can now add a configuration file entry to limit the procedure cache row count. The new key is maxRowCountProcedureCache, which has a default value of 10000.
- This release includes improvements to the repository grooming process, which fixes grooming of the ServerActivity table and resolves an issue causing occasional deadlocks during grooming.

Reporting Updates

SQL Diagnostic Manager now offers the following updates to reporting:

- Unauthorized users can no longer access data for restricted SQL Server instances when viewing a report through SQL Server Reporting Services. This issue affected all users who restrict access to specific instances using Application Security features. This update improves data security and prevents confusion when a user unwittingly views data for the wrong instance.
- Users can now select up to 10 Windows, SQL Server, and/or custom counters when creating a custom report. These additional counters provide more flexibility and detail in your reports.
- If a custom counter contains special characters (<>%), then your custom report generation fails with the error: Field names must be CLS-compliant identifiers. A CLS-compliant Custom Counter name uses the following rule: the first character of an identifier can be an uppercase or lowercase, titlecase, modifier, or other letter, or letter number. The subsequent characters can be any of the previously-mentioned characters, plus non-spacing or spacing combining marks, decimal numbers, connector punctuation, and formatting codes.

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Known issues

IDERA strives to ensure our products provide quality solutions for your SQL Server needs. If you need further assistance with any issue, please contact [Customer Support Portal](#).

In this section you can find information on:

- Issues known in this version.
- Issues known in recent releases.
- Issues known in releases previous to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5.

Known issues in version 10.1.1

Installation

Failed SQLDM installation on Windows 10 or Windows 12.

Installation fails when the .Net 2.0/3.5 feature is not installed on Windows 10 or Windows 12. Therefore, install the .Net 2.0/3.5 feature before the SQLDM installation, once the installation is complete, the .Net 2.0/3.5 feature can be removed.

Previous known issues

Known issues in version 10.1

PowerShell

Instance friendly name is not displayed in the UI.

The friendly name assigned to an instance through PowerShell is not being automatically refreshed and is not being displayed in the Desktop Console UI. Right-click **All Servers** in the tree pane and select **Refresh** to manually refresh the instances information and visualize the assigned friendly name.

IDERA Dashboard

Unsuccessful registration of SQLDM instances.

Installations of the IDERA Dashboard in 32 bit Operating Systems are unable to successfully register SQLDM instances hosted on 64 bit Operating Systems.

Known issues in version 10.0

License Manager

The Generate License Keys link fails to direct to License Manager.

SQL Diagnostic Manager version 10.0 is designed to integrate with License Manager 2.0, allowing for a self-service licensing model. However, an issue in the Generate License Keys link of the License Keys window fails to direct to License Manager. For additional information on this feature and a workaround, see [Generate a new license key](#).

IDERA Dashboard and web console

Views with list of instances available take longer to populate in the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console.

Some SQL Diagnostic Manager users may find that it takes approximately a minute for any of their monitored instances to display in views of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console where a list of instances is available.

Known issues in version 9.1

General

The option to collect non-query activities data using Extended Events is incorrectly set by default for SQL Server 2008R2 instances.

SQL Diagnostic Manager is designed to support collection of non-query activities data with Extended Events only for instances running SQL Server 2012 or higher. In SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1 for instances running SQL Server 2008R2 the Use Extended

Events radio button is selected by default instead of the Use SQL Trace radio button.

Clicking the ‘launch SQLdm’ icon takes users to the corresponding instance dashboard screen but sometimes it fails to highlight the specific instance in the Servers tree.

SQL Diagnostic Manager is designed to allow users access to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console from the Thumbnail, Heatmap, and Alerts Detail views. In SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1 clicking the ‘launch SQLdm’ icon takes users to the corresponding instance dashboard screen but occasionally fails to clearly mark the specific instance it refers to in the Servers tree

Alerting

SQL Diagnostic Manager fails to display one alert response when multiple metric thresholds are breached

SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.5 and later is designed to trigger an alert response only after multiple metric thresholds are breached when the “Where all metrics are in specified list” condition is selected. However, an issue in the “Send a Network Management (SNMP) Trap Message”, “Send an email to recipient”, and “Run the following SQL Script” actions of the Alert Response Window cause these actions to execute several times, resulting in multiple alerts.

The action “Run the following program” fails to execute when configuring automated responses to alerts

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.0 and later may find that when creating an alert response with the associated action “Run the following program” in the Alert Response window, the specified program does not run once the condition is met.

SQL Diagnostic Manager returns PoweredOff alerts for the VM Power State metric when servers are not turned off

Some SQL Diagnostic Manager users may view PoweredOff alerts when reviewing the generated “VM Power State” alerts for their servers linked to vCenter or Hyper-V host servers. These alerts display even though the servers are not turned off.

The actions “Write an event to the Windows event log” and “Send an email to recipient” in the Alert Response Window fail to deliver multiple alert statuses

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.5 and later may find that when creating an alert response with multiple metrics as a condition and associated actions “Write an event to the Windows event log” and/or “Send an email to recipient” in the Alert Response window, the feature fails to deliver complete alert information and displays only one alert status when condition is met.

VM Configuration

SQL Diagnostic Manager fails to update fields in the VM Configuration window after the virtualization host server is edited

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.5 and later may find that fields such as the Virtual Machine name, Type, and Computer Name in the VM Configuration window are not updated correctly after the virtualization host server is changed.

Known issues in version 9.0

General

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Web Application Service

The IDERA Dashboard’s Web Application Service fails to restart after reboot

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 9.0 may find that the IDERA Dashboard’s Web Application Service does not

automatically restart after a machine reboot.

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Known issues in version 8.6

Alerting

SQL Diagnostic Manager fails to update statistics for some monitored SQL servers and triggers a persistent alert ‘Unable To Monitor’ for the same

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.0.1 and later may find that some servers are not returning any statistics due to an issue in the Activity Monitor settings that causes the entire refresh of servers to fail.

SQL Diagnostic Manager fails to display one alert response when multiple metric thresholds are breached

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SQL Diagnostic Manager fails to stop alert generation after the Availability Group Preferred Replica alert is un-checked

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.6 that have the Availability Group Preferred Replica alert configured may find that when un-checking the alert in the Alert Configuration window to stop raising the alert, SQL Diagnostic Manager continues to generate

the alert which also displays in the Alerts View. Un-checking the configured database in the Configuration tab of the Alert Configuration window solves this issue.

General

SQL Diagnostic Manager fails to update fields in the VM Configuration window after the virtualization host server is edited

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.5 and later may find that fields such as the Virtual Machine name, Type, and Computer Name in the VM Configuration window are not updated correctly after the virtualization host server is changed.

Known issues in version 8.5

General

The Query Monitor trace in SQL Diagnostic Manager does not return queries in progress

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.0 and later may find that when using the Query Monitor functionality, the queries returned and displayed do not include queries in progress.

SQL Diagnostic Manager fails to update fields in the VM Configuration window after the virtualization host server is edited

Users with SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.5 may find that fields such as the Virtual Machine name, Type, and Computer Name in the VM Configuration window are not updated correctly after the virtualization host server is changed.

Alerting

SQL Diagnostic Manager returns Blocking Session Wait Time alerts with session 0 and missing information when blocking-process node is empty

Some users may experience Blocking Session Wait Time alerts with missing information and session 0 when the blocking-process node is empty in SQL Server. In SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.01 and later versions, this issue may occur only if the trace that is collecting blocking data doesn't return a SPID for a blocking process.

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Known issues in version 8.0

Installation and configuration issues

The SQLdm Setup Wizard is interrupted after selecting the SQL server instance on which you want to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository

Some users may experience an interruption due to memory corruption in their SQL Diagnostic Manager installation after selecting the SQL Server instance on which they want to install their SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. Note that the SQL Diagnostic Manager installer does not complete on machines where memory corruption prevents connections to SQL Server. Furthermore, in these types of environments other applications such as SQL Server Management Studio also do not function.

Negative values received from vCenter as a warning message do not impact VM data collection

Some users may receive negative values from vCenter as a warning message. The message is logged as in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services. Note that this does not have any impact in terms of VM data collection and users are able to view VM and VM Host data.

Console crashes when upgrading to SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 while logged in the IDERA Newsfeed account

Users who remain logged in the IDERA Newsfeed account and upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 may experience console crashes. Note that an upgrade from SQL Diagnostic Manager 8.0 to 8.0.1 will solve this issue.

Known issues in version 7.5

General

SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5 no longer supports Microsoft Windows 2000 or the .Net 2.0 framework

SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5 does not support Windows 2000 or the .Net 2.0 framework. While SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2 and prior versions continue to operate with Windows 2000, SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5 and later require the .Net 4.0 Full framework to take advantage of the additional features.

Server Overview

Timeline refresh causes a memory leak

SQL Diagnostic Manager experiences a memory leak when you are viewing the Timeline and click Refresh. To free the memory, you must restart the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console.

Queries

Queries view filter may not properly filter in some situations

In environments with large databases, the Queries view filter may not properly filter if you attempt to change filter properties during a refresh.

Resources

File Activity displays an unhelpful error message when WMI credentials are invalid

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the error message, "An error occurred while refreshing the active view," when you attempt with access the Resources > File Activity view if your WMI credentials are invalid. If this message appears, verify your WMI access credentials and try again.

Installation and configuration considerations

SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository computer must run Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or later

SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0 and later require Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or later running on the computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database for all installations.

SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only users cannot upgrade to the full version without uninstalling SQL Diagnostic Manager

Users who have an installation of SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only on a computer can use the upgrade to update their current version of the desktop client console, but cannot use the upgrade program to install the full version of SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Registering a SQL Server instance that uses an Alias Name requires an alias on the host computer

When registering a SQL Server instance using the alias name, an alias must first be created on the computer that hosts the SQLdm Management and Collection Services. If the instance uses Named Pipes, Named Pipes must be enabled in the SQL Server network configuration of the aliased SQL Server instance.

Management Service does not start when the account permissions are incorrect

If the account you specified for the SQL Diagnostic Manager services does not have System Administrator privileges on the SQL Server instance hosting the Repository database, the setup program cannot start the SQLdm Management Service. This issue only occurs during installation.

Some users may receive an error message when opening the SQL Diagnostic Manager stating that there is no valid license available

To resolve this issue, use the Management Service Configuration wizard to specify credentials for a Windows account or SQL Server login that has System Administrator privileges on the SQL Server instance hosting the Repository database. You can start the Management Service Configuration wizard from the Programs menu.

SQL Diagnostic Manager Reporting does not support Microsoft Reporting Services 2000

SQL Diagnostic Manager only supports Microsoft Reporting Services 2005 and later.

SQL Diagnostic Manager requires Predictive Analytics for baseline-related results

SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.5 requires the Predictive Analytics Service in order to display baseline-related results. During installations and upgrades, SQL Diagnostic Manager installs the Predictive Analytic service with the other included services. If Predictive Analytics is not detected or is disabled, SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot generate baseline data for the requested report. The following reports require the Predictive Analysis Service to include baseline-related results:

- - Baseline Statistics
 - CPU Statistics
 - Memory Statistics
 - Session Statistics
 - Disk Statistics
 - Replication Statistics

Phase out SQL Diagnostic Manager mobile manager

IDERA is announcing end of life for SQL mobile manager (SQLmm). On October 1, 2012, all support for SQLmm will stop and the SQLmm trial site will be decommissioned. Also, any remaining installations of SQLmm 3.6 or earlier that use the IDERA redirectors will no longer work.

To continue using a Web-based monitoring solution that is accessible from your smart phones or tablet devices, upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0 or later, and deploy SQLdm Mobile. IDERA discontinued distribution of SQL mobile manager in October 2011.

SQLdm Mobile does not support Microsoft IIS Express

SQLdm Mobile requires the standard version of the Microsoft IIS Web Server, version 7.0 or later. For more information, see the [SQL dm Mobile requirements](#).

SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed installation cannot be changed or repaired using Add/Remove Programs

To successfully change or repair your SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed installation, uninstall the application and components, and then run the setup program to reinstall your deployment.

SQLdm may not properly link to vCenter from some monitored virtual SQL Server instances

The SQLdm VM Configuration window displays a list of your monitored virtual SQL Server instances, but the link between an instance and the associated vCenter may not work properly. To access this window, click Tools > VM Configuration.

VM Host Server Change alert not always triggered when a VM moves from one host server to another

Even if the circumstances warrant SQL Diagnostic Manager to trigger the VM Host Server Change alert, users who have virtual machines running on an ESX host managed by vCenter 5.0 or later may not receive the alert when they move a VM from one host to another.

Negative values received from vCenter as a warning message do not impact VM data collection

Some users may receive negative values from vCenter as a warning message. The message is logged as in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services. Note that this does not have any impact in terms of VM data collection and users are able to view VM and VM Host data.

Query Monitor disregards filter for SQL Server 2000 users

Some SQL Server 2000 users may notice that SQLdm Query Monitor includes SQL Diagnostic Manager queries in the results even if

the Exclude SQL Diagnostic Manager queries check box is checked in the Advanced Query Monitor Configuration window.

SQLdm Mobile Server Dashboard charts display “Data not available” error

This error indicates that SQLdm Mobile was not able to collect all the performance metrics tracked by these charts. This issue is more likely to occur with the I/O and Per Read/Write charts on the Disk dashboard. To correct this issue, use the Microsoft IIS Manager console to restart the SQLdm Mobile Web site (virtual directory).

Start and Stop service actions not supported for virtual SQL Server instances

The Start and Stop service actions are not supported for virtual SQL Server instances (instances located on a Windows cluster node). To start or stop a service on a virtual SQL Server 2008 instance, use the Microsoft Failover Cluster Management tool. For SQL Server 2005 or earlier, use the Microsoft Cluster Administrator tool to manage services.

Gaps between the real-time view and back-filled historical data can be seen on the CPU view

This occurs only when the CPU view is accessed via the Server tree. To view the information, without any gaps, access the CPU view via the ribbon.

Free disk space reported as zero on databases with special characters

For servers and path names that include special characters such as % or #, SQL Diagnostic Manager may incorrectly report the remaining disk space as zero.

Known issues in versions previous to 7.5

General

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a refresh error when a user attempts to view data for an instance to which he does not have admin rights

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a refresh error message when a user tries to view data for a monitored SQL Server instance to which the user does not have administrative rights. The message states that, "An error occurred while refreshing the active view."

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays an error when a user attempts to configure disk collection for an instance to which he does not have admin rights

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays an error message on the Server Properties Disk Drives window if a user's collection service credentials do not have administrative access to the monitored SQL Server instance, and the user attempts to view the list of attached disk drives on that instance. Note that WMI credentials are not used to retrieve disk drive information on this page.

Drives may not appear in the Resources Disk view when you switch to direct WMI collection

Users who select to collect OS metrics using direct WMI collection may notice mounted drives appearing in some areas of SQL Diagnostic Manager but not on the Resources Disk view. To refresh this list, you must restart the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console.

Dashboard

Custom Counters dashboard panel does not return to default after deleting all counters

The Custom Counters dashboard panel includes a drop-down list to allow you to select from the available counters. If you delete all counters, the panel does not return to the default title and continues to display one of the counter names.

Resources

Disk Filter Columns does not work on a blank chart

The Filter Columns selection does not work in the Resources > Disk view if you receive a blank chart due to your WMI credentials being invalid.

Alerts

OS Disk Time (Percent) and OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent) alerts may not trigger for some users

Users with Windows Server 2008 SP1 and SQL Server 2000 SP4, and who select direct WMI collection for their OS metrics may

experience an issue preventing OS Disk Time (Percent) and OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent) alerts from triggering. If this issue occurs, switch to using OLE automation.

Virtualization-related alerts occasionally raise more than once

In some circumstances, SQL Diagnostic Manager may repeatedly raise virtualization-related alerts when there is no change in the status.

Custom Counters

SQL Diagnostic Manager does not automatically add unassociated custom counters to an alert template created from an instance

If you use alert templates and create a custom counter, SQL Diagnostic Manager automatically adds the new counter to your existing alert templates. However, if you create a custom counter not associated with an instance, and then create an alert template based on the alert configuration of one of your monitored instances, SQL Diagnostic Manager does not add the new counter to your alert template nor can you manually add the counter.

To avoid this issue, add the missing custom counter to any SQL Server instance, create an alert template from that instance, and then clear any undesired custom counters from that instance.

SQLdm Mobile

SQLdm Mobile My Servers view filter does not work

The filter on this view will consistently display the message, "You have no favored or followed servers or the servers list has not been cached yet," regardless of the filter option you choose. This issue occurs even when you are following servers or have marked servers as favorites.

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Recommended IDERA Solutions

IDERA strives to ensure our products provide quality solutions for your database needs. The following IDERA Solutions have been recently added to the knowledge base at the [Customer Service Portal](#).

ID Number	Title
4337	SQLDM alert, "Session 0 has been blocking other sessions..."
4287	Disk Full Percent fires at or near 100% for a disk that still has plenty of space.
4281	A SQL Diagnostic Manager with wait type MSQL XP uses constant CPU resources and never finishes on a monitored server.
4088	Disk Busy per Disk counter reports 100% when the disk is known to be idle.
3511	SQLDM always shows "The SQLDM Collection Service has too many outstanding connections" in the overview pane for a specific server, and SPIDs stall on the audited server.
2286	When Upgrading SQL Diagnostic Manager, you receive the error message "The repository is an invalid version."
2109	CPU Used, Memory Paging and Disk Queue Length show question marks in the Summary view.
2102	What alerting Event Codes are used in SQLDM 5.0 or later?

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Upgrade to this release

Upgrading SQL Diagnostic Manager to the most recent version allows you to take advantage of the new features available. An up-to-date list of new features and fixed issues is available in the [SQL Diagnostic Manager Release Notes](#).

-  To upgrade from SQL Diagnostic Manager 4.x (or from earlier versions) to SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1, you first must upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 5.x. For assistance with your upgrade, contact IDERA Technical Support.

Upgrade from SQL Diagnostic Manager 5.x or higher to SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1 checklist

To successfully upgrade your Microsoft SQL Server environment to this build, complete the steps included in the following table.

	Follow these steps ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Back up your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository prior to upgrading.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make sure that your environment meets the product requirements for the newer version of SQL Diagnostic Manager .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify that no SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop clients are running.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upgrade your environment to the latest version of SQL Diagnostic Manager on the computer where the SQL Diagnostic Manager services reside. Note that SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 and later versions integrate with the IDERA Dashboard.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Test your new SQL Diagnostic Manager deployment and setup.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Upgrade your IDERA Newsfeed and SQLdm Mobile installations or deploy a new IDERA Newsfeed and SQLdm Mobile installation.



Upgrade to SQLDM 9.0 or higher versions

Customers upgrading from previous SQL Diagnostic Manager versions to SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 or higher versions, need a new license key or it is not possible to continue with the upgrade process. Users can access the IDERA Customer Portal at the moment of upgrade from the license management window in SQL Diagnostic Manager ([Help > Manage Licenses](#)) or directly at <https://idera.secure.force.com>. Information necessary to generate a new license key is provided in the license management screen or the portal.

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Upgrade SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment

Use the following steps to upgrade your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation in a clustered environment.

-  SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 and later requires Microsoft SQL Server 2005 running on the computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database for all installations.

Upgrade in a Microsoft Windows Server 2003 Clustered Environment

To upgrade SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment:

1. Log on to the cluster node using the Administrator account.
2. In Cluster Administrator, select the resource group that contains the SQL Diagnostic Manager services.
3. Take the SQLdm Management and Collection services off line.

Perform the following steps on each node, starting with the active node:

1. [Upgrade SQL Diagnostic Manager components previously deployed to the node](#).
2. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Collection, SQLdm Management, and SQLdm Predictive Analytics services.
3. Set the SQLdm services to manually start, and then restart the services.

Once the previous steps are complete, perform the following steps on each cluster node:

1. In Cluster Administrator, bring the SQLdm Management Service on line.
2. Use the Management Service Configuration wizard to force the services to re-register on the active node.

Upgrade in a Microsoft Windows Server 2008 Clustered Environment

To upgrade SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment:

1. Log on to the cluster node using the Administrator account.
2. In the Failover Cluster Management tool, select the resource group that contains the SQL Diagnostic Manager services.
3. Take the SQLdm Management and Collection services offline.

Perform the following steps on each node, starting with the active node:

1. [Upgrade SQL Diagnostic Manager components previously deployed to the node](#).
2. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Collection, SQLdm Management, and SQLdm Predictive Analytics services.
3. Set the SQL Diagnostic Manager services to manually start, and then restart the services.

Once the previous steps are complete, perform the following steps on each cluster node:

1. Bring the SQLdm Management Service on line.
2. Use the Management Service Configuration wizard to force the services to re-register on the active node.

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Perform a distributed upgrade

Use the following procedures to upgrade a distributed SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 environment.

Upgrade your SQLdm Repository and/or SQLdm Services

Install the SQLdm Repository database on a SQL Server instance that [meets the product requirements](#). You do not need to install your Repository in the same domain as the SQLdm Console, but a two-way trust between the target domains must exist. You can install the SQLdm services on the Repository computer (recommended) or a different computer.

-  SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 and later requires Microsoft SQL Server 2005 running on the computer that hosts the SQLdm Repository database for all installations.

To upgrade the SQLdm Repository and/or Services:

1. Use an administrator account to log on to the computer on which you want to upgrade the SQLdm Repository database and/or Services.
2. Run **Setup.exe** in the root of the installation kit.
3. On the IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager Quick Start window, click **SQL Diagnostic Manager** under the Install heading.
4. Read the Upgrade Wizard Welcome window, and then click **Next**.
5. Upgrade your Repository by verifying the authentication method and connection credentials, and then click **Next**.
6. Upgrade your Service account by specifying the account credentials that you want the SQLdm services to use to connect to the SQLdm Repository and the monitored SQL Server instances, and then click **Next**. This account must belong to the sysadmin role on the Repository database and each instance you plan to monitor.
7. Click **Upgrade** to begin your upgrade.
8. Click **Finish** to exit the upgrade program.

Upgrade your SQLdm Console

-  You must have a full installation of SQL Diagnostic Manager already running in your environment before attempting to upgrade the SQLdm desktop client console.

To upgrade the SQLdm Console:

1. Use an administrator account to log on to the computer on which you want to upgrade the SQLdm Console.
2. Navigate to the location where the SQLdm Console file resides in the distribution media.
3. *If you use an x64 operating system*, run **SQLDiagnosticManager-x64_c.exe**. *If you use an x86 OS*, run **SQLDiagnosticManager_c.exe**.
4. On the Welcome window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Click **Upgrade** to begin your upgrade.
6. Click **Finish** to exit the upgrade program.

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Upgrade SQLdm console only

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows users to install a full version, which includes the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository, Management Service, and Management Console, or you can install the SQLDM desktop client console by itself when you already have a full version of SQL Diagnostic Manager installed in your environment.

Users who have an installation of SQLDM Console only on a computer can use the upgrade to update their current version of the desktop client console, but cannot use the upgrade program to install the full version of SQL Diagnostic Manager.

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Test your deployment

To test your upgrade, you can immediately begin collecting and alerting on performance data. Verify that you are able to monitor the target SQL Server instances and that the data you are retrieving is valid.

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Welcome to SQL Diagnostic Manager

SQL Diagnostic Manager is a powerful performance monitoring and diagnostics solution that proactively alerts administrators to health, performance and availability problems within the SQL Server environment. SQL Diagnostic Manager now integrates with the IDERA Dashboard, a common technology framework, designed to support the IDERA product suite. Users are able to obtain an overview of the status of their SQL Servers and hosted databases all in a consolidated view and navigate to individual product dashboards for details. The IDERA Dashboard provides a central set of services for managing users, product registry, instance registry, aggregated alerts across IDERA applications, a central web server, and tags for grouping instances. For additional information, see [Navigate the IDERA Dashboard](#).

To get started, see the following topics for more information:

- [Upgrade to this build of SQL Diagnostic Manager](#)
- [Configure SQL Diagnostic Manager](#)
- [Migrate your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation](#)

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What is SQL Diagnostic Manager?

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides an unprecedented level of diagnostic information on the health, performance, and status of SQL Server instances across your environment. You can view, diagnose, and report on critical performance statistics from a central point of control. Using a unique agentless architecture, SQL Diagnostic Manager gathers diagnostic information in real time, keeping database administrators and managers informed by providing customized alerts. Easy to install and use, SQL Diagnostic Manager is an indispensable SQL Server management tool that benefits both experienced and junior database administrators.

What is the IDERA Dashboard?

The IDERA Dashboard is a common technology framework designed to support the entire IDERA product suite. The IDERA Dashboard allows users to get an overview of the status of their SQL Servers and hosted databases all in a consolidated view, while providing users the means to drill into individual product dashboards for details. The IDERA Dashboard supports multiple copies of SQL Diagnostic Manager installations.

What is the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console?

The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console is a web application designed to provide quick access to the overall status of your SQL Server environment to help diagnose any issues. The web console provides key information simply through dashboards and high level views to a large user base such as IT, helpdesk, and DBAs. You can access the web console from any connected browser and grant access as you need. To learn more about the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console, visit [Navigate the web console dashboard](#).

The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console is integrated with the [IDERNA Dashboard](#).

What is SQL Diagnostic Manager Mobile?

SQL Diagnostic Manager Mobile is a Web application that displays real-time SQL Server performance dashboards on a variety of mobile devices, including iPhone, iPad, Android and Blackberry. SQL Diagnostic Manager Mobile includes the IDERA Newsfeed technology. The IDERA Newsfeed is a revolutionary new way for DBAs and managers to collaborate, share knowledge, and keep close tabs on their most critical SQL Server issues.

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How does SQL Diagnostic Manager help me?

Whether you need immediate diagnostic information or want to gather data for long-term capacity planning, you can use SQL Diagnostic Manager to help:

- Increase SQL Server availability
- Provide a comprehensive view of current performance
- Provide continuous, unattended monitoring
- Store data in the centralized SQLdm Repository database
- Improve the productivity of both skilled and novice database administrators

With clear, easy-to-understand charts and reports, you can track standard SQL Server performance metrics, trend historical performance data over time, and proactively identify potential performance problems.

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Use the SQL Diagnostic Manager interface

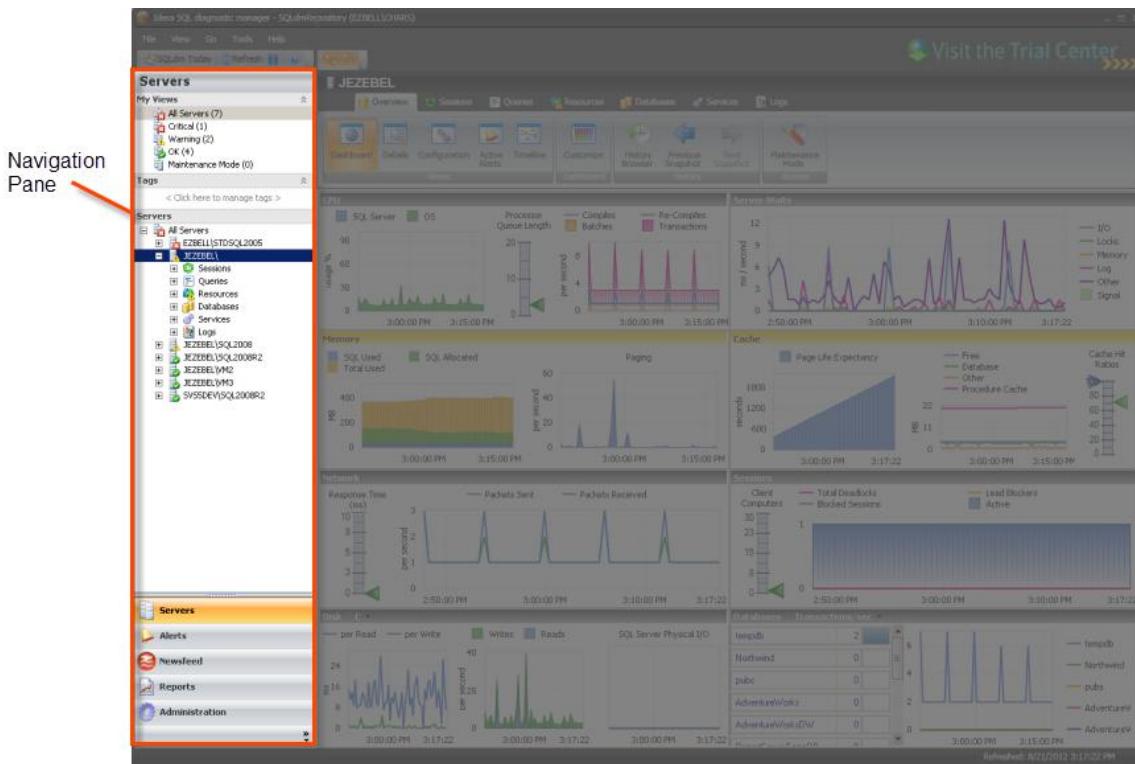
SQL Diagnostic Manager uses a graphically enhanced user interface to display the current state of your SQL Server instances. A mixture of graphs, charts, and color coding makes problem identification quick and easy, allowing you to resolve issues before they reach critical levels.

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Navigation pane

The Navigation pane displays on the left side of the SQLdm Console as shown in the following image.



The options available on the Navigation pane change depending on the currently selected feature. You can hide the Navigation pane by selecting **View > Navigation Pane > Off**. The following features are available in the Navigation pane:

Servers

Contains a My Views section that helps you organize your SQL Server instances by status and includes any custom views you have set up. The Tags section allows you to manage tags or key words that you can use to quickly find the appropriate monitored SQL Server instances, custom counters, and permissions. The Servers section lists the SQL Server instances contained in the currently selected view. To view all registered instances, select **All Servers** from the My Views list.

Alerts

Contains filter options for organizing your alerts and links to configure alert templates, actions, and responses.

Newsfeed

If installed, the IDERA Newsfeed provides collaboration regarding your most critical SQL Server issues. If the IDERA Newsfeed is not installed, this page guides you to where you can get additional information regarding the IDERA Newsfeed.

Reports

Allows you to select the report you want to generate. SQL Diagnostic Manager provides reports for monitoring, analyzing, and planning how to best use the SQL Server instances within your environment.

Administration

Allows you to control access to SQL Diagnostic Manager, add custom counters for monitoring, and keep track of key actions performed in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment.

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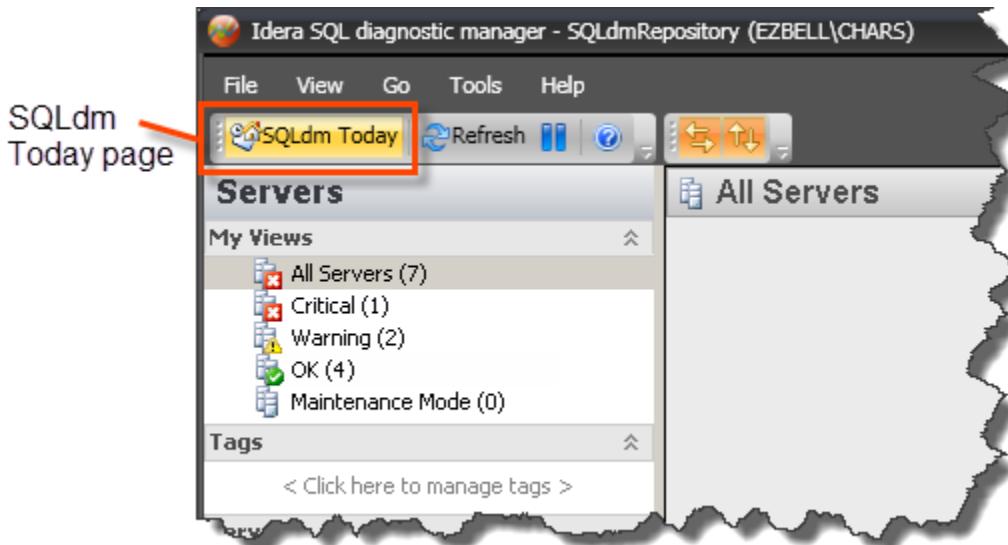
View SQLdm Today

The SQLdm Today page provides a current overview of all the monitored SQL Server instances in your environment and offers you shortcuts to the following options:

- Five most critical servers
- Five servers you recently monitored
- All active alerts in your SQL Server environment
- The most recent server status updates and coworker posts from the IDERA Newsfeed
- Access to the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console

Access the SQLdm Today page

You can open the SQLdm Today page from the SQLdm Console menu by clicking the **SQLdm Today** button as shown in the following image.



Use SQLdm Today to view the general health of your environment

SQL Diagnostic Manager gives you a quick glance at the overall health of your environment in the Status section of the SQLdm Today page. The main categories of data shown in this view include the following areas:

Status Summary

The Status Summary section displays the number and type of active alerts for all of your SQL Server instances. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a large icon that shows you at a glance the current highest level of severity of your servers accompanied by the number of your servers in that state.

Most Critical Servers

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a list of up to five of your most critical servers so you can quickly access that SQL Server instance and review the issue.

Recent Servers

The SQLdm Today page provides a list of your five recently-accessed SQL Server instances, with the most recent visit appearing at the top of the list.

Get the most from SQL Diagnostic Manager

The Get Started tab of the SQLdm Today page provides links for you to access content in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Trial Center including video tours that cover important features and SQLdm navigation. You can also find Webcasts, white papers, and the SQL Server Performance Blog for additional information that you may find useful when using SQL Diagnostic Manager.

View your recent active alerts

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a list of your most recent active alerts on the SQLdm Today page Active Alerts tab. While this view displays alerts for all your monitored SQL Server instances, you can [view additional alert information for a specific server instance](#) by using the right-click context menu. This additional information includes a real-time view and a shortcut to configure your alerts.

If you are aware of an alert and do not want to see it in your list or have it impact the associated server, you can "snooze" or temporarily postpone the alert from appearing for a set number of minutes. When you snooze an alert, SQL Diagnostic Manager clears the alert which no longer impacts the state of the monitored server until the snooze period expires. To snooze an alert, right-click the specific alert, and then select **Snooze Alert**. Select the appropriate number of minutes you want to alert to snooze, and then click **OK**.

To snooze an alert on the Active Alerts tab:

1. On the Active Alerts tab of the SQLdm Today page, right-click anywhere on the row containing the alert you no longer want to view.
2. Select **Snooze Alert**.
3. Type or scroll to select the number of minutes you want the alert to snooze, and then click **OK**.

Use the Web Console

The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console is a web application designed to provide read-only access to the overall status of your SQL Server environment to help diagnose any issues. The web console provides key information simply through dashboards and high level views to a large user base such as IT, helpdesk, and DBAs. You can access the web console from any connected browser and grant access as you deem necessary. The SQLdm Today page provides the URL to launch the web console.

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Use IDERA Newsfeed to track your SQL Server issues

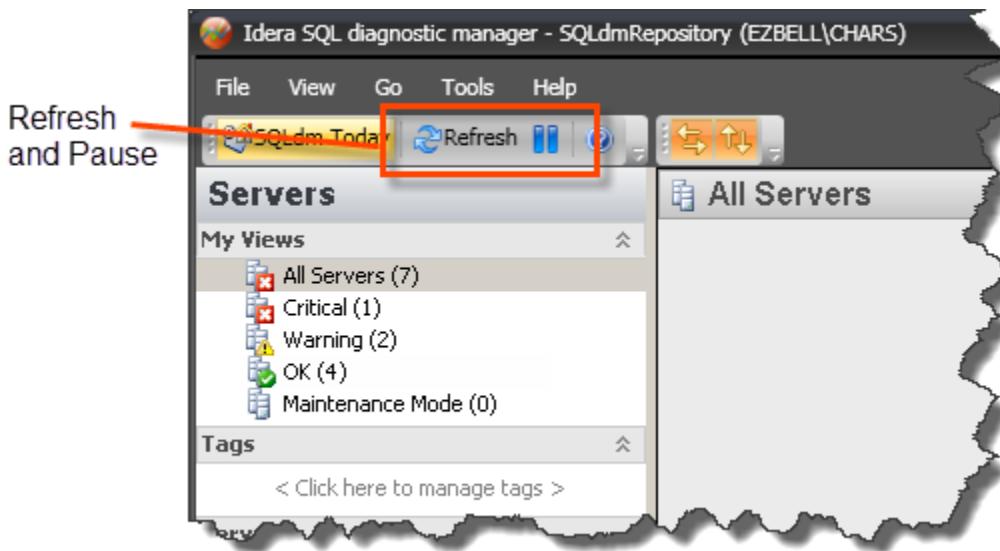
The IDERA Newsfeed is a new way for you to share knowledge with other DBAs and managers regarding critical and current SQL Server issues. To learn how to set up and use the [IDERA Newsfeed](#).

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Refresh and pause views

To let you control the information refresh on a particular view, the SQLdm Toolbar includes the **Refresh** and **Pause** buttons as shown in the following image.



You can edit the scheduled refresh of your views for more current information. SQL Diagnostic Manager offers the following refresh controls:

Refresh button

The **Refresh** button tells SQL Diagnostic Manager to immediately collect data and refresh the current Console view. Depending on the view, the refresh could take several seconds to complete. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the current refresh status in the lower-right corner of the SQLdm Console.

Pause button

The **Pause** button tells SQL Diagnostic Manager to stop refreshing the console. If you click **Pause** during a refresh, the pause occurs after the refresh completes. To continue refreshing, click **Pause** again. Pausing the refresh allows you to maintain the currently-monitored state so you can see what is happening on your SQL Server instance without incoming information overwriting the data. This feature also gives you time to export or print the displayed statistics before retrieving the next data set.

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Filter views

On a number of views, SQL Diagnostic Manager includes filtering options ranging from ribbons allowing you to select items shown on the view, to a **Filter Settings** window that provides a variety of options to customize how SQL Diagnostic Manager presents your view.

Use the Filter options to customize your view

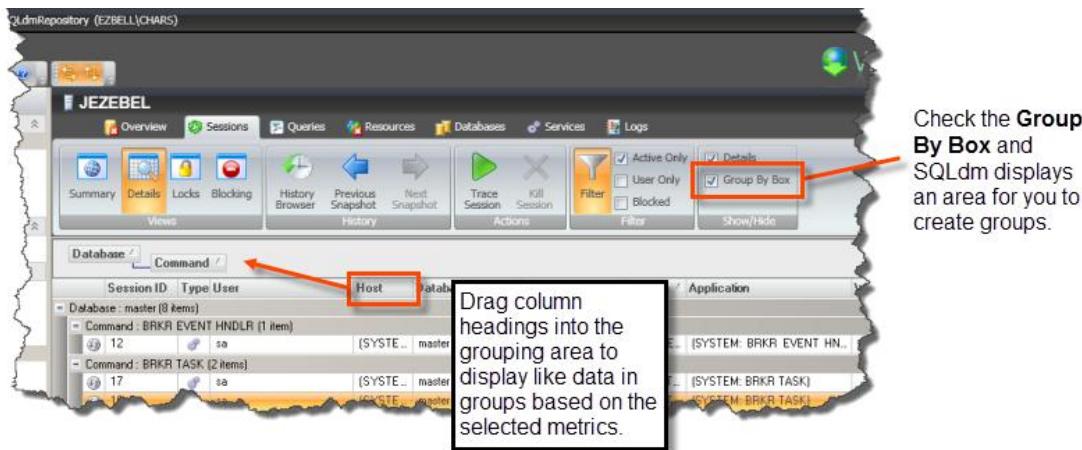
The Filter box contains the filtering options available for that view, meaning that the available options are not consistent across views because of the data displayed in each view. You can select the options you want displayed in the menu by using the Filter Settings window. Click the **Filter** icon in the ribbon to display the Filter Settings window.

Every Filter Settings window in SQL Diagnostic Manager provides specific options for the current view. These options can include true or false fields that allow you to decide whether to show a particular item, filtering fields where you can enter an item name or even use a wildcard (%), dates and time ranges, and interval periods.

Each field in the Filter Settings window includes a description that displays at the bottom of the window when you select the field.

Use the Group By feature to organize your view

The Group By feature allows you to group the information shown in your views. To group your information by a column, check the **Group By Box** option, and then drag one or more column headings into the provided area as shown in the following image.



When you group data by multiple columns, be sure to select the headings in the hierarchy in which you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to display the results. After selecting the **Group By Box** check box, click, hold, and drag the first column heading (first order of grouping) into the grouping area. Next, click, hold, and drag the second column heading (second order of grouping) into the grouping area. Continue this process until you have the data hierarchy you want. Click the column headings to toggle sort order between ascending and descending.

You can remove a column from the grouping area by performing a click, hold, and drag of the column back into the grid area or by right-clicking the heading, and then selecting **Remove This Column**.

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Charts

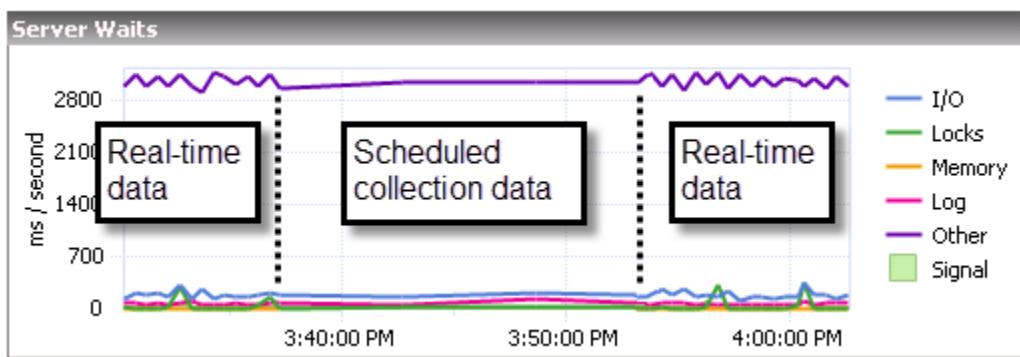
Charts are populated from the point at which you navigate to the window with the chart. This allows you to view real-time charts for the data point selected. Real-time viewing is dependent on your [refresh interval](#). Once populated, you can manipulate the type of chart you want to display and export the chart or copy it to the clipboard to paste into other programs.

- ✓ In the Server Details view, click the **Maximize** button on the upper-right corner of a chart to display a large version of the chart. The **Restore** button returns the chart to the default view.

Understanding your chart data and refresh interval

SQL Diagnostic Manager charts provide data whether collected in real time or as part of a scheduled collection event. When you open a view, SQL Diagnostic Manager begins populating the chart with real-time data collected on the interval specified in the **Server View Refresh** field on the [Console Options window \(Tools > Console Options\)](#).

If you pause or leave this view and then return during the same Console session, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the real-time data points as previously viewed, followed by a period of data points from any scheduled collections that occurred while you were away. The chart then returns to populating with new real-time data points, as shown in the following image.



The amount of time displayed in your charts is set according to the time entered in the **Show data for the last** field on the Console Options window. In addition, the time entered in the **Keep data for the last** field is the amount of historical data that you can scroll back to in your charts.

Customize your charts

SQL Diagnostic Manager contains charts that are populated by selecting the appropriate data items collected. Once populated, you can manipulate the type of chart you want to display and export the chart or copy it to the clipboard to paste into other programs.

You can personalize charts by right-clicking anywhere inside the chart and selecting **Toolbar** from the menu. The chart toolbar contains the following options:

Copy To Clipboard

The **Copy To Clipboard** button allows you to copy the chart to your Windows clipboard in various formats.

Print

The **Print** button allows you to print the chart.

Gallery

The **Gallery** menu includes a number of options that allow you to change the type of chart used to represent your data.

Anti-Aliasing

The **Anti-Aliasing** button smooths the lines between your data points to more easily view your data.

Palette Selector

The **Palette Selector** menu includes a number of color choices for you to change color scheme of your chart.

3D/2D

The **3D/2D** toggle lets you choose to view your results in three- or two-dimensional plots. Additional options become active based on your choice and allow you to rotate your view or cluster your results on the z-axis.

Axes Settings

The **Axes Settings** menu lets you choose how to view each axis, whether to display labels, and additional properties for your view.

Point Labels

The **Point Labels** toggle lets you choose to view the actual data at each point.

Data Grid

The **Data Grid** toggle places a table below your chart that displays the data included in your chart.

Legend Box

The **Legend Box** toggle lets you choose to view a legend for your displayed data.

Zoom

The **Zoom** button allows you to zoom in on a point in your chart.

Properties

The **Properties** button displays additional properties for further customization of your chart.

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Monitor multiple SQL Server instances

My Views allows you to group servers to provide a high-level, global view of multiple monitored servers. This view includes basic statistics about your registered SQL Server instances and quick links to more detailed information. A monitor displays statistics for each SQL Server instance included in the group.

Access My Views

My Views is available at all times as part of the Navigation pane as shown in the following image.



Use the group list

SQL Diagnostic Manager updates the data shown in the thumbnails view of the group list according to the interval entered in the **Status and Alerts Refresh** field on the [Console Options window](#), accessed by clicking **Tools > Console Options**. This information is collected from the last data point stored in the SQLdm Repository.

By default, the group list displays basic statistics for each of the SQL Server instances monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager. This information includes the following statistics for each instance:

Response Time

Refers to the time it takes for a query to go from the SQLdm Console to the SQL Server instance and back.

User Sessions

Refers to the total number of SQL Server user sessions.

SQL CPU Usage

Refers to average percentage of SQL Server processor usage on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance.

SQL Memory Usage/Allocated

Refers to amount of memory in use by the monitored SQL Server instance.

SQL Disk I/O

Refers to the number of physical reads and physical writes made by the SQL Server instance between refreshes. **If you see a high percentage of physical reads**, you can improve performance by allocating more memory to the SQL data cache.

Customize the monitors in your group list

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to customize the monitors displayed in group lists so that you display only those key statistics and charts that

are most important to you.

To customize a monitor:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the view.
2. Select **Thumbnail** and select the information type you want to display on your monitor.

Instead of listing statistics for the server, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the individual chart of the data item you selected. To revert back, select **Summary** from the **Thumbnail** list.

Use the Server Thumbnails, Details, or Configuration Properties window

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to monitor multiple instances using different views, such as thumbnails of mini-monitors, a list of instances and their important details, or a list of instances and their server properties. SQL Diagnostic Manager defaults to the thumbnails view. To access a different view, click the appropriate button in the upper-right corner of the window as shown in the following image.



Show Thumbnails

Show Details

Show Server Configuration
Properties



If any of the metrics are missing from this view, you may need to enable OS metrics collection.

These views list all the data collected at the last refresh for all your monitored SQL Server instances. The Details and Server Configuration Properties views can assist you with comparing the status of a specific metric or property between two or more of your SQL Server instances.

Add a custom view

You may want to add a custom view to the My Views list to organize your SQL Server instances into specific groups for monitoring purposes. This is especially important if you are monitoring a large number of SQL Server instances and want information for a specific group of SQL Server instances. If you create views before adding your SQL Server instances to SQL Diagnostic Manager for monitoring, you can have these new instances added to your views by selecting the new view you create and then adding the SQL Server instances.

To add a new view:

1. *If you want to create a new view from the File menu*, click File > Create View. *If you want to create a new view from My Views*, right-click within the My Views section, and then select **Create View**.
2. Type a name for the view.
3. Select the monitored SQL Server instances you want to include in this view.
4. Click **Add >** to move the selected instances from **Monitored Instances** to **View Instances**.
5. Click **Create** to create your new view.

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Server Configuration Properties

The Server Configuration Properties view provides the current configuration settings for each of your monitored SQL Server instances and allows for some changes directly in this window rather than leaving this view to access the properties page. The grid layout allows you to quickly scroll down in the column for a specific setting, and verify that the setting is correct in all of your instances.

You can sort your results in ascending or descending order for each column by clicking the column header. Right-click a column header to select other column options, including grouping by the selected column, hiding a column, or opening the **Group By** box for additional options.

Access the Server Configuration Properties view

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Server Configuration Properties view. The first access path is by clicking **All Servers**, and then clicking the **Show Server Configuration Properties** icon on the far right. The second access path is by right-clicking **All Servers**, and then clicking **View All Server Properties**. By default, the All Servers view displays your monitored SQL Server instances in the thumbnail view.

Performing general tasks in this view

The Server Configuration Properties view provides the following actions by right-clicking a row, and then selecting the task you want to perform:

Open

Opens the Dashboard view for the selected monitored SQL Server instance.

Refresh Alerts

Gathers the alert status and refreshes the tree view information for the selected monitored SQL Server instance.

Delete

Allows you to delete the SQL Server instance from your SQLdm installation. When you select **Delete**, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a message asking whether you want to retain the collected data for the SQL Server instance, and it also allows you to cancel out of the deletion process.



You cannot retrieve collected data once it is deleted from the SQLdm Repository. Use the **Delete** option with care.

Collapse All Groups

Allows you to collapse the contents of a group of monitored SQL Server instances.

Expand All Groups

Allows you to expand the contents of a group of monitored SQL Server instances.

Print

Allows you to print the grid of your monitored SQL Server instances and their configured properties.

Export To Excel

Allows you to export the grid of your monitored SQL Server instances and their configured properties to Microsoft Excel.

Properties

Opens the Monitored SQL Server Properties window for the selected instance.

Server Configuration Properties view contents

When you select the Server Configuration Properties view, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a grid containing each of the settings for all of your monitored SQL Server instances. This information is updated each time the SQLdm Collection Service runs. Some cells allow you to make changes on this view while others are managed in other areas in SQL Diagnostic Manager, which are accessible by double-clicking the cell you want to change. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Change icon in the **Changed?** column for the row in which you made the change. Make sure you click **Save Changes** once you made the necessary change. Click **Reset Changes** to revert all unsaved changes you made on this view. The Change icon helps remind you to save your changes as shown in the following image.



The Server Configuration Properties view contains the following properties:

Active Cluster Node

Displays the name of the active cluster node on this monitored SQL Server instance. For more information about this setting, see [Configure cluster settings](#).

Alert Refresh

Displays the interval (in hours, minutes, and seconds) between times when the service collects diagnostic data and raises the associated alerts. Use a value between 30 seconds and 30 minutes. Lower values result in a faster triggered alert, but also cause more frequent refreshes, which may increase monitoring overhead. You can modify this setting directly in this view. Click in the appropriate field, make your change, and then click **Save Changes**. For more information about this setting, see [Set general server options](#).

Authentication Mode

Displays the authentication mode used by the SQLdm Collection Service to collect diagnostic data from the monitored SQL Server instance. For more information about this setting, see [Set general server options](#).

Activity Monitor Enabled

Displays whether monitoring of non-query activities is enabled. The monitoring of non-query activities captures autogrow events, deadlocks, and blocks. For more information about this setting, see [Set activity monitor options](#).

Baseline Date Range

Displays the period of time over which the server baseline is calculated. For more information about this setting, see [Set server baseline options](#).

Baseline Time Period

Displays the date range over which the server baseline is calculated. For more information about this setting, see [Set server baseline options](#).

Changed?

Displays an edit icon to indicate that this row includes a change from the last time the data was saved. Click **Save Changes** to retain any changes made in this view. Click **Reset Changes** to revert to the most-recently saved server configuration properties.

Check Server Accessibility

Displays the interval (in hours, minutes, and seconds) between times when the server availability is verified. Use a value between 30 seconds and 10 minutes. If a select 1 query cannot execute in this timeframe, then the server is considered unresponsive. Setting your server availability check to a very low value may result in false positive alerts. You can modify this setting directly in this view. Click in the appropriate field, make your change, and then click **Save Changes**. For more information about this setting, see [Set general server options](#).

Database Statistics Refresh

Displays the interval (in hours, minutes, and seconds) between times when the database space-related data is collected and associated alerts are raised. Use a value between one minute and 24 hours. Setting your database statistics refresh to a low value may result in false positive alerts. A low setting also causes refreshes to occur more often, which increases the monitoring overhead. In environments with a large number of databases whose sizes do not change rapidly, setting this refresh to a long interval can greatly reduce your monitoring footprint. You can modify this setting directly in this view. Click in the appropriate field, make your change, and then click **Save Changes**. For more information about this setting, see [Set general server options](#).

Deadlock Monitoring

Displays the current state of deadlock monitoring, which raises alerts for deadlocked sessions on your monitored SQL Server instance. Deadlock monitoring is supported on monitored servers running SQL Server 2005 or greater and is dependent on enabling the monitoring of non-query activities in the Activity Monitor window. For more information about this setting, see [Set activity monitor options](#).

Disk Collection Settings

Displays whether the connected disk drives are discovered automatically. For more information about this setting, see [Customize disk statistics](#).

Error Log Alerting Enabled

Displays whether error log alerting is enabled, causing a specific error log collector to run. Error log alerting is considered enabled if either the SQL Server Agent Log or SQL Server Error Log alert is enabled. Note that these collectors may negatively affect performance. You can reduce the impact of error log reading by regularly cycling the server error logs. For more information about error log alerting, see [Configure alerts](#).

Fragmentation Min. Table Size (KB)

Displays the minimum size, in kilobytes, a table must meet before fragmentation statistics are collected. Use a value between 0 KB and 999999 KB. Fragmentation statistics are only gathered on tables with clustered indexes. You can modify this setting directly in this view. Click in the appropriate field, make your change, and then click **Save Changes**. For more information about this setting, see [Edit table statistics options](#).

InputBuffer Limiter

Displays the limit of the executions performed by the DBCC Inputbuffer. This command retrieves the actual input command for the Session Details view, among others. Note that on busy servers, limiting this value can reduce monitoring impact. For more information about this setting, see [Set general server options](#).

Job Alerting Enabled

Displays whether job alerting is enabled, causing a specific job alerts collector to run. Job alerting is considered enabled if one of the following alerts is enabled:

- SQL Server Agent Job Completion
- SQL Server Agent Job Failure
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent)

For more information about job alerting, see [Configure alerts](#).

Last Fragmentation Collection

Displays the date and time of the most recent, successful table fragmentation collection. This timestamp is local to the monitored SQL Server instance. For more information about this setting, see [Edit table statistics options](#).

Last Table Growth Collection

Displays the date and time of the most recent, successful table statistics collection. This timestamp is local to the monitored SQL Server instance. For more information about this setting, see [Edit table statistics options](#).

Linked Custom Counters (Count)

Displays the total number of custom counters monitored on this SQL Server instance. For more information about this setting, see [Link or tag custom counters](#).

Linked Custom Counters (List)

Displays the name for each custom counter monitored on this SQL Server instance. For more information about this setting, see [Link or tag custom counters](#).

Maintenance Mode

Displays the occasions when this server is in maintenance mode. Options include **Never**, **Until further notice**, **Recurring every week at the specified time**, and **Occurring once at the specified time**. For more information about this setting, see [Schedule maintenance mode](#).

OS Metrics Collection

Displays whether SQL Diagnostic Manager uses OLE automation or a direct connection to Windows Management Interface (WMI) to collect operating system and disk statistics. Disabling this setting prevents the collection of certain metrics in SQL Diagnostic Manager, but may lessen the monitoring overhead. For more information about this setting, see [Configure OS metrics](#).

Preferred Cluster Node

Displays the name of the preferred cluster node on this monitored SQL Server instance. You can modify this setting directly in this view. Click in the appropriate field, make your change, and then click **Save Changes**. For more information about this setting, see [Configure cluster settings](#).

Query Monitor Enabled

Displays whether query monitoring is enabled. The Query Monitor collects poorly-performing queries such as SQL batches, statements, stored procedures, and triggers. Low thresholds for query monitoring may impact performance. For more information about this setting, see [Set Query Monitor options](#).

Query Monitor Thresholds

Displays the various threshold types for query monitoring. Note that low thresholds for the query monitoring impacts performance. For more information about these settings, see [Set Query Monitor options](#).

Query Waits

Displays the date and time when the query-level wait statistics are collected or whether they are collected indefinitely. By default, these statistics are available only when the Query Waits view is open. Collection of query waits is a performance-intensive operation. For more information about this setting, see [Configure wait monitoring](#).

Query Waits Filters

Displays the filter configuration of the query-level wait statistics for this monitored SQL Server instance, including which applications, databases, and SQL text you want to exclude from the query wait statistics collection. Collection of query waits is a performance-intensive operation and excluding unnecessary data can reduce the monitoring footprint. For more information about this setting, see [Configure advanced query wait options](#).

Replication Monitoring Disabled

Displays whether replication statistics collection is disabled. Replication monitoring can cause excess monitoring overhead in some environments and is not necessary for all servers. You can modify this setting directly in this view. Click in the appropriate field to make your change, and then click **Save Changes**. For more information about this setting, see [Disable replication statistics collection](#).

Server Name

Displays the name of the monitored SQL Server instance.

Session History Browser Collection Disabled

Displays whether extended session data collection is disabled, including collection of session details, locks, and blocks. Collection of this data allows you to view past session detail, lock, and block information, but incurs extra monitoring overhead to provide this data. This data also requires extra space in the SQLdm Repository. You can modify this setting directly in this view. Click in the appropriate field to make your change, and then click **Save Changes**. For more information about this setting, see [Set general server options](#).

SQL Edition

Displays the edition of SQL Server software used in this instance.

SQL Server ID

Displays the identification number of the monitored SQL Server as used internally by SQL Diagnostic Manager. You cannot modify this value.

SQL Version

Displays the version of SQL Server software used in this instance.

Table Fragmentation Collection

Displays the days of the week and time of day when an attempt at table statistics collection occurs. For more information about this setting, see [Edit table statistics options](#).

Table Growth Collection

Displays the days of the week and time of day when an attempt at table statistics collection occurs. For more information about this setting, see [Edit table statistics options](#).

Table Statistics Excluded Databases (Count)

Displays the total number of databases excluded from table statistic collection. For more information about this setting, see [Edit table statistics options](#).

Table Statistics Excluded Databases (List)

Displays the name of each database excluded from table statistic collection. For more information about this setting, see [Edit table statistics options](#).

Virtualization Host Name

Displays the name of the host server on which this monitored SQL Server instance is running. This field applies only to SQL Server instances running on a virtual machine. For more information about virtualization configuration, see [Configure virtualization](#).

VM Name

Displays the name of the virtual machine on which this monitored SQL Server instance is running. This field applies only to SQL Server instances running on a virtual machine. For more information about virtualization configuration, see [Configure virtualization](#).

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Use the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console

The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console helps users identify and diagnose problems quickly in their SQL Server environment. The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console provides key overview information simply through dashboards and high level views.

- Access the overall status of your SQL Server environment from any connected browser. **No SQL Diagnostic Manager Desktop Console required.**
- Provide an easy to use web console without giving access to the entire management console.
- Quickly view status of a single instance or instance groups (tags) and drill down for details.
- View all active alerts in your SQL Server environment and access detailed information.
- Select different sub-views to diagnose performance issues faster.
- Monitor overall health of queries and drill down through [advanced query views](#) for details.
- View your top values for selected metrics.

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Find answers

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View help topics

SQL Diagnostic Manager Help supports the following Web browser minimum requirements:

- Internet Explorer 8
- Mozilla Firefox 4
- Google Chrome 6

Print help topics

You can print a help topic by selecting the topic in the table of contents, and then clicking the **Print this topic** icon on the right side of the Help window.

Use the PDF if you want to print more than a single topic. To print, click the PDF tab, and then click the **Print file** button. In the Print dialog box, select the pages you want to print before clicking **Print**.

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Document conventions

Element	Style	Examples
Page titles	Heading 1 style/Black font Capitalize the title's first letter unless there is a product name.	View the query monitor signature mode Access the SQL Release Notes
Views	Capitalize	The Dashboard view, the Server Configuration Properties view, Details view, Configuration view and Active Alerts view.
Objects	Capitalize	... Deleted but preserved all collected data for the monitored SQL Server.
States	Capitalize	... For each scheduled refresh on a monitored SQL Server instance where any metric severity is Critical and able to query.
Level 1 titles	Heading 2 Only the first letter capital unless there is a product name.	Get ready for your SQL Diagnostic Manager deployment
Level 2 titles	Heading 3	Scroll through activities View Use the Change Log to review changes in your SQLdm configuration .
Level 3 titles	Heading 4	Aggregated views across multiple SQLdm repositories
Level 4 titles	Paragraph style/Bold/Italics	
Path	Bold	Overview > Dashboard
Conditional sentences	Conditional's first part: Paragraph style/Bold/Italics Conditional's second part: Paragraph style	If your SQL Server environment uses SQL Server Authentication , select the check box and click Change to enter SQL Server credentials.
File names	Monospace	c:\Program Files\Idera\SQLdm_x64 Installation Kit\x64\SQLDiagnosticManager-x64_c.exe
Text	Paragraph style/ justified alignment	 SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.1 / SQL Diagnostic / Get started Welcome to SQLdm <p>SQL diagnostic manager is a powerful performance management tool designed to help you identify and resolve performance and availability problems within the SQL Server environment. It provides a common technology framework, designed to support multiple servers and hosted databases all in a consolidated interface. It provides a central set of services for managing users, roles, and tags for grouping instances. For additional information, please refer to the documentation and support resources available online.</p>

Lists	<p>Use bullets to list several items.</p> <p>Use numbers when there is a set of steps to be followed in a particular order.</p>	<p>SQLdm includes the following metric alerts for your use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds) • Availability Group Estimated Recovery time (Seconds) • ... <p>To access the web console:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open your selected browser, make sure... 2. Type the SQLdm product URL: ... 3. ...
Field labels		
Buttons	Use bold when referring to buttons that initiate commands.	Click Install to indicate that you are ready to complete your install with the configurations you specified.
Commands	Use bold when referring to commands.	Review and accept the license agreement by clicking I accept the terms in the license agreement, and then click Next .
Warning Macro	Use the Warning Macro for important advice that should be taken into account by the user. If the user does not follow this advice then some potential problems could appear.	<p>!</p> <h1>Uninstalling the Idera Dashboard</h1> <p>If you wish to uninstall the Idera Dashboard, make sure to delete all registered products.</p>
Note Macro	Use the Note Macro to give the user advice that will be useful under certain conditions (not always available or critical). A Note Macro is less critical than a warning.	<p>!</p> <p>When Application Security is enabled, the only users who have access to SQLdm are those who belong to the sysadmin role on the SQLdm Repository. All other users must be added to SQLdm.</p>
Tips Macro	Use the Tips Macro to give users advice that will help them make processes or tasks more easily.	<p>✓</p> <p>In larger environments that contain more than one SQLdm installation, consider dedicating a SQLdm Mobile deployment per each SQLdm application.</p>
Panel Macro	Use the Panel Macro for examples. Border should be 'dashed'.	

Info Macro	Use the Info Macro to inform about some fact that is good for the user's general knowledge, but that doesn't represent any critical issue.	 The Include incomplete queries filter in the Statement Mode view is disabled by default. If you would like to include data with null values in this view, check this check box in the Filters section of the main query view.
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Anchor Macro	Use the Anchor Macro to link to a specific point in a page. You can use this macro in the same page or also with specific sections of other pages.	View Access the SQLdm Release Notes > See new features in this release .
Newtablink Macro	Use the Newtablink Macro to insert hyperlinks that will open on a different browser tab. Use this macro mostly for external hyperlinks. On the URL field, type the link for the external site. On the alias field, type the words that will be clickable for the hyperlink.	SQLdm console supports Operating Systems where FIPS compliance is required The SQLdm 8.0 console supports operating systems with enabled system cryptography that use FIPS (Federal Information Processing Standard) compliant algorithms. For more information about FIPS compliance, see the Microsoft document, FIPS Compliance .

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Version	Full Support	Limited Support	End of Life	Release	Limited Support	EOL Date
10.1	✓			October, 2016		
10.0	✓			December, 2015		
9.1	✓			May, 2015		
9.0	✓			February, 2015		
8.6	✓			October, 2014	12/31/2017	6/6/2018
8.5	✓			August, 2014	12/31/2017	6/6/2018
8.0	✓			October, 2013	12/31/2017	6/6/2018
7.5		✓		October, 2012	6/1/2016	12/30/2016
7.2		✓		March, 2012	6/1/2016	12/30/2016
7.1		✓		January, 2012	6/1/2016	12/30/2016
7.0		✓		October, 2011	6/1/2016	12/30/2016
6.6		✓		February, 2011	6/1/2016	12/30/2016
6.5		✓		November, 2010	6/1/2016	12/30/2016
6.2			✓	August, 2010		
6.1			✓	December, 2009		
6.0			✓	May, 2009		
5.7			✓	January, 2009		
5.6			✓	November, 2008		
5.5			✓	May, 2008		
5.0			✓	September, 2007		
Pre-5.0			✓			

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Installation and deployment

You can install SQL Diagnostic Manager and SQLDM Mobile in an environment of any size.

Get ready for your SQL Diagnostic Manager deployment

- Check the [supported installation scenarios](#)
- Learn about the components and architecture
- Review [system requirements](#)
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Get ready for your SQLDM Mobile or IDERA Newsfeed deployment

- Check the [supported installation scenarios](#)
- Learn about the components and architecture
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Get ready for your SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only deployment

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Supported installation scenarios

You can install and deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager, SQLDM Mobile, and the IDERA Newsfeed to meet your unique SQL Server environment needs. SQL Diagnostic Manager also offers a SQL Diagnostic Manager Console-only installation in environments that already have SQL Diagnostic Manager fully installed. For additional information about this type of installation, see [deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only](#).

The following installation scenario descriptions assume you are deploying SQL Diagnostic Manager, SQLdm Mobile, and IDERA Newsfeed in your environment.

- ✓ In larger environments that contain more than one SQL Diagnostic Manager installation, consider dedicating a SQLDM Mobile deployment per each SQL Diagnostic Manager application.

- ✓ SQL Diagnostic Manager supports monitoring virtual SQL Server instances, such as those using VMware or other virtualization software. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtualization, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Typical environment

This configuration includes the following installations:

- SQL Diagnostic Manager Console on your workstation
- SQLDM Mobile Web site on a Web Server for smartphone access
- SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service on the same computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager services
- SQLDM Mobile Repository and SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on the same SQL Server instance

Clustered environment

You can install and configure SQL Diagnostic Manager to monitor virtual SQL Servers. A virtual SQL Server is a SQL Server running on a Microsoft failover cluster managed by Microsoft Cluster Services.

This configuration deploys all SQL Diagnostic Manager services to your virtual instances. A service-only deployment to a virtual instance includes the following installations:

- SQL Diagnostic Manager Console on your workstation (not located in the cluster)
- SQLDM Mobile Website on a non-clustered Web Server for smartphone access
- SQLDM Mobile Repository and SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on the same SQL Server instance
- SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service and the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services on each cluster node hosting the virtual SQL Server you want to monitor

Web farm environment

You can install SQLDM Mobile in a Web farm to make sure this site remains accessible during a failover situation. This configuration includes the following installations:

- SQLDM Mobile on a Web Server in the farm
- Typical SQL Diagnostic Manager installation
- SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service on the same computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager services
- SQLDM Mobile Repository and SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on the same SQL Server instance

Non-trusted environment

You can install and configure SQL Diagnostic Manager and SQLDM Mobile to monitor SQL Server instances running in non-trusted domains or workgroups.

This configuration includes the following installations:

- SQL Diagnostic Manager Console on your workstation in a trusted or non-trusted domain
- SQLDM Mobile Web site on a Web Server for smartphone access
- SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service on the same computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager services, in a trusted or non-trusted domain
- SQLDM Mobile Repository and SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on the same SQL Server instance, in a trusted or non-trusted domain

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Choose your deployment strategy

Before you begin installing SQL Diagnostic Manager, it is important to consider your deployment choices.

-  You can deploy SQLDM Mobile after you have installed SQL Diagnostic Manager. For more information, review the [SQLDM Mobile architecture and components](#), as well as [requirements](#).

Trial deployment

A trial deployment installs each SQL Diagnostic Manager component on a separate, dedicated computer. The IDERA evaluation license is fully functional and monitors up to 15 SQL Server instances anywhere on your network for a period of 15 days.

Production deployment

A production deployment installs each SQL Diagnostic Manager component on a separate, dedicated computer. This deployment supports stable performance and availability as your environment grows and your monitoring needs change.

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How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment

Virtual environments, such as those provided by Hyper-V or VMware, allow you to run multiple instances of computers or "virtual machines" on a single, physical host server. These VMs create a virtual environment that enables IT shops to more fully utilize the hardware they already have, allowing administrators to maintain fewer physical servers which then consume less power, take up less real estate, and generate less heat.

While there are many advantages to using a virtual environment, there are some disadvantages. One is that a virtual machine currently is not as fast or efficient as a standalone physical machine. Administrators must closely monitor and manage their virtual environments because over-utilized hardware can quickly and severely impact the performance of their servers, which are constantly waiting for physical resources to become available to process their workloads.

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes VM monitoring to allow administrators to get a glimpse of what is going on inside the virtual environment in which their SQL Servers are running, to make sure that their VMs and their host machines are running at peak efficiency. This topic is a general outline of how SQL Diagnostic Manager works in a virtual environment and includes links to other areas where you can find additional VM-specific information.

Using the hypervisor to manage resources

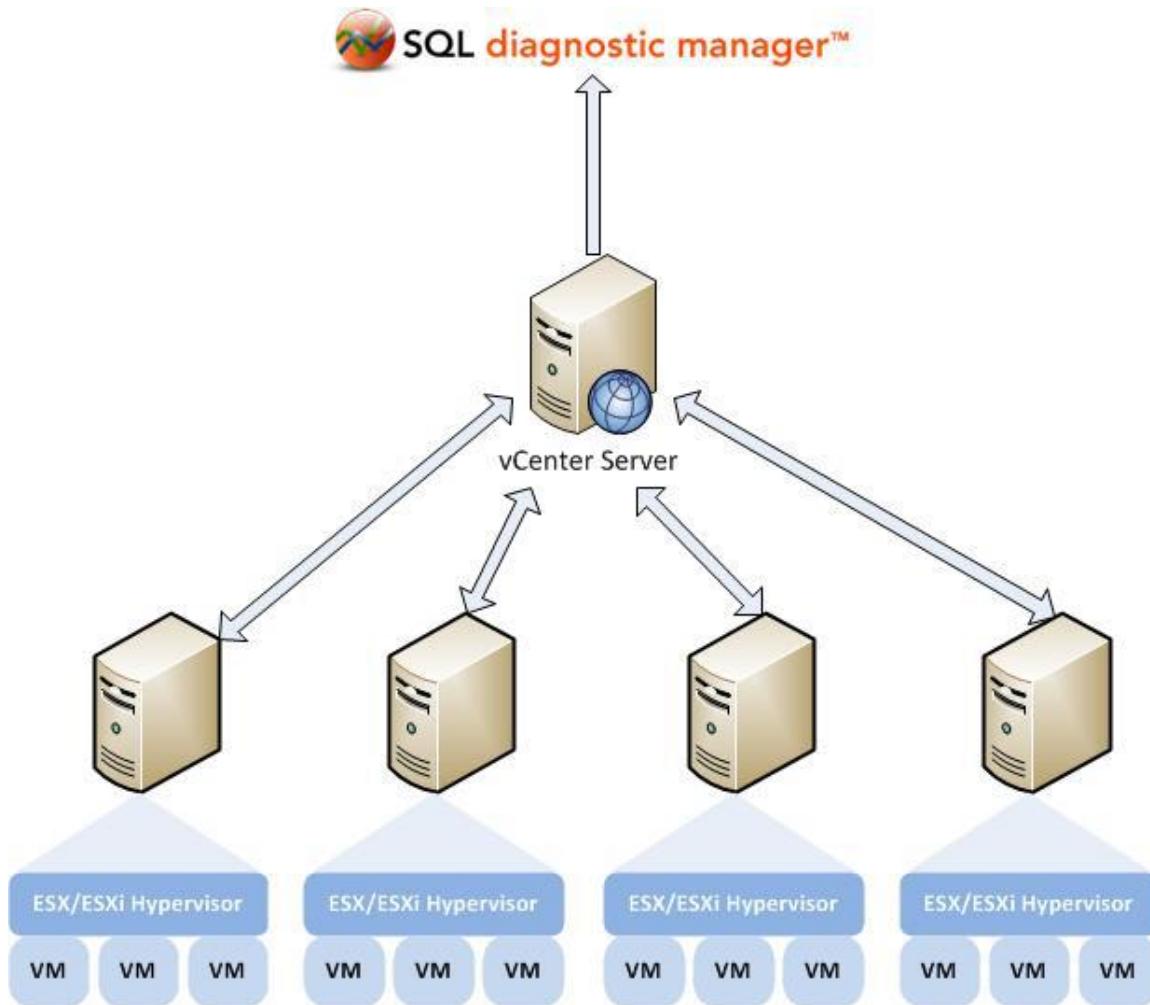
On the physical server hosting a virtual environment, there is a process called the hypervisor or virtualization manager running in the background. The hypervisor manages the interactions between the virtual machines and the physical hardware, manages resources, and then distributes the physical resources as required by each of the VMs it is hosting.

An administrator can intentionally over commit resources on a physical host with the idea that it is unlikely that all of the VMs need to utilize all of the resources on the host at the same time. The hypervisor is also affected by this shift, and manages any occasion when all of the active VMs need more physical resources than is available from the host. Note that there are ramifications for the extra processing that is occurring when the hypervisor is taxed. This additional processing is the overhead for a virtual environment and consumes CPU, memory, and network resources.

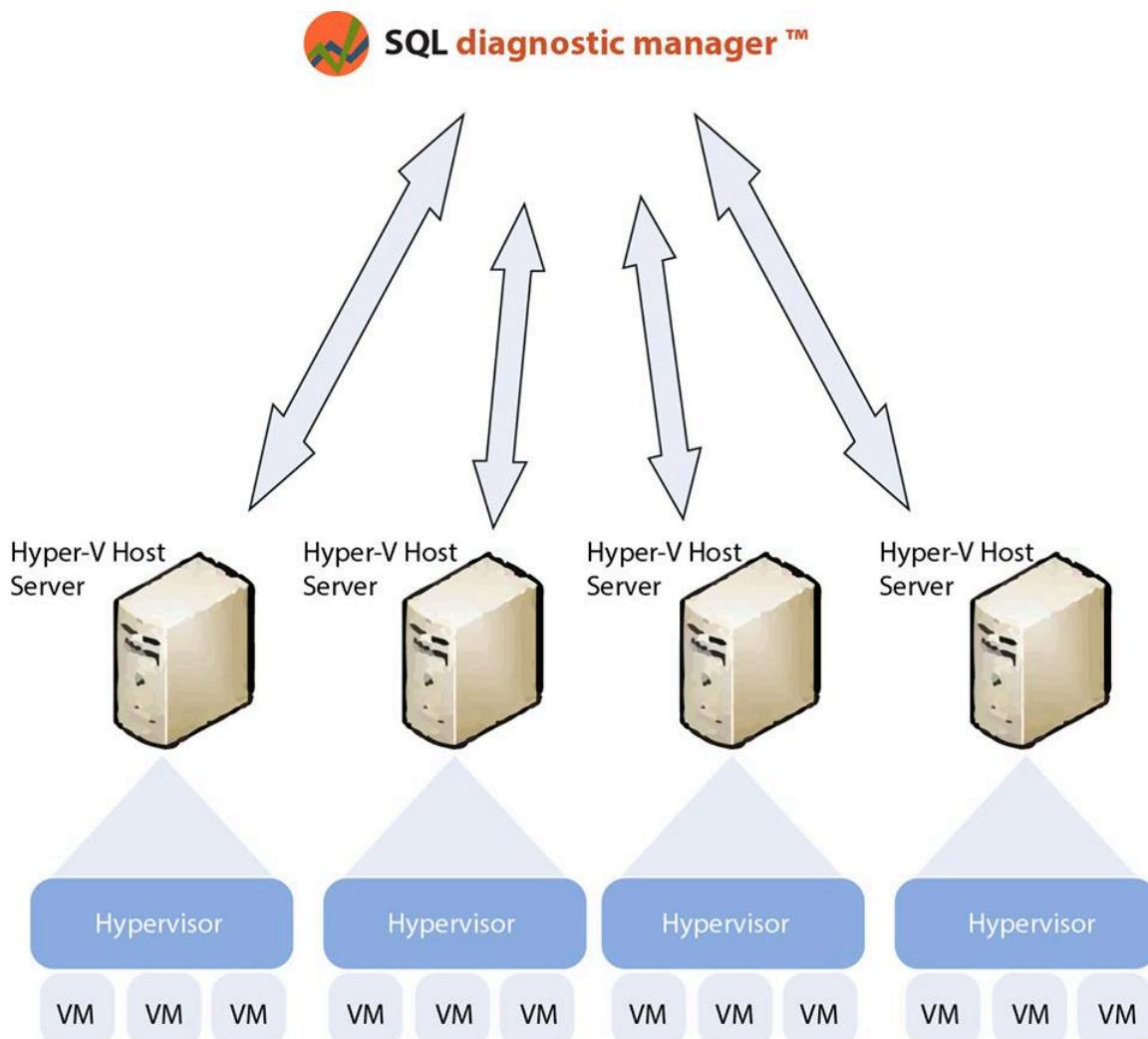
How SQL Diagnostic Manager collects and presents metrics involving a virtual environment

The guest operating system on a VM operates no differently than it does when running on a physical machine with full access to all of the resources at its disposal. But the machine hosting the VM operates differently because of the virtual environment. The physical resources of the host are shared with the other VMs on the host. Due to the additional overhead of virtualization, and the hypervisor managing contention for resources, the metrics that the guest OS reads as utilization of its resources are not entirely accurate as they do not take into account that virtualization overhead, nor does it measure that it is waiting on physical resources to process its workload.

The image below shows a typical virtualized environment with VMware. In this environment, the ESX/ESXi hypervisor on each individual host server collects the performance statistics and reports the data back to a central vCenter Server. SQL Diagnostic Manager then collects that information from the vCenter Server in order to show those statistics along with the other SQL related performance information.



In virtualized environment with Hyper-V, the process of how SQL Diagnostic Manager collects and presents metrics is slightly different from that of a VMware setup. In this environment, SQL Diagnostic Manager collects all the required performance statistics from the Hyper-V host server and virtual machines using the WMI interface. See [Hyper-V user requirements](#) for information on how to successfully collect host and VM metrics.



SQL Diagnostic Manager displays virtual machine and host metrics as collected from the perspective of the physical host. In other words, these are the “true” physical metrics. Whereas, the metrics that SQL Diagnostic Manager displays for the OS on a virtualized machine are what Microsoft Windows calculates as using without regard to any overhead. For example, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the OS CPU Usage at 35%, but metric displayed for the VM CPU Usage is 38%. This discrepancy results from the additional overhead within the hypervisor used to run the VM, and the VM is charged for the additional processing.

Link a monitored virtual SQL Server instance to the vCenter Server or Hyper-V host server

To link a monitored virtual SQL Server instance to the host server that manages your VMs, click **Tools > VM Configuration** to access the VM Configuration window. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the current relationships between your available virtualization host servers and your monitored SQL Server instances. For more information about linking a monitored virtual SQL Server instance to a vCenter Server or Hyper-V host server, see [Configure your virtual machine connections](#).

VM data collection

The VM collector connects to your virtualization host server (vCenter Server or Hyper-V host server) during the scheduled refresh for each of your monitored virtual SQL Server instances. If the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console is open to the Overview Dashboard or any Resources view for a specific instance, data is also collected based on the Server View Refresh setting in the Console Options page. In this situation, it is possible that the collector connects to the virtualization host server and virtual machines every few seconds.

You can adjust the scheduled refresh rate for a monitored virtual SQL Server instance by right-clicking the instance name, and then selecting **Properties**.

Differences in statistics

You may notice some difference in your statistics, such as SQL Diagnostic Manager displaying a higher OS CPU usage than your VM CPU usage. While the hypervisor manages resources efficiently, it is possible that the demand for physical resources is greater than what is available. For example, a guest OS on a virtual machine submits a batch of work to a CPU. However, all of the physical CPUs are committed to

other work, so there is no physical CPU available on the host to process the work. In this situation, the VM waits for a CPU to become available to process its work. While it is waiting, the guest OS is unaware of the wait and assumes that it is simply taking longer for the CPU to process this batch of work, and the OS thinks it is using more CPU power than it is actually using.

Remember that SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the additional overhead of the hypervisor to calculate the VM metrics. In this situation, the hypervisor knows the VM is just waiting for a CPU, so it does not charge the VM for CPU processing power while it is waiting. The result is that the guest OS reports that it is using the additional processing power, however the hypervisor simply reports what is actually used. In this situation, your CPU usage metrics that are reported by Windows are higher than what is reported by VMware or Hyper-V for that VM.

Available metrics related to your VMs

A monitored virtual SQL Server instance appears in the Servers pane in the same way as a monitored physical SQL Server instances. Click the appropriate virtual instance, and SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the same dashboard panels as for a monitored physical SQL Server instance, but also include specific metrics for the VM and host server.

The following dashboard panels include VM- or host-related information:

- [CPU panel](#) - Includes VM and Host usage metrics. The information available in this panel comes from the Server Details and Resources Summary views.
- [Memory panel](#) - Includes the VM Memory Usage and Host Memory Usage charts. The information available in this panel comes from the Server Details and Resources Summary views.
- [Network panel](#) - Includes the VM Network Usage Throughput and Host Network Usage Throughput charts. The information available in this panel comes from the Server Details and Resources Summary views.
- [VM Disk Usage panel](#) - Includes the amount of data read from and written to disk for this VM during the sample interval. The information available in this panel comes from the Resources Disk view.
- [Host Disk Usage panel](#) - Includes the amount of data read from and written to disk for this host server during the sample interval. The information available in this panel comes from the Resources Disk view.
- [Virtualization panel](#) - Includes the Virtual Memory Usage and Virtual Disk Usage charts plus the CPU Ready Wait Time gauge. The information available in this panel comes from the Server Details view.

Use the available virtualization alerts and VM-related reports to get the most information regarding your monitored virtual SQL Server instances and host servers.

Available VM-related reports

- [Virtualization Statistics Report](#)
- [Virtualization Summary Report](#)

Available virtualization alerts

- Host CPU Usage Alert
- Host Memory Swap Detected alert
- Host Memory Usage Alert
- Host Power State Alert
- VM CPU Ready Wait Time Alert
- VM CPU Usage Alert
- VM Host Server Change Alert
- VM Memory Swap Delay Detected Alert
- VM Memory Usage Alert
- VM Power State Alert
- VM Reclaimed Ballooned Memory Alert
- VM Resource Configuration Change Alert
- VM Resource Limits Detected Alert

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Hyper-V user requirements

In virtualized environment with Hyper-V, the process of how SQL Diagnostic Manager collects and presents metrics is slightly different from that of a VMware setup. To successfully collect Hyper-V host metrics, the user needs access to the WMI credentials on the host server. These credentials are established on the **Virtualization Host Configuration** window (Tools >VM Configuration >New or Tools >VM Configuration >View/Edit)

In addition, to successfully collect VM metrics, the user needs access to the WMI credentials on the VM. These credentials are established under on the **OS Metrics** tab of the **Monitored SQL Server Properties** window (right-click on the monitored instance name and select Properties). SQL Diagnostic Manager identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more > >](#)

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Deploy the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager

Use the following links to prepare for your IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager deployment:

- Check the [supported installation scenarios](#)
- Learn about the [components and architecture](#)
- Review [system requirements](#) for the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager
- View the [installation instructions](#)
- Log in the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager web console

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Product components and architecture

The IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager consist of a light, unobtrusive architecture that easily runs in your SQL Server environment with minimal configuration. All components run outside and separate from SQL Server processes.

- Learn about the components and architecture of the [IDERA Dashboard](#).
- Learn about the components and architecture of the [SQL Diagnostic Manager](#).

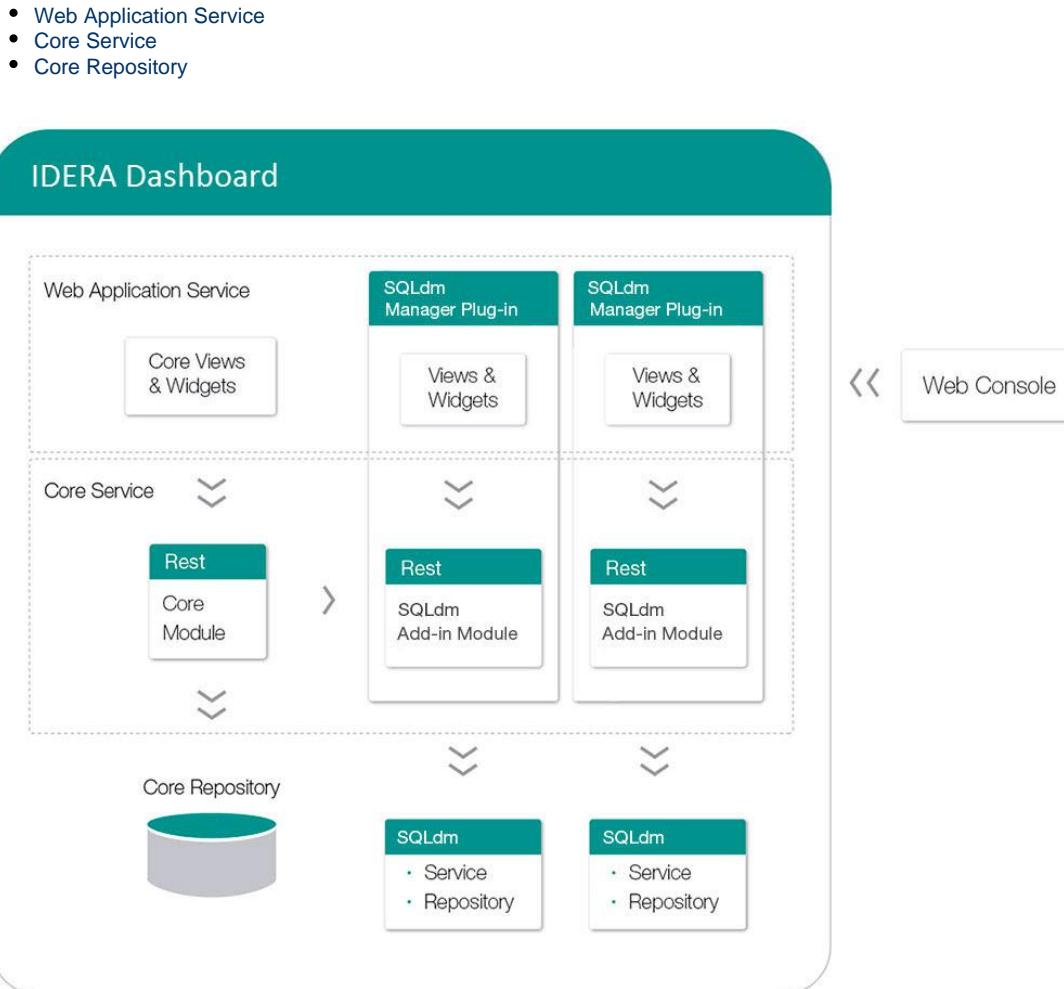
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IDERA Dashboard components and architecture

The IDERA Dashboard provides web and back end services, shared across multiple IDERA products. To learn more about what the IDERA Dashboard is and how it works, see [Navigate the IDERA Dashboard](#).

The IDERA Dashboard consists of the following components:



Web Application Service

The Web Application Service is a Windows service that wraps Apache Tomcat server. The Web Application Service serves up dashboard (IDERA Dashboard) and SQLdm views and widgets that are displayed in the web console. The Web Application Service requires three ports:

- Standard HTTP port (by default 9290)
- Monitor port (9094)
- SSL port (9291)

Core Service

The Core Service is a C# (.NET 4.0 Framework) based Windows service that hosts dashboard and SQLdm REST APIs that are used by the Web Application Service to configure and retrieve data. In addition, the Core Service handles product registration, security, configuration, product data, and event aggregation.

The Core Service uses two ports, one for REST API and the other for .NET remoting:

- Core Service REST API port (by default 9292)
- .NET remoting port (by default 9293)

Core Repository

The Core Repository is a database where all dashboard configuration and aggregated data is stored. The Core Repository database is hosted on

a SQL Server instance and is accessed by the Core Service to retrieve data.

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SQL Diagnostic Manager components and architecture

SQL Diagnostic Manager consists of a light, unobtrusive architecture that easily runs in your SQL Server environment with minimal configuration. All SQL Diagnostic Manager components run outside and separate from SQL Server processes.

SQL Diagnostic Manager Console

Use the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console to:

- View real-time status
- Configure alert notifications on specific metric thresholds at the server and database levels
- View historical reports
- Perform administrative functions

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Console retrieves historical information directly from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. All real-time requests use the SQL Diagnostic Manager services to poll the monitored SQL Server.

SQL Diagnostic Manager Services

SQL Diagnostic Manager has three centralized services, the Management Service, the Collection Service, and the Predictive Service. These three services reside on the same computer.

The Management Service

The Management Service performs the following primary functions:

- Provides real-time data to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console
- Receives historical data from the Collection Service for storage in the Repository
- Raises alerts and sends alert notifications

The Collection Service

The Collection Service performs on-demand and scheduled collection from the monitored SQL Servers.

The Predictive Service

The Predictive Service is used for Alert Forecasting and performs the following primary functions:

- Calculates the Alert Forecast every hour
- Builds a forecasting model once a day

SQL Diagnostic Manager Plug-in

When SQL Diagnostic Manager is registered with the IDERA Dashboard, the product plug-in module is deployed. The SQL Diagnostic Manager plug-in consists of web views and widgets and a .NET based add-in module (SQL Diagnostic Manager add-in). The web views and widgets are deployed in the Web Application Service of the IDERA Dashboard, and the SQL Diagnostic Manager add-in in the Core Service of the same.

The Web Application Service dynamically loads in SQL Diagnostic Manager's views and widgets and makes them available to web console users. The views and widgets use the SQL Diagnostic Manager add-in REST APIs to retrieve data. Likewise, the SQL Diagnostic Manager add-in retries data from the product services and Repository.

SQL Diagnostic Manager Web Console integrated to the IDERA Dashboard

The IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager web console are automatically installed upon upgrade or during installation of the 9.0 or higher versions.

To access the web console:

1. Open your selected Browser, make sure it is compatible with the [SQL Diagnostic Manager web console requirements](#).
2. Type the SQL Diagnostic Manager product URL: <http://<machinename>:<port>> where <machinename> is the name of your host or machine, and <port> is the port specified during installation. The default URL is <http://localhost:9290>.
3. When the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console launches on your browser, use your Windows user account <domain\user> with the respective password to log into the product.

To learn about the new components and architecture, hardware and software requirements, and the required accounts and permissions you need to run the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager web console in your environment, see [Deploy the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager](#).

 The IDERA Dashboard Web Application service comes with SSL already set up. For more information on running the IDERA Dashboard over SSL, see [Run the Idera Dashboard over SSL \(HTTPS\)](#)

SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository is a centralized SQL Server database that stores collected metrics on a scheduled basis, historical data, and alerts information. The SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository also stores configuration information, such as the credentials used to monitor a registered SQL Server instance.



SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 and later requires Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or above running on the computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database for all installations.

Authentication in SQL Diagnostic Manager

SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the same types of authentication available in the SQL Server security model. When specifying account credentials for the SQL Diagnostic Manager services, you can use Windows Authentication or SQL Server Authentication.

When considering which authentication to use, keep in mind that SQL Server Authentication is required when no domain trust exists between the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services computer and the computers hosting the monitored SQL Server instances. For example, if the monitored SQL Server instances are located in an untrusted domain or behind a firewall, you must use SQL Server Authentication to successfully deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager. In this case, you must use the **sa** account or a SQL Server login that has System Administrator permissions.

For more information about these authentication types and the SQL Server security model, see the Microsoft document, [Authentication in SQL Server](#).

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Product requirements

The IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager consist of a light, unobtrusive architecture that easily runs in your SQL Server environment with minimal configuration. Review system requirements for the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager.

- Learn about the IDERA Dashboard's requirements.
- Learn about the SQL Diagnostic Manager requirements.

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IDERA Dashboard and web console requirements

To successfully install the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager web console you need to comply with the following requirements:

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows XP SP2+ Windows Vista SP2+ Windows Server 2008 SP1+ Windows 2008 R2 Windows 2012 Windows 7 Windows 8 Windows 10
Repository	SQL Server 2005 SP1+ SQL Server 2008 SQL Server 2008 R2 SQL Server 2012 SQL Server 2014 SQL Server 2016
Microsoft. NET Framework version	4.0 or later
Browser	Internet Explorer IE 9.x+ Google Chrome Mozilla Firefox Edge Browser
Web Server	Apache Tomcat 6.0

Port requirements:

The IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager web console use the following ports:

- IDERA Dashboard Core Services port: **9292**
- IDERA Dashboard Web Application Service port: **9290**
- IDERA Dashboard Web Application Monitor port: **9094**
- IDERA Dashboard Web Application SSL port: **9291**

 The IDERA Dashboard Web Application service comes with SSL already set up. For more information on running the IDERA Dashboard over SSL, see [Run the Idera Dashboard over SSL \(HTTPS\)](#).

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SQL Diagnostic Manager requirements

There are three types of SQL Diagnostic Manager installation (Trial, General, and Production). Refer to the following list of requirements for each type of installation.

 SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1 requires Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or above running on the computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database for all installations.

 Tempdb monitoring is supported on SQL Server 2005 and above servers only.

 This topic provides the minimum requirements for installing SQL Diagnostic Manager. For more information about installation requirements, view [SQL Diagnostic Manager Hardware Sizing guidelines](#).

Trial requirements

Consider the following requirements when installing all SQL Diagnostic Manager components on one computer.

Type	Requirement
SQL Server Standard or Enterprise Edition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQL Server 2005 SP1 or later • SQL Server 2008 or later • SQL Server 2008 R2 • SQL Server 2012 • SQL Server 2014 • SQL Server 2016
Hard Disk Space	200 MB for all SQL Diagnostic Manager components
Windows Permissions	Your Windows Logon account includes local Administrator permissions
SQL Server Privileges	Either a Windows user account or SQL Server login that includes System Administrator privileges on the monitored SQL Server instances

General requirements

The following requirements apply for all SQL Diagnostic Manager components.

Type	Requirement
CPU	2.0 GHz or higher
Memory	1 GB
Operating System (32-bit and 64-bit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows XP SP2 or later • Windows Vista SP2 or later • Windows Server 2008 SP2 • Windows Server 2008 R2 • Windows 7 • Windows Server 2012 • Windows 8 • Windows Server 2012 R2 • Windows 8.1 • Windows 10
Port Access	5166, 5167, 5169
Client Browser	Internet Explorer 7.0 or later

Production requirements

Consider the following requirements when installing SQL Diagnostic Manager in an environment where the components are on separate computers.

SQL Diagnostic Manager Console

Type	Requirement
Disk Space	40 MB
SQL Server Permissions	Your Windows login account includes Read Access to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. You can specify a SQL Server login instead.
Software Framework	Microsoft .NET 4.0+ and MDAC 2.8
Monitor Resolution	1280 x 1024 with small text for the best viewing of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Dashboard

SQL Diagnostic Manager Services

Type	Requirement
Disk Space	50 MB
Collection Service Permissions	System Administrator privileges on the monitored SQL Server instances
Management Service Permissions	System Administration privileges on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository instance
Software Framework	Microsoft .NET 4.0 SP2+ and MDAC 2.8

SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository

-  SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.2 and later includes a repository autogrow setting at 32 MB, which is sufficient for trial and small environments in production. Environments with larger, multi-server installations should change the repository autogrow setting to 250 MB or higher to prevent frequent data file autogrow, which can cause performance problems. Using percentage-based autogrow is not recommended.

Type	Requirement
Disk Space	1GB to 3GB for one year of data per monitored SQL Server instance
SQL Server Standard or Enterprise Edition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQL Server 2005 SP1 or later • SQL Server 2008 or later • SQL Server 2008 R2 • SQL Server 2012 • SQL Server 2014 • SQL Server 2016

Monitored SQL Server Instances

Type	Requirement
SQL Server Standard or Enterprise Edition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SQL Server 2000 SP4 or later • SQL Server 2005 SP1 or later • SQL Server 2008 or later • SQL Server 2008 R2 • SQL Server 2012 • SQL Server 2014 • SQL Server 2016 • SQL Express 2008 • SQL Server Express 2008 R2 • SQL Server Express 2012 • SQL Server Express 2014

SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Pack and SCOM support requirements

The IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Pack for integration with SCOM is designed for System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2 and above. For more information about SQL Diagnostic Manager MP and SCOM installation, see [Install and configure the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Pack for SCOM](#).

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SQL Diagnostic Manager Hardware Sizing guidelines

The following guidelines provide an estimation of the hardware resources required to deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager depending on the number of servers you want to monitor with SQLDM.

Installs under 20 servers

Single-server deployment - Includes the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services and the SQL Server hosting the SQLdm Repository (clustered for redundancy).

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	8 GB
CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2430 2.20GHz (6 Core)
SQLdm Repository size	Approximately 50GB
SQL Server version	SQL Server 2008R2 standard edition or higher

 The expected repository growth is approximately 1.5-3 GB per monitored instance for a year worth of collected data. Monitoring 15 instances could gather approximately 45 GB over the course of a year.

Installs 20-50 servers

Single-server deployment - Includes the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services and the SQL Server hosting the SQLdm Repository (virtualized/clustered for redundancy).

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	16 GB
CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2430 2.20GHz (6 Core)
SQLdm Repository size	Approximately 150GB
SQL Server version	SQL Server 2008R2 standard edition or higher

 The expected repository growth is approximately 1.5-3 GB per monitored instance for a year worth of collected data. Monitoring 30 instances could gather approximately 90 GB over the course of a year.

Installs 51-200 servers

Dual-server deployment - First server hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services and second server hosts the SQL Server and the SQLdm Repository database.

- **Machine 1** - Hosting the SQL Diagnostic Manager services (virtualized/clustered for redundancy)

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	8-16 GB
CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2430 2.20GHz (6 Core)

- **Machine 2** - Hosting the SQL Server and the SQLdm Repository (clustered for redundancy)

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Microsoft Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	16 GB
CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2430 2.20GHz (6 Core)
SQLdm Repository size	200-600GB
SQL Server version	SQL Server 2008R2 standard edition or higher

Installs 201-300 servers

Dual-server deployment - First server hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services and second server hosts the SQL Server and the SQLdm Repository database.

- **Machine 1** - Hosting the SQL Diagnostic Manager services (virtualized/clustered for redundancy)

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	16 GB
CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2450 2.10GHz (8 Core)

- **Machine 2** - Hosting the SQL Server and the SQLdm Repository (clustered for redundancy)

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	32 GB
CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2450 2.10GHz (8 Core)
SQLdm Repository size	600 GB or more
SQL Server version	SQL Server 2008R2 standard edition or higher

Installs over 300 servers

Dual-server deployment - First server hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services and second server hosts the SQL Server and the SQLdm Repository database.

- **Machine 1** - Hosting the SQL Diagnostic Manager services (virtualized/clustered for redundancy)

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	32 GB
CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2450 2.10GHz (8 Core)

- **Machine 2** - Hosting the SQL Server and the SQLdm Repository (virtualized/clustered for redundancy)

Type	Requirement
Operating System	Windows Server 2008R2 Windows Server 2012
Memory	32 GB

CPU	Intel® Xeon® E5-2450 2.10GHz (8 Core)
SQLdm Repository size	900 GB or more
SQL Server version	SQL Server 2008R2 standard/enterprise edition

Sample installations in large environments

See the following sample customer installations for users with large environments:

Installs 51-100 servers

Type	In-House Use
Number of monitored servers	52
Services and Repository installed on same machine	Hyper-V <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 quad core processors • 14 GB of memory • Windows Server 2008 R2 Enterprise
Data storage and grooming options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repository size: 120 GB • Retain 60 days of history
Monitoring features	Monitor Windows and SQL Server performance and error log monitoring

Type	In-House Use
Number of monitored servers	90
Services machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 vCPU • 8 GB of memory • Windows Server 2008 R2 Enterprise
Services machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 vCPU • 8 GB of memory • Windows 2008 R2 Enterprise • Repository: SQL Server 2008 R2
Data storage and grooming options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repository size: 100 GB • Retain 60 days of history
Monitoring features	Monitor Windows and SQL Server performance

Installs 201- 300 servers

Type	In-House Use
Number of monitored servers	234
Services and Repository installed on same machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dell 2950 • 2 quad core processors • 16 GB of memory • Windows Server 2003
Data storage and grooming options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repository size: 140 GB • Retain 30 days of history
Monitoring features	Monitor Windows and SQL Server performance and use Query Waits for specific periods of diagnostics
Integrations	Send alerts to HP Open View via a command line program (opcmsg)

Type	In-House Use
Number of monitored servers	274

Services and Repository installed on same machine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 quad core processors• 128 GB of memory• Windows Server 2008 R2
Data storage and grooming options	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Repository size: 1.5 TB• Retain 365 days of history
Monitoring features	Monitor Windows and SQL Server performance

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How to install the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager

This procedure guides you through the installation of the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1.

 To perform a silent mode installation, see [Install SQL Diagnostic Manager in silent mode](#).

Start your IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager installation

You can install the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1 on any computer that meets or exceeds the product requirements.

To start installing the IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install SQL Diagnostic Manager.
2. Run Setup.exe in the root of the installation kit.
3. Click **Install SQL Diagnostic Manager** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review the license agreement. To accept this license agreement, click **I accept the terms and conditions of this License Agreement and then click Next**.



6. Choose the components you want to install by selecting the respective check boxes. By default, the setup program installs SQL DM, and SQL DM Repository and Services, allowing you to immediately begin monitoring your SQL Server environment. Select the IDERA Dashboard checkbox if you want a complete installation.



By default, the Management Service, Collection Service, and Predictive Service are installed on the local computer where you are running the setup program.

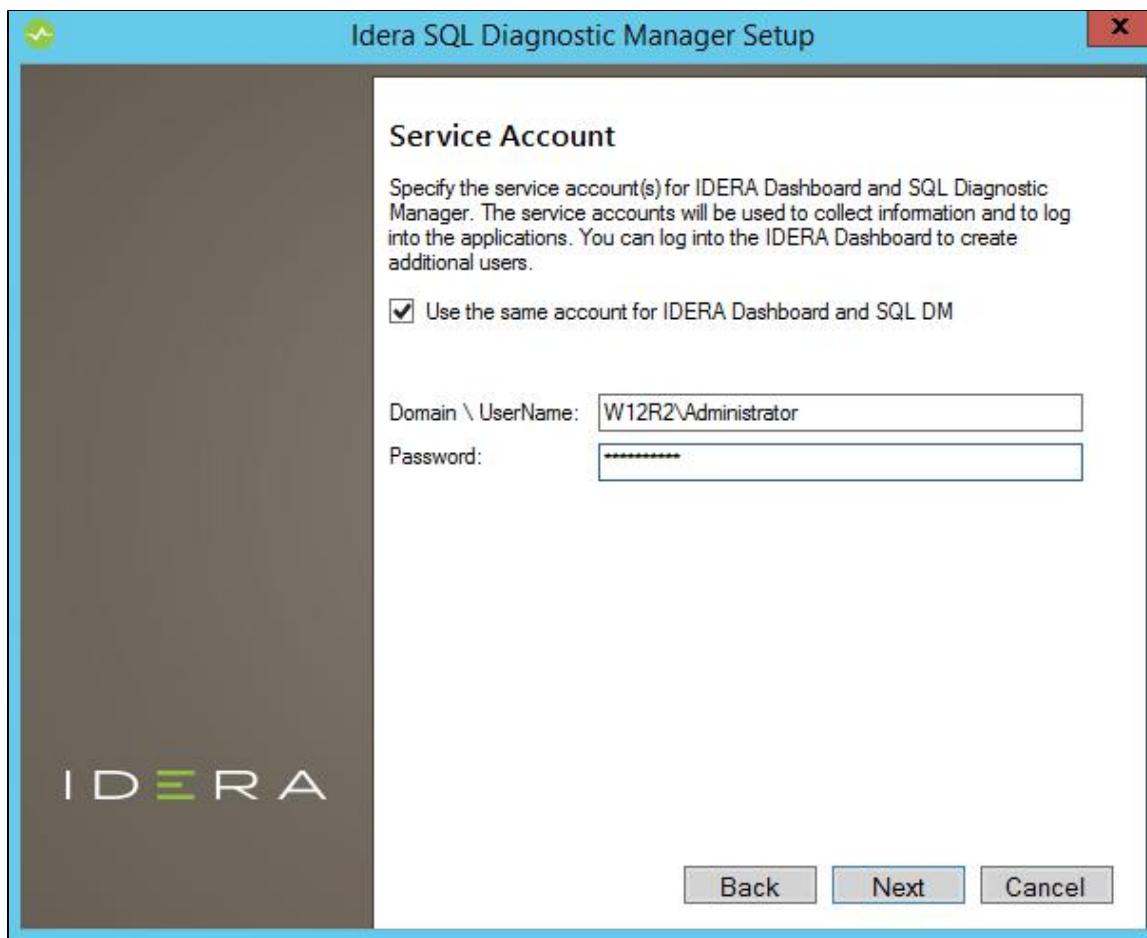
7. Click **Next**.

**Select a Windows user account to use for the service account**

SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the service account to communicate between the monitored SQL Server instance and the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. The IDERA Dashboard uses this account to connect, discover, and gather configuration information from SQL Servers in your Business environment. The installer grants the "Log on as a Service" right to the account that you specify.

To specify a service account:

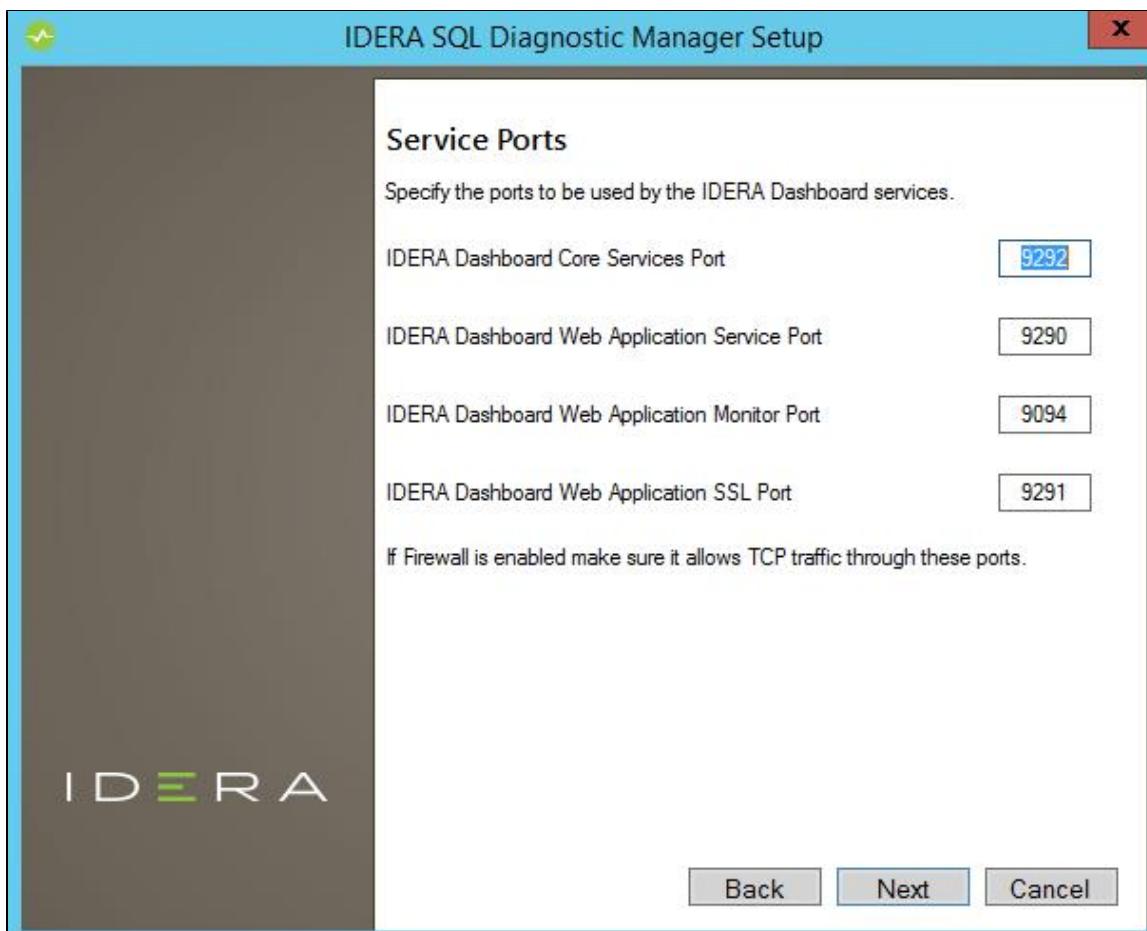
1. On the Service Account window, type appropriate credentials in the provided fields under which the services run.
2. Click **Next**. SQL Diagnostic Manager verifies the connection before continuing.

**Select service ports to use for the IDERA Dashboard**

The IDERA Dashboard uses ports **9094**, **9290**, **9291**, and **9292** for the web application and dashboard services respectively. However, you can specify different service ports.

To specify a service port:

1. On the Service Ports window, specify the ports you want the web application and dashboard services to use.



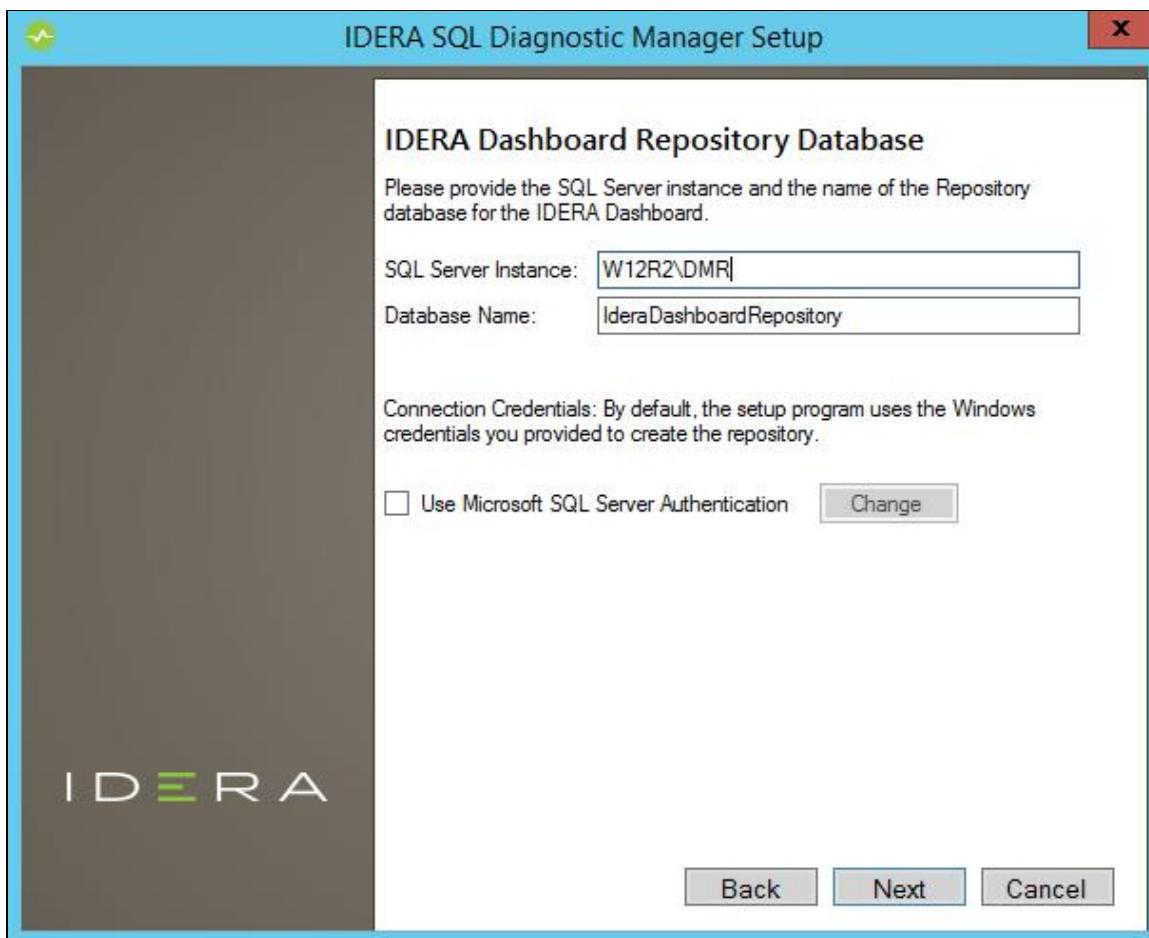
2. Verify that the Firewall allows TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) traffic through your specified ports.
3. Click **Next**.

Select a SQL Server instance to use for the IDERA Dashboard Repository database

The IDERA Dashboard Repository database is where the collected data, alert information, and alert configuration settings are stored.

To specify the SQL Server instance to install the Repository database on:

1. On the Repository Database screen, specify the host SQL Server instance you want to use for the IDERA Dashboard Repository database.
2. Type the name for the IDERA Dashboard Repository database.



3. If your SQL Server environment uses SQL Server Authentication, select the respective check box and click **Change** to enter SQL Server credentials. By default, the IDERA Dashboard uses your Windows credentials when connecting to the Repository database.

i If you use Microsoft SQL Server Authentication, a new window displays where you can type the respective SQL Server login and password.

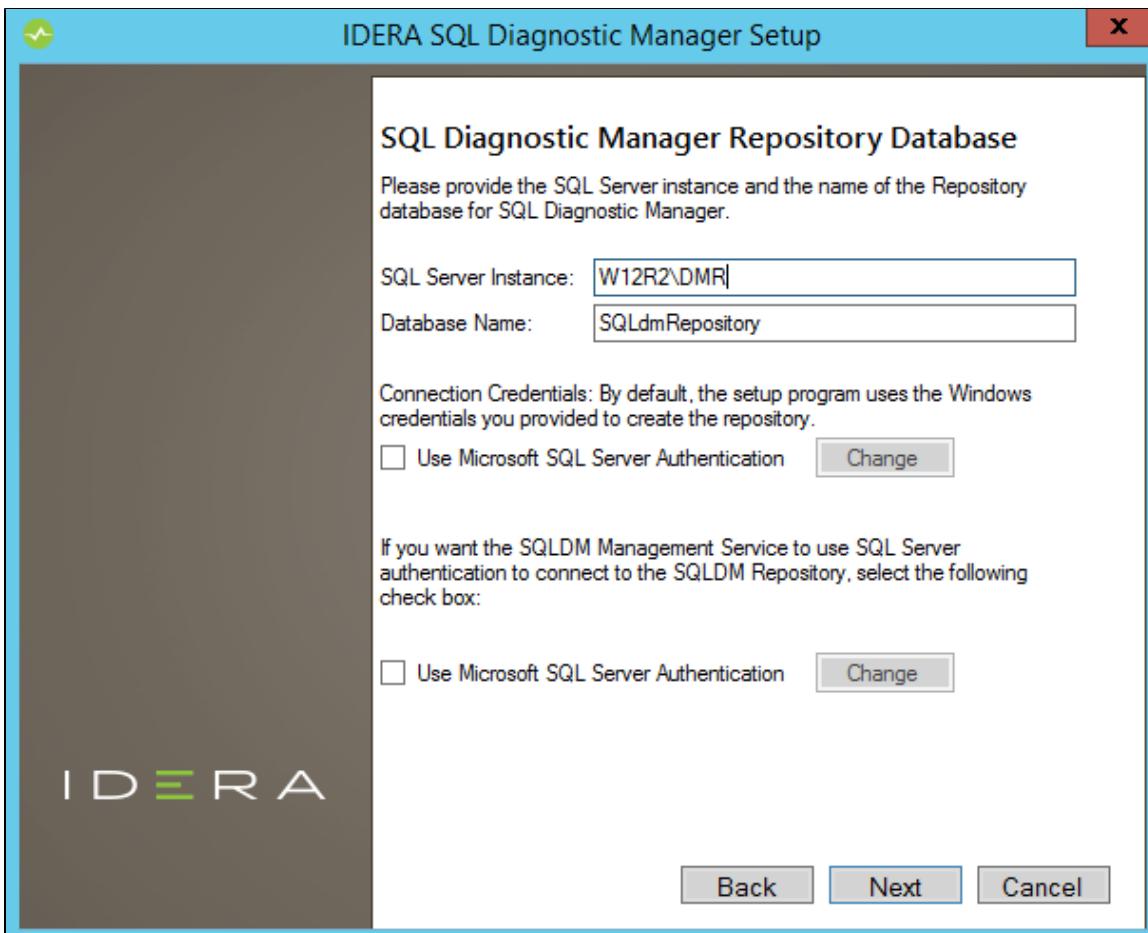
4. Click **Next**.

Select a SQL Server instance to use for the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository is where the collected data, alert information, and alert configuration settings are stored.

To specify the SQL Server instance to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on:

1. Type the host name and instance in the space provided.



2. If your SQL Server environment uses SQL Server Authentication, select the respective check box and click **Change** to enter SQL Server credentials. By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager uses your Windows credentials when connecting to the Repository.
3. If I want the SQL Diagnostic Management Service to use SQL Server Authentication , select the respective check box and click **Change** to enter SQL Server credentials. By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager uses your Windows credentials when connecting to the Repository.
4. Click **Next**.

SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1 requires Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or above running on the computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database for all installations.

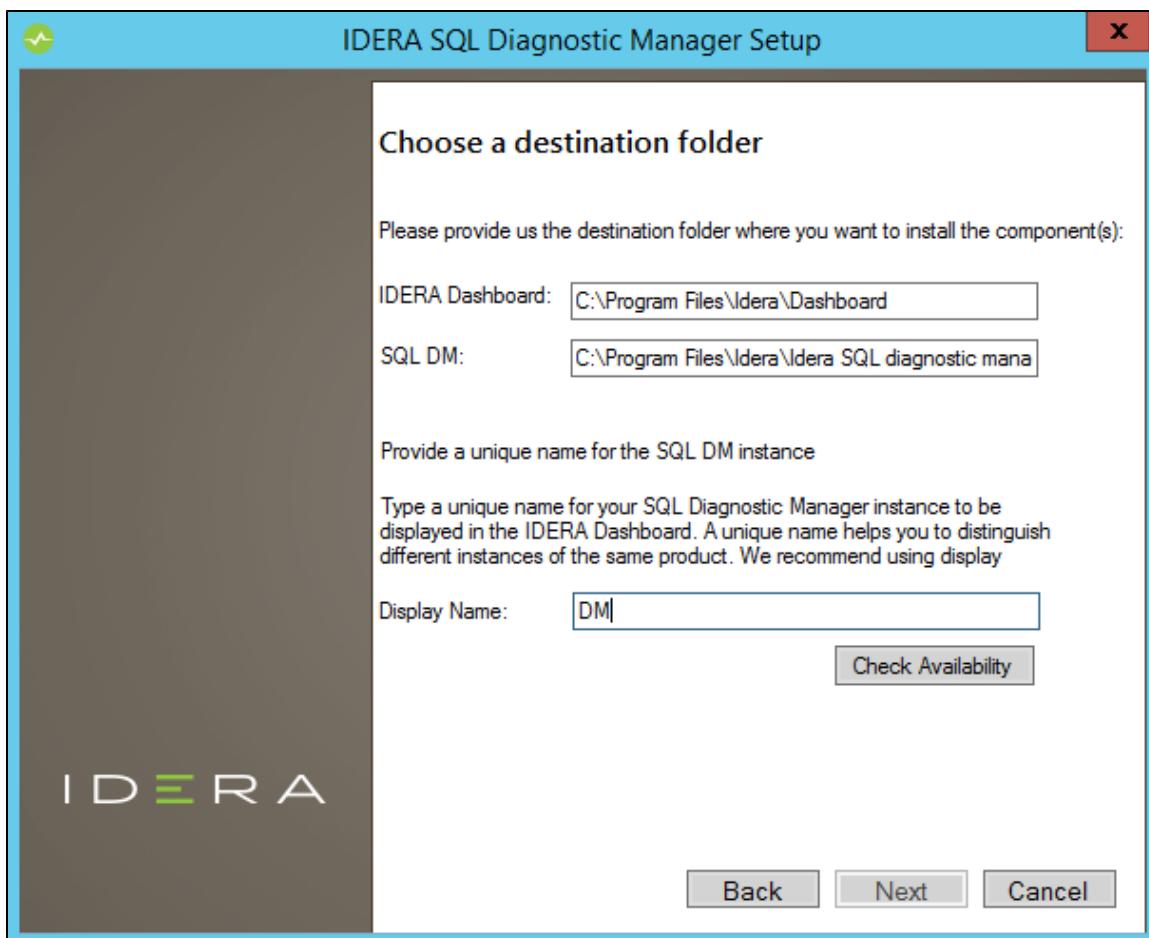
Select an installation location and type a display name for your instance

You can use the default install location or specify a different path. For your first install, we recommend using the default location. On the Display Name text box, type a unique name for your SQLDM instance. The display name helps you to distinguish different instances of the same product. Click **Next** to continue with the installation.



Display name

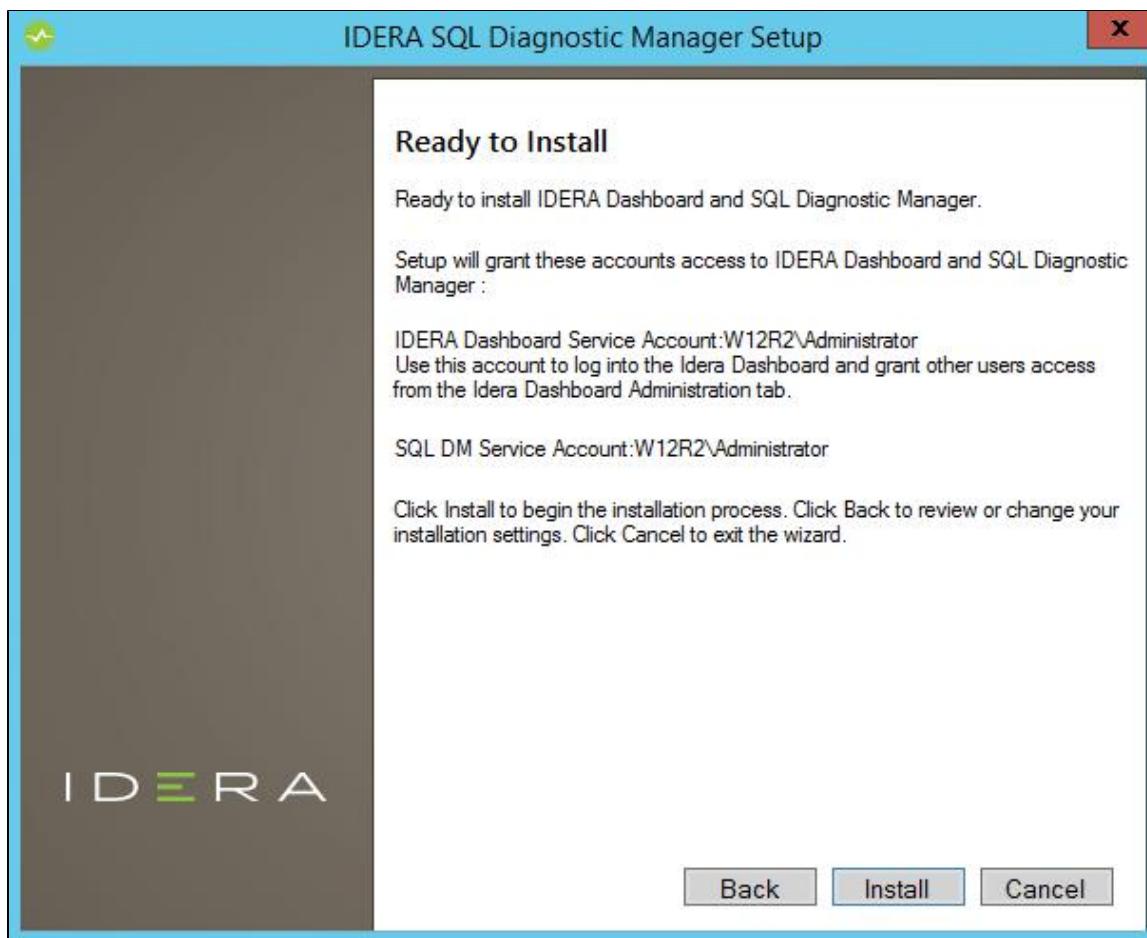
In SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1 the installer prompts users to provide a unique *display name* for the registered SQL Diagnostic Manager instance on the IDERA Dashboard or the installation process does not complete. Use the **Check Availability** option to verify the Display Name is available.



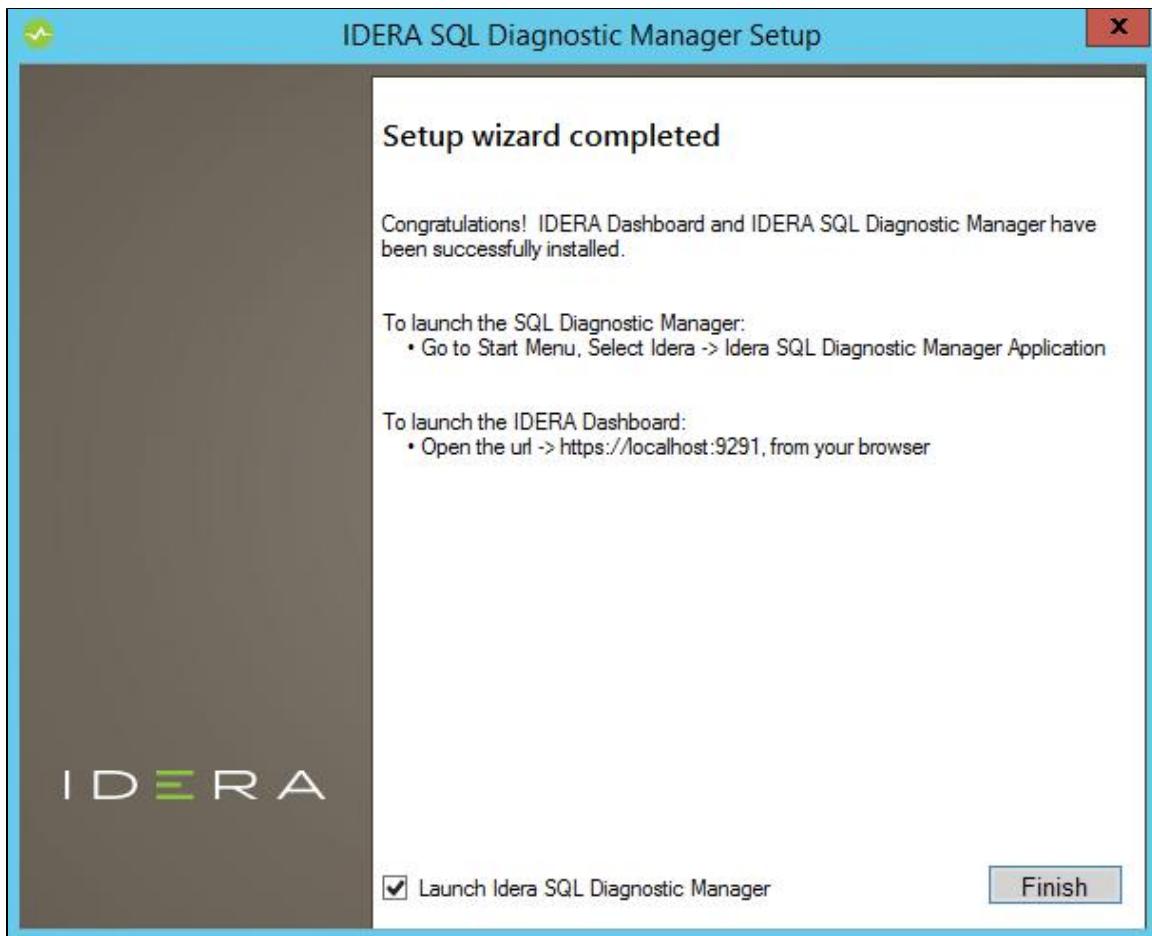
Complete the install

The setup will grant the provided accounts access to SQL Diagnostic Manager and the IDERA Dashboard. The user that installs the IDERA Dashboard has access to this application by default as a Dashboard Administrator. You can choose whether you want other users to have access to the IDERA Dashboard in the Administration view.

1. Click **Install** to indicate that you are ready to complete your installation with the configurations you specified. If you want to review or change any of your settings, click **Back**.



2. Click **Finish** to exit the IDERA Dashboard Setup Wizard.



The SQL Diagnostic Manager Console automatically launches. To access the IDERA Dashboard and the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console, see [Log in the IDERA Dashboard and web console](#).



Uninstalling the IDERA Dashboard

If you wish to uninstall the IDERA Dashboard, make sure to unregister all products by clicking the **Manage Products** link of the Products widget in the Administration view. For additional information, see [Managing products in the IDERA Dashboard](#).

Decide whether you want to deploy SQLDM Mobile

SQLDM Mobile includes the IDERA Newsfeed and several dashboard views that define your server health and expose critical alerts. You can access the SQLDM Mobile Web application from most smartphones and mobile devices. The IDERA Newsfeed is a revolutionary new way for DBAs and managers to collaborate, share knowledge, and keep close tabs on your most critical SQL Server issues. With the IDERA Newsfeed, you can quickly share information to stay informed, be more productive and shorten the time to problem resolution. For more information, review the SQLDM Mobile [architecture and components](#), as well as its [requirements](#).

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Install SQL Diagnostic Manager in silent mode

In addition to the Setup Wizard, SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to use the Microsoft installer in silent or quiet mode and to simplify SQL Diagnostic Manager deployment.

To run silent installation using Windows Authentication, type the following command-line in the Command Prompt window:

```
"path_to_exe_file" /v"/L*v C:\test.log
INSTANCE="SQLServerInstanceName"
REPOSITORY="SilentSLQdmDatabase"
SETUPTYPE="Typical"
SERVICEUSERNAME="domain\username"
SERVICEPASSWORD="password"
SQLSERVER_AUTHENTICATION="0"
SERVICE_SQLAUTHENTICATION="0" /quiet"
```

To run silent installation using SQL Authentication, type the following command-line in the Command Prompt window:

```
"path_to_exe_file" /v"/L*v C:\test.log
INSTANCE="SQLServerInstanceName"
REPOSITORY="SilentSLQdmDatabase"
SETUPTYPE="Typical"
SERVICEUSERNAME="domain\username"
SERVICEPASSWORD="password"
SQLSERVER_AUTHENTICATION="1"
SQLSERVER_USERNAME="username"
SQLSERVER_PASSWORD="password"
SERVICE_SQLAUTHENTICATION="0"
SERVICE_SQL_USERNAME="SQLServerUserName"
SERVICE_SQL_PASSWORD="SQLServerpassword" /quiet"
```

Select a setup type for your installation

You can choose which setup type to run by specifying Typical, Console, or Services in the `SETUPTYPE` field.

- The Typical setup type, the recommended option, installs the console, the SQL Diagnostic Manager services, and the repository.
- The Console setup type installs only the console.
- The Services setup type installs the SQL Diagnostic Manager services and the repository.

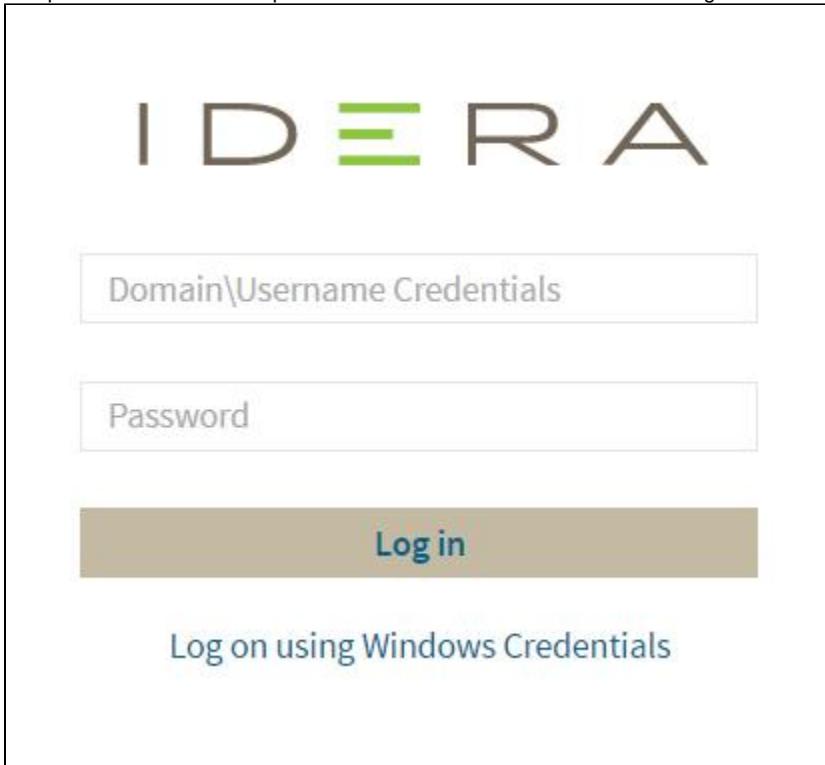
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Log in the IDERA Dashboard and web console

Once you have installed and configured your IDERA Dashboard and SQL Diagnostic Manager deployments, you can login to the web console by doing the following:

1. Open your selected Browser, make sure it is compatible with the IDERA Dashboard console requirements.
2. Type the IDERA Dashboard product URL: <http://<machinename>:<port>> where <machinename> is the name of your host or machine, and <port> is the port specified during installation. The default URL is <http://localhost:9290> or <http://<machinename>:9290>.
3. When the IDERA Dashboard web console launches on your browser, use your Windows user account **<domain\user>** with the respective password to log into the product.



! The IDERA Dashboard Web Application service comes with SSL already set up. For more information on running the IDERA Dashboard over SSL, see [Run the IDERA Dashboard over SSL \(HTTPS\)](#)

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Edit your SQL Diagnostic Manager registration with the IDERA Dashboard

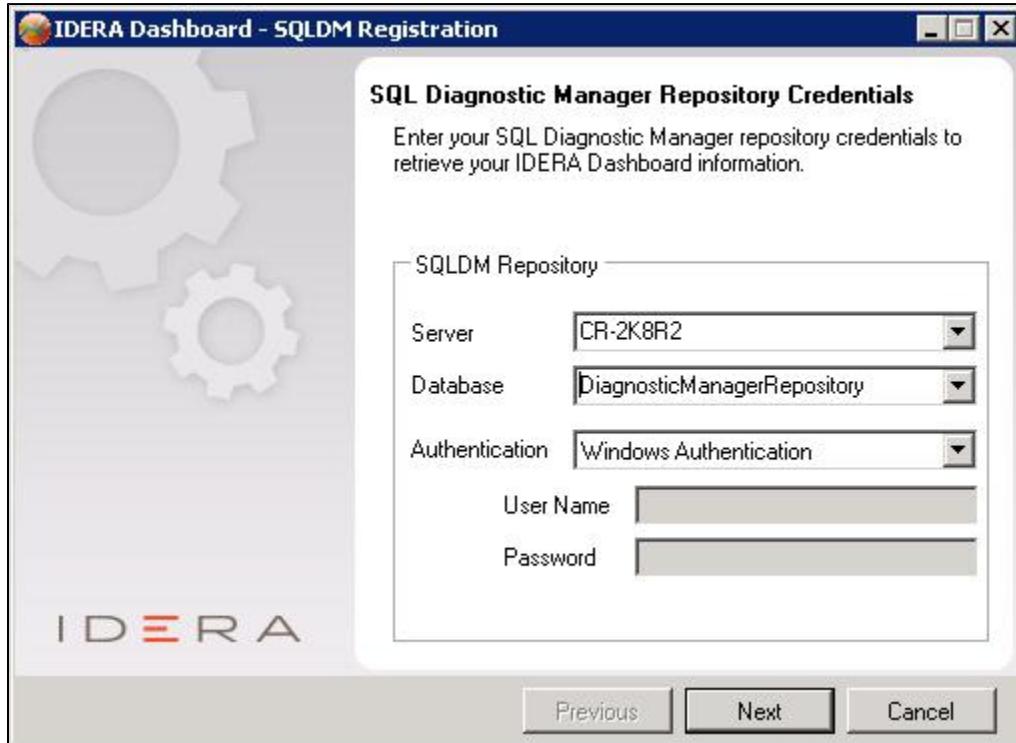
The IDERA Dashboard Register wizard allows you to modify your SQL Diagnostic Manager registration with the IDERA Dashboard.

Access the IDERA Dashboard Register wizard

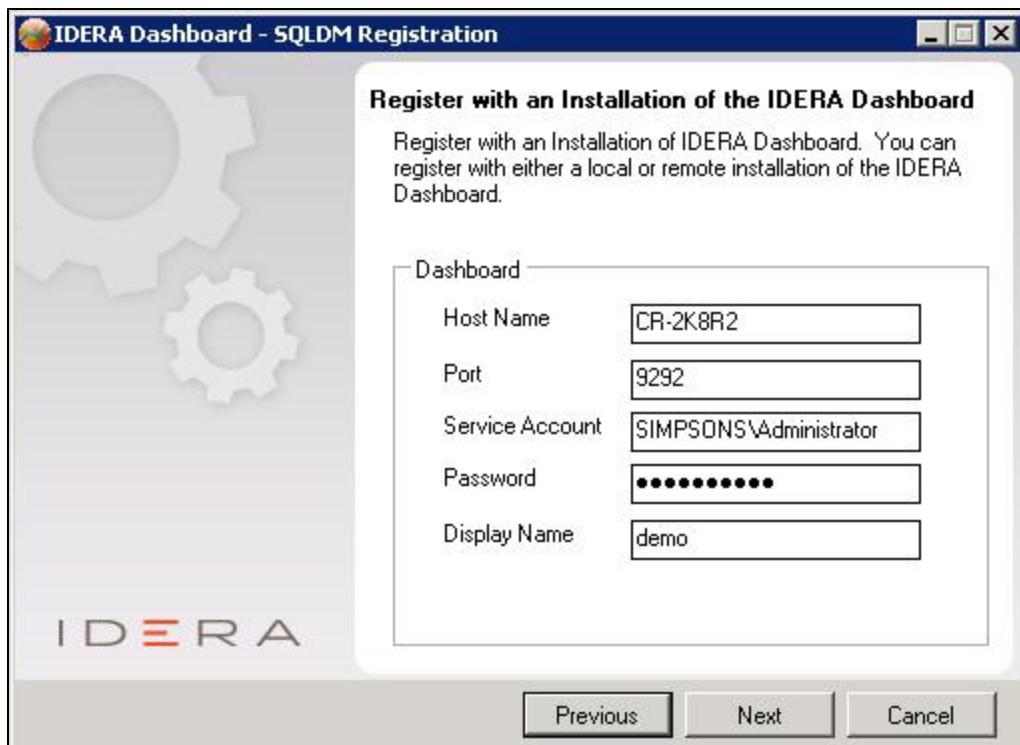
You can access the IDERA Dashboard Register wizard by running the `IDERADashboardRegister.exe` file in your root SQL Diagnostic Manager directory.

To use the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Service Configuration wizard:

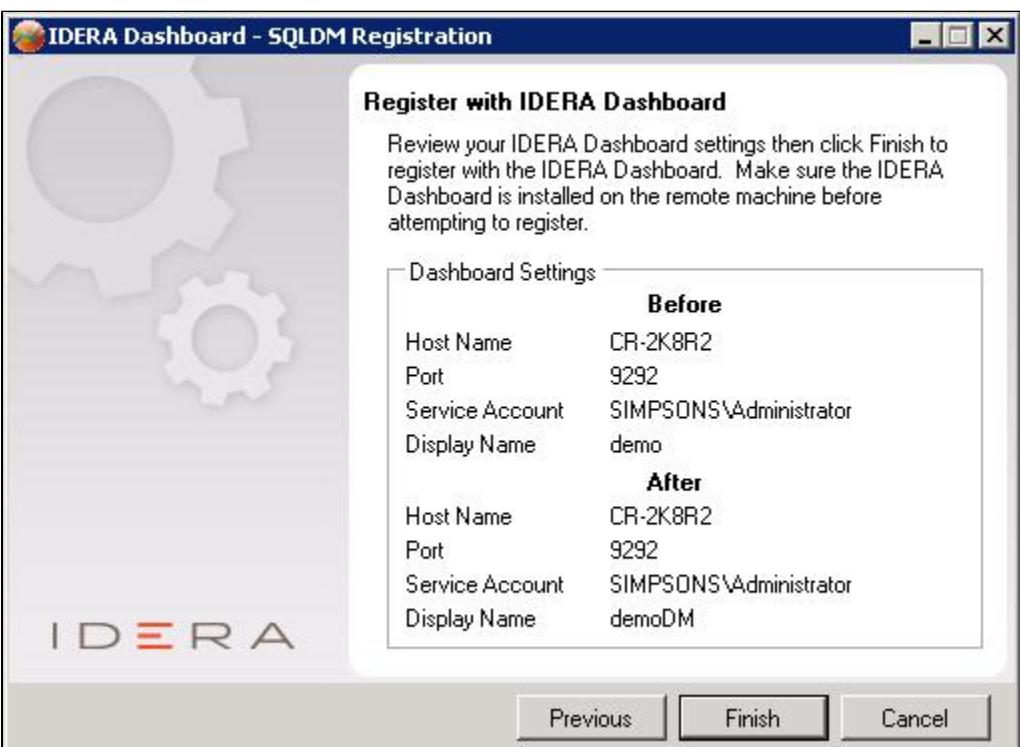
1. Run `IderaDashboardRegister.exe` in your root SQL Diagnostic Manager directory.
2. Enter your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository and Authentication credentials to retrieve your IDERA Dashboard registration information.



3. Click **Next** on the **SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository Credentials** window and your current registration details display.



4. Modify registration and Dashboard settings in the **Register with an Installation of the IDERA Dashboard** window.
5. Click **Next** and the updated Dashboard settings information displays.



6. Click **Finish** to apply the changes.

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Deploy SQLDM Mobile or IDERA Newsfeed

SQLDM Mobile is a Web-based application that includes the IDERA Newsfeed technology and several dashboard views that define your server health and expose critical alerts. You can access the SQLdm Mobile Web site from most smart phones and mobile devices. The IDERA Newsfeed is available quickly as a tab on the [SQLDM Today page](#).

Use the following links to prepare for your SQLDM Mobile or IDERA Newsfeed deployment:

- Check the [supported installation scenarios](#)
- Learn about the [components and architecture](#)
- Review [system requirements](#)
- View the [installation instructions](#)

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SQLDM Mobile components and architecture including IDERA Newsfeed

SQLDM Mobile is an easy-to-use, Web-based application that seamlessly integrates into your existing diagnostic and monitoring workflow. The SQLDM Mobile Web site includes many metrics and alerts panels that let you quickly ascertain performance issues in your environment.

SQLDM Mobile also includes the IDERA Newsfeed technology. The Newsfeed provides an easy-to-use, social-media-based collaboration tool you can use to solve issues faster while keeping your team apprised of changing server statuses.

Whether you are tied to your desktop, on the go, or managing remote servers, these features can fit your unique monitoring needs.

The SQLDM Mobile architecture easily runs in your SQL Server environment with minimal configuration. All components run outside and separate from SQL Server processes, and do not add to or modify any of your native SQL Server files or services.

Components

IDERA Newsfeed for SQL Diagnostic Manager

The IDERA Newsfeed is a user interface that seamlessly integrates with the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console, letting you monitor your instances and collaborate with coworkers at the same time, in real time.

IDERA Newsfeed Platform

The IDERA Newsfeed Platform consists of the SQLDM Mobile Repository database and the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service.

SQLDM Mobile Repository database

The SQLDM Mobile Repository (Mobile Repository) is a central database that stores your configuration settings, comments and other activity on stories, as well as notifications. Consider deploying the Mobile Repository to the same computer that hosts your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service

The SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service facilitates communications between the SQLDM Mobile Repository and your SQL Diagnostic Manager application. By default, this service is installed on the same computer where you run the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed setup program. Consider SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service to the same computer that hosts your SQL Diagnostic Manager services, such as the SQLDM Management Service.

Action Provider

The IDERA Newsfeed Action Provider converts SQL Diagnostic Manager alerts about a server status and performance metrics into notification emails that SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service can send to the appropriate people. The setup program installs the action provider on the computer hosting your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

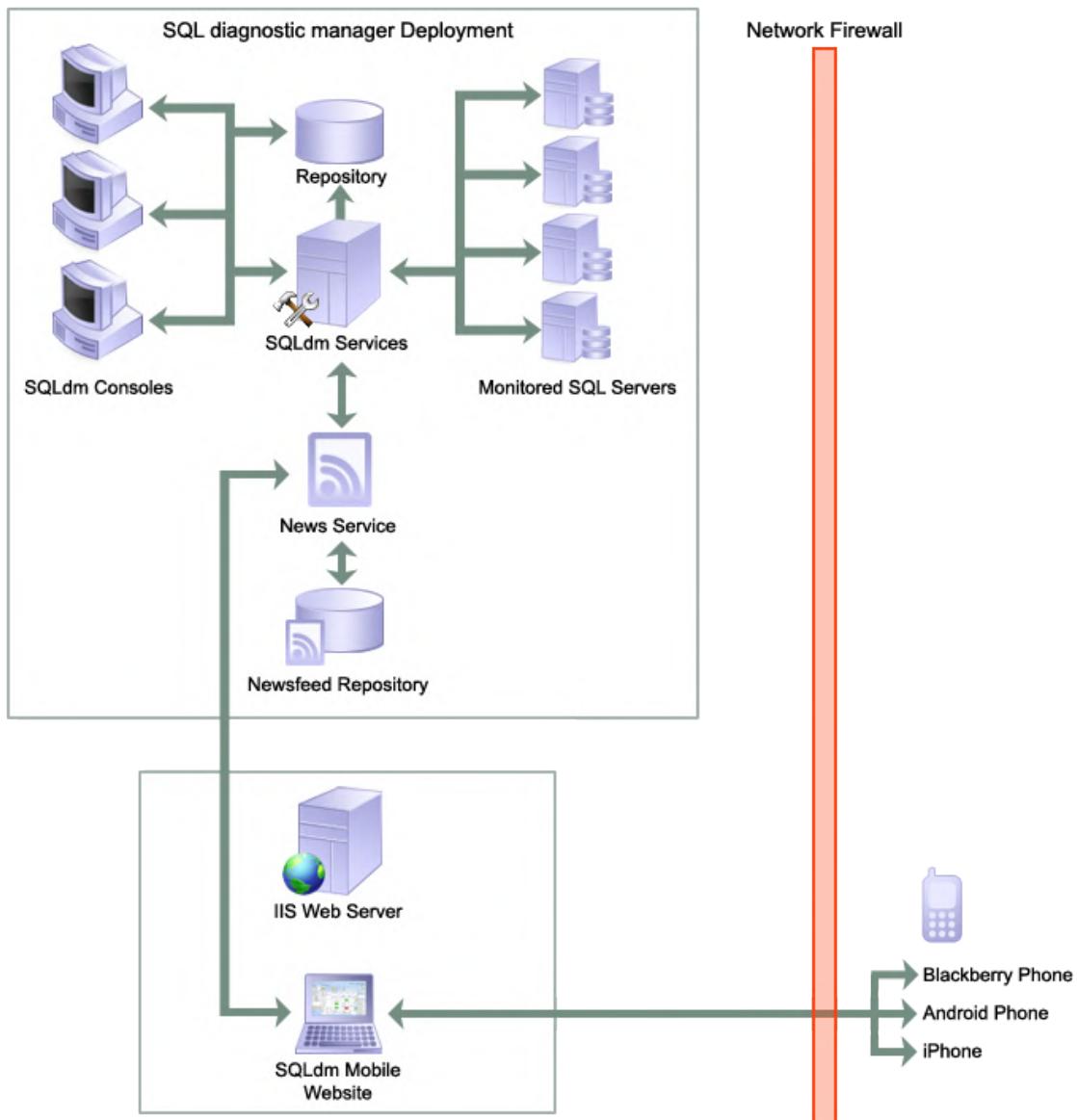
Authentication Provider

The IDERA Newsfeed Authentication Provider is the SQL Diagnostic Manager application that the IDERA Newsfeed Platform uses to authenticate a user when he or she signs up or logs on. The IDERA Newsfeed Platform leverages the application security settings as defined in SQL Diagnostic Manager, determining which monitored SQL Server instances a given user can access.

SQLDM Mobile Web application

The SQLDM Mobile website provides access to the same monitoring and collaboration features of the IDERA Newsfeed technology via a mobile device, such as a smartphone or iPad. The SQLDM Mobile website also includes SQL Diagnostic Manager panels so you can quickly check server performance when you are away from your desk.

Architecture



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SQLDM Mobile and IDERA Newsfeed requirements

You can easily install SQLDM Mobile on any computer that meets or exceeds the following requirements. The SQLDM Mobile installation includes the IDERA Newsfeed technology and these related components:

- SQLDM Mobile Web application
- SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service
- SQLDM Mobile Repository

For more information, review all the SQLDM Mobile components and architecture.

General requirements for all components

All SQLDM Mobile components require Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.0 or later.

Permission requirements

The SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service account requires the following permissions. By default, setup program assigns the Local System account to the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service. During install, you can input credentials for a Windows user account or SQL Server login.

Permission	Why it's required
Log on as Service	Allows the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service account to run as a service.
Read and write privileges on the SQLDM Mobile Repository database	Allows the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service to receive and maintain performance and configuration data in the SQLDM Mobile Repository.

Port requirements

By default, the SQLDM Mobile components use the following ports.

Port Number	Where	Which component uses it	Why
25	Mail Server	SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service	Allows the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service to send notification emails.
80	Web Server hosting the SQLDM Mobile Website	SQLDM Mobile Web application	Allows access to the SQLDM Mobile screens via a mobile device inside or outside your corporate firewall. By default, IIS uses port 80 for the local virtual directory, so check your Web Server settings to pick an appropriate port for SQLDM Mobile. You can specify a different port during install or later when you need to change this configuration.
5166, 5167	Computer running the SQL Diagnostic Manger services	SQL Diagnostic Manager services	Allow communications between SQL Diagnostic Manager and the IDERA Newsfeed Platform for signup and login authentication.
5168	Computer running the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service	SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service	Allows communications between the IDERA Newsfeed and SQL Diagnostic Manager for server status updates.

Mobile device requirements

You can access SQLDM Mobile on any smart phone or other mobile device that meets these minimum operating system requirements:

- Android version 2.1 or later
- iOS version 3.2 or later
- RIM (BlackBerry OS) version 6.0 or later
- Windows Phone 7

You can run the SQLDM Mobile Web application in a native browser that supports HTML 5, such as Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Edge Browser. SQLDM Mobile does not support Microsoft Internet Explorer 8 or earlier.



If you plan to use IE 9 or later to access the SQLDM Mobile Web site, make sure that you disable the **Display intranet sites in Compatibility View** setting. To change this setting, click **Compatibility View Settings** on the **Tools** menu in the IE browser window.

Web server requirements

The SQLDM Mobile Web application requires the following Web Server configuration.

Type of requirement	Minimum value
CPU	2.0 GHz
Memory	1 GB
Disk space	21 MB
Microsoft Internet Information Services (IIS)	Version 7.0 or later By default, IIS 7 installs with Windows Server 2008. You can enable this role using the native Server Manager.



To successfully run the SQLDM Mobile Web application, make sure that Microsoft .NET Framework version 4.0 or later is installed. Also, verify the following service roles in IIS are enabled:

- Management Tools
 - IIS Management Console
- Web Server
 - Application Development
 - ASP.NET (4.0 or later)
 - ISAPI Extensions
 - ISAPI Filters
 - .NET Extensibility (4.0 or later)
 - Common HTTP Features
 - Default Document
 - Directory Browsing
 - HTTP Errors
 - Static Content
 - Health and Diagnostics
 - HTTP Logging
 - Performance
 - Static Content Compression
 - Security
 - Request Filtering

Repository requirements

You can install the SQLDM Mobile Repository on a computer running the following versions of SQL Server software:

- SQL Server 2005 and above

Keep in mind that the Repository database and corresponding SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service require 19 MB of disk space.

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How to install SQLDM Mobile and IDERA Newsfeed

This procedure guides you through the installation of SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed. Before installation, review the associated [architecture and components](#). Although you can install different components on different computers, this procedure recommends the following deployments:

- Install the Mobile and Newsfeed components on the same computer where your SQL Diagnostic Manager services reside
- Install the Mobile web components on your corporate Web Server

 In larger environments that contain more than one SQL Diagnostic Manager installation, consider dedicating a SQLDM Mobile deployment per each SQL Diagnostic Manager application.

 If you are interested in installing only the IDERA Newsfeed without the additional components used with SQLDM Mobile, see [How to install IDERA Newsfeed only](#).

Install or upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1

SQLDM Mobile and the IDERA Newsfeed technology are supported by SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0 or later versions. To successfully install and deploy SQLDM Mobile, [Install](#) or [upgrade](#) first to SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.1.

Start your SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed install

You can install the SQLDM Mobile components on any computer that meets or exceeds the [product requirements](#). By default, the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed setup program installs the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service to the local computer.

To start installing SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service. We recommend that you install this service on the same computer that already hosts your SQL Diagnostic Manager services.
2. Run **Setup.exe** in the root of the SQL Diagnostic Manager installation kit.
3. Click **SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review the license agreement. To accept this license agreement, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement** and then click **Next**.

Begin configuring your install

We recommend installing the Mobile and Newsfeed components in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment, and then re-running the setup program to install the SQLDM Mobile Web application on your Web Server.

You can use the default install location or specify a different path. For your first install, we recommend using the default location. By default, the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service is also installed in the same location.

On the **Custom Setup** window, choose the **Mobile and Newsfeed components**, and then click **Next**.

Add the Windows credentials to use for the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service account

You can specify the Local System account or a Windows user account. Make sure that the specified account includes the [required permissions](#).

To specify a service account:

1. Select the Local System account or type the appropriate credentials in the provided fields.
2. Click **Test Credentials** to validate the account.
3. Click **Next**.

Select the SQL Server instance to use for the Repository database

Store the published status updates and other configuration settings in the SQLDM Mobile Repository.

 SQLDM Mobile requires Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or above running on the computer that hosts the Mobile Repository database.

To specify on which SQL Server instance you want to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository:

1. Select the SQL Server instance you want to use. The SQL Server menu lists SQL Server instances provided by your domain controller. **If you do not see your SQL Server instance in the list**, type the host name and instance in the space provided.
2. Click **Next**.

Add the authentication credentials to create the Repository database

You can use either Windows or SQL Authentication to create the Mobile Repository database. Make sure the specified Windows account includes the [required permissions](#).

To specify a service account:

1. Choose the authentication that you want to use, and then type the appropriate credentials in the provided fields.
2. Click **Test Connection** to validate the account can connect to the specified SQL Server instance.
3. Click **Next**.

Add the authentication credentials to connect to the Repository database at run time

You can use either Windows or SQL Authentication to connect to the Mobile Repository database. Make sure the specified Windows account includes the [required permissions](#).

To specify a service account:

1. Choose the authentication that you want to use, and then type the appropriate credentials in the provided fields.
2. Click **Test Connection** to validate the account can connect to the specified SQL Server instance.
3. Click **Next**.

Select a location for the SQLDM Management Service

SQLDM Mobile uses its own Authentication Provider to enforce application security across your SQL Diagnostic Manager and SQLDM Mobile deployments.

On the **Authentication Provider** window, specify the computer that hosts the SQLDM Management Service, and then click **Next**.

Complete the Mobile & Newsfeed components install

Click **Install** to indicate that you are ready to complete your install with the configurations you specified.

Begin the SQLDM Mobile Web components install

We recommend installing the SQLDM Mobile Web components on your corporate Web Server. Make sure your Web Server meets the [software and port requirements](#).

To start installing the SQLDM Mobile Web application:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Web application. We recommend that you install this application on the same Web Server that already hosts your corporate Web site.
2. Restart the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed setup program and navigate to the **Custom Setup** window.
3. Choose the **Mobile Web components**, and then click **Next**.

Select the Web Server settings you want the SQLDM Mobile Web application to use

The setup program installs the SQLDM Mobile Web application in a unique virtual directory on your Web Server computer. You can install the SQLDM Mobile Web application as a new Web site or add it to an existing Web site, such as your corporate intranet.

Specify the name of the computer that hosts the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service so that you can send communications between the SQLD< Mobile components and SQLDM.

Make sure your Web Server meets the SQLDM Mobile [requirements](#).

To configure the Web Server settings:

1. Choose whether to install the SQLDM Mobile Web application as a new Web site.
2. Specify the name of the computer on which you installed the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service.
3. Click **Next**.

Complete the Mobile Web components install

Click **Install** to indicate that you are ready to complete your install with the configurations you specified.

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How to install IDERA Newsfeed only

This procedure guides you through the installation of IDERA Newsfeed only and none of the additional components used with SQLdm Mobile. Use this solution in a larger environment where your SQL Server team or environment is spread across multiple locations and you need an easier, more streamlined way to troubleshoot issues. The IDERA Newsfeed can help you capture or bookmark the team resolutions for future reference. You can implement this option without need to allot the additional hardware and IIS resources necessary to deploy a complete, mobile-available solution.

Before installing Newsfeed, review the associated [architecture and components](#).

Install or upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0

The IDERA Newsfeed technology is supported by SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0 and above versions. To successfully install and deploy IDERA Newsfeed, first [install](#) or [upgrade](#) to SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0.

Start your IDERA Newsfeed install

Before installing Newsfeed, review the associated [architecture and components](#). You can install the IDERA Newsfeed on any computer that meets or exceeds the [product requirements](#). By default, the SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed setup program installs the SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed Service to the local computer.

To start installing IDERA Newsfeed:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install the SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed Service.
2. Run **Setup.exe** in the root of the SQL Diagnostic Manager installation kit.
3. Click **SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review the license agreement. To accept this license agreement, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.

Begin configuring your install

You can use the default install location or specify a different path. For your first install, we recommend using the default location. By default, the SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed Service is also installed in the same location.

On the **Custom Setup** window, choose the **Mobile and Newsfeed components**, and then click **Next**.

Add the Windows credentials to use for the SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed Service account

You can specify the Local System account or a Windows user account. Make sure the specified account includes the required permissions.

To specify a service account:

1. Select the Local System account or type the appropriate credentials in the provided fields.
2. Click **Test Credentials** to validate the account.
3. Click **Next**.

Select the SQL Server instance to use for the Repository database

The IDERA Newsfeed Repository is where the published status updates and other configuration settings are stored.



SQLdm Mobile requires Microsoft SQL Server 2005 or above running on the computer that hosts the Newsfeed Repository database.

To specify the SQL Server instance to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on:

1. Select the SQL Server instance you want to use. The SQL Server menu lists SQL Server instances provided by your domain controller. **If you do not see your SQL Server instance in the list**, type the host name and instance in the space provided.
2. Click **Next**.

Add the authentication credentials to create the Repository database

You can use either Windows or SQL Authentication to create the Newsfeed Repository database. Make sure the specified Windows account includes the [required permissions](#).

To specify a service account:

1. Choose the authentication that you want to use, and then type the appropriate credentials in the provided fields.
2. Click **Test Connection** to validate the account can connect to the specified SQL Server instance.
3. Click **Next**.

Add the authentication credentials to connect to the Repository database at run time

You can use either Windows or SQL Authentication to connect to the Newsfeed Repository database. Make sure the specified Windows account includes the [required permissions](#).

To specify a service account:

1. Choose the authentication that you want to use, and then type the appropriate credentials in the provided fields.
2. Click **Test Connection** to validate the account can connect to the specified SQL Server instance.
3. Click **Next**.

Select a location for the SQLdm Management Service

SQLdm Mobile uses its own Authentication Provider to enforce application security across your SQL Diagnostic Manager and IDERA Newsfeed deployments.

On the **Authentication Provider** window, specify the computer that hosts the SQLdm Management Service, and then click **Next**.

Complete the Newsfeed install

Click **Install** to indicate that you are ready to complete your install with the configurations you specified.

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Deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only

IDERA provides a solution for administrators who have SQL Diagnostic Manager deployed within their environment, and want to provide their users with the SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop client console without exposing other SQL Diagnostic Manager components. Administrators can use this process to prevent a user from unknowingly installing an additional service component, which can cause issues with SQL Diagnostic Manager within your environment.

Store the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console-only executable

You can store the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console-only executable (.exe) files on many types of media for distribution, such as a portable or network drive. Your end users can install the SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop client console on any computer that meets or exceeds the [product requirements](#).

The following files reside in the location where you installed SQL Diagnostic Manager. Copy one or both of these files to your distribution media. Note the first file is for x64 users and the second is for x86 users.

```
c:\Program Files\Idera\SQLdm x64 Installation Kit\x64\SQLDiagnosticManager-x64_c.exe
```

```
c:\Program Files\Idera\SQLdm x86 Installation Kit\x86\SQLDiagnosticManager_c.exe
```

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How to install SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only

This procedure guides you through the installation of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only.

-  You must have a full installation of SQL Diagnostic Manager already running in your environment before attempting to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop client console.

Perform your install

You can install SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop client console on any computer that meets or exceeds the product requirements.

To install SQL Diagnostic Manager Console only:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop client console.
2. Navigate to the location where the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console file resides in the distribution media.
3. **If you use an x64 operating system**, run `SQLDiagnosticManager-x64_c.exe`. **If you use an x86 OS**, run `SQLDiagnosticManager_c.exe`.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review the license agreement. To accept this license agreement, click **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Select the default installation location or specify a different path.
7. Choose whether you want any user or only the current user to access this application, and then click **Next**.
8. Verify that SQL Diagnostic Manager displays **Console Only** as selected, and then click **Next**.
9. Click **Install** to indicate that you are ready to complete your install with the configurations you specified.
10. Click **Finish** to exit the setup program.

Complete the post-installation steps

When you first open the SQL Diagnostic Manager desktop client console, you must complete the fields necessary to [connect to your existing SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository](#). It is important that you have the information available to connect to the proper SQL Server instance and SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database using the proper authentication credentials.

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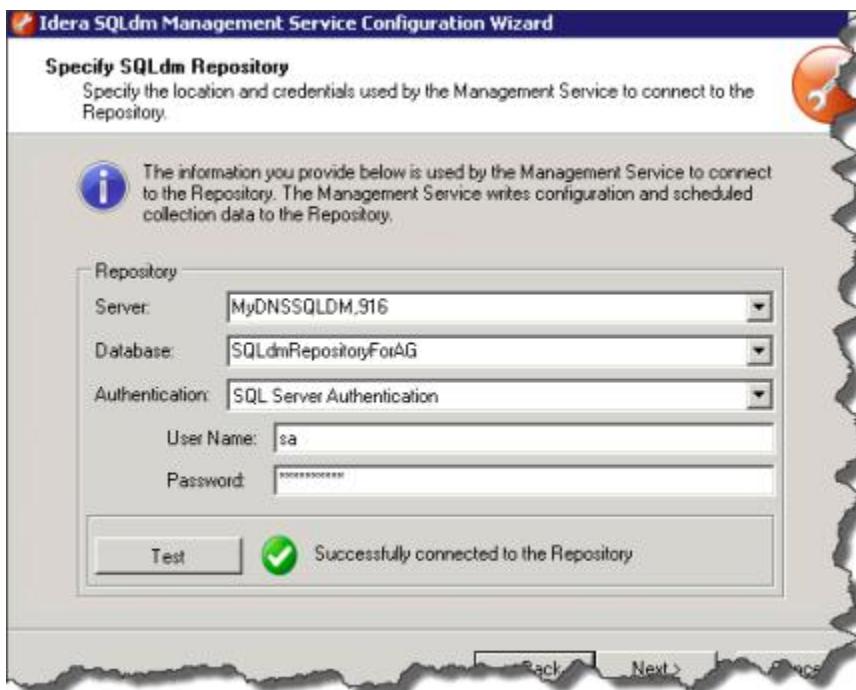
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Deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager in a high availability group

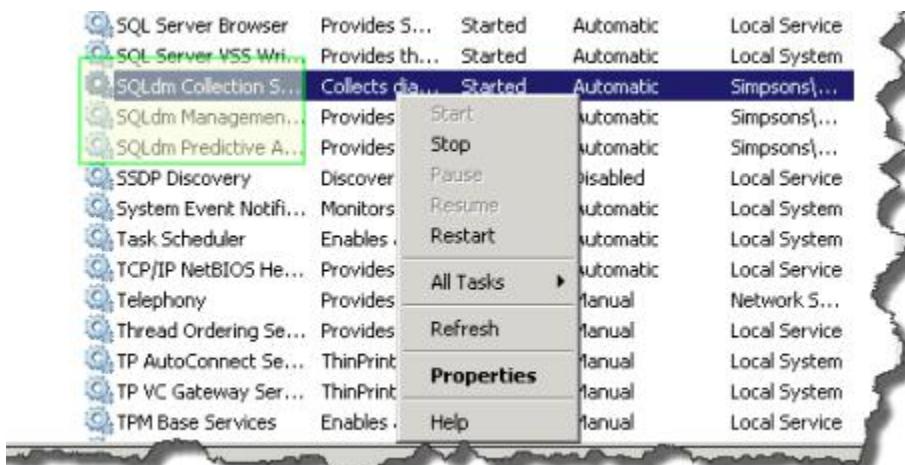
This procedure guides you through the installation of SQL Diagnostic Manager in a high availability group. SQL Diagnostic Manager does not support direct installations under this scenario; however, you can deploy the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository in one of the nodes that belongs to a specific availability group and configure an availability group listener that serves as a global link between nodes.

- ✓ Make sure to restart the SQL Diagnostic Manager services, apply the newly-generated license using the Manage Licenses button before attempting to apply the license directly using the Management Console or you may encounter issues.

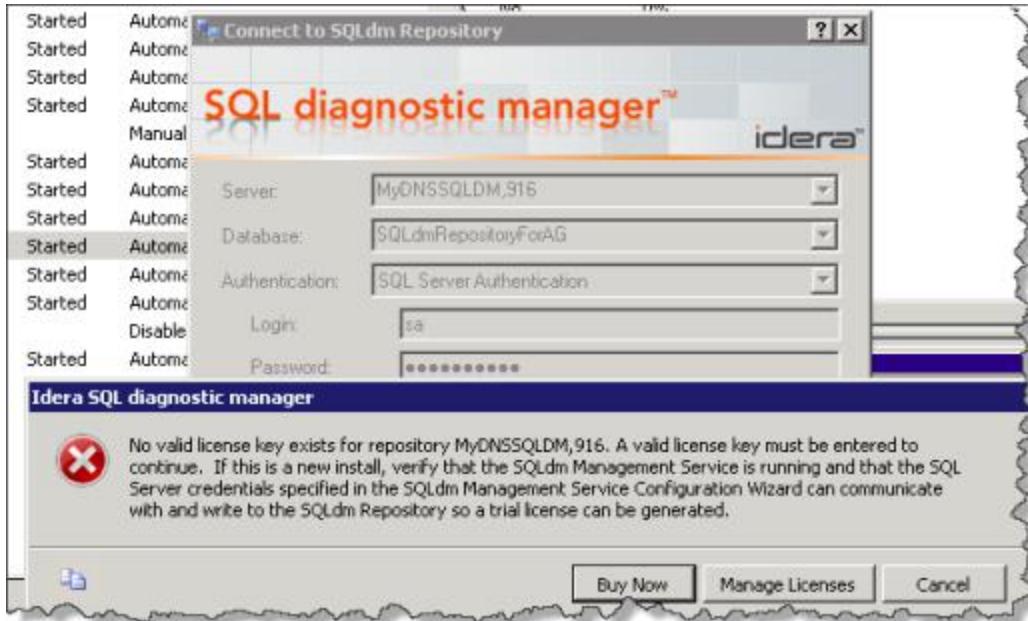
1. Deploy the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository targeting a node that is part of an availability group. For example, Node 1\Instance A.
2. Move the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository to an availability group in the primary replica with Listener Y and port 300 (as example). To review how to create an availability group, see Microsoft document [Creating and Configuring a New Availability Group](#).
3. A new license key for Listener Y, Port 300 is required. See [Capturing an availability group's listener name and port designation to send your request to IDERA Sales](#).
4. Using the SQLdm Management Service Configuration wizard modify the target repository to Listener Y, port 300.



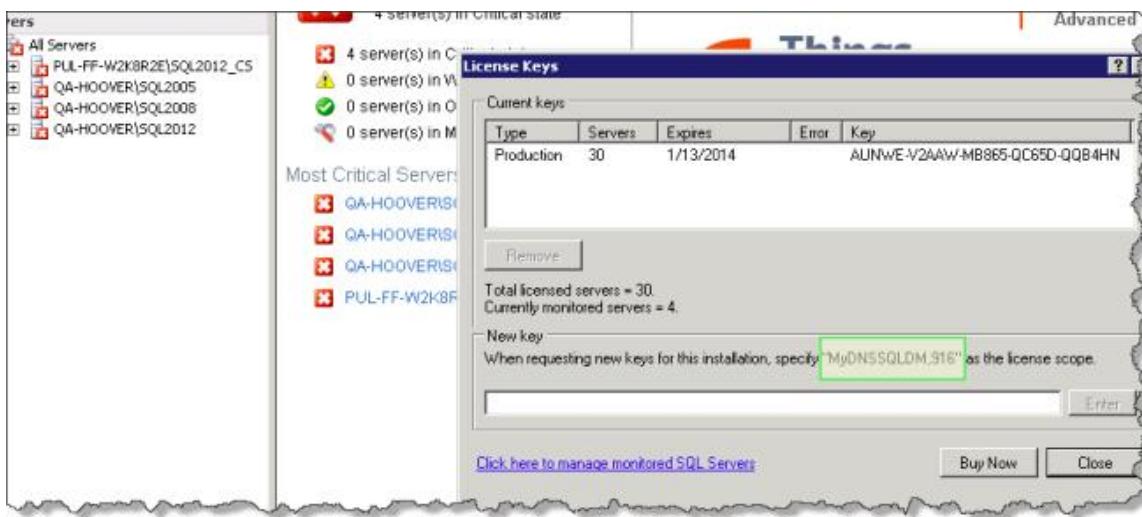
5. Save changes, and then restart the SQL Diagnostic Manager services. This process takes approximately 5 minutes.



6. Upon opening the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console, the system recognizes that you are trying to access the selected node without the proper license and throws an error message.



7. Click the **Manage Licenses** button of the error message and type the new license for Listener Y, Port 300. Open the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console, go to **Help > Manage Licenses** in the Toolbar menu, and the License Keys window displays. Type the new license key in the available space, and then click Enter.



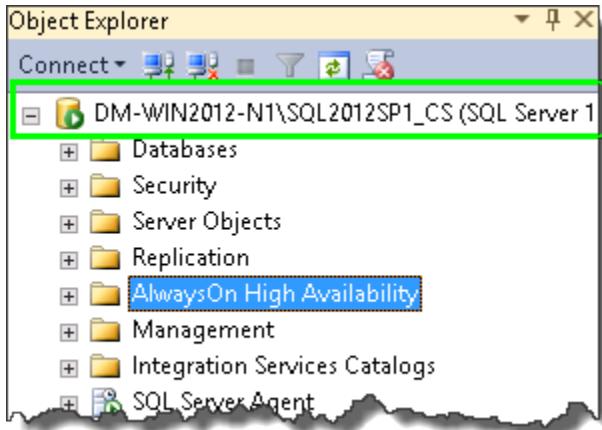
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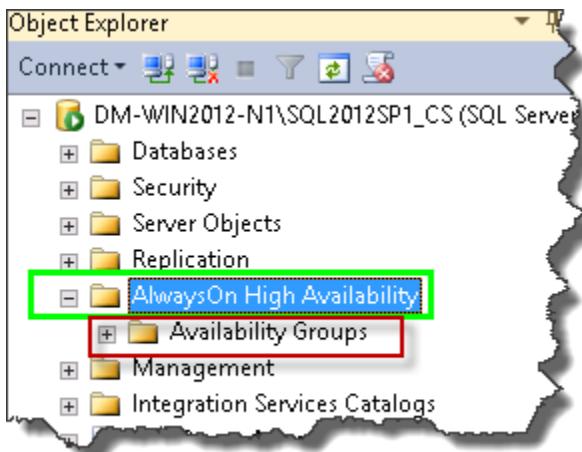
AlwaysOn availability group listener name and port designation

This procedure guides you through the necessary steps to capture an availability group's listener name and port designation. This information is essential for IDERA Sales to generate a special license that allows you to host the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository in an availability group. As a pre-requisite the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository needs to be hosted in an availability group within the primary replica.

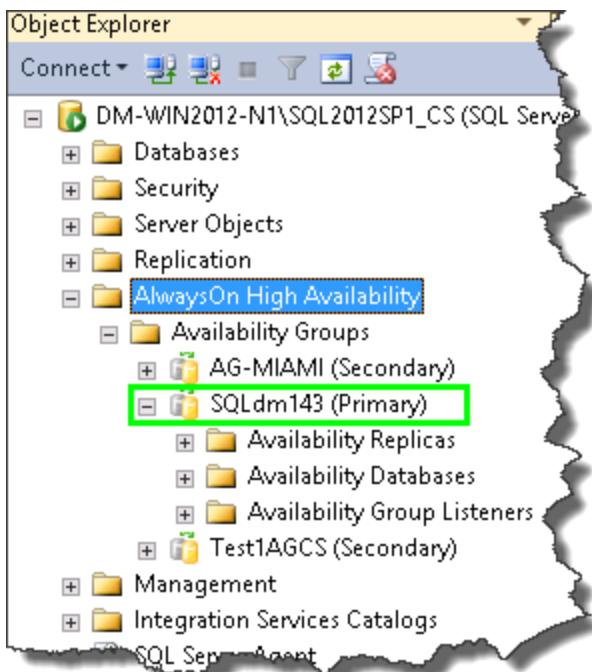
1. Within SSMS, go to node that contains the availability group that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository and is the primary replica.



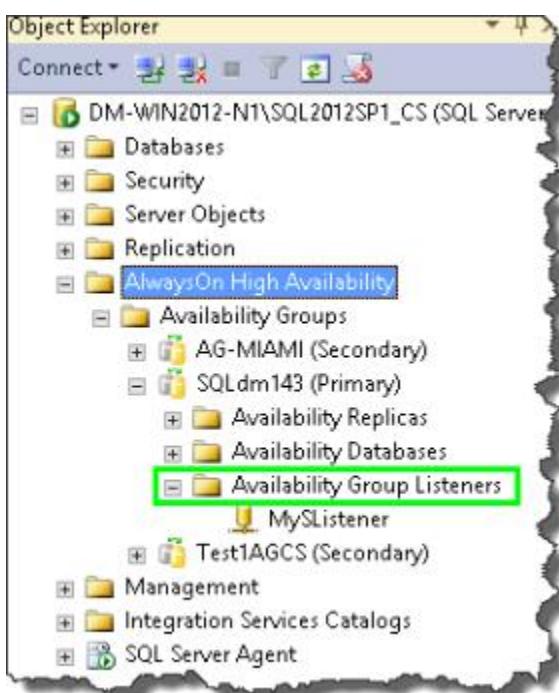
2. Expand the **AlwaysOn High Availability** folder and then the **Availability Groups** Folder.



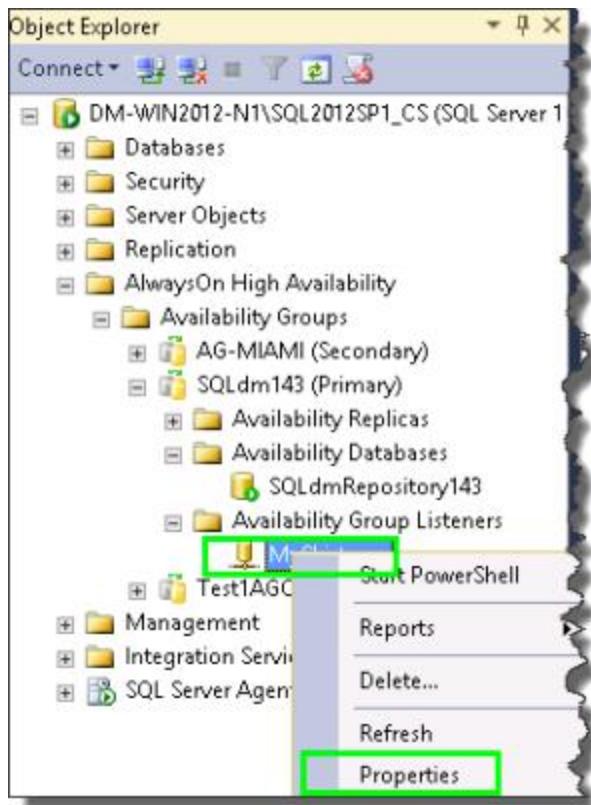
3. Expand the availability group that is the primary replica.



4. Expand the **Availability Group Listeners** Folder.

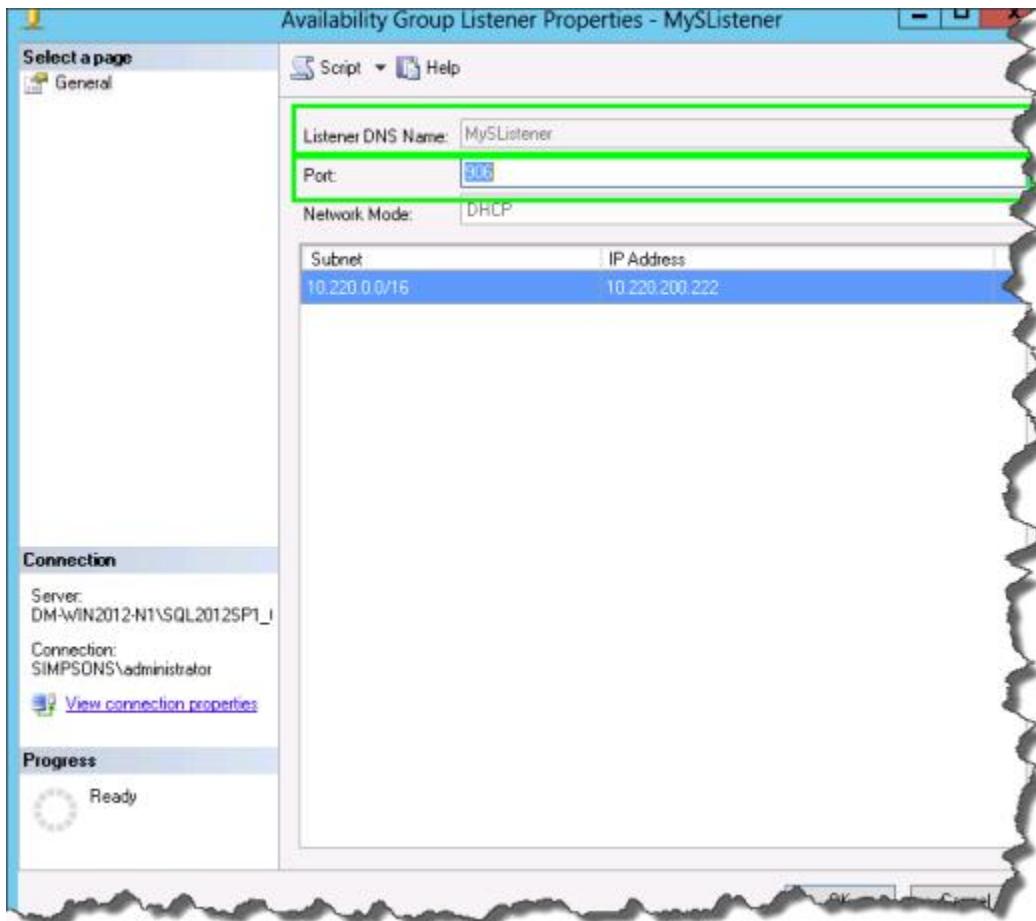


5. Right-click the listener, select Properties, and the Availability Group Listener Properties dialog Displays.



Send [IDERA Sales](#) the **Listener DNS Name** and **Port designation** information to obtain a new license to host the SQL Diagnostic

Manager Repository in an availability group.



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Configure your deployment

After initially installing SQL Diagnostic Manager, use the following configuration tasks to help you get the most out of SQL Diagnostic Manager:

- Add your SQL Server instances
- Configure console options
- Connect to a SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository
- Set your Repository grooming schedule
- Use tags to organize your monitoring environment
- Use custom counters to track metrics

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Connect to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository

The first time you open the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Connect to SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository window. Use this window to select the SQL Server instance, SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database name, and enter the authentication details the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console uses to communicate with the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Console requires Read Access on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database. You can use either Windows Authentication or SQL Server Authentication for this connection.

Access the Connect to SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository window

You can open the Connect to SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository window from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu bar by selecting **File > Connect to SQLdm Repository**. The [ability to connect to another Repository](#) is important in disaster recovery situations where you need to change the location of your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

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Add your SQL Server instances

The Add Servers wizard allows you to add the SQL Server instances you want to monitor. The Add Servers wizard also allows you to configure all the common options you use for monitoring SQL Server collection settings and [alerts](#), and apply an alert template.

-  If you are adding several SQL Server instances and you want to configure the same alert thresholds on each instance, consider [setting up an alert template](#) before adding any of your SQL Server instances.

Access the Add Servers wizard

You can open the Add Servers wizard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **File > Manage Servers**, and then clicking **Add** in the Manage Servers window.

Other configurations that need attention when adding a virtualized SQL Server instance

If the monitored SQL Server instance you want to add resides on a virtual machine, add the instance using the Add Servers wizard, and then access the [VM configuration window](#) to associate the instance with the correct virtual machine and host.

-  IDERA recommends that you register individual instances in the Add Servers wizard when looking to monitor availability replicas. Note that registering an Availability Group Listener may result in misleading data due to the failovers between availability replicas.

About alert templates

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to configure generic alert settings as a template that you can apply to servers and groups of servers in your organization. Click **Tools > Alert Configuration Template** and complete the required fields to [configure an alert template](#).

Delete a SQL Server instance

You can easily delete a SQL Server instance at any time by right-clicking the appropriate instance, and then selecting **Delete**. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a confirmation message that asks, "Would you like to retain the data collected for the selected instance?" Click **Yes** and SQL Diagnostic Manager retains data for the instance and includes it in some reports, such as the Server Inventory report. Click **No** and SQL Diagnostic Manager deletes the SQL Server instance and all related data.

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Configure authentication

The Configure Authentication window of the Add Servers wizard allows you to select the authentication credentials SQL Diagnostic Manager uses when collecting performance and statistics information from your SQL Server instances. You can also set encryption to secure the connection.

After selecting a connection type and encryption, click **Next** to continue.

Access the Add Servers wizard

You can open the Add Servers wizard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **File > Manage Servers**, and then clicking **Add** in the Manage Servers window.

Select a connection type

Windows Authentication is the recommended collection type as SQL Diagnostic Manager uses a number of SQL trace statements that require a trusted connection. When you select and use **Windows Authentication**, the account the SQLdm Collection Service is running as is used to connect to the SQL Server instance.

Select encryption

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to designate encryption methods used to encrypt data between the SQLdm Collection Service and the monitored SQL Server instance. The options include SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) or SSL with Trust Service Certificate.

Encrypt Connection (SSL)

The **Encrypt Connection (SSL) option** adds a flag in the connection properties that triggers SSL use when the SQLdm Collection Service connects to a monitored server that uses SSL to encrypt the data transfer. For this option to work correctly, you must configure the monitored SQL Server instance to use SSL encryption.

Trust Server Certificate (Bypass Certificate Validation)

The **Trust Server Certificate (bypass certificate validation)** option is available only after you select **Encrypt Connection (SSL)**. This option allows you to skip certificate validation when a SQL Server instance establishes a connection. If SSL on the monitored SQL Server instance is not configured to use a certificate that the collection service trusts, then the connection is rejected unless you select the Trust Server Certificate option.

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Select instances to monitor

The Select Servers to Monitor window of the Add Servers wizard allows you to select one or more of the SQL Server instances you want to monitor using SQL Diagnostic Manager. If the name of the SQL Server instance you want to monitor does not appear in the list, type the instance name in the space provided in the Available Servers area. You can also designate specific ports for your SQL Server instances by entering a comma between the instance name and port number, for example domain\instance name,port.

The **Available Licenses** field shows you the number of instances your current license permits SQL Diagnostic Manager to monitor.

-  The Select Servers to Monitor window lists all the SQL Server instances provided by your domain controller. This list can include unsupported SQL Server instances. Be sure to select only [SQL Server instances that are supported by SQL Diagnostic Manager](#).

Access the Add Servers wizard

You can open the Add Servers wizard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **File > Manage Servers**, and then clicking **Add** in the Manage Servers window.

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Select cloud providers

The Select cloud providers for the added servers window allows you to choose a cloud provider for your monitored SQL Server instances that are hosted on the cloud. SQL Diagnostic Manager supports Amazon RDS and Microsoft SQL Azure.



If you do not select a cloud provider, SQL Diagnostic Manager recognizes your SQL Server instance as "Not a cloud instance".

Access the Add Servers wizard

You can open the Add Servers wizard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **File > Manage Servers**, and then clicking **Add** in the Manage Servers window.

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Metric availability for instances hosted on the cloud

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to view a wide range of information collected for your monitored SQL Server instances hosted on Amazon RDS and Microsoft SQL Azure. However, the following information and metric data are not available yet:

 SQL DM supports monitoring of images hosted on virtualized or cloud IaaS environments such as Microsoft Azure and Amazon EC2.

For monitored SQL Server instances hosted on Amazon RDS:

SQL Diagnostic Manager area	Information and metric data not collected by Amazon RDS
Overview > Details	Available Memory Data File Space used Disk Queue Length Disk Time (Percent) OS CPU Privileged Activity OS CPU User Time OS Total Processor Activity Pages Per Second Physical Memory Procedure Cache Size Processor Queue Length Sql Memory Used Percent Used Memory(Percent)
Sessions > Details	Blocked by Execution Context Resource Wait type

For monitored SQL Server instances hosted on Microsoft SQL Azure:

SQL Diagnostic Manager area	Information and metric data not collected by Microsoft SQL Azure
Overview > Details	Available Memory Batches Batches Per Second Blocked Sessions Buffer Cache Hit Ratio Buffer Cache Size Checkpoint Writes Checkpoint Writes Per Second Client Computers Connections Connections Per Second Data File Count

Data File Space Allocated
Data File Space used
Database Count
Disk Queue Length
Disk Time (Percent)
Full Scans
Full Scans Per Second
Lazy Writer Writes
Lazy Writer Writes Per Second
Lead Blockers
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OS CPU User Time
OS Metrics Availability
OS Total Processor Activity
Packet Errors
Packet Errors Per Second
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	User Processes
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	WMI Service Status
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Configure data collection

The Configure SQL Diagnostic Manager Collection window of the All Servers wizard allows you to set the interval at which you want to collect diagnostic data and raise alerts, and whether you want to enable query monitoring.

The collection interval you specify refers to the time SQL Diagnostic Manager waits to collect statistical information on your SQL Server instance. This data includes the resource, session, database and tables, query, and service information.

The Query Monitor is a standard SQL Server trace that collects events occurring on your SQL Server instance over a period of time.

 Enabling the Query Monitor can cause SQL Server performance degradation while it runs. Enable the Query Monitor only when diagnosing specific query issues.

After making any changes to the collection interval or enabling the Query Monitor, click **Next** to continue.

Access the Add Servers wizard

You can open the Add Servers wizard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **File > Manage Servers**, and then clicking **Add** in the Manage Servers window.

Select a collection interval

Choosing the appropriate interval depends on your specific monitoring needs. When your SQL Server instance performs poorly, you can decrease the collection interval so that you can track changes more often. When monitoring a SQL Server instance that has a very heavy client load and a large number of databases, you can increase the time period between collections to reduce the possibility of the frequent collections causing a performance impact on your clients.

Monitoring your environment by collecting query activities

When you experience query timeouts or other performance issues, you can collect query-related activities through the Query Monitor. Note that enabling these options can degrade performance on the monitored SQL Server instance because of the additional data collection and storage. To help alleviate degradation, SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to select only those types of queries you want to monitor such as batches, statements, procedures, and triggers. Additional threshold fields allow you to set the levels at which you consider a query as performing poorly.

 It is important to remember that once you complete your problem diagnosis, you can disable the Query Monitor on the Monitored SQL Server Properties window by selecting the Query Monitor tab and then clearing the **Enable the Query Monitor** check box.

Using advanced Query Monitor options

Query Monitor includes advanced options that allow you to filter applications, databases, and SQL text from collection. Use semicolons (;) to separate multiple entries. You can also use the percent character (%) as a wildcard.

You can access this window by clicking the **Advanced** button in the Query Monitor tab of the monitored SQL Server Properties window.

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Configure OS metric collection

The Configure OS Metric Collection window of the Add Servers wizard lets you select which type of operating system metrics collection you want to use or whether you do not want to collect any OS metrics from a SQL Server instance. SQL Diagnostic Manager uses OLE automation or a direct connection to the Windows Management Interface (WMI) when collecting OS metrics and service status data on clustered SQL Servers. **Collect Operating System data using direct WMI** is selected by default when adding a new SQL Server instance.

Select **Do not collect Operating System data** if you do not want to collect these statistics. For additional information about OS metrics collection, see [Configure OS metrics monitoring](#).



SQL Diagnostic Manager retains your previous settings upon upgrade if OLE automation is the default for your monitored SQL Server instance.

After selecting your method for OS metrics collection, click **Next** to continue.

Access the Add Servers wizard

You can open the Add Servers wizard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **File > Manage Servers**, and then clicking **Add** in the Manage Servers window.

Permissions necessary for direct WMI collection

It is preferred that the WMI user is a local administrator on the monitored SQL Server instance. However, if you do not want to grant administrator access, use the following steps to configure remote WMI access in Microsoft Windows:

1. Add the user account to the Performance Log Users and Distributed COM users groups.
2. Grant privileges to WMI.

You also may need to add the WMI user account to the following policies:

- Act as part of the operating system
- Log on as a batch job
- Log on as a service
- Replace a process level token

For more information about using a direct WMI connection, see the Microsoft document, [Securing a Remote WMI Connection](#).

Disabling OS metric collection

SQL Diagnostic Manager does not require OS metrics collection. However, if you disable this feature, SQL Diagnostic Manager ceases to collect OS metrics and does not raise any previously-associated alerts. You can easily enable OS metric collection at any time if you decide that you want to continue collecting these metrics.

Using direct WMI when the collection service is on a different domain than the SQL Server

In environments where cross-domain trust security is enforced, data from asynchronous collection is not returned from an untrusted domain to a trusted domain. As a result, the collection service does not receive the data.

If you select **Collect Operating System data using direct WMI** and the machine used for your collection service is in a different domain than your monitored SQL Server instance, you must make some configuration changes on your collection service machine. If you do not make these changes, change your OS metrics collection to **Collect Operating System data using OLE automation** if you want OS and disk statistics plus the auto discovery of mount points.

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Select an alert template and tags

The Select Alert Template and Tags window lets you assign an alert template and tags while you add an instance. Alert templates allow you to configure generic alert settings to apply to your servers or groups of servers. Tags are labels that help you organize server instances into meaningful groups.

To apply an alert template, select the appropriate template from the list. If you do not have an existing custom alert template, you can [create an alert template](#) after you add your SQL Server instance, and then apply the template to your server. You may select one or more existing tags from the list, or create new tags by clicking **Add Tag**.

If you create an instance before creating any custom alert templates, SQL Diagnostic Manager applies the default alert template automatically. You can then create an alert template and apply it to the server once the new template is available.

After selecting your baseline collection, click **Next** to continue.

Access the Add Servers wizard

You can open the Add Servers wizard from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **File > Manage Servers**, and then clicking **Add** in the Manage Servers window.

Using tags

Tags are customizable to suit your needs. For example, you may want to view only server instances used by a particular department (like Accounting), in a specific location, or by some other method (like SQL Server version).

You can assign multiple tags to each instance so that the instance appears in several different groups.

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Configure your virtual machine connections

The VM Configuration window allows you to associate your monitored virtual SQL Server instances with the virtualization host server that manages your VMs and the VM on which the monitored SQL Server instance is running.

Virtual machines appearing in the list are based on the permissions for the user account typed into the **Virtualization Host Configuration** dialog box. To view a specific VM, you must have the View permission on all parent folders.

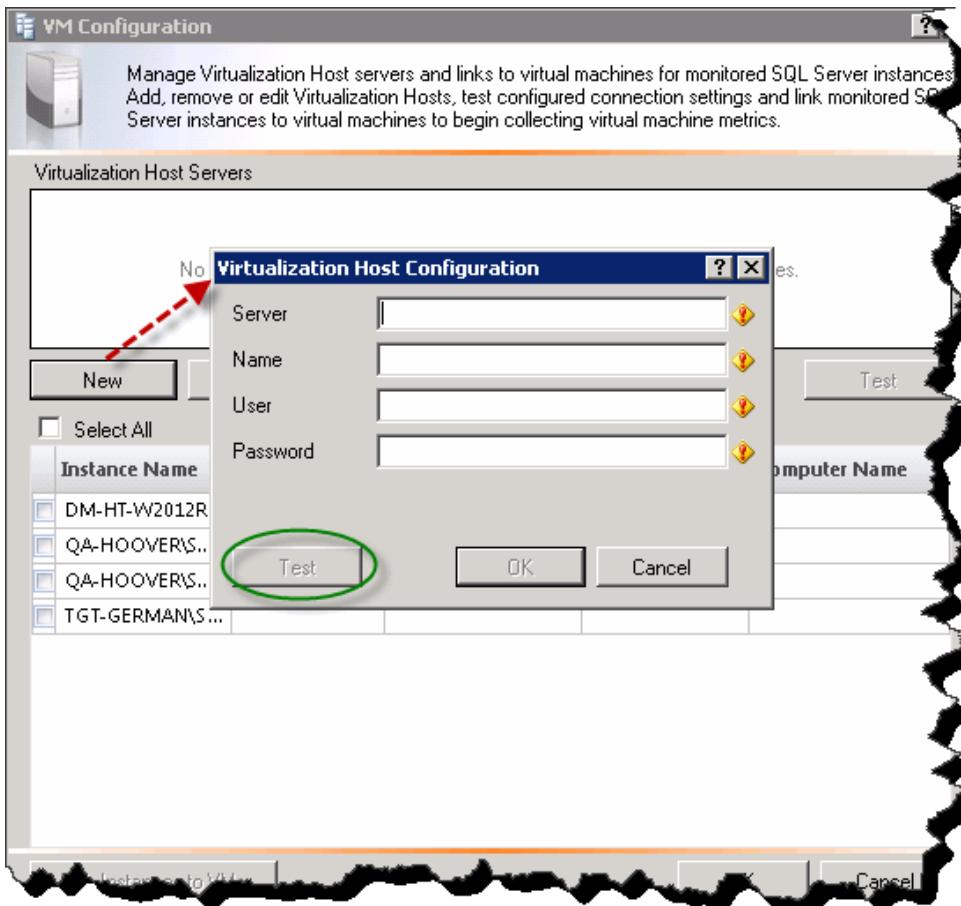
- Remember to renew your link after changing the name of a virtual machine. Once the name change is complete, simply open the VM Configuration window and wait until after SQL Diagnostic Manager is done contacting the vCenter server or Hyper-V Host server to get a list of your VM names. Note that your updated VM name already appears in the list. Click **OK** to save the new name to the list of VMs. If you do not update the name, this action occurs again the next time you access the VM Configuration window.

Access the VM Configuration window

To open the VM Configuration window, select **Tools > VM Configuration**, or click **VM Configuration** from the Manage Servers window. You can also access this window from the Virtualization tab of the Server Properties window by clicking the **VM Configuration** button.

Add a host server

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to add a new host server through the VM Configuration window. Click **New**, and then complete the access information for the server. When you complete all the available fields, SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to verify connectivity with this server. Click **Test** to make sure you typed the correct access credentials. Click **OK** after a successful test.



Hyper-V and metrics collection

See [Hyper-V user requirements](#) for information on how to successfully collect Hyper-V host and VM metrics.

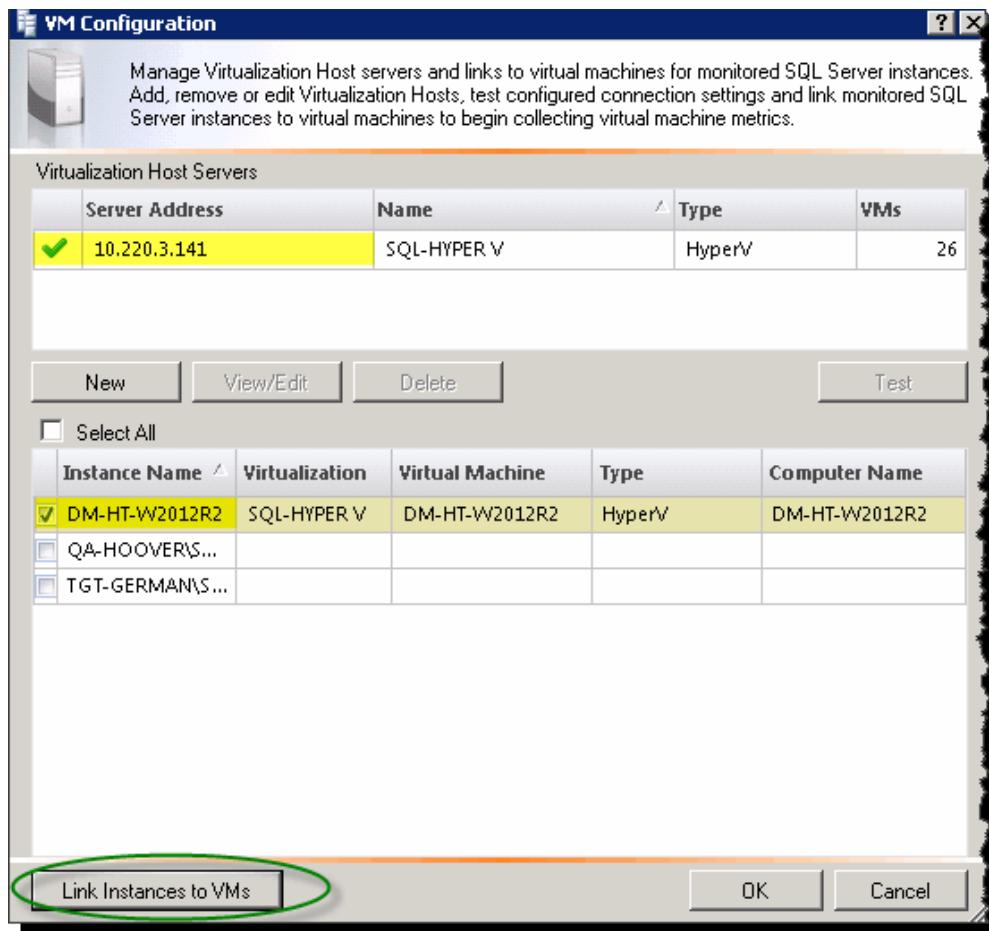
Verify your connection to the host server

You can test the connection to your listed host servers by selecting the appropriate server from the list, and then clicking **Test**. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays an icon with your current connection status. If the connection fails, click **View/Edit** and verify your connection details. Make the necessary changes to access your host server, click **Test**, and then click **OK** to save your changes after a successful test.

Associate a monitored SQL Server instance to a VM

Once you add your SQL Server instances to SQL Diagnostic Manager for monitoring, you must associate them with their host server and virtual machine.

To associate a monitored SQL Server instance to a virtual machine:



1. Verify that the instance you want to associate to the host appears in the list.
2. Click the **Virtualization** column for the appropriate virtual instance, and then select the associated host server from the drop-down list.
3. Click the **Virtual Machine** column, and then select the name of the virtual machine where this instance resides. SQL Diagnostic Manager populates this drop-down list based on the servers on the selected host server.
4. Click **Link Instances to VMs**.
5. Click **OK** to save your changes and close this window.

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Configure your VM host server connection

The vCenter Connection Configuration window allows you to add or update connection details for your virtual machine host servers. Complete the access information for the server, and then click **Test** to make sure you typed the correct access credentials. Click **OK** after a successful test.

Occasionally, a connection test fails. Make sure you typed accurate information in the appropriate fields, and then click **Test**. If the test fails again, there may be an issue with the server to which you are trying to connect.

Access the vCenter Connection Configuration window

To access the vCenter Connection Configuration window, first access the VM Configuration window by selecting **Tools > VM Configuration**, or by clicking **VM Configuration** from the Manage Servers window. You can also access this window from the Virtualization tab of the Server Properties window. Once in the VM Configuration window, click **New**.

vCenter Server port requirements

The vCenter Server requires that you open the ports included in the following table. For the most current list of ports, see the [VMware Knowledge Base article regarding network port requirements](#).

Port	Description
80	Required for direct HTTP connections. Note that this port redirects requests to HTTPS Port 443.
389	Active Directory Services for the vCenter Server group.
443	Listens for connection from the vSphere Client, vSphere Web Access Client, and other SDL clients.
636	SSL port of the local instance for vCenter Linked Mode.
902 (UDP)	Used to send data to managed hosts.
902/903	Used by the vSphere Client to display virtual machine consoles.
5989 (TCP)	CIM transaction traffic (Hardware Status).
8080	vCenter Management Webservices HTTP.
8443	Secure connection for vCenter Management Webservices HTTPS.
60099	Used to stream inventory object changes to SDK clients. Firewall rules for this port on the vCenter Server can be set to block all, except from and to localhost if the clients are installed on the same host as the vCenter Server service.

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Configure console options

You can specify a number of console options in the Console Options window that affect overall product behavior. To access the Console Options window, select **Tools > Console Options** from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console toolbar.

The following tabs are available on the Console Options window:

General

The [General tab](#) allows you to set how often the console refreshes data, hide the Console when minimized, select how SQL Diagnostic Manager manages chart data, and choose what colors you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to use.

Alerts

The [Alerts tab](#) allows you to limit the number of historical alerts displayed in the Alerts view, which can improve the performance of the view when there is a large number of alerts.

Notifications

The [Notifications tab](#) allows you to configure how SQL Diagnostic Manager notifies you when alert data crosses a threshold.

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Define common properties

The options on the **General** tab represent the most common properties users can change in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.

Access the Console Options window General tab

You can open the General tab of the Console Options window from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console by selecting **Tools > Console Options**. The General tab is available by default.

Set your refresh intervals

The Refresh Interval refers to the amount of time the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console waits before gathering data from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. There are two types of refreshes. Each type is associated with different SQL Console components:

Server View Refresh

Refers to the amount of time the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console waits before refreshing the currently active view. When you first open a view, the view is refreshed with the latest data SQL Diagnostic Manager has collected directly from the monitored SQL Server instance. You may want to lower the amount of time between refreshes if you are trying to diagnose a specific problem that requires a shorter interval. The interval for this field is between one and 300 seconds.

Status and Alerts Refresh

Refers to the amount of time the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console waits before polling every monitored SQL Server instance and displaying notification pop-ups, updating the monitored SQL Server instance tree with status changes, and updating the SQLdm Today view with status changes. The interval for this field is between one and 60 minutes.

Hide the desktop client

The **Hide when minimized** toggle determines whether SQL Diagnostic Manager displays as an active application in your Windows taskbar. When you want to open your SQL Diagnostic Manager Console again, double-click the **IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager** icon in your taskbar. Enabling or disabling this option has no effect on data collection or the refresh rate of your currently active view.

Use chart options

Chart options allow you to determine how much data is shown in your real-time charts. The entry in the **Keep data for the last** field is always greater than the entry in the **Show data for the last** field.

Keep data for the last

Determines the length of time data is stored in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

Show data for the last

Determines the time period displayed in real-time charts.

Use a color scheme

The **Color scheme** field allows you to select the background color you prefer for the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console. By default, the scheme is set to **Black**.

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Configure the Alerts view

The Alerts tab of the Console Options window allows you to enter the number of rows you want displayed in the historical Alerts view. While this restriction limits the historical view, there is no limit to the number of rows used for your active alerts. The default entry is **0**, which does not limit the number of rows in your historical view.

Access the Console Options window Alerts tab

You can open the Alerts tab of the Console Options window from the SQLdm Console by selecting **Tools > Console Options**, and then selecting the Alerts tab.

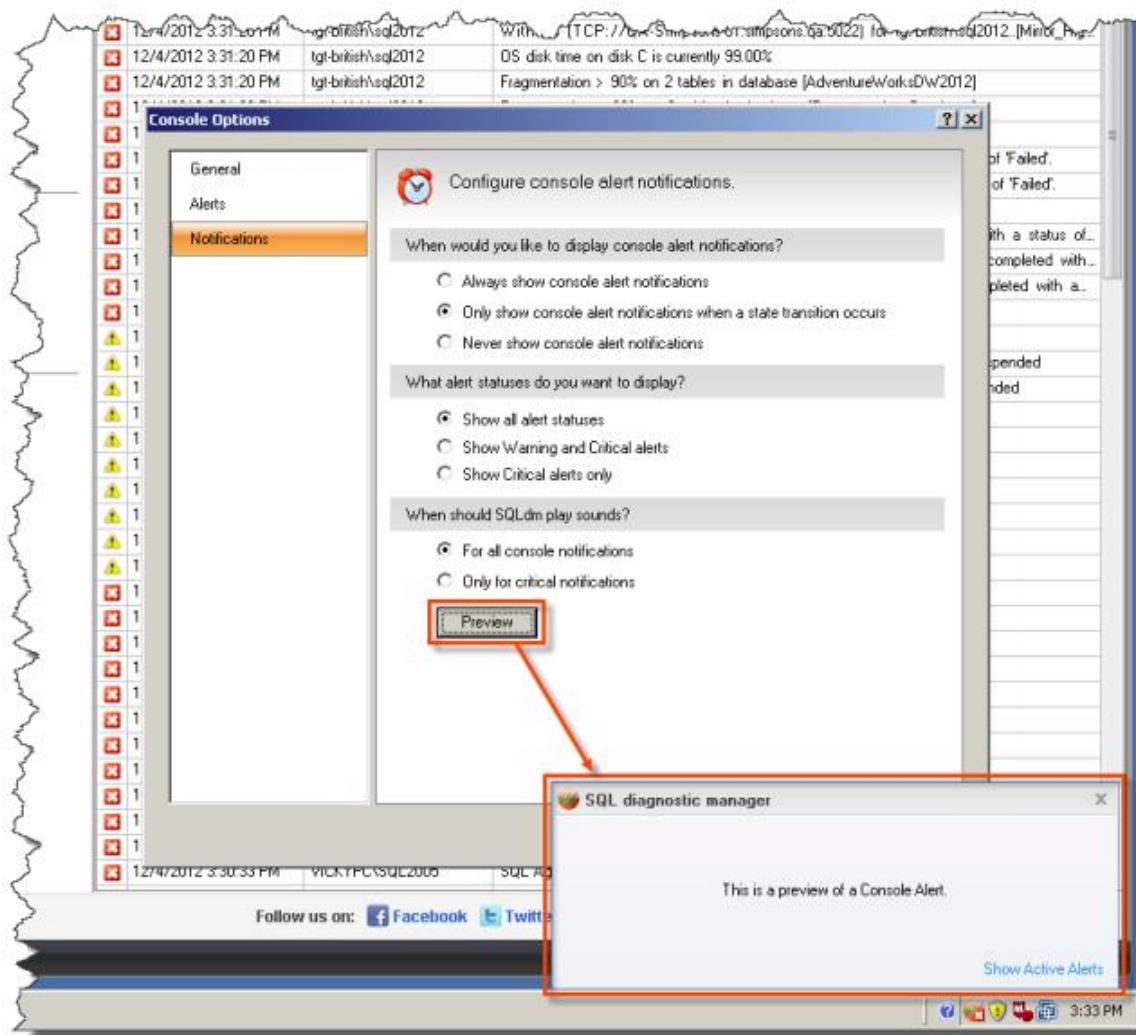
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Configure notification settings

The Notifications tab of the Console Options window allows you to configure when and how the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console displays alert notifications. When you select an option to show notifications, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a pop-up notification in your task bar each time it reaches a threshold.

To see an example of a console alert, click **Preview**, and the alert pop-up appears as shown in the following image.



Access the Console Options window Notifications tab

You can open the Notifications tab of the Console Options window from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console by selecting **Tools > Console Options**, and then selecting the Notifications tab.

Selecting visual notifications

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to select when and for which alert states you receive alert notifications. You can select from the following options regarding when you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to display notifications:

Always show console alert notifications

Provides alert notifications occur after every refresh.

Only show console alert notifications when a state transition occurs

Limits the alert notifications you receive on refreshes to only those that change states.

Never show console alert notifications

Prevents the occurrence of all console notifications, but you continue to receive all email alerts. This setting is dependent upon your

particular needs and you can modify the alert at any point. If you receive too many notifications, consider limiting notifications to occur only after an alert state transition. However, if you monitor a problematic SQL Server and want to know when a threshold is met, consider monitoring all alert states.

Select from the following options regarding which alert statuses trigger notifications:

Show all alert statuses

Display notifications for all alert state changes.

Show Warning and Critical alerts

Display notifications only when an event triggers a Warning or Critical alert.

Show Critical alerts only

Display notifications only when an event triggers a Critical alert.

Selecting audible notifications

The options in the When should SQL Diagnostic Manager play sounds section allow you to toggle whether you want to hear an audible notification along with the alert in SQL Diagnostic Manager whenever an event triggers a critical alert. The default **For all console notifications** option helps to let you know of any notification within SQL Diagnostic Manager. Select **Only for critical notifications** and SQL Diagnostic Manager plays the audible notification only when an event triggers a critical alert.

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Set your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository grooming schedule

The Grooming Options window allows you to schedule and configure SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository grooming. Grooming is the process of deleting metrics stored in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository that are older than a given date and time. It is important to groom data from your Repository to optimize the performance of processes such as report generation and data collection.

-  You can limit the amount of data stored in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository by lowering the number of days data is stored. This is particularly important when [monitoring a large number of servers](#) or when storing Query information at a low threshold.

Access the Grooming Options window

To open the Grooming Options window, select **Tools > Grooming Options** from the toolbar menu.

Available Grooming options

You can set the time when SQL Diagnostic Manager grooms the Repository and how many days your metrics, session details and queries, change log data and inactive alerts are saved in the Repository. In addition, you can select how often query data is aggregated and how often that data is groomed from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

The current grooming status is listed at the bottom of the Grooming Options window.

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Use custom counters to track metrics

SQL Diagnostic Manager, by default, displays a wide variety of the most common SQL Server and Operating System performance metrics. In addition to providing these common metrics, custom counters provide the ability to add additional performance metrics to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console used for historical trending, on-demand monitoring, and schedule refresh alerting.



Import or export a custom counter

In the [IDERA community site](#) you can share or import custom counters created by other SQL Diagnostic Manager users.

You can find a list of operating system counters by searching for "Windows Performance Counters" on technet.microsoft.com.

You can add the following types of metrics:

- All Windows System Counters, including all Perfmon and WMI counters
- Any SQL Server System Counter stored in the sysperfinfo system table
- Any numerical value you would like to return from a custom SQL script
- VM and host server performance counters accessible through the host Server



In addition to providing all of the above counters, you can add any additional counters contained in a new Windows or SQL Server Service Pack. This allows you the flexibility to monitor any metric that is important to your enterprise.

Access the Custom Counters view

To open the Custom Counters view, click **Administration > Custom Counters** from the navigation pane.



Create a custom counter

To add a custom counter:

1. Select **Administration** in the navigation pane.
2. Select **Custom Counters**.
3. *If this is your first time to access this page, click **Click here to add a new custom counter now. If you have accessed this page before**, click **Add**.*
4. Click **Next** on the Add Custom Counter wizard Welcome page.
5. Select a counter type, and then click **Next**.
6. Select the counter you want to monitor, and then click **Next**.
7. Select the counter calculation type and scale factor, and then click **Next**.
8. Type a name for the custom counter, select a **Category**, add a **Description**, and then click **Next**.
9. Configure your alert settings related to the new custom counter, and then click **Next**.
10. Click **Finish**.

Using custom SQL scripts

Use custom SQL scripts to monitor metrics that are not connected to system or SQL counters, under-utilized SQL 2005 DMVs, or metrics that are very specific to your environment, such as row count for a production table.



SQL Diagnostic Manager does not scrub custom SQL batches for SQL Injection protection. Use caution when entering custom SQL scripts as it is an advanced feature. The go command is not a Transact-SQL statement and you cannot use this command in custom SQL batches. The go command is a batch separator for Management Studio, Query Analyzer, sqlcmd, and osql.

Locate your custom counters

Custom counters appear in the following places in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console:

Alert Configuration window

Your new custom counters appear in the Alert Configuration and the Default Alert Configuration windows in the Custom category. You can edit the alert thresholds, and even decide whether you want an alert associated with the new counter.

Server Details view

The Server Details view lists all the metrics monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager, including all your new custom counters. You can filter this view to display only your custom counters by selecting the Custom Counters radio-button in the Filter ribbon. You can access this window by selecting details on the Server view or by double-clicking Custom Counters in the Servers tree.

Custom Counters table

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a list of all your custom counters in the Custom Counters table on the Administration window. In addition to viewing a list of custom counters, you can add a new counter, edit a counter, delete a counter, test a counter, or link a counter to a SQL Server instance for monitoring.

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Add a custom counter

Custom counters are Windows Operating System or SQL Server metrics that are not monitored, by default, by SQL Diagnostic Manager. In addition to Windows Operating System and SQL Server metrics, you can enter T-SQL scripts to monitor any variable in your environment or select from a list of virtualization performance counters if you have monitored servers hosted on a virtual machine. Once added to the SQL Diagnostic Manager interface, you can monitor the results, view historical trending of the metric, configure alerts and receive notifications on them, and generate reports based on collected data.

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

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Select counter type

The Select Counter Type window of the Add Custom Counter wizard allows you to choose the method you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to use when collecting the counter. SQL Diagnostic Manager offers the following counter types:

Windows System Counter

Select this option to pick from counters that include both those available in [Windows System Performance Monitor \(PerfMon\)](#) and [Windows Management Instrumentation \(WMI\) performance counter types](#).

SQL Server System Counter

Select this option to pick from counters that are gathered via standard T-SQL from SQL Server.

Custom SQL Script

Select this option to enter a custom T-SQL script to monitor variables such as those which are not connected to the operating system or SQL Server counters or metrics that are very specific to your environment such as a row count on a particular production table.

Note that your script must return a single numeric value.

Virtual Machine Counter

Select this option to pick from counters collected using an API from VMware or Hyper-V.

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

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Select Windows system counter

The Select Windows System Counter window of the Add Custom Counter wizard allows you to select the counter you want from a list populated from those currently available on an existing monitored SQL Server instance, or you can enter the counter information manually.

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

Select a counter from the list

As you select from a populated list from those currently available on an existing monitored SQL Server instance, the next drop-down list populates (filtered by your selection). This allows you to quickly find the specific counter you want to add to SQL Diagnostic Manager.

1. Select whether you want to populate the list with counters that are contained in PerfMon, or populate it with every WMI counter.
2. Pick the SQL Server instance to populate counter information from the drop-down list.
3. Select the object name from the drop-down list.
4. Select the name of the specific counter you want to add from the drop-down list.
5. Select the instance from the drop-down list. The instance name is used to distinguish objects of a given type. For example, _Total refers to all instances, a drive letter such as C: for a specific disk drive, or the name of an application.



Click the **Details** button for information on the object name and counter name you have selected.

Manually add a counter

If you have the counter information available, you can enter the information quickly by simply pasting or typing the Object Name, Counter Name, and Instance name into their associated fields. The counter information entered must be the exact complicated name or the counter does not work correctly.

For example, to enter the Processor object name (as seen in PerfMon), use the following programmatic name entry depending on the system configuration:

`Win32_PerfFormattedData_PerfOS_Processor`



You can find custom counter programmatic names on [Microsoft TechNet](#).

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Select SQL Server system counters

The Select SQL Server System Counter window of the Add Custom Counter wizard allows you to manually enter counter information or select counters from a list populated from those currently available on an existing monitored SQL Server.

If you have the counter information available, you can enter the information quickly by simply pasting or typing the **Object Name**, **Counter Name**, and **Instance** name into their associated fields. The counter information entered must be exact or the counter does not work correctly.

To select a SQL Server system counter:

1. Select the appropriate SQL Server instance from the drop-down list.
2. Select the object name.
3. Select the name of the specific counter you want to add.
4. Select the instance, if applicable. The instance name is what distinguishes it from other similar objects.

If no counters appear in the drop-down list, either the counters are not installed or they are disabled, possibly by a recent Windows Service Pack.

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

How to calculate this metric

For more information about the algorithm used to calculate a specific metric, see SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot load the performance counters needed for the statistics view pane - Solution #00000133 IDERA Solution available at the [Customer Support Portal](#).

Understand why the SQL Server counter grows

Many [SQL Server counter values](#) start at zero when a server starts and then grow persistently from there, including most of the values in the sysperfinfo system table.

For example, the Buffer Manager Page Lookups/Sec counter in the value collected mode always shows the total number of page lookups since the server was first started, while when in the value per second mode, it shows the number of lookups per second during the monitored period.

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Provide custom SQL script

The Provide Custom SQL Script window of the Add Custom Counter wizard allows you to enter or paste a T-SQL script for your custom counter. For more information about T-SQL scripts, see [SQL Server Books Online](#).

Refer to the following tips when using custom SQL Scripts:

- Dangerous or destructive T-SQL that is entered as a custom counter is executed as entered, which could result in a negative impact on the linked monitored SQL Server instances.
- The `go` command is not a Transact-SQL statement and you cannot use this command in custom SQL batches. The `go` command is a batch separator for Management Studio, Query Analyzer, `sqlcmd`, and `osql`.
- Custom counter scripts run at every scheduled refresh and on-demand on the Custom Counters view. For best performance, custom scripts should run in under 30 seconds. If the script takes longer than two minutes to execute, timeouts may occur.
- Custom SQL scripts must return a single result set with a single numeric field. Additional fields or non-numeric values result in an error.
- Custom SQL scripts are displayed in Queries tab with "User Defined Counter" in their application name.
- The following options are set by default for custom counter scripts. If you need to use a different value, particularly another transaction isolation level, you should add the appropriate `SET` statement to the beginning of the script.
 - `set transaction isolation level read uncommitted`
 - `set lock_timeout 20000`
 - `set implicit_transactions off`
 - `set language us_english`
 - `set cursor_close_on_commit off`
 - `set query_governor_cost_limit 0`
 - `set numeric_roundabort off`

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

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Select virtual machine system counter

The Select Virtual Machine System Counter window of the Add Custom Counter wizard allows you to select the counter you want from a list populated by those counters currently available on an existing monitored SQL Server host server, or you can enter the counter information manually.

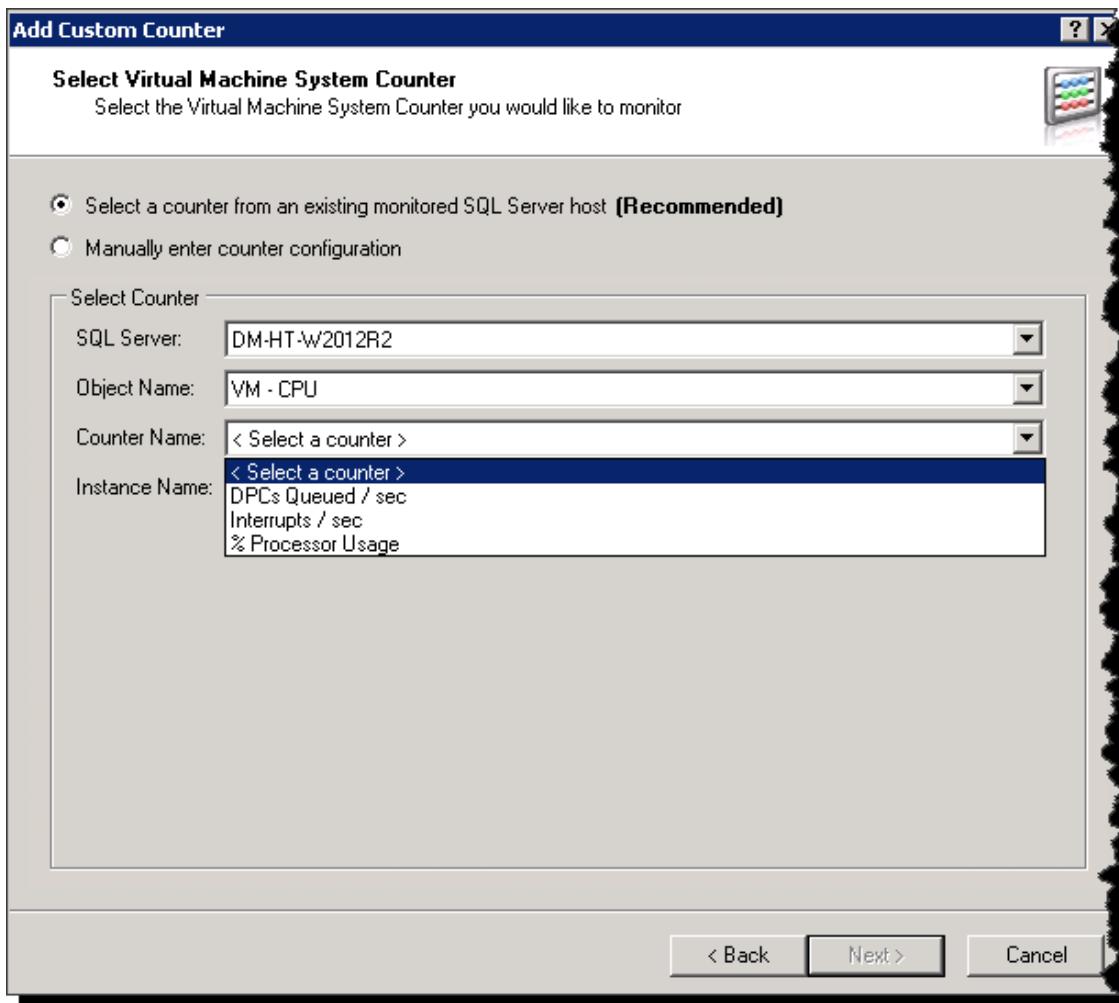
- ✓ You can select virtual machine counters for both the Hyper-V and VMware server virtualization platforms.

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

Select the counter from the list

As you select from a populated list from those currently available on an existing monitored SQL Server host, the next drop-down list populates (filtered by your selection). This allows you to quickly find the specific counter you want to add to SQL Diagnostic Manager.



1. Pick the monitored SQL Server instance to populate counter information from the drop-down list.
2. Select the object name from the drop-down list.
3. Select the name of the specific counter you want to add from the drop-down list.
4. Select the instance (if applicable) from the drop-down list. The instance name is what distinguishes it from other similar objects.

Add a counter manually

If you have the counter information available, you can enter the information quickly by selecting **Manually enter counter configuration**, and then simply pasting or typing the name of the object, counter, and SQL Server instance into the associated fields. The counter information entered must be exact or the counter does not work correctly.

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Specify counter value

The Custom Counter Value window of the Add Custom Counter wizard allows you to select the type of calculation used by your counter and set a scale factor so that your counter information displays values in their correct format. While the **Scale** drop-down list displays the same scale factors available in PerfMon, you can also type in a custom scale factor to use.

Custom Calculation Type

Choose to either have your counter display the value collected or calculate the value per second between refreshes.

Customize Scale Factor

Select a custom scale to convert the value into a more manageable number.

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

Scale factor examples

The following table covers some conversion factors that allows you to precisely convert common units:

Collected Value	Desired Value	Scale Factor
Kilobyte	Byte	1024
Megabyte	Byte	1048576
Megabyte	Kilobyte	1024
Gigabyte	Kilobyte	1048576
Terabyte	Megabyte	1048576
Terabyte	Gigabyte	1024
Byte	Kilobyte	0.0009765625
Byte	Megabyte	0.000000953674316
Kilobyte	Megabyte	0.0009765625
Kilobyte	Gigabyte	0.0009765625
Megabyte	Gigabyte	0.0009765625
Megabyte	Terabyte	0.000000953674316
Gigabyte	Terabyte	0.0009765625
Kilobyte	SQL Server Page	0.125
Megabyte	SQL Server Page	128
Gigabyte	SQL Server Page	131072
SQL Server Page	Kilobyte	8
SQL Server page	Megabyte	0.007813
SQL Server Page	Gigabyte	0.000007629395
Kilobyte	SQL Server Extent	0.015625
Megabyte	SQL Server Extent	16
Gigabyte	SQL Server Extent	16384
SQL Server Extent	Kilobyte	64
SQL Server Extent	Megabyte	0.0625
SQL Server Extent	Gigabyte	0.000061035156

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Specify counter definition

The Customize Counter Definition window of the Add Custom Counter wizard is where you name, assign to a category, and enter a description of your new custom counter. The information entered on the Custom Counter Definition window appears in various places in the SQL Diagnostic Manager interface.

 You cannot change the name or category of a counter once you create it.

Name

The name you give your new custom counter is the most important way to distinguish your custom counters. You should give them a name that directly relates to the information monitored.

Category

The category you assign to your new custom counter is important for organizing your custom counters, if you have many, on the Custom Counters window and on the Alert Configuration window.

Description

The description you give your custom counter is an important way of distinguishing your custom counters if the name you give them does not provide enough of a difference.

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

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Configure alert settings for this counter

The Configure Alert Settings window of the Add Custom Counter wizard allows you to configure how SQL Diagnostic Manager uses and monitors your new custom counter information.

Configure Alert Evaluation

This option allows you to configure whether lower values are worse than higher values such as the percent of free disk space on a drive, or higher values are worse than lower values such as the percentage of free memory used.

Configure Alert Thresholds

The informational, warning, and critical thresholds you enter dictate the values that trigger alerts. Once configured, you can change these values on the [Alert Configuration window](#).

Access the Add Custom Counter wizard

You can open the Add Custom Counter wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Add** in the Custom Counters view.

Configure a custom response when SQL Diagnostic Manager generates an alert

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to configure when and how alerts generate responses. You can select from the following alert responses (providers):

- Send an email to a person or group of people
- Log an event in the Windows Event Log
- Enable the Query Monitor
- Execute a program or utility
- Send an event to your Network Management tool
- Execute a SQL Agent Job
- Execute a Script

To configure a custom response when an alert is generated, select **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses** from the console toolbar.

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Edit a custom counter

The Edit Custom Counter wizard allows you to edit your custom counter settings. To edit a custom counter, select the counter from the list on the Custom Counters window and click the **Edit** button.



You cannot change the custom counter name and category once you create a Counter.

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Delete a custom counter

Deleting a custom counter from SQL Diagnostic Manager removes it from the interface and stops collection. Select a custom counter on the **Custom Counters** window and click **Delete** to remove it from SQL Diagnostic Manager.

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Import a custom counter

Custom counters are Windows Operating System or SQL Server metrics that are not monitored, by default, by SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can import already created custom counters from the [IDERA community site](#) through the Custom Counter Import Wizard. Once added to the SQL Diagnostic Manager interface, you can monitor the results, view historical trending of the metric, configure alerts and receive notifications on them, and generate reports based on collected data.

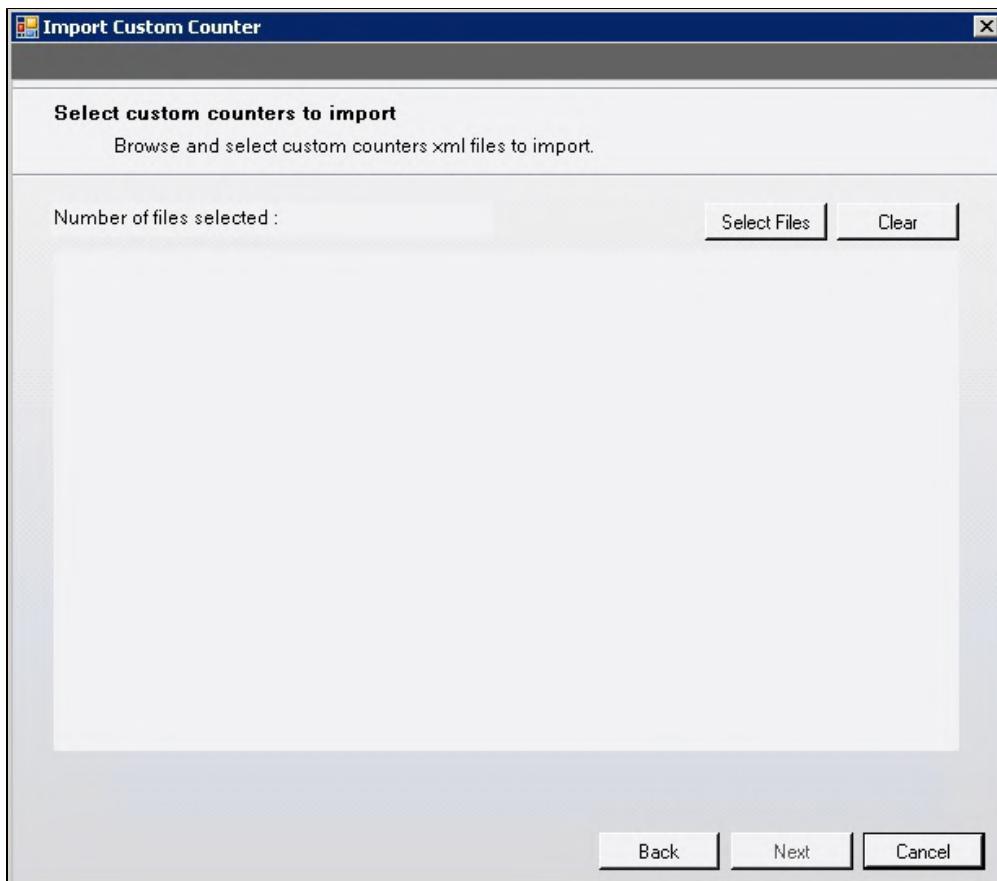
To import a custom counter:

1. Open the Custom Counter Import Wizard by clicking **Administration > Custom Counters**, and then clicking **Import** in the Custom Counters view.
2. On the **Welcome to the Custom Counter Import** page, click **Next**.

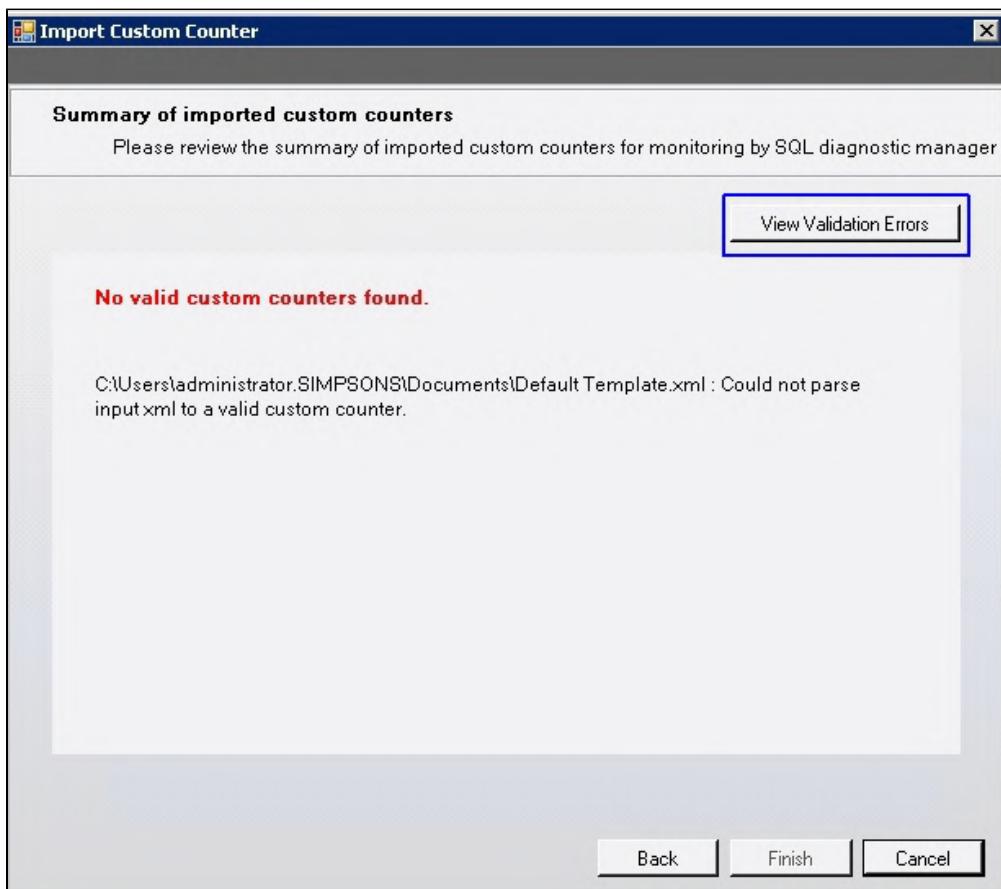


- You can also access the Custom Counter import wizard by clicking **Administration > Import/Export** from the navigation pane and selecting **Custom Counter** in the import column.

3. On the **Select custom counters to import** page, browse for custom counters' XML files to import.



4. On the **Summary of imported custom counters** page, you can verify that the selected counters were imported correctly or if there are any errors you can view details by clicking **View validation errors** or review any steps by clicking **Back**.



5. Click **Finish** to import the valid custom counters and exit the wizard.



Export a custom counter

For instructions on exporting a custom counter, see [Export a custom counter](#).

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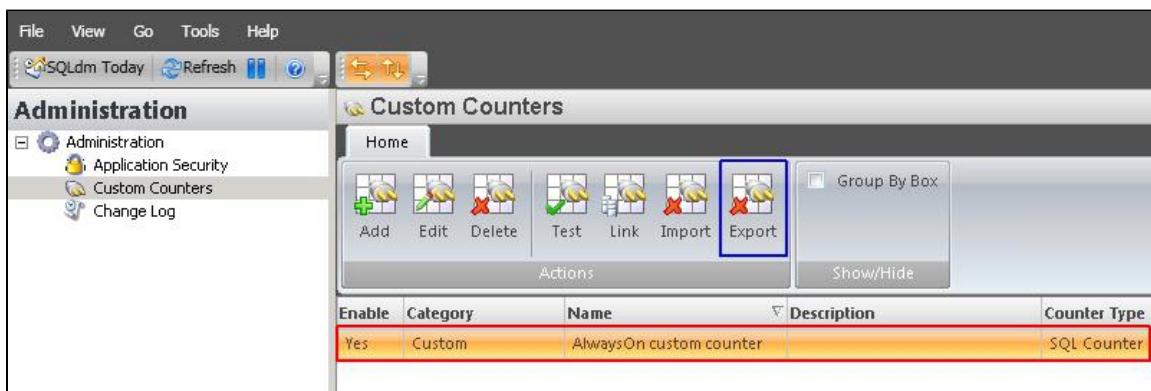
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Export a custom counter

Custom counters are Windows Operating System or SQL Server metrics that are not monitored, by default, by SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can export and share already created custom counters in the IDERA community site through the **Actions** group on the **Home** tab or through the Import/Export wizard.

To export a custom counter:

1. Select **Administration** in the navigation pane.
2. Select **Custom Counters**.
3. Select the custom counter you wish to export from the list and click **Export** in the **Actions** group.



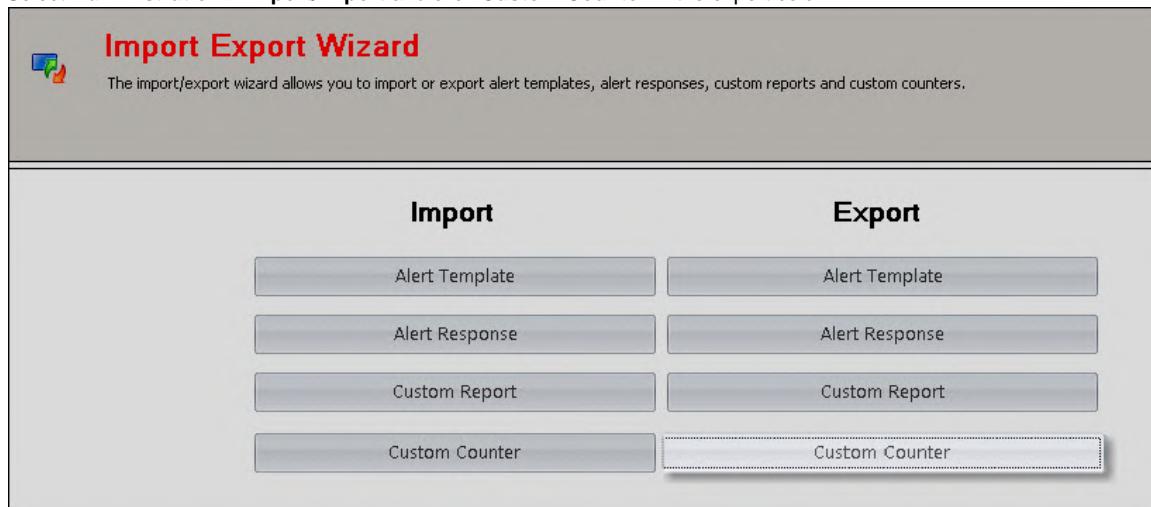
4. In the **Browse For Folder** dialog box, indicate in which folder you want to save the custom counter XML file.
5. In the "Selected custom counters exported to the selected directory" notification, click **OK**.

Import a custom counter

For instructions on importing a custom counter, see [Import a custom counter](#).

To export all your custom counters:

1. Select **Administration > Import/Export** and click **Custom Counter** in the export column.



2. In the **Browse For Folder** dialog box, indicate in which folder you want to save the custom counters XML files.
3. Click **OK** in the "Custom counters exported to selected directory" notification.

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Test a custom counter

The Test Custom Counter window allows you to verify that the custom counter is what you want to collect on the SQL Server instances you have linked it to and that the value returned is the value expected. A successful test displays the value of the metric collected, while a failed test provides the associated failure details.



Common causes for failed custom counter tests include inaccurate counter information entered manually and counters that do not exist on a particular SQL Server instance.

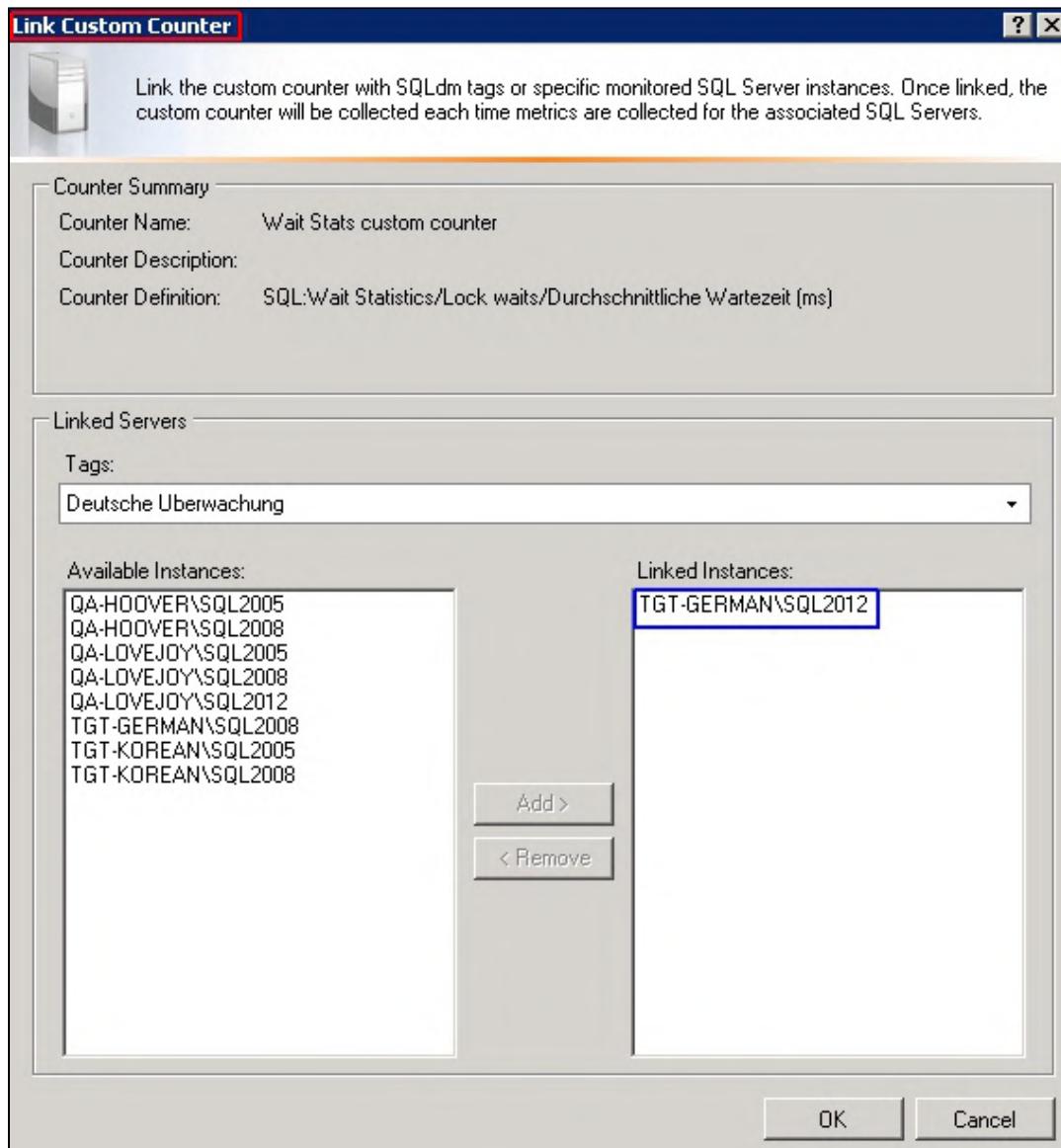
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Link custom counter to monitored instance

The Link Custom Counter window allows you to select the monitored SQL Server instances upon which you want your custom counter to appear. Select Server tags from the Tags drop-down list or choose New tag from the list.

Use the **Add** and **Remove** buttons to select the SQL Server instances to link to your custom counter and click **OK** to save your changes.



Automatically add a custom counter to a new registered SQL Server instance

Yes. By using links and tags, you can set SQL Diagnostic Manager to automatically add any custom counter to a newly-registered SQL Server instance.

To set SQL Diagnostic Manager to automatically add a customer counter to a new registered SQL Server instance:

1. Create a custom counter or import a custom counter if the appropriate counter does not exist.
2. Create a tag if the appropriate tag does not exist.
3. Link a custom counter to a tag by selecting the custom counter, and then clicking **Link**. You can include more than one custom counter per tag.
4. Select the tag you want to use, and then click **OK**. The custom counter is now associated with the tag.
5. Select the tag you just linked when adding a new SQL Server instance.

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Work with tags

Tags are customizable labels that allow you to organize and view your monitored resources in a manner best suited to your needs. You can assign tags to monitored SQL Server instances, custom counters, and permissions.

By creating and assigning tags to different objects, you can better manage how SQL Diagnostic Manager presents information. For example, you may create an "Accounting" tag for all SQL Server instances used by the Accounting department. You could then copy alert configuration and assign custom counters and permissions to all the instances labeled "Accounting."

Tags are also accessible to all users. This gives you greater freedom, allowing users to work with the same tags across all SQL Diagnostic Manager consoles.

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Manage tags

The Manage tags window allows you to [Add](#), [Edit](#), and [Remove Tags](#). For more information on tags and their functionality, see [Working with tags](#).



This window is available only to SQL Diagnostic Manager Administrators.

The Manage Tags window shows a list of all existing tags. From here, you can:

- Modify the list of servers, custom counters, and permissions associated with a tag.
- [Create a new tag](#).
- [Edit an existing tag](#).
- Remove a tag (Removing a tag does not delete items associated with that tag).

Access the Manage Tags window

To access the Manage Tags window:

1. Select **File**.
2. Select **Manage Tags**.

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Add a new tag

The **Add Tag** window allows you to create and assign a tag while adding an instance. Tags are labels that allow you to organize server instances into meaningful groups.

Tags are customizable for your needs. For example, you may want to view only server instances used by a particular department, in a specific location, or by some other method, such as SQL Server version. You can assign multiple tags to each instance so that the instance appears in several different groups.

You may select one or more existing tags from the list, or create new ones by clicking **Add Tag**.

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Edit a tag

The Tag Properties window allows you to view and change the properties of an existing Tag. To access the Tag Properties window, right-click a Tag and select **Tag Properties**.

The following information is available and editable in the Tag Properties window:

Servers

The Servers tab lists the SQL Server instances monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager and allows you to select or deselect the servers included in the tag.

Custom Counters

The Custom Counters tab allows you to choose the custom counters you want to include in your tag.

Application Security

The Application security tab allows you to select the application security permissions you want to apply to your tag.

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Navigate the IDERA Dashboard

What is the IDERA Dashboard?

The IDERA Dashboard is a common technology framework designed to support the entire IDERA product suite. The IDERA Dashboard allows users to get an overview of the status of their SQL Servers and hosted databases all in a consolidated view, while providing users the means to drill into individual product dashboards for details. The IDERA Dashboard also includes widgets that consolidate data across the products. The IDERA Dashboard supports multiple copies of SQL Diagnostic Manager installations.

To access the IDERA Dashboard, select **IDERA Dashboard** from the Product menu.

IDERA Dashboard menu bar

In the IDERA Dashboard menu bar, you can perform the following actions:

- Select the product content you want to view through the **Product** menu.
- Access administration tasks through the **Admin** menu.
- Access to a number of assistance topics through the **Help** menu.

Product menu

The Product menu allows you to quickly toggle between all of your installed IDERA products. You can customize the default order of your products in the Product menu by selecting the **Customize** option from the drop-down list and then clicking, holding, and dragging the product labels to the desired order. After selecting the order, click **Save** to save the changes.



If the product list is long, the IDERA Dashboard displays the option **More** at the bottom of the menu. Click **More** to expand the next products in the list.

Welcome user

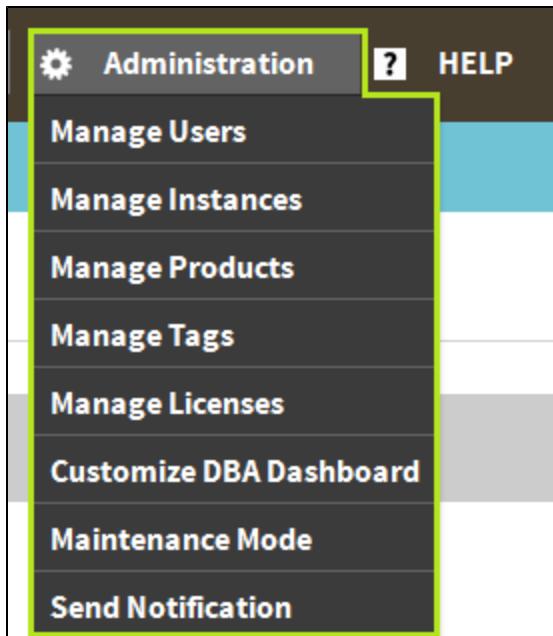
The user menu, which displays **Welcome <domain\username>**, allows you to manage the user account (if the user has the Product Administrator role) and log out of the IDERA Dashboard session. Click **Manage Accounts** to display the Manage Users view with the current user account selected and the details displayed in the User\Group Details pane.

Admin menu

The **Admin** menu provides a list of shortcuts to the views available on the Administration tab.

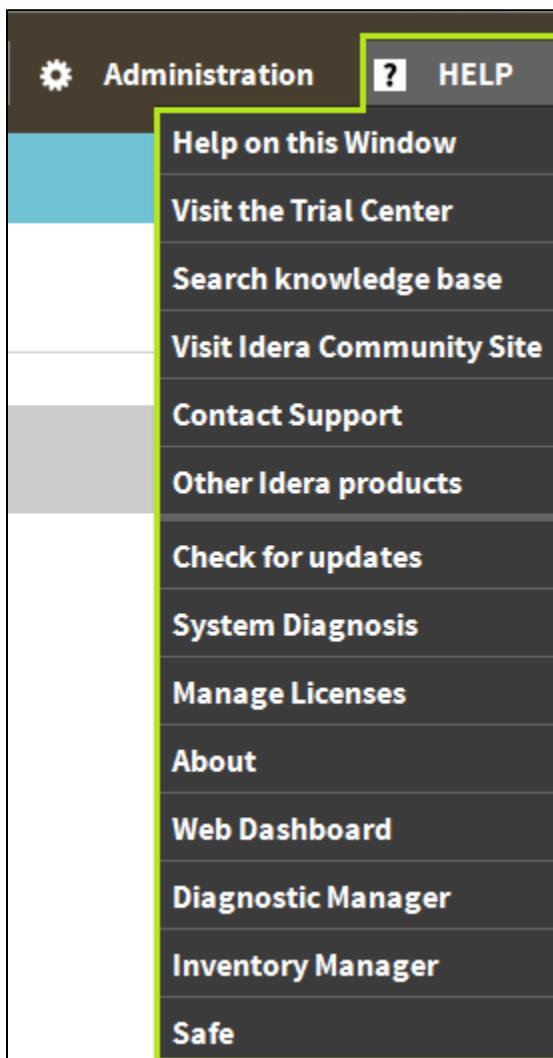


If a menu item is displayed but disabled, the current user account does not have the permission necessary to perform the associated function.



Help menu

The Help menu provides links to helpful areas such as the IDERA Knowledge Base or the IDERA Customer Support.



IDERA Dashboard Tabs

The IDERA Dashboard is comprised of the following tabs:

- Overview
- Details view
- Alerts
- Administration

What actions can be performed in the Overview tab of the IDERA Dashboard?

In the IDERA Dashboard users can glance at their registered products overall status through the Overview tab (Click image to view full size). This tab contains product widgets of all the products registered with the IDERA Dashboard. By default the Overview tab contains the following widgets:

- Overall status
- Instance status
- Active alerts list
- Instances list

The screenshot shows the Overview tab of the IDERA Dashboard. It features four main widgets:

- Overall Status | SQLDM (DEMODM)**: Displays a red warning icon and the message "Total Alerts: 180" with details: 175 Critical Alerts, 5 Warning Alerts, 0 Informational Alerts. As of 5/20/2016 02:17 pm.
- Instance Status | SQLDM (DEMODM)**: Shows a large red circle indicating an issue. Below it, a legend for monitored instances: 3 Critical (red), 0 Warning (yellow), 0 Informational (blue), 0 Ok (green), and 0 Disabled (grey).
- SQLDM - Instances List (DEMODM)**: A table listing database instances. Headers: Instance, Version, Status, Agent Status, Avail. Data rows:

Instance	Version	Status	Agent Status	Avail
AUT-SQLBL...	10.50.1600.1	Running	Stopped	1279
CH-SP2010-1	10.50.2550.0	Running	Stopped	299,t
CR-2K8R2	10.50.1600.1	Running	Running	1987
- SQLDM - Active Alerts List (DEMODM)**: A table listing active alerts. Headers: Time, Summary, Instance, Category. Data rows:

Time	Summary	Instance	Category
5/20/16 1:4...	Database Id...	AUT-SQLBL...	Backup
5/20/16 1:4...	Database Id...	AUT-SQLBL...	Backup
5/20/16 1:4...	Database Id...	AUT-SQLBL...	Backup
5/20/16 1:4...	Database S...	AUT-SQLBL...	Backup
5/20/16 1:4...	Database Id...	AUT-SQLBL...	Backup

In the Overview tab, you can perform the following actions:

- Expand or collapse a widget
- View a widget in full size
- Remove a widget
- Filter widget information by Products and by Tags.



Customize the Main Navigation tab order

Users can customize the main navigation tab order of the IDERA Dashboard in the [Configure Navigation order](#) widget of the Administration view.



Customize the Overview tab

Users can customize the Overview tab by adding, removing, and arranging widgets in the Configure Dashboard Views widget of the Administration view.

What actions can be performed in the Details view of the IDERA Dashboard?

In the IDERA Dashboard users can select specific metrics to display in the Details view tab (Click image to view full size). This tab contains product widgets of all the products registered with the IDERA Dashboard. By default the Details view tab contains the following widgets:

- Products by Alerts (All Products).
- Alerts by Category (All Products).
- Top Alerts by Metric (All Products).
- Alerts by Counts (All Products).
- Top Instances by Alert Count.
- Top Instances by CPU Usage.
- Top Databases by Alert Counts.
- Alert Counts by Category.

The screenshot shows the Details view tab of the IDERA Dashboard. At the top, there are tabs for OVERVIEW, DETAILS VIEW, ALERTS, and ADMINISTRATION. The DETAILS VIEW tab is selected. Below the tabs, it says "INSTANCE DETAILS" and "CH-SP2010-1". There are four widgets displayed:

- SQLDM - Top Instances by Alert Count (DEMO)**: Shows alert counts for instances BI DEMO, CH-SP2010-1, and CR-2K8R2.
- SQLDM - Top Databases by Alert Counts (DEMO)**: Shows alert counts for databases in the master, model, msdb, ReportServer, and ReportServerTempDB databases.
- SQLDM - Top Instances by CPU Usage (DEMO)**: Shows CPU usage (%) for instances CR-2K8R2, BI DEMO, and CH-SP2010-1.
- SQLDM - Alert Counts by Category (DEMO)**: Shows alert counts by category: Backup (175), Resources (3), Services (2), Databases (2), Operational (1), Queries (0), Logs (0), Sessions (0), and Virtualization (0).

In the Details tab, you can perform the following actions:

- Expand or collapse a widget
- View a widget in full size
- Remove a widget
- Filter widget information by SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.



Customize the Details view tab

Users can customize the Details view tab by adding, removing, and arranging widgets in the [Configure Dashboard Views](#) widget of the Administration view.

What actions can be performed in the Alerts view of the IDERA Dashboard?

In the IDERA Dashboard users can access information on all registered products current alerts and filter them based on:

- Product
- Category
- Severity
- Metric
- Tag

The screenshot shows the IDERA Dashboard interface. At the top, the IDERA logo and a navigation bar with tabs for OVERVIEW, DETAILS VIEW, ALERTS (which is highlighted with a yellow border), and ADMINISTRATION. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar titled "FILTERING" with sections for Product, Category, Severity, Metric, and Tag. Each section has a dropdown arrow and a list of filter options. Under "Severity", there are checkboxes for Critical, Warning, Info, and OK. At the bottom of the sidebar is a green button labeled "Apply filter as it changes". The main content area is titled "Alerts" and displays a message "No Alerts" next to a heart rate icon.

What actions can be performed in the Administration view of the IDERA Dashboard?

In the IDERA Dashboard all products show a common Administration tab, granted the logged-in user has administrator privileges. Selecting this

tab, displays the Administration view which hosts a range of widgets for performing administration-related actions. Click image to view full size.

The screenshot shows the 'ADMINISTRATION' tab selected in the top navigation bar. Below it, there are several sections:

- Manage Users**: Configure Navigation Order, Customize Main Navigation Tab Order.
- Manage Instances**: Configure Dashboard Views, Customize DBA Dashboard.
- Manage Products**: Send Notification to All Users, Add a warning message to notify all users about product upgrades.
- Manage Tags**: Licensing, View license statuses for your Idera SQL products using the Manage Licenses action.

The Administration view of the IDERA Dashboard provides a central set of services related to specific actions such as:

- Security
- Product registry
- Instance registry
- Tags management
- Navigation order configuration
- Dashboard views configuration
- Notifications
- License Management

For more information on each service and what configuration settings are available, visit each respective section.

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Managing users in the IDERA Dashboard

The Users widget of the Administration view, allows users to grant access to other team members or groups and manage their roles. Users with administrative privileges are divided in:

- **Dashboard administrators** - capability to manage access to Dashboard functions as well as individual products' functions.
- **Product administrators** - capability to grant access to individual products for which they have administrative rights.

To add new users, edit their details (name, subscription, or email address), or remove them, select **Manage Users** in the Administration view.

Adding a user in the IDERA Dashboard

In the IDERA Dashboard access is granted to Windows users or groups. To add users follow these steps:

1. Click the **Add User / Group** option and the Add User/Group dialog displays.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Users' interface. On the left, there's a table with columns 'Enabled', 'Display name', 'Account', and 'Type'. One row is visible: 'Enabled' is checked, 'Display name' is 'Simpsons\administrator', 'Account' is 'Simpsons\administrator', and 'Type' is 'USER'. On the right, the 'User/Group Details' tab is active. It has fields for 'Account name' (with a note: 'Windows user account in form "domain\accountname"'), 'Display name', 'Account Type' (radio buttons for 'User' and 'Group'), a checkbox for 'Do not timeout the browser session for this account', and dropdowns for 'Product' and 'Role'. At the bottom are 'Save' and 'Discard changes' buttons.

2. Type the account name of the user you want to grant access to. You should enter a Windows username in the following format: **domain\accountname**.
3. Type a Display name.
4. Select **User** or **Group** from the Account Type options.
5. Select the **Do not timeout the browser session for this account** checkbox to stay logged in.
6. In the **Product** field, you can select to add a user to the IDERA Dashboard or SQL Diagnostic Manager.
 - If you select the IDERA Dashboard, in the **Role** field you can assign a user the Dashboard Administrator or Dashboard guest roles.
 - If you select SQLDM, in the **Role** field you can assign a user the Product Administrator, Product user, or Product guest roles.
7. Click **Save**.

If you want to add additional roles to the user account or group, click **Add more** and the Dashboard will display additional **Product** and **Role** fields.

Provide the new user with the following links to the IDERA Dashboard URL: <http://<ServerName>:9290> or <http://<localhost>:9290>.

Editing a user in the IDERA Dashboard

This option allows you to edit the account name, change the email address where the user receives alerts, disable his/her account, and add new permissions. To edit a user or group follow these steps:

1. Select one user / group from the list of users.
2. Change the necessary settings.
3. Click **Save**.

Removing a user from the IDERA Dashboard

This option allows you to remove a user from access to the IDERA Dashboard. To delete a user or group, follow these steps:

1. Select one user from the list of users, click **Delete**.
2. A warning that requires a confirmation displays; click **Yes** to remove the user or **No** to cancel.

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Managing products in the IDERA Dashboard

The IDERA Dashboard hosts IDERA products that register with the Dashboard. Click the **Manage Products** option in the Administration view to open the respective window.

In the **Manage Products** window you can perform the following actions on registered products:

Edit a Product

To edit a product, select it from the Products list. The Dashboard displays the settings for the selected product on the panel to the right. Make the necessary modifications and click **Save**.

The screenshot shows the 'MANAGE PRODUCTS' window with a search bar and a table of registered products. One product, 'SQLdm(demo)', is selected and highlighted with a blue border. A modal dialog titled 'Edit Product' is open on the right, containing fields for Product Name (SQLdm(demo)), Instance Name (demo), Version (10.1.0.0), Registered (May 19, 2016 10:22 AM), Location ((local);DiagnosticManagerRepository), Connection User (simpsons\administrator), and Connection Password (a placeholder field). At the bottom of the dialog are buttons for Cancel, Save, Delete, and Migrate product.

Delete a Product

To remove a product, select it from the Products list and click **Delete** on the panel to the right. A confirmation dialog displays; click **Yes** to remove or **No** to cancel.



If you want to uninstall the IDERA Dashboard, make sure to delete all registered products before uninstalling.

Migrate Product

Allows you to migrate the registered product to a different IDERA Dashboard. Select the product from the Products list and click **Migrate product**.

MIGRATE TO DIFFERENT IDERA DASHBOARD

Host :

Port : 9292

Dashboard Administrator :

Username :

Password :

Migrate **Cancel**

Fill in the requested information and click **Migrate**.

Register a Product

The IDERA CWF 3.0 allows you to Register a Product. Click **Register a Product** to display the configuration settings.

MANAGE PRODUCTS				
SEARCH: Search products by name here				
Register a Product				
Product	Version	Registered	Location	Credentials
IderaDashboard	3.0.1.61	May 19, 2016 10:3...	CR-2K8R2	SIMPSONS\Admin...
SQLdm(demo)	10.1.0.0	May 19, 2016 10:2...	(local)\DiagnosticMana...	simpsons\adminis...

Add a Product to Idera Dashboard

Product:

Display Name :

Unique display name helps you distinguish different instances of the same product, if you have multiple installs. We recommend display name using location or function, "DiagnosticManagerWest" or "diagnosticManagerProd".

Host:

Port:

Product Administrator

User Name :

Password:

Cancel **Register**

Type all the requested information and click **Register**.

SQL Diagnostic Manager is unregistered from the IDERA Dashboard when you uninstall it.

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Managing instances in the IDERA Dashboard

The IDERA Dashboard tracks SQL Server instances, discovered and managed by different IDERA products. The Instances widget of the Administration view, allows users to view and manage registered instances.

To view coverage or remove registered instances that no longer exist in your SQL Server environment, select **Manage Instances** in the Administration view, and the Managed Instances window displays.

The screenshot shows the 'MANAGE INSTANCES' interface. On the left, there's a search bar labeled 'Search instances here' and buttons for 'Options' and 'Clear filters'. A table lists three instances:

Instance	MSSQL Version	Discovered	Last Seen	Status
AUT-SQLBI-118	10.50.1600	May 05, 2016 10:33...	May 05, 2016 10:33...	Managed
CH-SP2010-1	10.50.2550	May 05, 2016 10:33...	May 05, 2016 10:33...	Managed
CR-2K8R2	10.50.1600	May 05, 2016 10:33...	May 05, 2016 10:33...	Managed

On the right, the 'Instance Details' pane is open for the first instance, showing:

- Instance Name: AUT-SQLBI-118
- MSSQL Version: 10.50.1600
- Tags: (empty)
- Discovered: May 05, 2016 10:33 AM
- Last Seen: May 05, 2016 10:33 AM
- Products: A table showing one product entry:

Product	Version	Status	Available Licenses
SQLdm(infodev)	10.1.0.0	Managed	0

At the bottom of the details pane are 'Save' and 'Discard changes' buttons.

Select an instance to view its details and modify its Status.

Click **Options** to access the filtering options.

You can also access the Manage Instances option from the **Administration** drop-down on the top right corner of the UI.

The screenshot shows the 'Administration' dropdown menu with the following options:

- Manage Users
- Manage Instances** (highlighted in yellow)
- Manage Products
- Manage Tags
- Manage Licenses
- Customize DBA Dashboard
- Maintenance Mode
- Send Notification

Permissions for Managing Instances

- **Dashboard Administrator** - can add, edit, and remove instances from a product for all products.
- **Dashboard Guest** - can have a read-only view the instances summary and detail sections for all products.
- **Product Administrator** - can add, edit, and remove instances from the specific product.
- **Product Guest** -can have a read-only view of instance summary and detail sections for the specific product.
- **Product User** - can add, edit instances summary, and detail sections for the specific product. View of instances summary or details sections should be restricted to the specific product.

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Managing tags in the IDERA Dashboard

Tags can help you organize your managed instances and databases. Tags created and updated in the IDERA Dashboard can be made available and used in other IDERA SQL products. This feature allows you to add, view, edit, and delete tags and their associated instances and databases.

Click **Manage Tags** in the **Administration** tab to display the configuration window.



Global tags can be managed from the IDERA Dashboard only.

In the Manage Tags view you can add Global Tags, edit existing Global Tags, and Remove Global Tags.

Adding, editing, and removing a tag

You can add a tag and assign it to a certain instance or database by clicking **Add Tag** to display the configuration panel. Type all the requested information and click **Save**.

To edit an existing tag, select an entry from the list to edit its settings and click **Save** when you are done.

To remove a tag, select it from the list and click **Delete tag**. The Dashboard displays a confirmation dialog, click **Yes** to delete the tag.



Tags can be searched using filters. Available filters are: Product, Instance, and Database. Click **Options**, next to the search field, to access the filtering options.

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Configure navigation order in the IDERA Dashboard

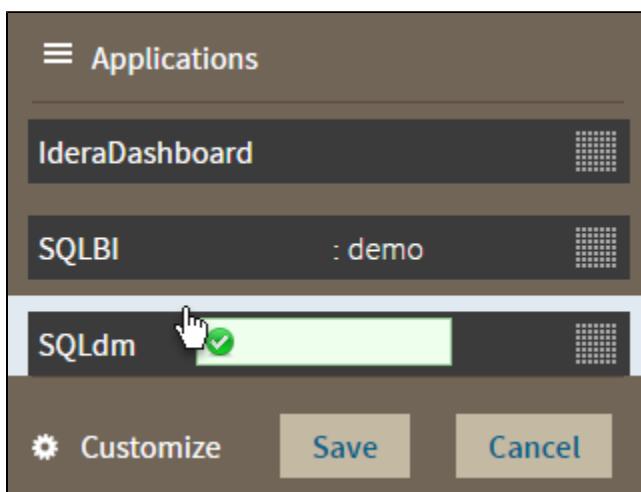
The **Configure Navigation Order** option of the Administration view allows you to modify the order in which the navigation tab displays the IDERA products.

Click the **Customize Main Navigation Tab Order** option and a dialog displays.



Drag and drop products to the desired order and click **Save**.

You can also modify the order of the products from the **Products** drop-down menu. Click **Customize** to enable the drag and drop feature. Select a product and release it in the desired position.



Click **Save** when you are done.

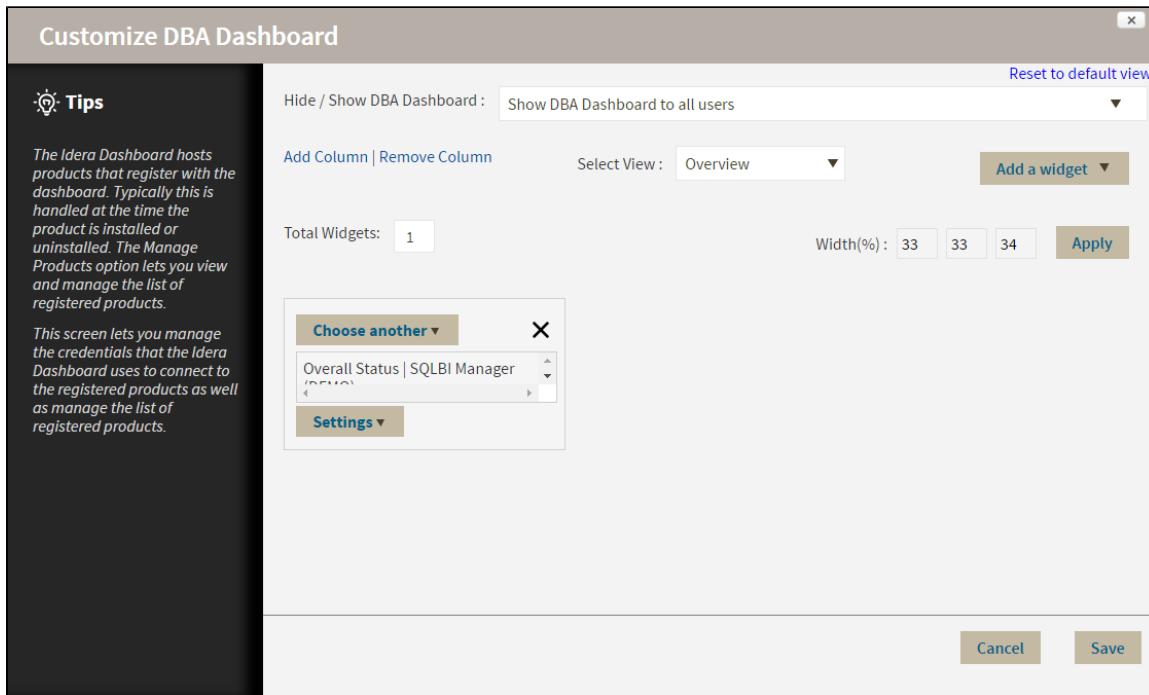
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Configure IDERA Dashboard views

The **Configure Dashboard Views** option allows users to customize which product widgets are shown in the Overview and Details view tabs of the IDERA Dashboard.

Click the **Customize DBA Dashboard** option in the **Administration** tab to display the Customize DBA Dashboard configuration panel.



In the Customize DBA Dashboard dialog you can try the following:

- Select to Hide or Show the DBA Dashboard to all users or to users with permissions in two or more products.
- Select the View you want to modify (Overview or Details View).
- Add or remove columns from the selected View.
- Specify the column widths.
- Add product widgets.
- Remove widgets.
- Re-arrange widgets (drag and drop).

Additionally, you can:

- Modify specific settings for each widget, such as its default state (Expanded or Collapsed).
- Assign another widget to a previously placed widget.

Customize DBA Dashboard

Tips

The Idera Dashboard hosts products that register with the dashboard. Typically this is handled at the time the product is installed or uninstalled. The Manage Products option lets you view and manage the list of registered products.

This screen lets you manage the credentials that the Idera Dashboard uses to connect to the registered products as well as manage the list of registered products.

Hide / Show DBA Dashboard : Show DBA Dashboard to all users

Add Column | Remove Column Select View : Overview Add a widget

Total Widgets: 3 Width(%) : 33 33 34 Apply

Choose another Overall Status | SQLBI Manager (DEMO)

Settings Default state: Expanded Collapsed Close Save

Choose another Top Alerts By Metric | All Products

Choose another Top Instances By Alert Counts | All Products

Alert Counts | All Products

Cancel Save



Available widgets

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides the Top X Lists widgets (18) to add to the Overview or Details view tabs.

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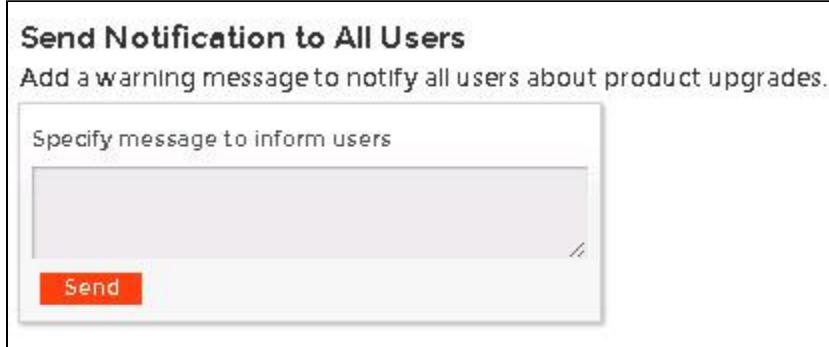
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Sending notifications in the IDERA Dashboard

The Send Notification to All Users widget of the Administration view, allows users to send a product upgrade warning message to all users.

To send a notification:

1. Select **Send Notification** in the Administration view, and the Send Notification to All Users window displays:



2. Type your warning message and click **Send**.
3. A preview of your warning displays. If you want to proceed, click **OK**.

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Navigate the web console dashboard

The SQLDM web console interface boasts an easy-to-navigate dashboard comprised of several views, sub-views, tabs, and widgets that provide a complete synopsis of your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment. Click the image to view full size.

On the dashboard you can find the following sections:

- Views by Status, Tags, or Critical Instances
- List, thumbnail and heatmap sub-views
- Active alerts roll up view
- Top servers by alert count and response time widgets
- Top databases by alerts
- Top alert categories
- Top X Lists tab
- Alerts tab
- Custom Dashboards tab

Additional options

Search

In the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console dashboard, you can search for a particular instance by name. Use the percent (%) wildcard character if you do not remember the full name of the instance that you are looking for.

Heatmap Calculation Configuration

The icon, located next to the search instances option, allows you to configure the scale factors to calculate the health index displayed in the heatmap.

Group by

In the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console dashboard, you can group returned information from the different views by SQLDM Repository.

Refresh

The Refresh button allows you to manually refresh displayed data.

Collapse side panels

In the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console dashboard, you can collapse either or both side panels to use all available screen space for the center panel.

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Use views to get an overview of your environment

In the Views section of the home tab you can see at a glance if there are any problems in your monitored SQL Server instances and drill-down for details. Each view is expandable and information is grouped By Status, By Tags, or by Most Critical Instances. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays this information in the panel to the right.

By Status

In the By Status view you can easily identify the status of your monitored SQL Server instances and take action.

Instances are grouped as follows:

- All Instances
- OK
- Warning
- Critical
- Maintenance Mode

If you select all instances with an **OK** status in the By Status view, the panel displays information only pertaining to those instances.

By Tags

In the By Tags view, you can view the status of different tags or group of instances, and drill-down to details. For additional information on tags, see [Work with tags](#).

By Most Critical Instances

The Most Critical Instances view lists all the critical SQL servers in your environment and provides links to the single instance dashboard so you can quickly review the issue. The instance with the largest number of alerts shows up at the top of the list.

If you click any of the listed critical instances, the web console displays the [single instance dashboard](#).

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Use sub-views to identify and diagnose issues

The web console's main dashboard is comprised of three main sub-views:

- List sub-view
- Thumbnail sub-view
- Heatmap sub-view

These sub-views display all data collected at the last refresh for all your monitored SQL Server instances. To access any sub-view, click the appropriate button in the upper-right corner of the dashboard as shown in the following image:

List sub-view

The list sub-view offers a means to quickly identify the status of instances, as well as the possibility to navigate to the single instance dashboard when clicking on a specific row.

Instance	Version	Status	Agent Status	DTC Status	Available Memory (MB)	Blocked Sessions	CPU Activity	Disk Queue Length
AUT-SQLBI-118	N/A	Unable To Monitor	Unable To Monitor	Unable To Monitor	0.00	0	0.00%	
CR-2K8R2	10.50.1600.1	Running	Running	Running	170.68	0	4.00%	
CH-SP2010-1	10.50.2550.0	Running	Running	Running	1,397.13	0	0.00%	

The list sub-view provides you with the following SQL Server information:

Instance Name

Displays the name of the monitored SQL Server instance.

SQL Server Version

Displays the edition and version of SQL Server software used in this instance.

SQL Server Status

Displays the status of the SQL Server service such as running, stopped, and paused.

SQL Agent Status

Displays the status of the SQL Server Agent service such as running or stopped.

DTC Status

Displays the status of the Distributed Transaction Coordinator service such as running or stopped.

Available Memory (MB)

Indicates how much available memory is allocated for SQL Server.

Blocked Sessions

Displays blocked process sessions information on the SQL Server instance.

CPU Activity

Displays the percentage of CPU consumed by your SQL Server, virtual machine, and host server.

Disk Queue Length

Displays the average number of system requests that are waiting for disk access on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance

Actions

Sort

Instances on the list sub-view are sorted by severity. To re-organize information, click a column header or select the option to group by severity or tags (**Group By**).

Export

You can export instance information in PDF, XLS, or XML by clicking **EXPORT** at the top of the list sub-view.

Show/Hide instances

You can hide/show instances information by clicking **HIDE INSTANCES** at the top of the list sub-view.

Thumbnail sub-view

The thumbnail sub-view is the default view in the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console's dashboard and provides you with a graphical replication of your monitored SQL servers. Access additional details in [the single instance dashboard](#) by clicking on a thumbnail's instance name or easily spot categories that have active alerts as marked by a critical icon. Navigate to an instance's specific category view in case it has active alerts by clicking on the marked category icon. You can also launch the SQL Diagnostic Manager console directly from the thumbnail sub-view by clicking

the SQL Diagnostic Manager icon .



The thumbnail sub-view displays basic statistics about your SQL Servers:

SQL Server version

Displays the edition and version of SQL Server software used in this instance.

Response Time

Refers to the time it takes for a query to go from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console to the SQL Server instance and back.

User Sessions

Refers to the total number of SQL Server user sessions.

SQL CPU Usage

Refers to average percentage of SQL Server processor usage on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance.

SQL Memory Usage

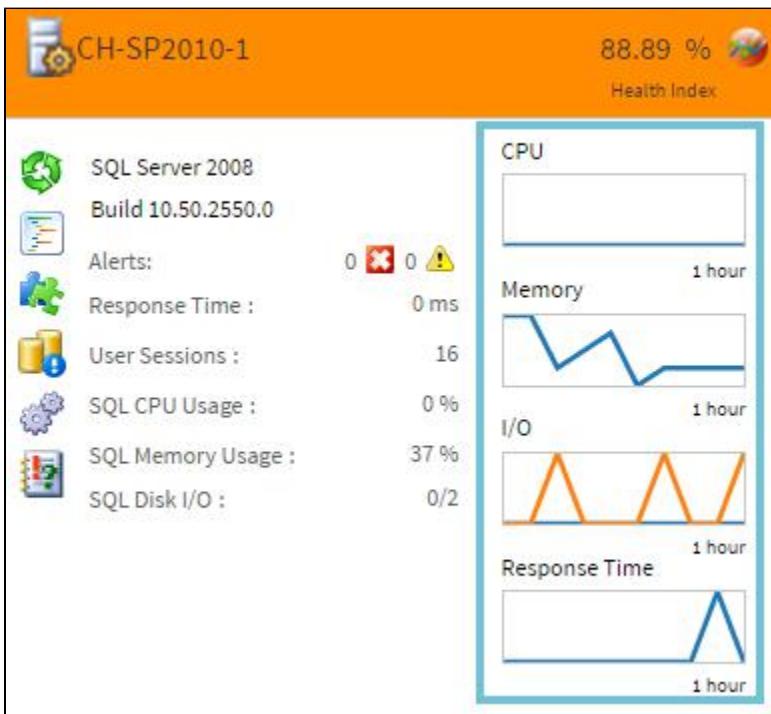
Refers to amount of memory in use by the monitored SQL Server instance.

SQL Disk I/O

Refers to the number of physical reads and physical writes made by the SQL Server instance between refreshes.

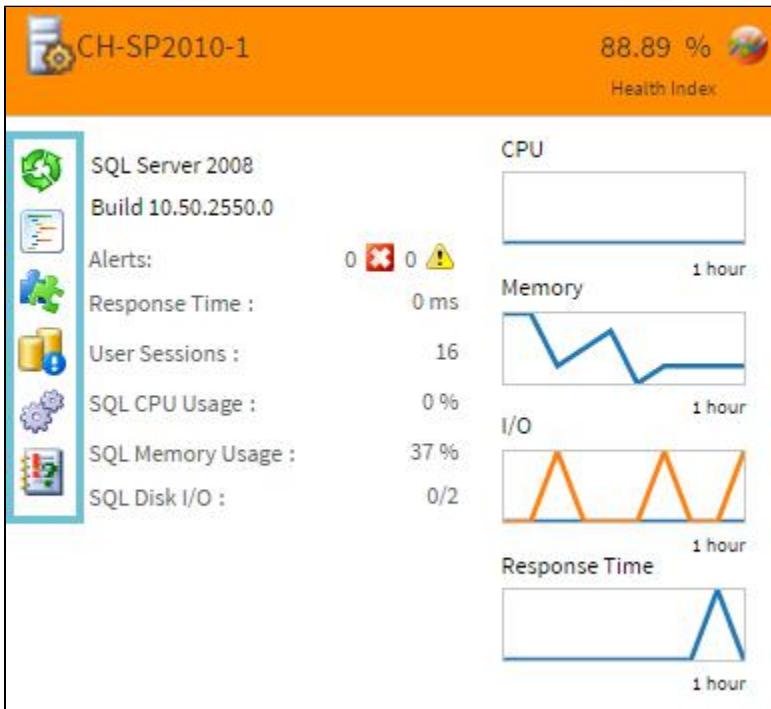
In addition, the thumbnail sub-view includes CPU, Memory, I/O, and Response Time sparkline graphs for a 1 hour-view so that users can obtain

an overview of key metrics quickly.



Category icons and actions

In the thumbnail sub-view, use your mouse cursor to hover on a category icon in the left of the thumbnail. If the category icon contains active alerts, you can click it to access the [Alerts Detail](#) screen.



If there are no active alerts, you can click a category icon and you are directed to a specific category view in the single instance dashboard. The table below shows the relationship between the category icons and their corresponding views:

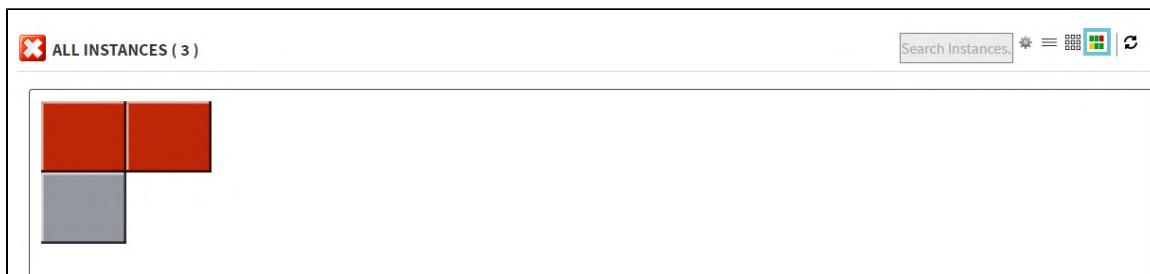
Icon	Category
	Sessions tab of the single instance dashboard

	Queries tab of the single instance dashboard
	Resources tab of the single instance dashboard
	Databases tab of the single instance dashboard
	Alerts Detail screen
	Overview tab of the single instance dashboard

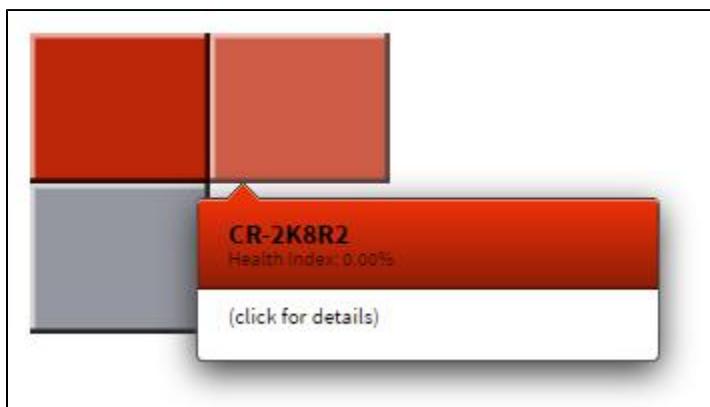
Instances in thumbnail sub-view display according to severity. This means that critical instances show up on the top of the dashboard.

Heatmap sub-view

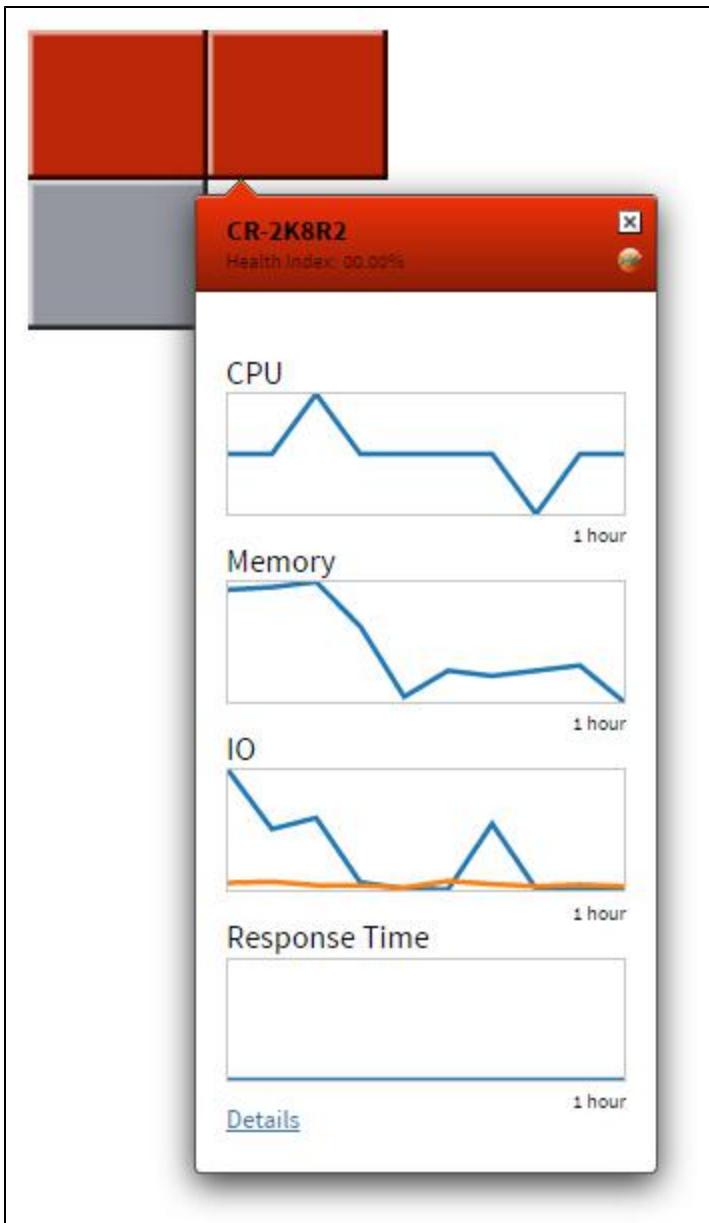
The heatmap sub-view provides you with a visual overall status of your SQL Server environment in the form of a grid of color coded squares that contain a health index. Through its color scheme and health index you can easily identify which of your monitored instances need the most attention. Each square in the heatmap sub-view represents a monitored instance. From each square, you can access basic statistics but also drill down for details.



To glance at instance health information just hover over a specific square to see its health index.



Upon clicking a specific square, the health index displays performance line charts for CPU, Memory, IO, and Response Time from the past hour.



Additionally, you can:

- Click **Details** to access the Overview tab of the single instance dashboard.
- Launch the SQL Diagnostic Manager console by clicking the SQL Diagnostic Manager icon .

How to interpret the health index in the heatmap sub-view?

The health index is a percentage value that provides an estimate of the relative health of your monitored SQL Server. The health index is based on the following raw calculation:

Health Index Raw Calculation = Instance or Tag Scale Factor * (# Critical Alerts * Critical Scale Factor + # Warning Alerts * Warning Scale Factor + # Informational Alerts * Informational Scale Factor)

The raw score is normalized to a range between 100% and 0%. SQL Server is healthier the closer its health index is to 100%, and it is in critical state the closer its health index is to 0%. Use the severity factors to change the relative weight in the calculation. Use tag and instance factors to assign instances more or less importance in the overall heatmap ranking.

To configure the Health Index Calculations:

1. Click the gear icon  at the upper-right corner of the **All Instances** section to display the Heatmap Calculation Configuration dialog.

Heatmap Calculation Configuration

The scale factors specified below are used to calculate the health index displayed in the **heat map**. The total number of active alerts per severity are multiplied by their respective factor and added to get a raw score which is normalized to a range between 0% and 100%. Use the severity factors to change the relative weight in the calculation. Use tag and instance factors to assign instances more or less importance in the overall heatmap ranking. IDERA recommends factor values between 0 and 10.

Alerts	Scale Factors	
Critical	6.0	
Warning	2.0	
Informational	1.0	

Instances	Scale Factors	Disable
Choose ▼	1	Add

Tags	Scale Factors	Disable
Choose ▼	1	Add

2. Type the values that you want in the respective Alert Scale Factor field. IDERA recommends factor values between zero and ten.
3. Choose an instance from the registered instances and click **Add** to apply a distinctive scale factor.
4. Choose a tag from the available tags and click **Add** to apply a distinctive scale factor.
5. Click **Submit**.



The heatmap sub-view displays instances according to severity. The color of the square relates to the percentage of its health status and includes a range of colors not only restricted to green, yellow, and red.

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View active alerts in your SQL Server environment

The Active Alerts panel provides you with updated information on all the active alerts in your SQL Server environment. The panel allows you to see if more than one alert is active at the time of receiving an alert notification, making it easier to determine the underlying problem.

This panel shows time of alert inception, alert description (summary), instance name, alert category, and show details.

The screenshot shows the 'ACTIVE ALERTS (282)' section of the IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager interface. It displays a grid of alerts with columns for Time, Summary, Instance, and Category. The alerts are listed as follows:

Time	Summary	Instance	Category
9/6/16 2:51 PM	SQL Server status: Unable To Connect	AUT-SQLALL-003 SQL2014	Services
9/2/16 12:19 PM	Database status for [Logshipping7419] is Restoring	AUT-SQLALL-003 SQL2014	Databases
9/2/16 12:19 PM	Database status for [Logshipping4030] is Restoring	AUT-SQLALL-003 SQL2014	Databases
9/2/16 12:19 PM	Database status for [Logshipping4425] is Restoring	AUT-SQLALL-003 SQL2014	Databases
9/2/16 12:19 PM	Database status for [Logshipping4531] is Restoring	AUT-SQLALL-003 SQL2014	Databases
9/2/16 12:19 PM	Database status for [Logshipping3213] is Restoring	AUT-SQLALL-003 SQL2014	Databases

On the right side of the interface, there are four summary panes: 'TOP SERVERS BY ALERT COUNT', 'TOP SERVERS BY RESPONSE TIME', 'TOP DATABASES BY ALERTS', and 'TOP ALERT CATEGORIES'. The 'TOP SERVERS BY ALERT COUNT' pane shows three instances with their alert counts: AUT-SQLALL-003|SQL2014 (83), AUT-SQLALL-003|SQL2014EXPRESS (52), and CH-SP2010-1 (386). The 'TOP SERVERS BY RESPONSE TIME' pane shows three instances with their response times: CH-SP2010-1 (386 ms), AUT-SQLALL-004|SQL2012 (231 ms), and AUT-SQLALL-003|SQL2008 (221 ms). The 'TOP DATABASES BY ALERTS' pane shows two databases with their alert counts: AUT-SQLALL-003|SQL2014.Logship_2 (213) and AUT-SQLALL-003|SQL2014.Logship_1 (213). The 'TOP ALERT CATEGORIES' pane indicates 'No Category Alerts found.'

In the Active Alerts panel it is possible to take two actions to obtain further information, click any of the linked instances and the single instance dashboard displays or click **Show Details** and the Alert Detail screen displays.



Columns are sortable, just click the column header of your choice.

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Use widgets for tailored information

The widgets section of the dashboard provides you with practical access to specific environment information for your day-to-day operations. Click the image to view full size.

The screenshot shows the IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for HOME, TOP X LISTS, ALERTS, and CUSTOM DASHBOARDS. The main area is divided into several sections:

- ALL INSTANCES (6)**: A grid of six cards showing instance status. One card is red (AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2014) and five are green (AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2014, AUT-SQLALL-004\SQL2012, CH-SP2010-1, AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2012, and AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2014EXPRESS).
- ACTIVE ALERTS (282)**: A table listing 282 active alerts. The columns are Time, Summary, Instance, and Category. Each row has a "Show Details" link. Some rows show database status like "Restoring".
- TOP SERVERS BY ALERT COUNT**: A table showing the top servers by alert count. It lists three instances: AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2014 (83 alerts), AUT-SQLALL-004\SQL2012 (52 alerts), and CH-SP2010-1 (386 alerts).
- TOP SERVERS BY RESPONSE TIME**: A table showing the top servers by response time in milliseconds (ms). It lists three instances: CH-SP2010-1 (386 ms), AUT-SQLALL-004\SQL2012 (231 ms), and AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2014EXPRESS (221 ms).
- TOP DATABASES BY ALERTS**: A table showing the top databases by alerts. It lists two databases: AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2014.Logshipping213 (2 alerts) and AUT-SQLALL-003\SQL2014.Logshipping3213 (2 alerts).
- TOP ALERT CATEGORIES**: A table showing the top alert categories. It states "No Category Alerts found".

This section is comprised of the following widgets:

- Top servers by alert count
- Top servers by response time
- Top databases by alerts
- Top alert categories

Top servers by alert count

The Top servers by alert count widget lists the instances with the highest number of alerts in descending order. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Alert count

If you click any instance name of a row, it displays the Databases tab of the [single instance dashboard](#).

Top servers by response time

The Top servers by response time widget lists the instances with the highest response time in descending order. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Response time in milliseconds (ms)

If you click any instance name of a row, it displays the Sessions tab of the [single instance dashboard](#).

Top databases by alerts

The Top databases by alerts widget lists the instances that contain the databases with the highest number of alerts in descending order. This widget displays the following information:

- Database name
- Number of alerts

If you click any database name of a row, it displays the Databases tab of the [single instance dashboard](#).

Top alert categories

The Top alert categories widget lists the category with the largest number of alerts and displays the following information:

- Category name

- Number of alerts

Alert categories include:

- Custom
- Databases
- Logs
- Operational
- Queries
- Resources
- Services
- Sessions
- Virtualization

If you click any category name, it displays the Alerts Detail screen.

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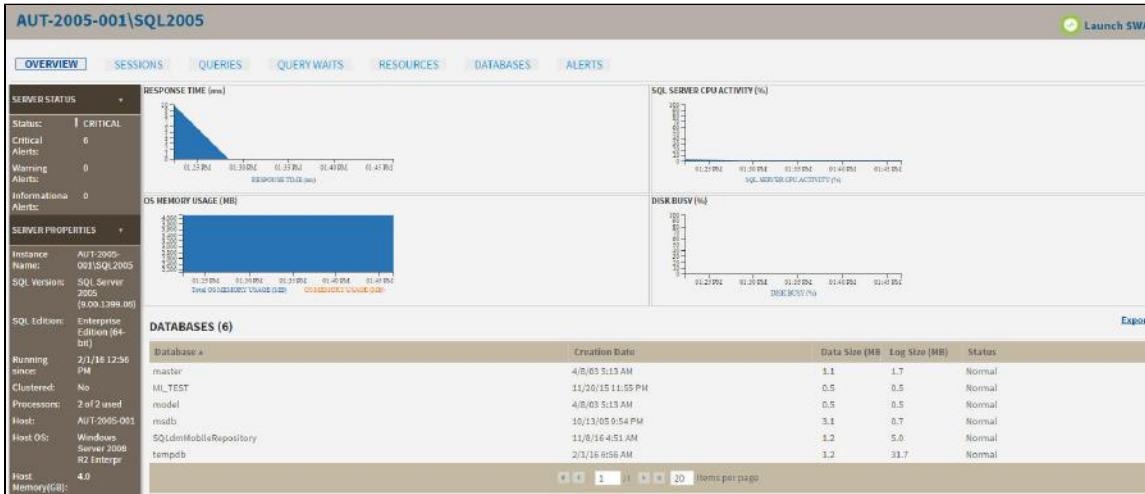
Navigate the web console single instance dashboard

The single instance dashboard includes an overview section for the selected monitored SQL server and specific category views. SQL Diagnostic Manager users are able to obtain details on sessions, queries, resources, and databases. Click image to view full size.

SQL Workload Analysis

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to launch SQL Workload Analysis in context of your monitored SQL Server instance from both, the desktop client and the IDERA Dashboard.

You can launch SQL Workload Analysis from the single instance view and its tabs of the SQLDM web console. The icon Launch SWA located on the top-right side of the screen is available when your instance is registered in SQL Workload Analysis product.



In the single instance dashboard, you can find the following sections:

- Server status
- Server properties
- Service status
- File use
- Databases roll up view
- Charts
- Category views

Server status

In this section view the status of your monitored SQL Server and its alerts.

Server properties

In this section view the most important characteristics of your monitored SQL Server instance.

Instance Name

Displays the name of the monitored SQL Server instance or its friendly name assigned in the desktop console.

Assign a friendly name to your instance that is meaningful to you and easy to identify.

SQL Version

Indicates the current SQL Server version including service pack and build information on this SQL Server instance.

SQL Edition

Indicates the current SQL Server edition, including Enterprise, Business Intelligence, or Standard, installed on this SQL Server instance.

Running since

Indicates the timestamp associated with the most recent restart of this SQL Server instance.

Clustered

Indicates whether this SQL Server instance is part of a cluster. If it is part of a cluster, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the name of the active node.

Processors

Indicates the total number of processors associated with this SQL Server instance and how many of these processors are currently in use.

Host

Indicates the name of the server hosting this SQL Server instance.

Host OS

Indicates the current operating system on the server hosting this SQL Server instance.

Host Memory (GB)

Indicates the total amount of memory on the server hosting this SQL Server instance.

Service status

In this section view the status of the SQL Server services:

- SQL Server Service
- SQL Agent Service
- Distributed Transaction Coordinator (DTC) Service

File Use

In this section view file use for your monitored SQL Server instance.

Data File(Allocated GB)

Displays the allocated data space in GB for this SQL Server instance.

Data File (Used GB)

Displays the used data space in GB for this SQL Server instance.

Log File (Allocated GB)

Indicates the allocated log space in GB on the SQL Server instance.

Log File (Used GB)

Indicates the used log space in GB on the SQL Server instance.

Database count

Indicates the number of databases contained in the monitored SQL Server.

Databases roll up view

The Databases roll up view shows the monitored databases for the selected instance. Information provided includes:

Database

Displays the database name.

Creation Date

Displays database creation date and time.

Data Size (MB)

Displays the size of all data files used in this SQL Server instance.

Log Size (MB)

Indicates the current size of the log files on this SQL Server instance.

Status

Indicates the operational status of the database such as Normal, Offline, or Suspect.

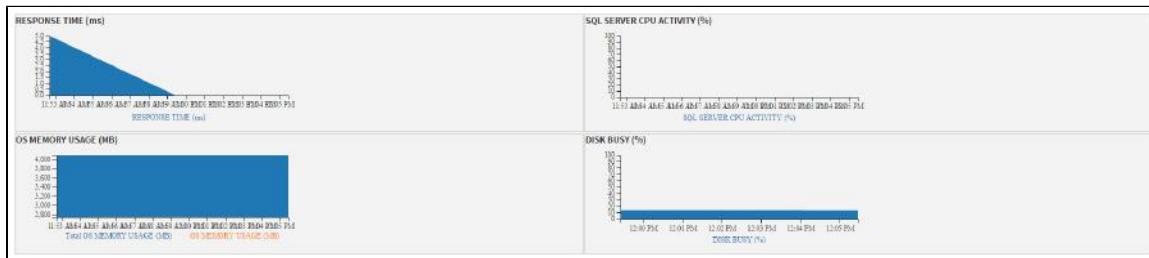
If you click any row of the Database roll up view, SQL Diagnostic Manager directs you to the databases tab of the single instance dashboard for more details.



To sort information in the Databases roll up view, click any of the column headers.

Charts

The single instance dashboard includes the following **charts**:



Response Time

The Response Time chart displays the response time (in milliseconds) it takes a Select SQL statement to go to the SQL Server instance and back. This chart indicates the current speed and congestion of the network as well as the speed with which SQL Server processes small queries. To obtain additional key diagnostic statistics for sessions on your SQL Server instance, click the chart and you're directed to the **Sessions > Overview** view. This view contains various charts like the Response Time (ms), Session Activity, and Blocked Sessions.

SQL Server CPU Activity

The SQL Server CPU Activity chart displays the percentage of a CPU consumed by your SQL Server, virtual machine, and host server. To obtain additional key diagnostic statistics for monitoring the resources for your SQL Server instance and computer on which it resides, click the chart and you're directed to the **Resources > CPU** view. This view contains various charts like the CPU Usage (%), Processor Time (%), and Processor Queue Length.

OS Memory Usage

The OS Memory Usage chart displays information in GB on the physical and virtual memory in use during the current day. To obtain additional key memory statistics on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance, click the chart and you're directed to the **Resources > Memory** view. This view contains various charts like SQL Memory Usage (MB), Memory Areas (MB), and Page Life Expectancy (sec).

Disk Busy

The Disk Busy chart displays the percentage of time during the last ten minutes that the disk was not idle for all the disks (combined) on the server that the SQL Server instance resides. To obtain additional key statistics on the way your disks are used on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance, click the chart and you're directed to the **Resources > Disk** view. This view contains various charts like the Disk Reads/Second per Disk, Disk Writes/Second per Disk, and the SQL Server Physical I/O.

Category views

The single instance dashboard contains the Sessions, Queries, Query Waits, Resources, Databases, and Alerts tabs where you can see metrics and information on these category views.



From these tabs you can:

- View your SQL Server sessions information.
- View your SQL Server queries information.
- View your SQL Server query waits information.
- View your SQL Server resources information.
- View your SQL Server databases information.
- View your SQL Server alerts.

Access the single instance dashboard

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides several paths to access the single instance dashboard. The first access path is by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance in the list, thumbnail, or heatmap sub-views. The second access path is by clicking a specific instance from the Active Alerts panel, or the Most Critical Instances view in the main dashboard. It is also possible to access the single instance dashboard by clicking a specific instance or database in the Top servers by alert count, Top servers by response time, and Top databases by alerts widgets.

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View your SQL Server sessions information

The Sessions tab of the single instance dashboard allows you to quickly view key diagnostic statistics for sessions on your SQL Server instance and contains the Overview and Session Graphs views. Click image to view full size.

SQL Workload Analysis

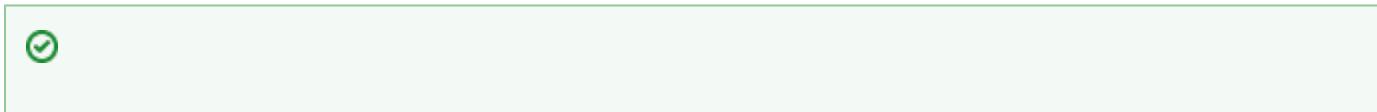
You can launch SQL Workload Analysis from the single instance view and its tabs of the SQLDM web console. The icon Launch SWA located on the top-right side of the screen is available when your instance is registered in SQL Workload Analysis product.

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Overview

The **Sessions > Overview** tab contains the following information:

- Session ID
- Host
- Database
- Status
- Open transactions
- Command
- Application
- Wait time (ms)
- Wait type
- Wait resources
- CPU (ms)
- CPU Delta (ms)
- Physical I/O
- Memory
- Login time
- Last Batch
- Blocked by
- Blocking
- Blocking count
- Net address
- Net library
- Version store elapsed (sec)

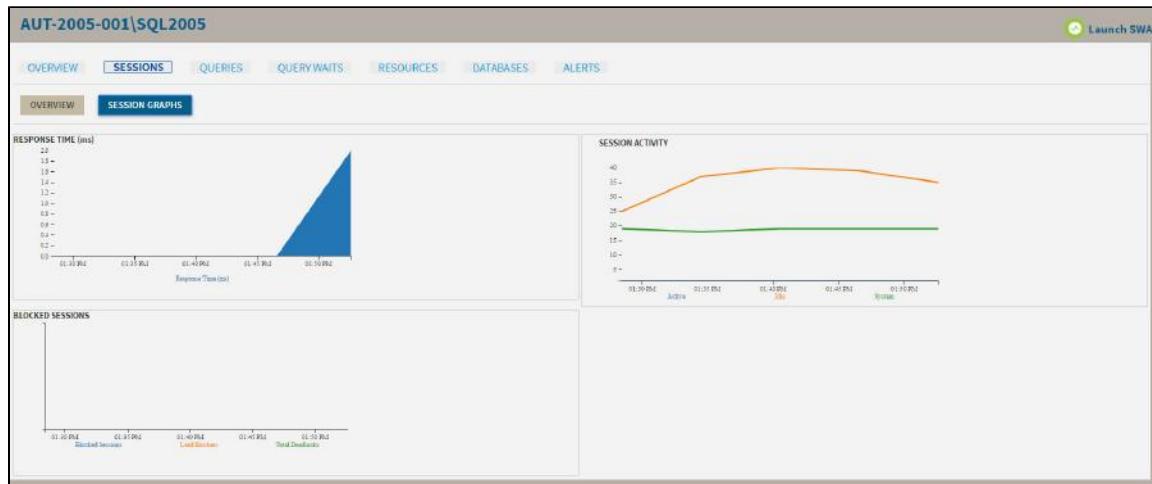


Export

You can export sessions overview information in the following formats: PDF, XLS, or XML.

Session Graphs

The **Sessions > Sessions Graphs** tab contains the following charts (Click image to view full size):



Response Time (ms)

The Response Time chart displays the response time (in milliseconds) it takes a Select SQL statement to go to the SQL Server instance and back. This chart indicates the current speed and congestion of the network as well as the speed with which SQL Server processes small queries.

Session Activity

The Session Activity chart displays the number of concurrent connections to the monitored SQL Server instance over time. The total number of sessions includes the active, idle, and system sessions.

Blocked Sessions

The Blocked Sessions charts lists all the Blocked Sessions, Lead Blockers, and the Total Deadlocks for the selected SQL Server instance. This allows you to easily view blocks as they occur.

Access the Sessions tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides three paths to access the Sessions tab. The first access path is by clicking on the Response Time chart (ms) of the single instance dashboard, and you are directed to the **Sessions > Overview** tab. The second access path is by selecting the Sessions tab of the single instance dashboard. You can also click on an alert that belongs to the Sessions category in the Active alerts panel of the main dashboard.

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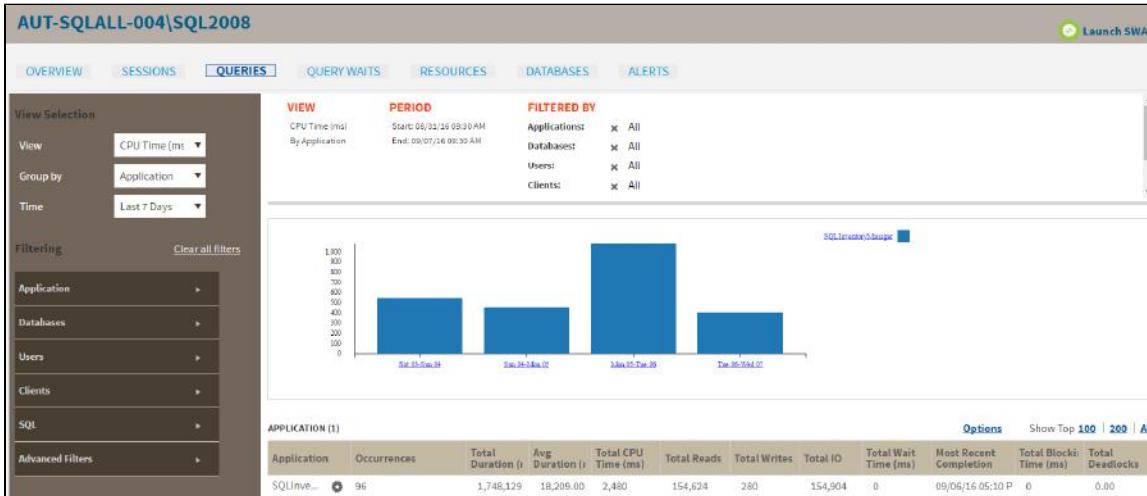
View your SQL Server queries information

The Queries tab of the single instance dashboard lists each event that occurs in the Query Monitor and allows you to easily explore query performance in your environment.



SQL Workload Analysis

You can launch SQL Workload Analysis from the SQLDM web console single instance view and its tabs. The icon Launch SWA located on the top-right side of the screen is available when your instance is registered in SQL Workload Analysis product.



The Queries tab provides a highly usable and customizable Main Query view along with two low-level views which you can navigate to for root cause analysis:

- [Query Signature view](#)
- [Query Details view](#)

The Main Query view consists of the following major components that allow you to customize your view:

- [View selection and grouping](#)
- [Filtering](#)
- [Time](#)
- [Data view](#)

Select the type of view that you want displayed

The View Selection of the Main Query view allows you to choose from a variety of views to explore query data. The following views are available:

- Duration (ms)
- CPU Time (ms)
- Reads
- Writes
- I/O (sum of reads and writes)
- Blocking Duration (ms)
- Wait Duration (ms)
- Deadlocks



Duration (ms) is the default view of the Main Query view.

Use Group By to organize your view

Once you have selected a view, use the **Group By** option to choose from the following type of objects for query aggregation:

- Application
- Database
- User
- Client

- Query Signature

 Application is the grouping by default in the Main Query view.

Use Filtering to customize your view

Filter options in the Main Query view allow you to focus only on the information you want to be displayed. You can [include or exclude](#) specific applications, databases, users, SQL text, and more from the Query Monitor results through filters. The following filter options are available:

- Application
- Databases
- Users
- Clients
- SQL (Include SQL text matching or exclude SQL text matching)
- [Advanced Filters](#)

Select a time period to display query data

You can choose the time period to display in the Main Query view. This selection limits the queries to only those that run during the specified time period. You can select from a broad range of built-in time periods or specify start and end dates, and times for the period. The **Time** box includes the following options:

- Last 30 minutes
- Last 1 hour
- Last 4 hours
- Last 8 hours
- Last 24 Hours
- Last 7 days
- Last 30 days
- Custom

 By default only queries that start within the time period are shown. If you want to modify this behavior, the Advanced Filters option lets you include incomplete queries or overlapping queries. For more information, see [Advanced filters of the main query view](#).

 To switch to a shorter time frame, click the larger time bucket. For example, clicking a month in a monthly graph modifies the time period to the selected month and grouping to days.

Analyze your query data

On the right-hand side of the overall view, query data is displayed based on your View, Group By, and filtering selections. The Data view is designed to provide good visualization of the selected data and enable you to drill down into problem areas. The Data view is composed of the following elements:

Header

Provides View, Group By, Period, and filter criteria information.

Graph

Chart area which displays the aggregated query results that meet the filtering criteria.

List

Displays data selected for the view in list form. There are several [list options](#) according to your **Group By** selection in the Main Query view.

The table below shows what options you have to drill down from the graph or list and get more specific information:

Click the...	Access the...
Application Name	Query Signature view
Database Name	Query Signature view
User	Query Signature view
Client	Query Signature view

[Query Signature](#)[Query Statement view](#)

You can return to the higher level view by clicking  by the list name.

Access the Queries tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Queries tab. The first access path is by selecting the Queries tab of the single instance dashboard. You can also click the query category icon of a specific instance in the thumbnail sub-view.

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Advanced query signature view

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides the ability to view individual SQL Statements or to view Query Signatures. Query signatures are groupings of SQL Statements that match once their literals are stripped. A query signature broadly defines queries and trends with a less overwhelming amount of data and allows you to diagnose a query in a general sense.

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OVERVIEW **SESSIONS** **QUERIES** **QUERY WAITS** **RESOURCES** **DATABASES** **ALERTS**

View Selection

View: CPU Time (ms) ▾
By Application

Group by: Application ▾

Time: Last 7 Days ▾

Filtering Clear all filters

Application ▾

Databases ▾

Users ▾

Clients ▾

SQL ▾

Advanced Filters ▾

VIEW **PERIOD** **FILTERED BY**

CPU Time (ms)
Start: 09/03/16 11:11 AM
End: 09/07/16 11:17 AM

Applications: All
Databases: All
Users: All
Clients: All

QUERY SIGNATURE (2)

Query ID	Signature SQL Text	Occurrences	Event Type	Total Duration (s)	Total CPU Time (ms)	Total Reads	Total Writes	Avg Wait Time (ms)	Most Recent Completion	Avg Blocking Time (ms)	Avg Dead
Query Signature 1 -- SQLInventor...	StoredProcedure	17	Stored Proced	113,340	189	7,424	78	0.00	09/06/16 02:51 A	0.00	0.01
Query Signature 2 -- SQLInventor...	SQL Statement	80	SQL Statement	1,653,487	2,291	147,285	203	0.00	09/07/16 10:24 A	0.00	0.01

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Once you identify a potential problem signature, you can drill into individual queries that make up the signature as needed by clicking the icon

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Options Show Top **100** | **200** | **All**

Back **View SQL** **Query Statement**

Upon clicking the icon, the following context menu displays:

- **View SQL.** Click this option to view the underlying SQL Text for the query execution plan. In this view, you can export and save SQL text for review

Query Details

SQL Text

Export

```

1 -- SQLInventoryManager -- Copyright © 2013-2014-2016, Idera, Inc., All
2     Rights Reserved. set transaction isolation level read
3     uncommitted; set lock_timeout #; set implicit_transactions off;
4     if @@trancount > # commit transaction; set language us_english;
5     set cursor_close_on_commit off; set query_governor_cost_limit
6     #; set numeric_roundabort off; set deadlock_priority low; set
7     noclust on; use master;
8
9 if object_id(#) is not null drop table #db_files;
10
11 create table #db_files( [db_id] int, [file_id] int, [type] tinyint,
12     [page_count] bigint, [pages_used] bigint ) declare @cmd
13     nvarchar(#) declare @db_name nvarchar(#) declare db_cursor
14     cursor static read_only for select name from sys.databases
15     where HAS_DBACCESS(name)=# order by database_id open db_cursor
16     fetch next from db_cursor into @db_name while @@FETCH_STATUS =
17     # begin set @cmd = # + replace(@db_name,#,#) + # +# +# +# +# +
18     +# begin try insert into #db_files execute (@cmd) end try begin
19     catch -- try sys.master_files to get size but not space used
20     set @cmd = #+@db_name+# +# +# +# +#@db_name+# begin try
21     insert into #db_files execute (@cmd) end try begin catch -- add
22     entry so we know about database insert into #db_files values
23     (DB_ID(@db_name), #, #, NULL, NULL) end catch end catch fetch
24     next from db_cursor into @db_name end close db_cursor
25     deallocate db_cursor select d.name, db.* from #db_files db join
26     sys.databases d on d.database_id = db.db_id drop table
        #db_files

```

Close

- **Query Statement.** Click this option to view query statements for the selected client.

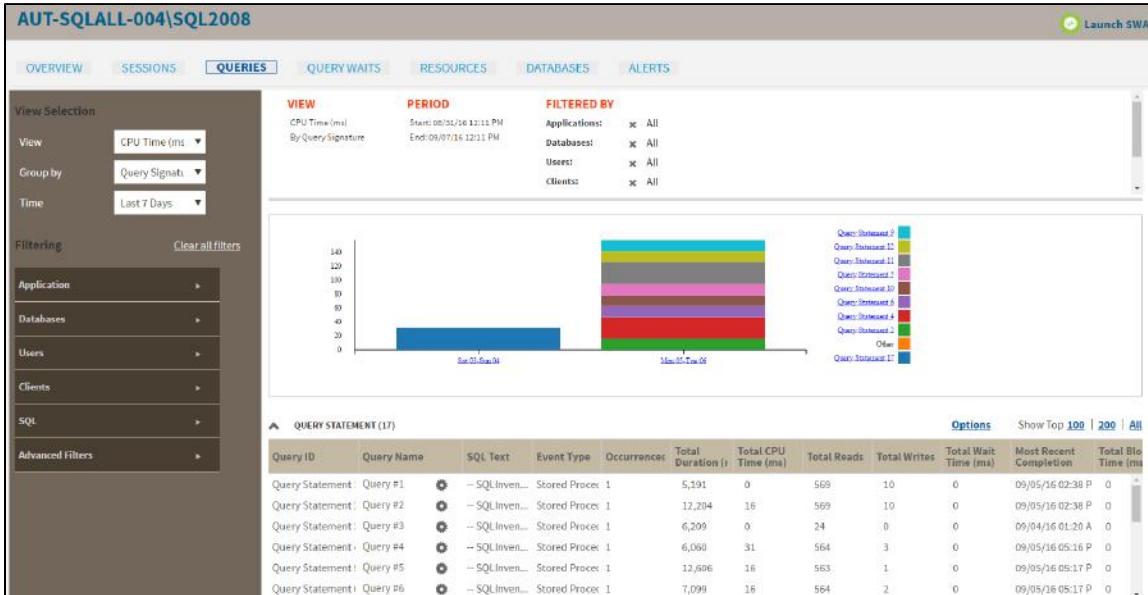
For additional information on query signatures, see [View the query monitor signature mode](#).

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Advanced query statement view

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides you the ability to view individual SQL Statements or to view Query Signatures. Query statements are presented exactly as they are collected by the Query Monitor Trace. Query statements provide all the detail you may need to diagnose a specific problem with a query.



Once you identify a potential problem statement, you can drill into the Query Details view by clicking the icon.

QUERY STATEMENT (17)											Options	Show Top 100 200 All
Query ID	Query Name	SQL Text	Event Type	Occurrences	Total Duration (s)	Total CPU Time (ms)	Total Reads	Total Writes	Total Wait Time (ms)	Most Recent Completion	Total Time	
Query Statement 1	Query #1	-- SQLInven...	Stored Proced	1	5,191	0	569	10	0	09/05/16 02:38 P	0	
Query Statement 2	Query #2	-- SQLInven...	Stored Proced	1	12,204	16	569	10	0	09/05/16 02:38 P	0	
Query Statement 3	Query #3	-- SQLInven...	Stored Proced	1	6,209	0	24	0	0	09/04/16 01:20 A	0	
Query Statement 4	Query #4	-- SQLInven...	Stored Proced	1	6,060	31	564	3	0	09/05/16 05:16 P	0	
Query Statement 5	Query #5	-- SQLInven...	Stored Proced	1	12,606	16	563	1	0	09/05/16 05:17 P	0	
Query Statement 6	Query #6	-- SQLInven...	Stored Proced	1	7,099	16	564	2	0	09/05/16 05:17 P	0	

Upon clicking the icon, the following context menu displays:

- View SQL
- View Execution Plan
- View Execution Plan XML
- View Query Columns

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Query Details view

The Query Details view provides various views with detailed information on each query. The Query Details view is comprised of the following tabs:

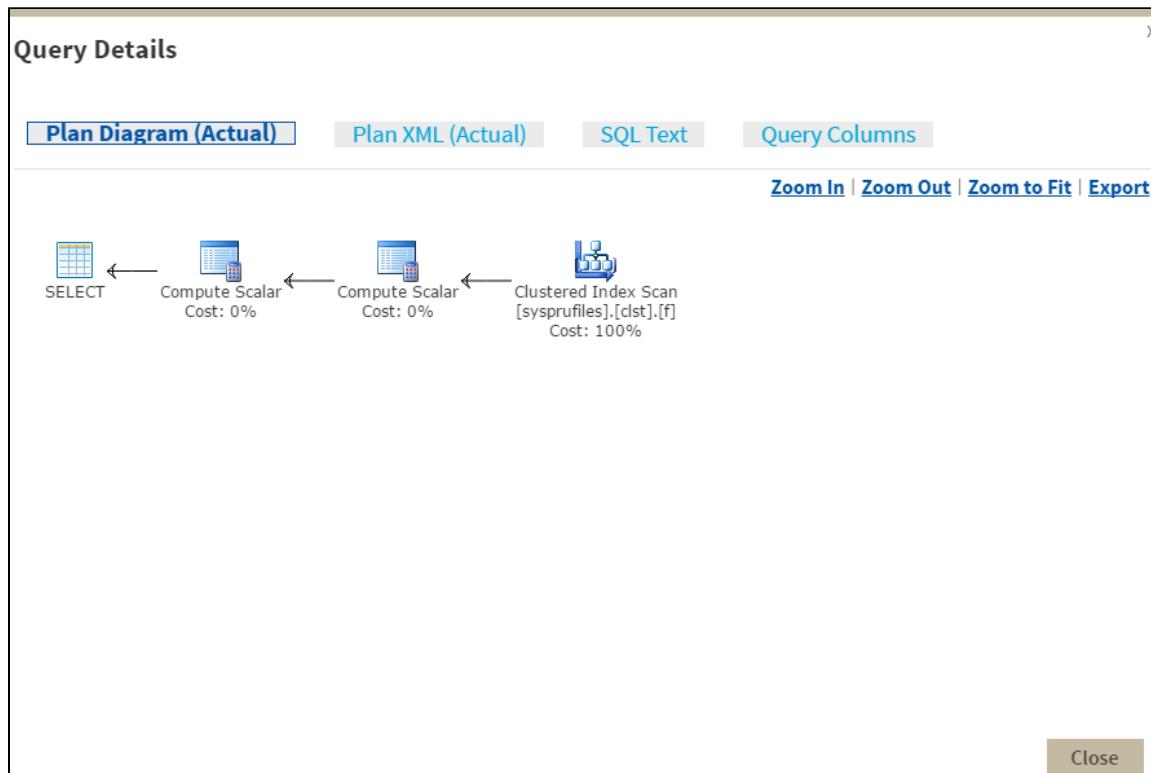
- Plan Diagram
- Plan XML
- SQL Text
- Query Columns



The Plan Diagram and Plan XML views are only available for instances running SQL Server 2008+.

Plan Diagram

The Plan Diagram is a visual representation of the query execution plan (actual or estimated) available in XML format in SQL Server. The Plan Diagram displays a view of the tree of operations that make up a query. This tree shows individual operation nodes, pertaining graphical execution plan icon, along with basic information such as operator name and operation percentage of total cost. Click image to view full size.



In the Plan Diagram view you can perform the following actions:

- Select individual operators and view the set of properties for each operator.
- Increase the size of the image (**Zoom in**).
- Reduce the image size (**Zoom out**).
- Select a size for the view so that fits the current view size (**Zoom to fit**).
- Export image of Plan Diagram.



The top three operators based on the percentage of total cost in a Plan Diagram are highlighted in yellow.



Estimated Query Plans

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays information on whether the plan displayed is an estimated query plan or an actual one.

Plan XML

The Plan XML tab of the Query Details window displays the actual XML of the query execution plan. It has a syntax-highlighting (color-coded) XML viewer. Click image to view full size.

```

1 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-16"?>
2 <ShowPlanXML Build="10.0.4000.0" Version="1.1" xmlns="http://schemas.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2004/07/showplan">
3   <BatchSequence>
4     <Batch>
5       <Statements>
6         <StmtUseDb Database="[Compatibility_level_80]" StatementCompId="60" StatementId="1"
7           StatementText=" use [Compatibility_level_80] " StatementType="USE DATABASE"/>
8         <StmtSimple QueryHash="0xDA1E2882AB7AF339" QueryPlanHash="0xDB8E0226AC0060CC"
9           StatementCompId="61" StatementEstRows="2"
10          StatementId="2"
11          StatementOptmEarlyAbortReason="GoodEnoughPlanFound"
12          StatementOptmLevel="FULL"
13          StatementSubTreeCost="0.00328636"
14          StatementText=" select [database]=DB_ID(), [file_id], [type], [page_count]=[size],
15            [pages_used]=fileproperty([name], 'SpaceUsed') from sys.database_files" StatementType="SELECT">
16            <StatementSetOptions ANSI_NULLS="true"
17              ANSI_PADDING="true" ANSI_WARNINGS="true"
18              ARITHABORT="false"
19              CONCAT_NULL_YIELDS_NULL="true"
20              NUMERIC_ROUNDABORT="false" QUOTED_IDENTIFIER="true"/>
21            <QueryPlan CachedPlanSize="24" CompileCPU="62"
22              CompileMemory="464" CompileTime="550">
23              <RelOp AvgRowSize="22" EstimateCPU="2e-007"
24                EstimateIO="0" EstimateRebinds="0"
25                EstimateTotalMemory="0" EstimateTotalScan="0" />

```

In the Plan XML view you can perform the following actions:

- Export and save XML file for review in other application such as SSMS or email query execution plan to other DBAs.



Save the file with **.sqlplan** extension to view the graphical query plan in SSMS.

SQL Text

The SQL Text tab of the Query Details window shows the underlying SQL Text for the query execution plan.

Query Details

Plan Diagram (Actual) Plan XML (Actual) **SQL Text** Query Columns Export

```

1 -- SQLInventoryManager -- Copyright © 2013-2014-2016, Idera, Inc., All
2     Rights Reserved. set transaction isolation level read
3     uncommitted; set lock_timeout 20000; set implicit_transactions
4     off; if @@trancount > 0 commit transaction; set language
5     us_english; set cursor_close_on_commit off; set
6     query_governor_cost_limit 0; set numeric_roundabort off; set
7     deadlock_priority low; set nocount on; use master;
8
9 if object_id('tempdb..#db_files') is not null drop table #db_files;
10
11 create table #db_files( [db_id] int, [file_id] int, [type] tinyint,
12     [page_count] bigint, [pages_used] bigint ) declare @cmd
13     nvarchar(4000) declare @db_name nvarchar(256) declare db_cursor
14     cursor static read_only for select name from sys.databases
15     where HAS_DBACCESS(name)=1 order by database_id open db_cursor
16     fetch next from db_cursor into @db_name while @@FETCH_STATUS =
17     0 begin set @cmd = N' use [' + replace(@db_name,',','')]') + ']'
18     +'select [database]=DB_ID(), '['+[file_id], '['+[type],
19     '+'[page_count]=[size], '
20     '+'[pages_used]=fileproperty([name],'SpaceUsed') ' +'from
21     sys.database_files' begin try insert into #db_files execute
22     (@cmd) end try begin catch -- try sys.master_files to get size
23     but not space used set @cmd = N'select
24     [db_id]=DB_ID(N'''+'@db_name+''''), '['+[file_id], '['+[type],
25     '+'[page_count]=[size], '['+[pages_used] = NULL ' +'from
26     sys.master_files ' +'where database_id =
27     DB_ID(N'''+'@db_name+'''') begin try insert into #db_files

```

Close

In the SQL Text view you can perform the following actions:

- Export and save SQL text for review.
- Access the Plan Diagram, Plan XML, and Query Columns tabs.

Query Columns

The Query Columns tab of the Query Details window shows all the referenced columns for the query execution plan.

Query Details

Plan Diagram (Actual) Plan XML (Actual) SQL Text **Query Columns** Export

Database	Schema	Table	Column
[Compatibility_level_80]	[sys]	[sysprufiles]	fileid
[Compatibility_level_80]	[sys]	[sysprufiles]	filetype
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column
[Compatibility_level_80]	[sys]	[sysprufiles]	size
N/A	N/A	N/A	Derived Column

Close

In the Query Columns view you can perform the following actions:

- Export and save information to a text file.

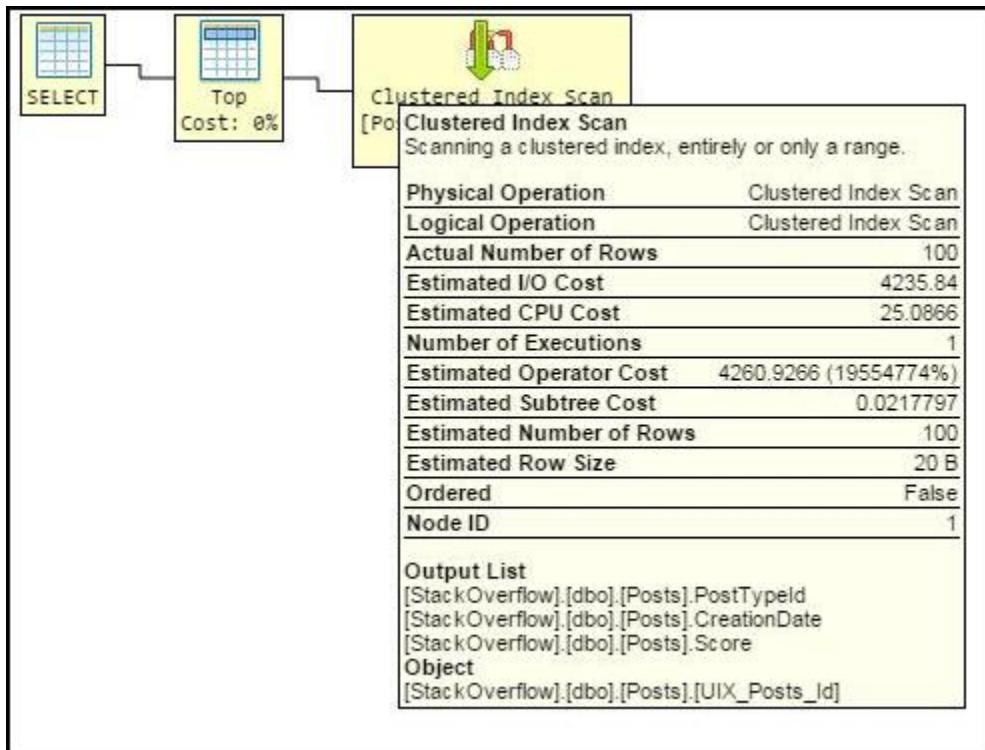
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Plan diagram operator properties

In the Plan Diagram view, hover over an operator to view its full set of properties such as:

- Operator Type.
- [Operator Description](#).
- List of Properties (varies according to operator type).
- Related Objects (varies according to operator type).



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Execution plan graph operators table

Operators describe how SQL Server executes a query or a Data Manipulation Language (DML) statement. The query optimizer uses operators to build a query plan to create the result specified in the query, or to perform the operation specified in the DML statement. The query plan is a tree consisting of physical operators.

This is the table of descriptions to be used in the properties dialog showing the operator details in the execution plan graphical view.

Operator	Graphical execution plan icon	Text
Aggregate	None	The Aggregate operator is a physical or logical operator that computes a new value using the SQL Server functions MIN, MAX, SUM, COUNT or AVG.
Arithmetic Expression		The Arithmetic Expression operator computes a new value from existing values in a row. Arithmetic Expression is not used in SQL Server 2014.
Assert		The Assert operator verifies a condition. The Assert operator is a physical operator.
Assign		The Assign operator assigns a value to a variable
Asnyc Concat	None	The Asnyc Concat operator is used in remote distributed queries to get output rows from remote child nodes to send to the parent node.
Bitmap		The Bitmap operator is used to apply filtering to parallel query plans. Bitmap is a physical operator.
Bitmap Create		The Bitmap Create operator is a logical operator that shows where bitmaps are built.
Bookmark Lookup		The Bookmark Lookup operator uses a bookmark (row ID or clustering key) to look up the corresponding row in the table or clustered index. Bookmark Lookup is not used in SQL Server 2014. The Key Lookup operator also provides this functionality.
Branch Repartition	None	The Branch Repartition operator is a logical operator showing where iterators could be executed by parallel threads.
Broadcast	None	The Broadcast operator sends the set of input rows to multiple consumers.
Build Hash		The Build Hash operator indicates that a batch has table has been built.
Cache	None	The Cache operator is a logical operator that caches a single row of data. Cache is not used in SQL Server 2014.
Clustered Index Delete		The Clustered Index Delete operator deletes rows from a clustered index. Clustered Index Delete is a physical operator.
Clustered Index Insert		The Clustered Index Insert operator inserts rows into a clustered index. Clustered Index Insert is a physical operator.

Clustered Index Merge		The Clustered Index Merge operator merges a data stream and a clustered index. Clustered Index Merge is a physical operator.
Clustered Index Scan		The Clustered Index Scan operator scans a clustered index. It returns only rows matching the WHERE clause and sorts the results based on the ORDERED clause.
Clustered Index Seek		The Clustered Index Seek operator retrieves rows from a clustered index using the seeking ability of indexes.
Clustered Index Update		The Clustered Index Update operator updates rows in the clustered index. It only updates rows matching the WHERE clause.
Collapse		The Collapse operator merges separate operations into a single more efficient operation.
Columnstore Index Scan		The Columnstore Index Scan operator scans the columnstore index specified in the query execution plan argument.
Compute Scalar		The Compute Scalar operator returns a computer scalar value from an evaluated expression.
Concatenation		The Concatenation operator returns rows scanned from multiple inputs. This is used for statements like UNION ALL.
Constant Scan		The Constant Scan operator adds rows into a query.
Convert		The Convert operator converts one scalar type to another.
Cross Join	None	The Cross Join operator is a logical operator that joins each row from input with each row from another input.
catchall		The catchall operator is a placeholder icon when an operator does not match any other query operators.
Cursor	None	The Cursor operator describes the execution of a query or update that use cursor operations.
Declare		The Declare operator allocates a local variable.
Delete		The Delete operator deletes rows from an object.
Deleted Scan		The Deleted Scan operator scans the deleted table within a trigger.
Distinct	None	The Distinct operator removes duplicate rows.
Distinct Sort	None	The Distinct Sort operator removes duplicate rows and sorts the resulting set of rows.
Distribute Streams		The Distribute Streams operator is used to break records from a single input to multiple output streams in a parallel query plan.

Dynamic		The Dynamic operator uses a cursor to see all changes made by others.
Eager Spool		The Eager Spool operator stores each row in the input to tempdb so that this cached data can be used if the operator is rewound.
Fetch Query		The Fetch Query operator returns rows from a fetch issued against a cursor.
Filter		The Filter operator returns only rows that match a filter expression.
Flow Distinct	None	The Flow Distinct operator removes duplicate rows but returns each row as it is processed.
Full Outer Join	None	The Full Outer Join operator is a logical operator that implements an OUTER JOIN. Results in all matching rows from two streams plus rows for each row in the streams that did not have matches.
Gather Streams		The Gather Streams operator is used to consume multiple input streams and combine them into a single output stream in parallel query plans.
Hash Match		The Has Match operator creates a hash table from the rows in the build input.
Inner Join	None	The Inned Join operator returns rows that satisfy the JOIN of the first (top) input with the second (bottom) input.
Insert		The Insert logical operator inserts input rows into the object specified in the Argument column.
Inserted Scan		The Inserted Scan operator scans the inserted table.
Intrinsic		The Intrinsic operator runs an internal Transact-SQL function.
Iterator		The Iterator operator is a placeholder icon used when no match is found for the iterator operation.
Key Lookup		The KEY LOOKUP operator signals a lookup using a bookmark on a table with a clustered index.
Keyset		The KEYSET operator uses a cursor that can only see updates and not inserts.
Language Element		The LANGUAGE ELEMENT operator is a placeholder icon when no matching language constructs can be found.
Lazy Spool		The LAZY SPOOL operator stores each row in the input to tempdb so that this cached data can be used if the operator is rewound. The rows are only copied to tempdb as they are processed.
Left Anti Semi Join	None	The LEFT ANTI SEMI JOIN operator returns rows from the first input where there is no match in the second input.

Left Outer Join		None	The LEFT OUTER JOIN operator returns rows from the first input that satisfy the join with the second input.
Left Semi Join		None	The LEFT SEMI JOIN operator returns rows from the first input that have a match with the second input.
Log Row Scan			The LOG ROW SCAN operator scans the transaction log.
Merge Interval			The MERGE INTERVAL operator merges multiple intervals to create a minimal set of non-overlapping intervals.
Merge Join			The MERGE JOIN operator performs one of the many possible join operations.
Nested Loops			The NESTED LOOPS operator perform the logical operations to satisfy many join operations that need a loop to search the inner table for rows in the outer table.
Nonclustered Index Delete			The NONCLUSTERED INDEX DELETE operator deleted rows from a non-clustered index.
Index Insert			The INDEX INSERT operator inserts rows into a non-clustered index.
Index Scan			The INDEX SCAN operator scans a non-clustered index. It returns only rows matching the WHERE clause
Index Seek			The INDEX SEEK operator retrieves rows from a non-clustered index using the seeking ability of indexes.
Index Spool			The INDEX SPOOL operator copies input rows to tempdb and builds a non-clustered index for these rows.
Nonclustered Index Update			The NONCLUSTERED INDEX UPDATE operator updates rows from its input in the non-clustered index.
Online Index Insert			The ONLINE INDEX INSERT operator is a physical operator indicating that an index create, alter or drop is performed online.
Parallelism		None	The PARALLELISM operator the logical operations of distribute, gather or repartition streams.
Parameter Table Scan			The PARAMETER TABLE SCAN operator scans a table that acts as a parameter of the query.
Partial Aggregate		None	The PARTIAL AGGREGATE operator is a logical operator that aggregates input rows to prevent writing to disk in parallel plans.
Population Query			The POPULATION QUERY operator populates a cursor's work table.
Refresh Query			The REFRESH QUERY operator fetches current data for rows.
Remote Delete			The REMOTE DELETE operator deletes rows from an remote object.

Remote Index Scan		The REMOTE INDEX SCAN operator scans a remote index.
Remote Index Seek		The REMOTE INDEX SEEK operator retrieves rows using a remote index.
Remote Insert		The REMOTE INSERT operator inserts rows into a remote object.
Remote Query		The REMOTE QUERY operator submits a query to a remote source.
Remote Scan		The REMOTE SCAN operator scans a remote object.
Remote Update		The REMOTE UPDATE operator updates a remote object.
Repartition Streams		The REPARTITION STREAMS operator creates multiple out streams from multiple input streams while applying a bitmap filter.
Result		The RESULT operator is the query plan return data.
RID Lookup		The RID LOOKUP operator is a bookmark lookup on a heap.
Right Anti Semi Join	None	The RIGHT ANTI SEMI JOIN operator returns rows from the second input where there is no match in the first input.
Right Outer Join	None	The RIGHT OUTER JOIN operator returns rows from the second input that satisfy the join with the first input.
Right Semi Join	None	The RIGHT SEMI JOIN operator returns rows from the second input that have a match with the first input.
Row Count Spool		The ROW COUNT SPOOL operator returns empty rows for each row in the input stream.
Segment		The SEGMENT operator uses the value of columns to divide the input set into segments.
Segment Repartition	None	The SEGMENT REPARTITION operator marks the boundaries of regions whose iterators can be run in parallel threads.
Sequence		The SEQUENCE operator executes each input in sequence.
Sequence Project		The SEQUENCE PROJECT operator adds columns to the input set, divides the input set into segments and outputs one segment at a time.
Snapshot		The SNAPSHOT operator creates a cursor that can't see changes by others.
Sort		The SORT operator sorts incoming rows.

Split		The SPLIT operator creates a delete and insert operation out of each update operation.
Spool		The SPOOL operator saves an intermediate query to tempdb.
Stream Aggregate		The STREAM AGGREGATE operator groups rows by columns and calculates aggregate expressions.
Switch		The SWITCH operator copies the appropriate input stream to the output stream by evaluating an expression.
Table Delete		The TABLE DELETE operator deletes rows from a table.
Table Insert		The TABLE INSERT operator inserts rows into a table.
Table Merge		The TABLE MERGE operator applies a merge data stream to a heap.
Table Scan		The TABLE SCAN operator retrieves rows from a table.
Table Spool		The TABLE SPOOL operator scans the input and places the rows into tempdb.
Table Update		The TABLE UPDATE operator updates rows in a table.
Table-valued Function		The TABLE-VALUED FUNCTION operator evaluates a table-valued function and stores the resulting rows in tempdb.
Top		The TOP operator returns only the specified number of rows from the input.
Top N Sort	None	The TOP N SORT operator returns only the specified number of rows from the input and sorts them.
UDX		The UDX operator implements XQuery and XPath operations.
Union	None	The UNION operator combines multiple inputs and removes duplicates.
Update		The UPDATE operator updates a specified object from the rows in its input.
While		The WHILE operator represents a SQL while loop.
Window Spool		The WINDOW SPOOL operator expands the input rows into sets of rows that represent the window associated with the row.

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Advanced filters of the Main Query view

Advanced filter options allow you to determine the precise Query Monitor data that is displayed. You can find the advanced filter options at the left side of the Main Query view. Click image to view full size.

The screenshot shows the IDERA SQL Diagnostic Manager interface. At the top, the logo 'IDERA' and the product name 'SQLdm' are visible. Below the logo, there is a navigation bar with links for 'HOME', 'TOP X LISTS', 'ALERTS', 'CUS', and 'ABOUT'. The main title 'AUT-SQLALL-004\SQL2008' is displayed prominently. The 'QUERIES' tab is currently selected, indicated by a blue border around the tab label.

View Selection

- View: I/O (sum of reads)
- Group by: Query Signature
- Time: Last 30 Days

Filtering [Clear all filters](#)

- Application
- Databases
- Users
- Clients
- SQL
- Advanced Filters

Advanced Filters

- Show SQL Statements
- Show Stored Procedures
- Show SQL Batches
- Include Overlapping Queries
- Include Incomplete Queries

The Advanced Filters include:

Show SQL Statements

Includes queries that are SQL Statements. This filter is enabled by default.

Show Stored Procedures

Includes queries that are Stored Procedure calls. This filter is enabled by default.

Show SQL Batches

Includes queries that are SQL batches. This filter is enabled by default.

Include Overlapping Queries

Includes queries whose total period of execution overlaps with the selected time period. This filter is disabled by default.

Include Incomplete Queries

Includes queries whose total period of execution exceeds the selected time period (i.e. query information is incomplete). This filter is disabled by default.

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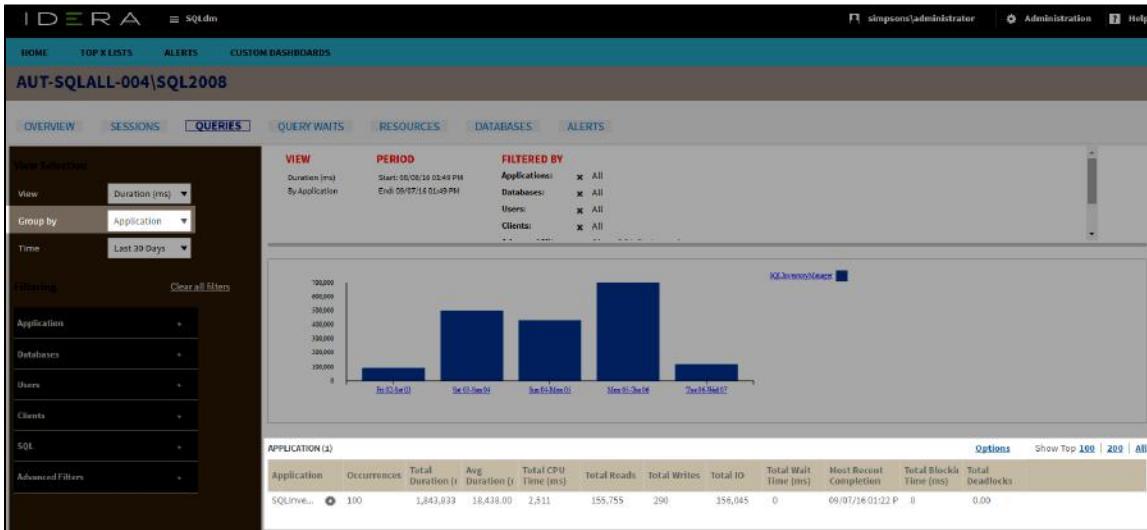
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List view of the main query view

The list view displays all matching objects for the [view selection](#) and grouping in the Main Query view. The following list options are available:

- Application list
- Database list
- User list
- Client list
- Query Signature list

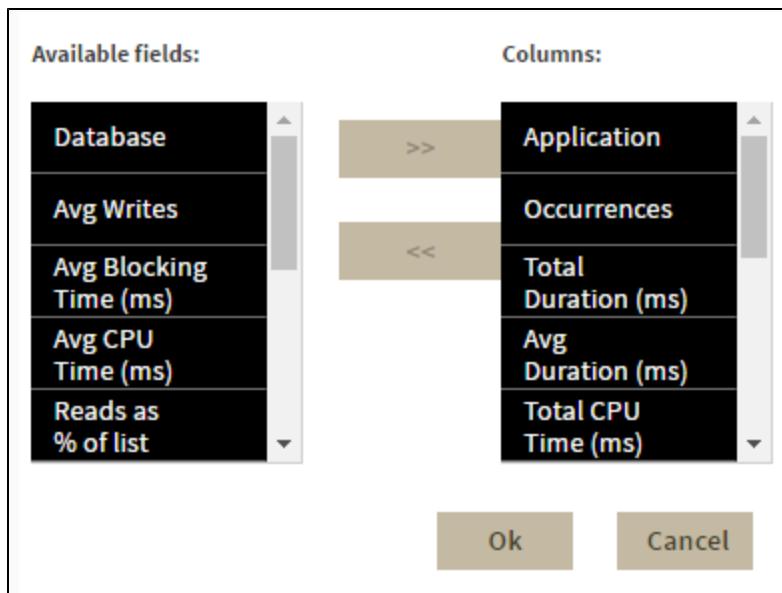
Application list



The application list displays data that results from grouping by Application in the View Selection of the Main Query view. The application list provides you with the following information by default:

- Application
- Occurrences
- Total Duration (ms)
- Average Duration (ms)
- Total CPU Time (ms)
- Total Reads
- Total Writes
- Total I/O
- Total Wait Time (ms)
- Most Recent Completion
- Total Blocking Time (ms)
- Total Deadlocks

You can add or remove columns through the Column Chooser under **Options**.



- Database
- Average Writes
- Average Blocking Time (ms)
- Average CPU Time (ms)
- Reads as % of list
- Average I/O
- CPU as % of list
- Average Reads
- Average CPU Per Second
- Average Deadlocks
- Average Wait Time (ms)



Records

You can display the top 100, 200, or all records by clicking the different **Show Top** options.

Explanation: CPU as % of List

In the Main Query view, after selecting the CPU Time (ms) by Application view. The CPU as % of list metric provides the CPU as a percentage of the values returned in the application list. For example, if you have three applications returned with a total CPU Time (ms) of 600, then the CPU as % of list metric for each is calculated as follows:

Application 1- CPU Time (ms): 100; $(100/600) *100 = 16.7\%$ of total application CPU.

Application 2- CPU Time (ms): 200; $(200/600) *100 = 33\%$ of total application CPU.

Application 3- CPU Time (ms): 300; $(300/600) *100 = 50\%$ of total application CPU.

The CPU as % of list metric helps to pinpoint which application in your list has the highest CPU Time percentage (Application 3).

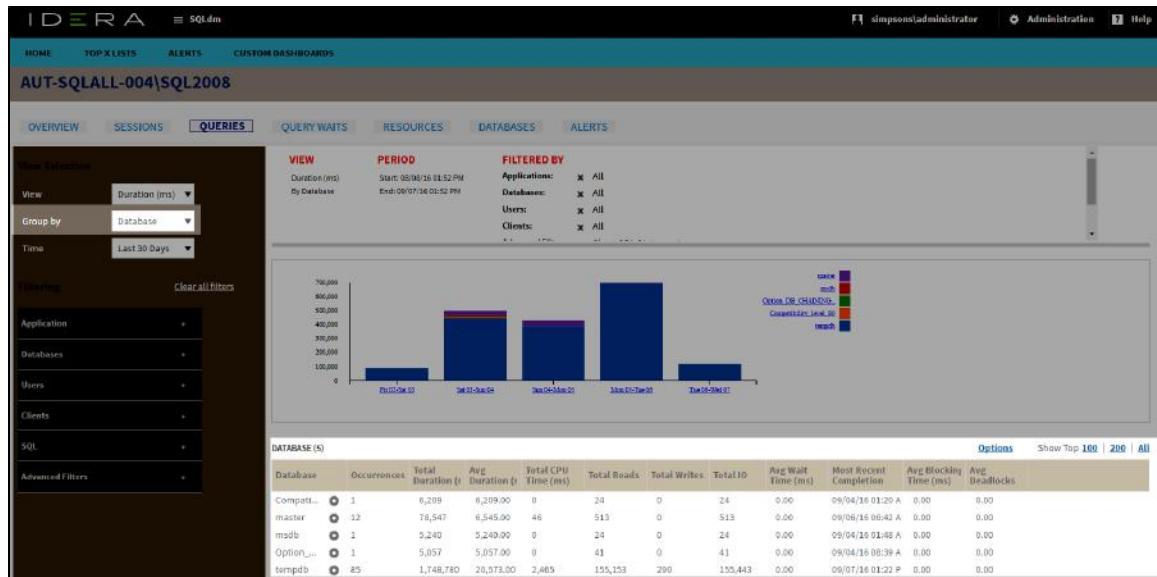
To drill down for additional query information, you can click the gear icon in the list and the following context menu displays:

- **Query Signature.** Click this option to view query signatures for the selected application.
- **Query Statement.** Click this option to view query statements for the selected application.



To access the Query Signature view, you can also click the linkable application name (e.g. Microsoft SQL Server) in the application list.

Database list



The database list displays data that results from grouping by Database in the View Selection of the Main Query view. The database list provides you with the following information by default:

- Database
- Occurrences
- Total Duration (ms)
- Average Duration (ms)
- Total CPU Time (ms)
- Total Reads
- Total Writes
- Total I/O
- Average Wait Time (ms)
- Most Recent Completion
- Average Blocking Time (ms)
- Average Deadlocks

Additional columns are available through the Column Chooser under **Options**.

- Average Writes
- Total Blocking Time (ms)
- Average CPU Time (ms)
- Reads as % of list
- Total Wait Time (ms)
- Average I/O
- Total Deadlocks
- CPU as % of list
- Average Reads
- Average CPU Per Second
- Application

To drill down for additional query information, you can click the gear icon in the list and the following context menu displays:

- **Query Signature.** Click this option to view query signatures for the selected database.
- **Query Statement.** Click this option to view query statements for the selected database.

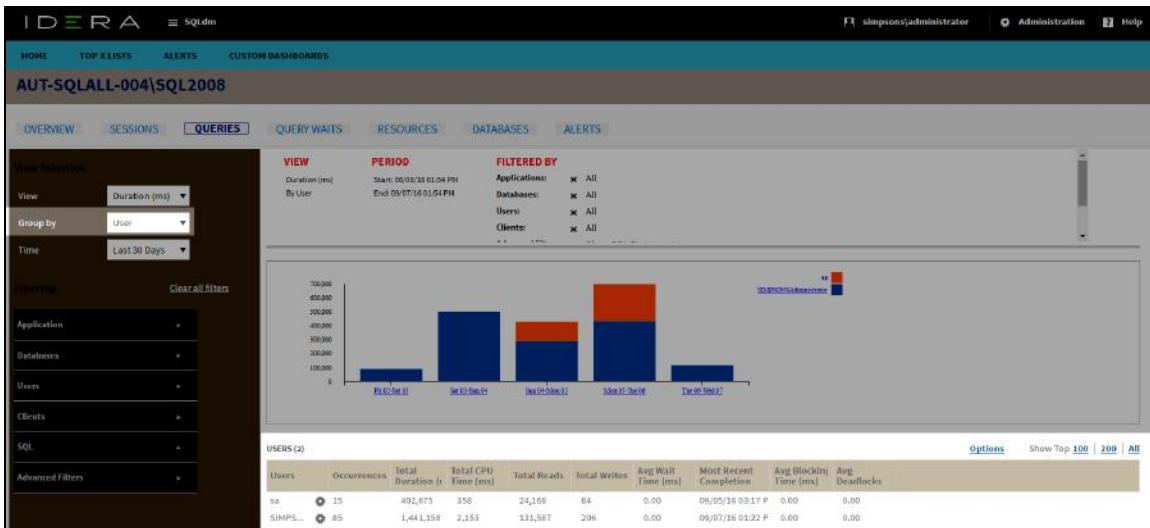
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Records

You can display the top 100, 200, or all records by clicking the different **Show Top** options.

(i) To access the Query Signature view, you can also click the linkable database name in the database list.

User list



The user list displays data that results from grouping by the user in the View Selection of the Main Query view. The user list provides you with the following information by default:

- Users
- Occurrences
- Total Duration (ms)
- Total CPU Time (ms)
- Total Reads
- Total Writes
- Average Wait Time (ms)
- Most Recent Completion
- Average Blocking Time (ms)
- Average Deadlocks

Additional columns are available through the Column Chooser under **Options**:

- Database
- Average Writes
- Total Blocking Time (ms)
- Average Duration (ms)
- Average CPU Time (ms)
- Reads as % of list
- Total Wait Time (ms)
- Average I/O Per Second
- Total Deadlocks
- CPU as % of list
- Average Reads
- Average CPU Per Second
- Application

To drill down for additional query information, you can click the gear icon in the list and the following context menu displays:

- **Query Signature.** Click this option to view query signatures for the selected user.
- **Query Statement.** Click this option to view query statements for the selected user.



Records

You can display the top 100, 200 or all records by clicking the different **Show Top** options.



To access the Query Signature view, you can also click the linkable username in the user list.

Client list

Client	Occurrences	Total Duration (ms)	Avg Duration (ms)	Total CPU Time (ms)	Total Reads	Total Writes	Avg Wait Time (ms)	Most Recent Completion	Avg Blocking Time (ms)	Avg Deadlocks
AUT-SQLNOV-006	15	402,675	26,845.00	358	24,168	84	0.00	09/05/16 03:17 P	0.00	0.09
CA-SQL1012	41	882,110	21,466.00	1,341	92,712	120	0.00	09/07/16 12:08 P	0.00	0.09
IDISQLMIAUD0121	4	84,550	21,137.00	327	18,200	13	0.00	09/05/16 10:42 A	0.00	0.09
QASS-200BVM8	23	227,804	9,864.00	126	3,537	20	0.00	09/07/16 19:24 A	0.00	0.09
QASS-200BVM9	17	248,694	14,429.00	359	17,183	44	0.00	09/07/16 01:22 P	0.00	0.09

The client list is the data displayed after you selected **Group By** Clients in the View Selection of the Main Query view. The client list provides you with the following information by default:

- Clients
- Occurrences
- Total Duration (ms)
- Average Duration (ms)
- Total CPU Time (ms)
- Total Reads
- Total Writes
- Average Wait Time (ms)
- Most Recent Completion
- Average Blocking time (ms)
- Average Deadlocks

Additional columns are available through the Column Chooser under **Options**.

- Database
- Average Writes
- Total Blocking Time (ms)
- Average CPU Time (ms)
- Reads as % of list
- Total Wait Time (ms)
- Average I/O Per Second
- Total Deadlocks
- CPU as % of list
- Average Reads
- Average CPU Per Second
- Application

To drill down for additional query information, you can click the gear icon in the list and the following context menu displays:

- **Query Signature**. Click this option to view query signatures for the selected client.
- **Query Statement**. Click this option to view query statements for the selected client.



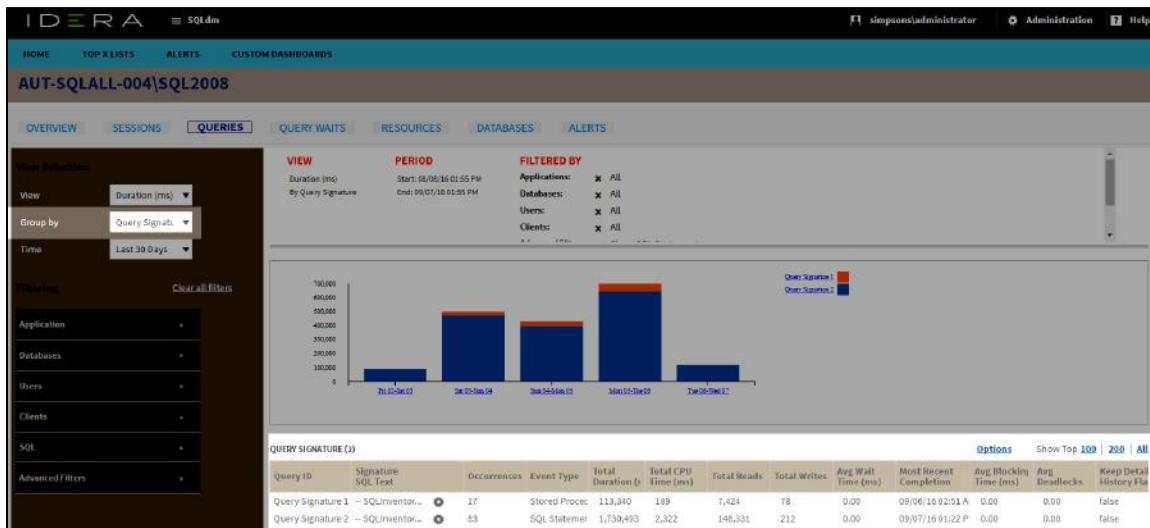
Records

You can display the top 100, 200 or all records by clicking the different **Show Top** options.



To access the Query Signature view, you can also click the linkable client name in the client list.

Query Signature list



The Query signature list is the data displayed after you selected **Group By** Query Signature in the View Selection of the Main Query view. The Query signature list provides you with the following information by default:

- Query ID
- Signature SQL Text
- Occurrences
- Event Type
- Total Duration (ms)
- Total CPU Time (ms)
- Total Reads
- Total Writes
- Average Wait Time (ms)
- Most Recent Completion
- Average Blocking Time (ms)
- Average Deadlocks
- Keep Detailed History Flag
- Aggregated

Additional columns are available through the Column Chooser under **Options**.

- Database
- Average Writes
- Total Blocking Time (ms)
- Average Duration (ms)
- Average CPU Time (ms)
- Reads as % of list
- Total Wait Time (ms)
- Average I/O Per Second
- Total Deadlocks
- CPU as % of list
- Average Reads
- Average CPU Per Second
- Application

To research for additional query details, you can perform the following actions from this list:

- View SQL
- Query Statement



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View your SQL Server query waits information

The Query waits tab of the single instance dashboard allows you to analyze waits over time (**Query Waits over Time**) and by duration (**Query Waits by Duration**), so that you can better determine where your biggest bottlenecks are occurring and what changes could potentially have the biggest performance boost on your SQL Server instance.

Query waits over time

The Query waits over time view provides a selectable time range for the stacked bar chart display of waits. This view comes with various dimensions for display that allow you to further investigate any performance issues:

- Waits
- Waits Category
- Statements
- Applications
- Databases
- Clients
- Sessions
- Users



Access the Query waits by duration view

You can navigate to the Query waits by duration view by double-clicking any bar in this view.

Query waits by duration

The Query waits by duration view displays a horizontal bar chart of query waits by duration of the wait. This view comes with various dimensions for display that allow you to further investigate any performance issues:

- Waits
- Waits Category
- Statements
- Applications
- Databases
- Clients
- Sessions
- Users



Time range

In the Query waits by duration view, the horizontal bar chart is filtered by the selected time range in the Query waits over time view.

Access the query waits tab

To access the query waits enhanced views, click the monitored instance of your choice in the Home tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console, and then select the Query Waits tab.

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View your SQL Server resources information

The Resources tab of the single instance dashboard contains several views such as CPU, Memory, Disk, and Server Waits. The Resources tab allows you to monitor the system resources on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance as well as what is used by SQL Server.

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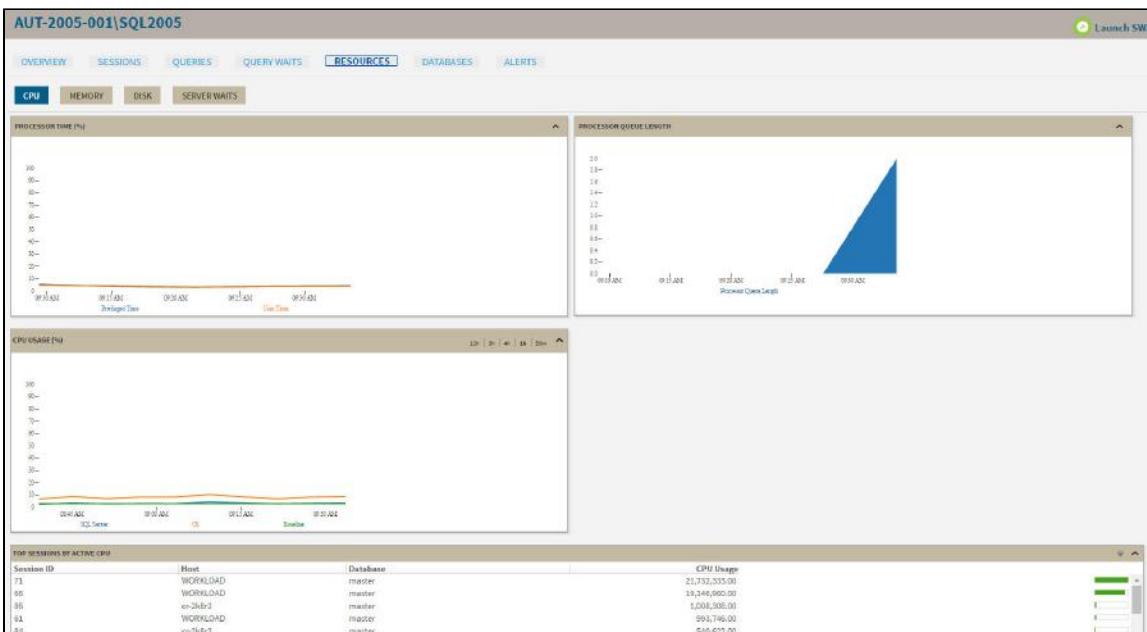
SQL Workload Analysis

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Resource bottlenecks are often the cause of SQL Server performance problems. These bottlenecks can result from poor database application design or point to other system processes using valuable resources needed by SQL Server.

CPU view

The **Resources > CPU** tab contains several charts and a Top sessions by active CPU widget (Click image to view full size).



Charts

Processor Time (%)

The Processor Time chart displays the percentage of CPU time used by all processes on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance.

Processor Queue Length

The Processor Queue Length chart displays the number of ready threads in the processor queue on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance.

CPU Usage (%)

The CPU Usage (%) chart displays the percentage of processing power in use on the computer that hosts the SQL Server instance over a period of time. You can select that information displays for the last 30 minutes, 1 hour, 4 hours, 8 hours, and 12 hours.

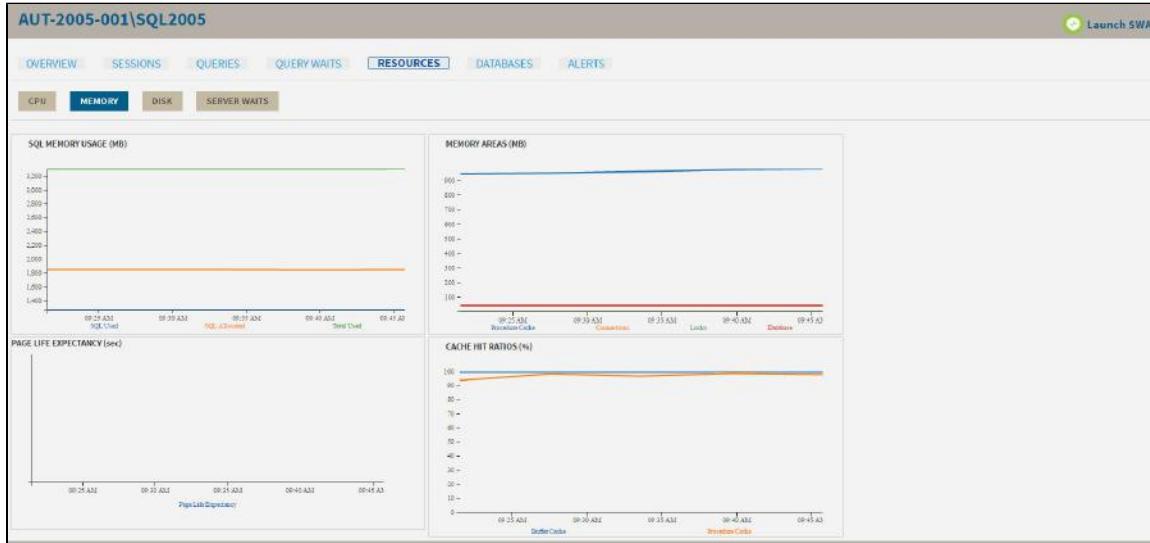
Top Sessions by Active CPU

This widget allows you to view the top sessions of a selected SQL Server instance per CPU usage. You can configure this widget to display additional entries by clicking the gear icon or you can expand/contract by clicking

TOP SESSIONS BY ACTIVE CPU			
Session ID	Host	Database	CPU Usage
56	AUT-SQLALL-004	msdb	44.00
05	AUT-SQLALL-004	msdb	34.00
01	QAS5-2008VM8	master	31.00
59	QAS5-2008VM8	master	0.00
03	0D15QLMAUD0121	master	0.00
52	QAS5-2008VM8	master	0.00

Memory view

The **Resources > Memory** tab contains the following charts (Click image to view full size).



Charts

SQL Memory Usage (MB)

This chart displays the SQL memory usage (SQL Used) compared to what is allocated (SQL Allocated) and the total used (Total Used).

Memory Areas (MB)

This chart displays the memory usage of the Procedure Cache, Connections, Locks, and Database.

Page Life Expectancy (sec)

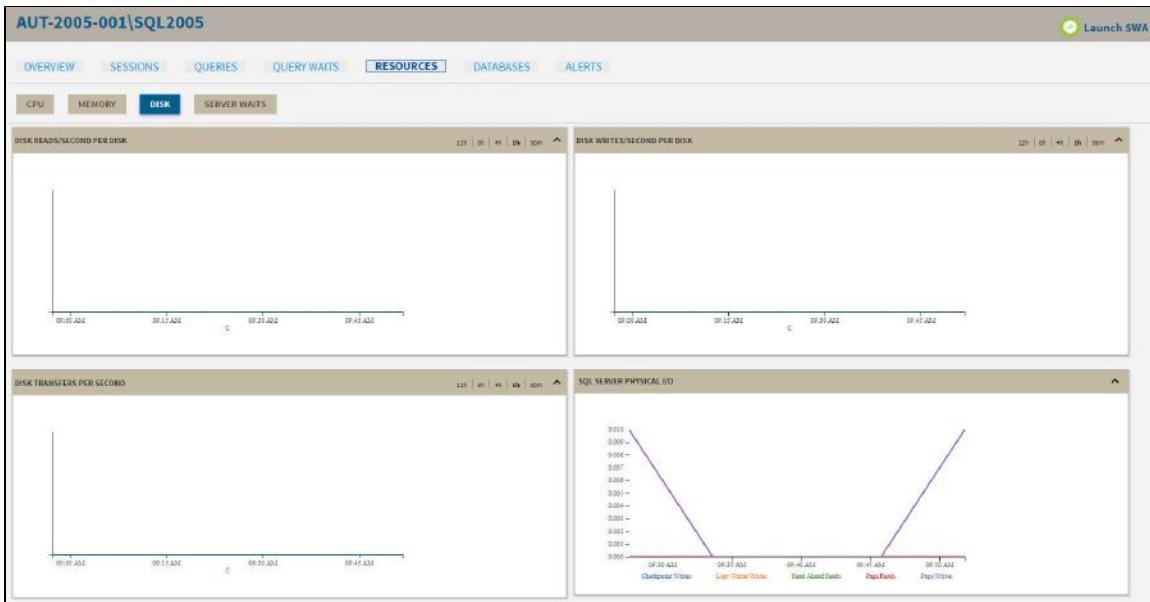
This chart provides the time in seconds that a page remains in the cache or buffer pool.

Cache Hit Ratios (%)

This chart displays the hit ratios of the Buffer and Procedure cache.

Disk view

The **Resources > Disk** tab contains several charts and the Top sessions by I/O activity widget (Click image to view full size).



Charts

Disk Reads/Second Per Disk

This chart displays the number of reads per disk per second during a sample interval. You can select intervals of 30 minutes, 1 hour, 4 hours, 8 hours, and 12 hours.

Disk Writes/Second Per Disk

This chart displays the number of writes per disk per second during a sample interval. You can select intervals of 30 minutes, 1 hour, 4 hours, 8 hours, and 12 hours.

Disk Transfers Per Second

This chart displays the number of disk transfers per second during a sample interval. You can select intervals of 30 minutes, 1 hour, 4 hours, 8 hours, and 12 hours.

SQL Server Physical I/O

This chart displays the number of read and write requests sent to the physical disk the SQL Server instance resides in. Read and write requests are classified in Checkpoint Writers, Read Ahead Reads, Page Writes, Lazy Writer Writes, and Page Reads.

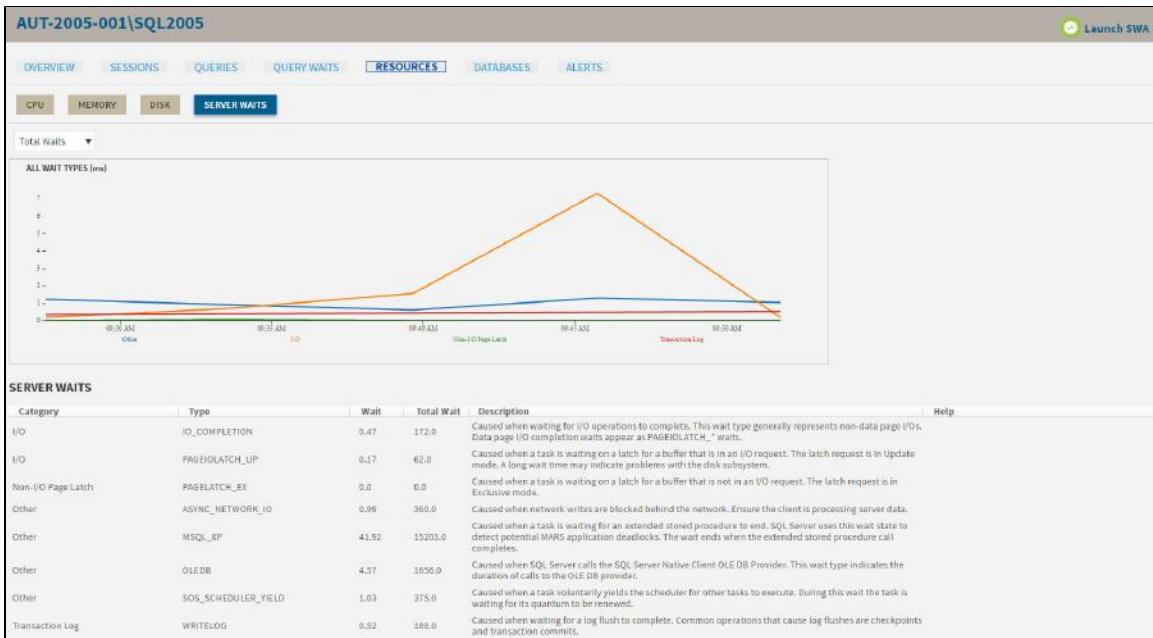
Top Sessions by I/O Activity

This widget allows you to view the top sessions of a selected SQL Server instance per I/O Activity. You can configure this widget to display additional entries by clicking the gear icon or you can expand/contract by clicking .



Server Waits view

The **Resources > Server Waits** tab contains a chart that displays information on all waits occurring on your system and show the time different wait types occurred and the length of time (in milliseconds) it took for the waits to clear. Click image to view full size.



Wait categories in the drop-down menu

Total Waits

Total waits include all the types of waits collected.

Signal Waits

Signal waits occur when a resource is now available (after a resource wait) and the task is waiting to run again.

Resource Waits

Resource waits occur when access to a resource is denied because the resource is in use or not available.

Server Waits panel

Below the charts, the Server Waits panel includes information on the wait category, wait type, length of time the wait took to clear, total wait time for all the collected wait types, and a definition of the wait type.

Available wait types

The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console displays information on the following wait types: I/O, Memory, Non-I/O Page Latch, Non-Page Latch, Transaction Log, and Other categories.

For additional information on Server Waits metrics, see [Server Waits Panel](#).

Access the Resources tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Resources tab. The first access path is by selecting the Resources tab of the single instance dashboard. You can also click the resources category icon of a specific instance in the thumbnail sub-view.

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View your SQL Server databases information

The Databases tab of the single instance dashboard contains the [Summary](#) and [Tempdb](#) views. The Databases tab allows you to view the status of all the databases on the selected SQL Server instance and the tempdb database. Click image to view full size.

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SQL Workload Analysis

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Summary view

The **Databases > Summary** tab lists each database on the monitored SQL Server instance and provides a large variety of database statistics:

- Database name
- Status
- Date Created
- Last Backup
- Files
- Data File Size (MB)
- Data Unused (MB)
- Log File Size (MB)
- Log Used (MB)

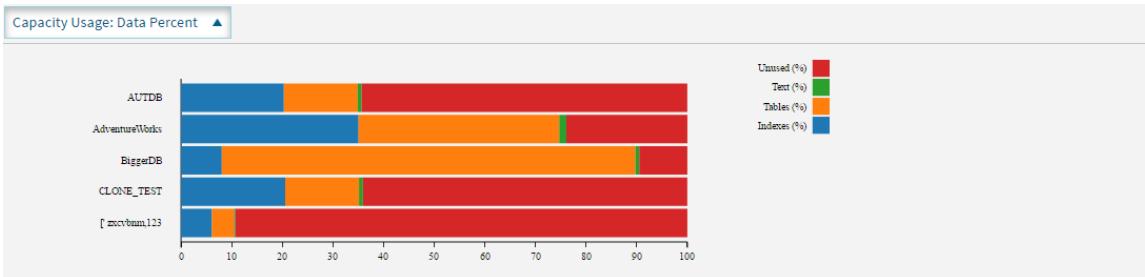
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Multi-database selection

Select multiple databases to display as horizontal stacked bar charts.

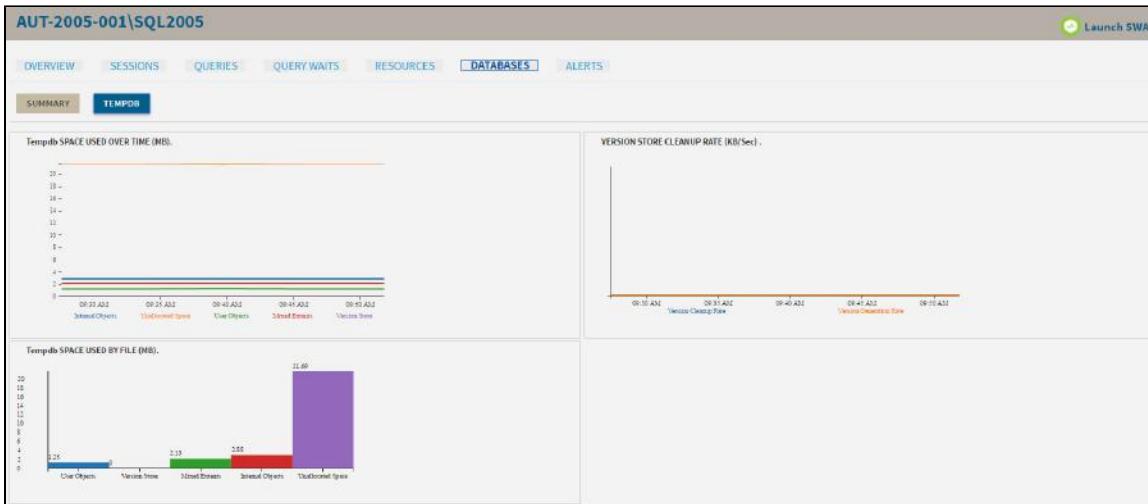
Capacity Usage chart

You can choose to view how data or log is used on your database. The Capacity Usage drop-down list allows you to choose data or log in megabytes or percentages. You can select one or more databases in the Databases panel to display in the Capacity Usage chart. This chart provides information on the text, tables, indexes space, as well as the unused space of your database.



Tempdb view

The **Databases > Tempdb** tab allows you to view the status of your tempdb database on the selected SQL Server instance. Click image to view full size.



The Tempdb view contains the following charts:

- Tempdb Space Used over Time (MB)
- Version Store Cleanup Rate (KB/Sec)
- Tempdb Space Used by File (MB)

For information on each chart, see [Get the tempdb status summary](#).

Access the Databases tab

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View your SQL Server alerts

The Alerts tab of the single instance dashboard displays a color-coded alerts timeline view and an active alerts panel for the selected instance.

SQL Workload Analysis

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Color-coded alerts timeline view

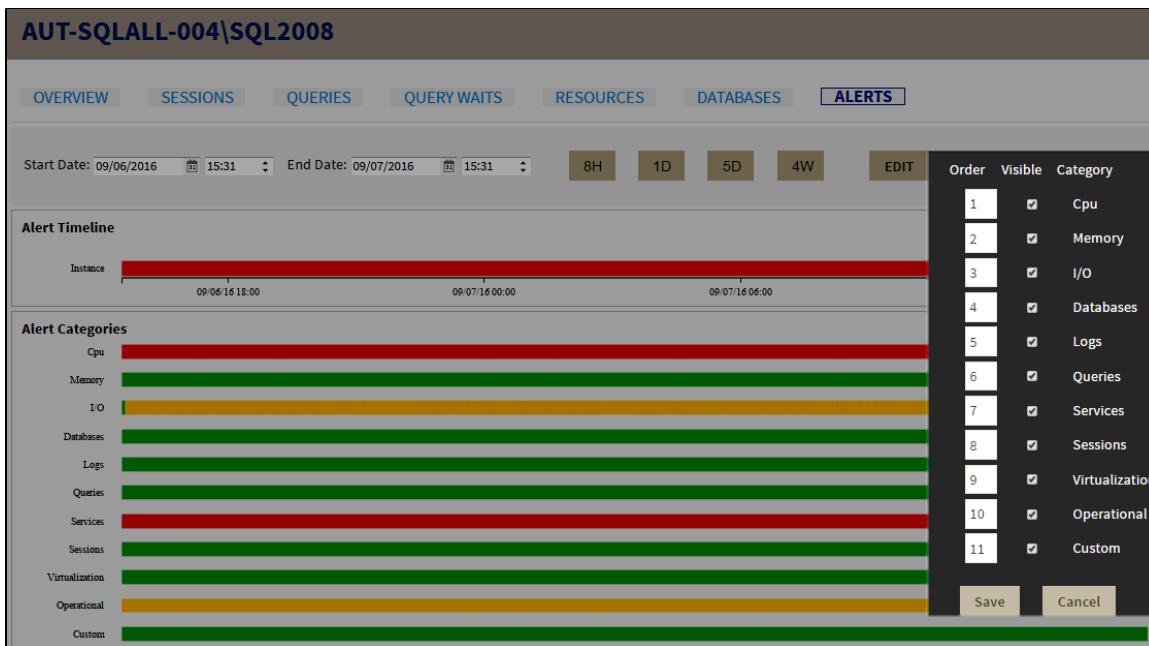
The color-coded alerts timeline view allows you to easily identify the highest alert for your monitored SQL Server instance and the highest alert for a specific category. Each color in the alert timeline represents a different alert type. See the following table for more details:

Alert type	Color	Meaning
OK	Green	The alert is in an acceptable threshold.
Warning	Yellow	The alert reaches a Warning threshold.
Critical	Red	The alert reaches a Critical threshold.

Filter your alert results in the Alerts tab by specifying a timeframe or by selecting default timeframes of 8 hours, 1 day, 5 days, or 4 weeks. Click image to display in full-size view.

Time	Summary	Instance	Category	Action
11/13/16 0:50 AM	Full-Text Search is Stopped	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Services	Show Details
11/13/16 0:50 AM	OS memory used is 77.40%	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Resources	Show Details
11/13/16 10:05 AM	Full-Text Search is Stopped	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Services	Show Details
11/13/16 10:05 AM	OS memory used is 77.42%	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Resources	Show Details
11/13/16 10:11 AM	Full-Text Search is Stopped	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Services	Show Details
11/13/16 10:11 AM	OS memory used is 72.43%	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Resources	Show Details
11/13/16 10:17 AM	Full-Text Search is Stopped	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Services	Show Details
11/13/16 10:17 AM	OS memory used is 77.41%	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Resources	Show Details
11/13/16 10:23 AM	Full-Text Search is Stopped	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Services	Show Details
11/13/16 10:23 AM	OS memory used is 77.45%	AUT-2005-001\SQL2005	Resources	Show Details

You can also filter your alert results by alert category or categories' order. Click **Edit** to order and select the categories you want to display in the Alerts timeline view.



Active alerts panel

The Alerts tab also lists all the active alerts of your monitored SQL Server instance over a period of time. The active alerts panel provides the following information:

Alert type

Shows alert type icon: for OK alerts, for Warning alerts, and for Critical alerts.

Time

Indicates date and time of alert inception.

Summary

Displays alert description.

Instance

Displays the name of the monitored SQL Server instance.

Database

Displays the database name.

Category

Indicates alert category.

Additional options

In the Active alerts panel of the single instance dashboard, you can select the following additional options:

Show alert details

View [additional information](#) on a specific active alert by clicking **Show Details**.

Export

Export your alerts information in PDF, XLS, and XML.

Show/Hide Alerts

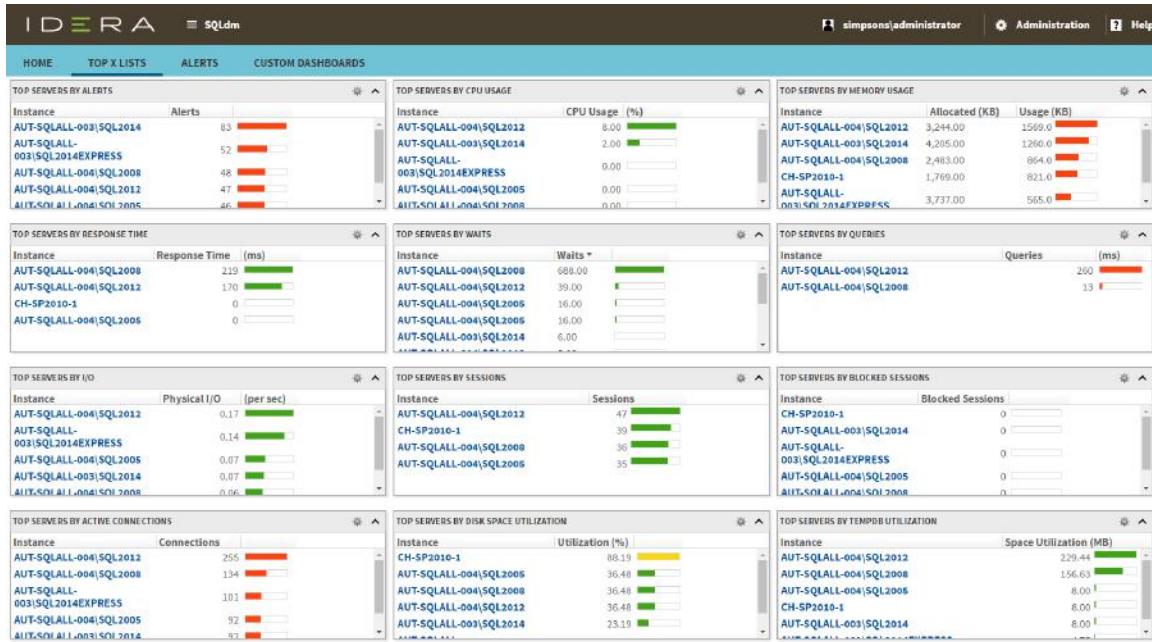
Choose to show or hide active alerts.

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View your top values in the web console

The Top X Lists tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console allows you to view the top values in descending order for selected metrics across the instances and databases in your SQL Server environment. Click the image to view full size.



The **Top X Lists** dashboard contains 18 widgets that help you assess quickly the health and performance of your SQL Server environment. You can expand widgets, drill down for details, and also configure them as follows:

Records

Choose to display a particular number of records with a maximum of 50. Access this option through the gear icon on the right of the widget.

On the **Top X Lists** dashboard you can find the following widgets:

Top servers by alerts

This widget allows you to view the instances with the highest number of alerts during the past seven days in your SQL Server environment. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Alerts

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Overview** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top servers by CPU usage

This widget allows you to view the instances with the highest percentage of CPU usage in your SQL Server environment. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- CPU usage in percentage

Clicking a specific instance name in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Resources > CPU** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top servers by memory usage

This widget provides you with information on the top instances with the highest percentage of memory usage in comparison to their SQL Server allocated memory. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Allocated (KB)
- Usage (KB)

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Resources > Memory** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top Servers by response time

This widget provides you with information on the top response times in milliseconds for all instances in your environment. Keeping a tab of the top response times helps monitor congestion in a network and the performance of SQL Server.

This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Response time in milliseconds

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in this widget allows you to navigate to the overview tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top Servers by waits

This widget provides you with information on the top waits for all instances in their environment. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Waits

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Resources > Server Waits** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top servers by queries

This widget allows you to view the top instances with the highest number of queries in your SQL Server environment. Keeping a tab of this metric in your environment lets you prevent overloading your server.

This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Queries (ms)

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the main dashboard.

Top servers by I/O

This widget provides you with information on the top 10 instances with the highest I/O load by SQL Physical I/O (reads and writes) in their SQL Server environment. Keeping tab of the I/O subsystem performance prevents increased timeouts and response times.

This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Physical I/O (per sec)

Clicking on a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Resources > Disk** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top servers by sessions

This widget allows you to view the top values of the total number of sessions by instance in your SQL Server environment. Keeping a tab of this metric in your environment lets you monitor the system load.

This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Sessions

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Sessions > Summary** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top servers by blocked sessions

This widget allows you to view the top blocked sessions by instances in your SQL Server environment. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Blocked sessions

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Sessions > Overview** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top Servers by active connections

This widget provides you with information on the top number of most user connections by instance in a SQL Server environment. This widget helps you keep on top of the load on the system and monitor bottlenecks.

This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Connections

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Sessions > Summary** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top servers by disk space utilization

This widget allows you to view the top instances with the highest percentage of disk space utilization in your SQL Server environment. Keeping a tab of this metric in your environment, lets you monitor available and used disk space so that there is enough space to be allocated to databases, databases backups, and any other types of files that you may want to store on the server.

This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Utilization (%)

Clicking a specific database name in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Resources > Disk** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top servers by tempdb utilization

This widget allows you to view the top values of the instances with the most tempdb space utilization in your SQL Server environment. High tempdb utilization may lead to costly performance issues. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Space utilization (MB)

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Databases > Tempdb** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top sessions by CPU usage

This widget allows you to view the top values of sessions by CPU Usage in your SQL Server environment. This widget helps you monitor the system load on your SQL Server environment. This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Session ID
- Host
- Status
- Database
- Session CPU Usage

Clicking a specific server (instance name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Sessions > Summary** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

Top queries by execution time

This widget allows you to view the top longest running queries in your SQL Server environment. Long running queries not only consume system resources that make the server and application run slowly, but they may also lead to table locking and data corruption.

This widget displays the following information:

- Instance name
- Database name
- Query name
- CPU time (ms)
- Physical Reads
- Logical Reads
- Logical Writes
- Query execution time (ms)

Clicking on any row in this widget allows you to navigate to the **Queries > Summary** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server.

-  You can configure the Top queries by execution time widget by time frame and records to display. Click the gear icon to select a specific number of records, and choose to display the longest running queries for the **Last 24 hours** or **Last 7 days**. Note that the maximum amount of records the widget displays is 50.

Top databases by size

This widget provides you with information on the top databases by file size across your SQL Server environment. Note that values represent the actual amount of data used inside a database. This widget displays the following information:

- Database name
- Size (MB)

Clicking a specific database (database name) in the widget allows you to navigate to the main dashboard.

Top databases by growth (Last 7 days)

This widget allows you to view the top fastest growing databases by instance in your SQL Server environment. Keeping a tab of this metric in your environment, lets you predict how large databases may grow. This widget displays the following information:

- Database name
- Growth (MB)

Clicking a specific database name in the widget allows you to navigate to the main dashboard.

Top databases by alerts

This widget allows you to view the top instances with the highest number of database alerts in your SQL Server environment. This widget displays the following information:

- Database name
- Alerts

Clicking a specific database name in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Databases > Summary** tab of the single instance dashboard for that server's database.

Top databases by activity

This widget provides you with information on the top databases by activity size across your SQL Server environment. This widget displays the following information:

- Database name
- Transactions (per sec)

Clicking a specific database name in the widget allows you to navigate to the **Databases > Summary** tab of the single instance dashboard for that database.

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View all your alerts in the web console

The Alerts tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console allows you to view all alerts for all the servers in your environment. The information displayed in this view includes:

- Alert start date & time
- Summary
- Instance
- Database
- Category

You can organize the alerts in the list using either the **Current View** or the **Filter**. Click image to view full size.

Time	Summary	Instance	Database	Category
9/8/16 10:45 AM	Disk C is 76.61% full	AUT-SQLALL-004\SQL2005	N/A	Resources
9/8/16 10:45 AM	OS CPU usage is 99.17%	AUT-SQLALL-004\SQL2005	N/A	Resources

Organize your alerts by the Current View

You can organize your alerts by selecting one of the following views from the Current View section.

Active

Organizes all your alerts that are currently active.

By Severity

Organizes all your alerts by their severity.

By Instance

Organizes all your alerts by monitored SQL Server instance.

By Metric

Organizes all your alerts by each of the metrics affected.

By Category

Organizes all your alerts by their category.

By SQLDM Repository

Organizes all your alerts by SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

Custom

Organizes all your alerts by selected time range.

Organize your alerts using the Filter

You can organize your alerts using the available filter options. Filter options help pinpoint to data you want to view.

You can filter by SQL Server instance, metric, severity, SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository, and time range.



To apply new filters, select the **clear filter** button first.

Additional options

Access the single instance dashboard by clicking the instance name in an alert row.
Access the Alerts Detail screen by clicking **Show Details**.

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Access alert details

The Alerts Detail screen in the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console provides you with detailed statistics on your alerts.

WARNING
Disk C is 88.12% full

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Instance Name: CH-SP2010-1 Warning Threshold: 75
Value: 88.1197052001953 Critical Threshold: 90
Current alert time: 9/6/16 2:35 PM

Metric History (Last 4 hours) 4 Hours | 24 Hours | 7 Days
Last 4 hours Minimum Value: 0 Maximum Value: 100

Alert Details
SQL Server instance CH-SP2010-1 - Disk C is 88.12% full.

SHOW CATEGORY DETAILS SHOW INSTANCE DETAILS CLOSE

On the Alerts Detail screen you can find the following information:

- Alert Name
- Instance Name
- Value
- Current alert time
- Warning Threshold
- Critical Threshold
- Alert Details

Additional button options

Category

Click the **SHOW CATEGORY DETAILS** button to access first the Overview tab of a single instance and then specific category views such as sessions, queries, query waits, resources, databases, and alerts.

Instance

Click the **SHOW INSTANCE DETAILS** button to access the single instance dashboard for a specific instance.

Close

Click the **CLOSE** button to exit the Alerts Detail screen.

Prev

Click the **PREV** button to view details for a previous alert.

Next

Click the **NEXT** button to view details for the next alert.

Metric history

View alert history for the past 4 hrs, 24 hrs or 7 Days.

Launch SQL Diagnostic Manager

Click the SQL Diagnostic Manager icon  to launch the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.

Access the Alerts Detail screen

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides several paths to access the Alerts Detail screen. The first access path is by clicking any row in the alerts roll up view of the Alerts tab. The second access path is by clicking over a category icon in the thumbnail sub-view that contains active alerts. It is also possible to access the Alerts Detail screen through the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console's home tab and the specific widgets it contains.

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Create custom dashboards

The Custom Dashboards tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console allows you to create and view custom dashboards. You can define and save multiple dashboard views to compare metrics across your monitored SQL Server instances. Click image to view full size.

Add a dashboard

To add a dashboard:

1. Click **Add a Dashboard** in the Custom Dashboards view.
2. Type a dashboard name on the Add a Dashboard window.
3. Select the Default check box, if you want to set this dashboard as the default one.
4. Click **Save**.

Add widgets to your dashboard

Customize your dashboard by adding widgets to display specific SQL Diagnostic Manager metrics. You can add a widget at a time.

To add a widget to your dashboard:

1. Click **Add a Widget** in the Edit Dashboard view.
2. Type a label for your widget in the corresponding box or leave it empty for default.
3. Select a widget type.

4. Choose a metric from the drop-down list.
5. Choose a data source from the drop-down list. Available options vary according to the type of widget selected and include:
 - Single Instance
 - Multiple Instance
 - Tag Name
 - All Instances
6. Choose an identifier or identifiers from the drop-down list. Note that if you select the All Instances data source option, it is not possible to assign an identifier.
7. Click **Save**.

Actions to perform in your Custom Dashboards View

The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console allows you to perform the following actions in your Custom Dashboards view:

- Filter your results by timeframe
- Edit your dashboard
- Remove your dashboard
- Duplicate your dashboard

The screenshot shows a dashboard titled "Dashboard 1" with the following details:

- OS Disk Full (Percent):** Shows current usage at 78.61%.
- OS Disk Free Space (Size):** Displays a chart showing free space decreasing over time.
- OS Memory Usage (Percent):** Shows current usage at 67.79%, average at 67.8, and peak at 67.8.
- SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent):** A line chart from Sep 8, 10:41 AM to 10:50 AM showing CPU usage for four instances: CH-SP2010-1 (blue), CH-SP2010-1 (green), AUT-SQULL-004\SQL2008 (red), and AUT-SQULL-004\SQL2008 (yellow).

At the top right of the dashboard are buttons for "Remove dashboard", "Duplicate dashboard", and "Edit dashboard".



To display a widget in full size, click **Details**.

Filter results by timeframe

Filter results in your dashboard by specific built-in periods from the Live list or by specific start and end dates in the historic timeframe option.



By default, the results timeframe is the current date.

Edit your dashboard

In the Edit Dashboard view, you can:

- Change your dashboard name.
- Set your dashboard as the default one by selecting the Default check box.
- Select or create a dashboard tag by typing a name in the Dashboard Tags box.
- Add a new widget, remove, or edit current widgets.
- Place and order widgets in your dashboard by dragging and dropping them.

To access to the Edit Dashboard view, click **Edit Dashboard** in the Custom Dashboards view.



Click **Save** after making changes in the Edit Dashboard view.

Remove a dashboard

To remove a dashboard, click **Remove Dashboard** and then select **OK** on the Confirmation window.

Duplicate a dashboard

To duplicate a dashboard, click **Duplicate Dashboard**.

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Custom dashboards widget types

The SQL Diagnostic Manager web console allows you to choose between the following predefined widget types for a customized dashboard view:

Single value

Shows the single value for a specific metric and instance.

Mini-timeline

Displays the timeline and value for a specific metric and instance.

Value and timeline

Displays the value and the baseline range for a specific metric and instance.

List of Values

Displays the current value and the trend for a specific metric and instance, multiple instances, or tags.

Large timeline

Displays the timeline and the current value for a specific metric and instance, multiple instances, or tags.

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Navigate the IDERA Newsfeed and SQLDM Mobile

The IDERA Newsfeed allows DBAs and managers to collaborate, share knowledge, and keep close tabs on their most critical SQL Server issues. Using real-time feeds, your team can increase productivity by sharing knowledge and expertise and staying up-to-date on the most recent issues.

Using Newsfeed, you can:

- Collaborate with team members regardless of where you or they are located.
- Follow application alerts, server activity, and coworker comments.
- Provide status updates as the team manages and resolves any issues.

With IDERA Newsfeed, you and your team stay informed, is more productive, and can shorten the time to problem resolution. You can access the Newsfeed user interface from either the SQLDM Console or the SQLDM Mobile Web application.

SQLDM Mobile helps you quickly investigate, diagnose, and correct performance and availability problems from your mobile device. This unique Web-based application, coupled with the IDERA Newsfeed technology, helps you stay productive and connected no matter where you or your servers are located.

With SQLDM Mobile, you can:

- See your entire SQL Server environment while “on the go”
- View real-time dashboards to identify problem areas and get current server health
- Drill down into the details of key performance metrics and alerts
- Collaborate with team members as issues unfold
- Use any mobile device or tablet

With SQLDM real-time performance data at your fingertips, you can keep your SQL Server enterprise running smoothly from any location.

Using the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service, SQLDM publishes status updates for each monitored server. These updates display on the server wall and in your Most Recent feed. You can interact with each update, posting troubleshooting information and brainstorming with coworkers. SQLDM stores all updates and their activity as stories in the SQLDM Mobile Repository.

Next, you can access to the following information on how to start using these services:

- Configure your Newsfeed and Mobile deployment
- Create an account and Sign Up
- IDERA Newsfeed and SQLDM Mobile Log On
- Navigate the IDERA Newsfeed Interface
- Navigate SQLDM Mobile Dashboards
- Customize your experience
- Tips and tricks

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Configure your Newsfeed and Mobile deployment

After initially installing and setting up the IDERA Newsfeed and SQLDM Mobile, there are several tasks you can perform to further customize and streamline your deployment.

 For details on the supported installation scenarios, components and architecture, system requirements, and installation instructions see [IDERA Newsfeed and SQLDM Mobile](#).

 To deploy only the Newsfeed, see [Install IDERA Newsfeed only](#).

Suggested configuration workflow

	Follow this step ...
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure each SQLDM application has an owner.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify that each SQL Server instance monitored by your SQLDM applications is available through the Newsfeed user interface. The IDERA Newsfeed Platform automatically creates a profile for each monitored instance so that your team can immediately begin following them.
<input type="checkbox"/>	For each server: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure it has an owner. • Change the default picture to a unique graphic or photo that correlates with the server name or can be easily identified as that server.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify that the Repository grooming settings meet your data retention needs.

Available configuration tasks

- Assign an owner to a server
- Assign an owner to an application
- Change a server or application profile
- Change the Web Server settings for SQLDM Mobile
- Change your account settings
- Change the Newsfeed administrator
- Configure how the IDERA Newsfeed Platform authenticates with SQLDM
- Configure the IDERA News Repository
- Configure Mobile and Newsfeed email settings
- Invite coworkers
- Manage Users
- Manage your profile
- View application status

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Assign an owner to a server

Assigning an owner to a server provides a single point of contact for coworkers to call when that instance is experiencing performance issues. Server ownership can correlate with specific job responsibilities for monitoring your SQL Server environment.

To assign an owner using the SQLDM Console, follow these steps:

1. In the Newsfeed navigation pane, click **SQL Servers**.
2. In the right pane, select the server whose owner you want to change.
3. In the profile pane, click **Info**.
4. In the right pane, click **Edit**.
5. Use the **Owner** pull-down menu to select the appropriate person.
6. Click **OK**.

What happens when I assign server ownership to someone?

When you assign an owner to a server, the IDERA Newsfeed Platform automatically configures this user to follow the selected instance, ensuring them to easily and quickly access the server status updates from the Most Recent feed. The platform also updates the server profile to include the owner's contact information. After these updates are complete, the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service sends a notification email to the previous owner stating that the ownership has changed.

What are the benefits of server ownership?

Server ownership provides several benefits:

- Following - By owning a server, you automatically follow it.
- Notifications - You receive notifications from SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service when anyone interacts with a server you own. To receive these notifications, change your account settings.

Who can set server ownership?

Any IDERA Newsfeed user who has SQLDM administrator rights can set ownership. To check these security settings, identify which SQLDM installation the IDERA Newsfeed Platform is using as the authentication provider, and then use the SQLDM Console to verify its security settings. SQL Diagnostic Manager identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more >>](#)

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Assign an owner to an application

Assigning an owner to an application provides a single point of contact for coworkers to call when SQLDM is experiencing issues. Application ownership can correlate with specific job responsibilities for administrating your SQLDM installations.

To assign an owner using the SQLDM Console:

1. In the Newsfeed navigation pane, click **Applications**.
2. In the right pane, select the application whose owner you want to change.
3. In the profile pane, click **Info**.
4. In the right pane, click **Edit**.
5. Use the Owner pull-down menu to select the appropriate person.
6. Click **OK**.

What happens when I assign application ownership to someone?

When you assign an owner to an application, the IDERA Newsfeed Platform automatically configures this user to follow the selected application, ensuring an easily and quickly access to the application status updates from the Most Recent feed. The platform also updates the application profile to include the contact information.

What are the benefits of application ownership?

Application ownership provides several benefits:

- Following - By owning an application, you automatically follow it.
- Notifications - You can receive notifications from the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service about application activity. To receive these notifications, change your account settings.

Who can set application ownership?

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Change a server or an application profile

You can change the server or application profile information that the Newsfeed displays .

To change profile settings using the SQLDM Console, follow these steps:

1. In the Newsfeed navigation pane, click either **SQL Servers** or **Applications**.
2. In the right pane, select the server or application whose profile you want to change.
3. In the profile pane, click **Info**.
4. In the right pane, click **Edit**.
5. Change the appropriate settings.
6. Click **OK**.

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Change the Web Server settings for SQLDM Mobile

You can change the website address and port number for the SQLDM Mobile website or specify a different host computer for the IDERA Newsfeed Platform (Repository database and SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service).

To specify new Web Server settings:

1. Start the SQLDM Web Manager console.
2. Specify the new website address or the name of the new host computer. When typing the website address, keep in mind the domain relationship between the IIS Server and your corporate network.
 - URL: PortNumber, as in *http://LABSERVER:85*, if the new website uses a port other than 80.
3. To ensure that SQLDM Mobile can connect to the new platform host, click **Test**.
4. Click **Save**.

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Change your account settings

You can change the settings associated with your IDERA Newsfeed account at any time. Use the General Settings and Notification Settings views to update your account information or tweak your current activity notifications.

In the General Settings view, you can perform the following actions:

- Update your real name. Each Newsfeed account requires a unique, real name.
- Change the profile name that coworkers use to mention you in posts or comments using SQLDM Mobile.
- Specify a different email address. You will use this email address to log in to the Newsfeed and SQLDM Mobile. The SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service uses this email address to send you notifications.

Access your account settings

In the Newsfeed menu bar of the SQLDM Console, click **Account**, and then click **Account Settings**. To edit your account, click **Change** located next to the setting you want to update.

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Change the Newsfeed administrator

By default, the IDERA Newsfeed does not have an administrator. Consider choosing the same person who is responsible for administrating your SQLDM installation.

The Newsfeed administrator should be someone who can be contacted when important issues occur within the Newsfeed deployment, such as SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed losing the connection to the SQLDM Mobile Repository database. When you specify the Newsfeed administrator, you provide the name, email, and work phone or mobile phone.

Follow these steps to set a Newsfeed administrator:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Administrator** tab.
3. Specify the appropriate settings.
4. Click **Save**.

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Configure how the IDERA Newsfeed Platform authenticates with SQLDM

The IDERA Newsfeed Platform leverages the application security settings provided by SQLDM to authenticate users when they log on to the Newsfeed or SQLDM Mobile. You can specify a different authentication provider or change the port that the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service uses to communicate with the SQLDM Repository database.



By default, the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service uses port 5166.

To specify new authentication provider settings:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console, and navigate to the Authentication Provider tab.
2. Specify the name or IP address of the new host computer for the SQLDM Management Service. By default, the Management Service is installed on the computer where you ran the SQLDM setup program.
3. Verify that the selected port is open.
4. To ensure that the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service can connect to the new host, click **Test**.
5. Click **Save**.

When should I change the authentication provider settings?

You should specify new authentication provider settings when:

- You have migrated the SQLDM services to another computer.
- You want the IDERA Newsfeed to publish status updates from a set of SQL Server instances that are monitored by a different SQLDM installation.
- Your network security configuration has changed and you need to specify a different port.

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Configure the IDERA Newsfeed Repository

The IDERA Newsfeed Platform lets you pick the Repository settings that best fit your environment and monitoring needs.

You can perform the following modifications:

- The Windows account or SQL login credentials that the SQLDM & Newsfeed Service uses to connect to the Repository database.
- The age limit at which the Repository grooming job permanently deletes stale activity and deleted or disabled objects.

If you have migrated the Repository to a new SQL Server instance, you can also change the name and location of the Repository database. SQL [Diagnostic Manager](#) identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more >>](#)

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Change the grooming settings

You can set the age limits at which activity and unused objects are deleted from the Repository. For each grooming option, specify an age from 1 to 365 days.

To set your grooming options, follow these steps:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Repository** tab.
3. Under **Grooming Options**, select the application age limits for activity and objects. You can specify an age from 1 to 365 days.
4. Click **Save**.

The setup program installs a single grooming job that is scheduled to run on the Repository at midnight each day. This job calculates the age of all Newsfeed activity and objects stored in the Repository, and detects whether any instances have been removed from SQLDM. When the job finds stale active or disabled objects that are older than the specified age limit, it deletes the corresponding data, including all associated posts, status updates, comments, and bookmarks.

What gets groomed?

By default, the IDERA Newsfeed Platform grooms all unused objects and stale activity. You can change many of the age limits used to determine when to groom a specific object or activity.

- Applications that have been disabled for more than 45 days.
- Notifications older than 7 days.
- Newsfeed user accounts that have been disabled for more than 45 days.
- Servers that have not been monitored by the SQLDM application for more than 45 days.
- Stories older than 30 days.

 If an older story has had recent activity, such as a new comment, within the specified age limit, the IDERA Newsfeed Platform does not groom the story.

How often should I groom data?

How often you groom data — that is, how old you allow stories to get before deleting them from the SQLDM Mobile Repository — depends on these factors:

Factor	Why	How
The number of status updates that have been published by the SQLDM application	Based on this publication rate, you can determine how quickly the Repository database is growing to accommodate these stories, and how soon you will need to delete older stories to make room for future stories.	Use the Applications tab of the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console to check the publication rate for your SQLDM application.
The amount of activity the average story gets	Because important issues typically receive the most attention, and get the most activity, you can gauge how long a story continues before it is considered "stale" by your team.	Use the activity timeline to track bursts of activity and identify how many stories are responsible for these peaks.
Life-cycle of the average issue	The age limit at which you groom a story should be set to 2-5 business days from the point at which an issue is typically resolved, allowing ample time for your team to see the issue, respond to it, update the story, and note the solution.	Follow a few typical stories to see how they evolve and review your team's current issue resolution workflows.

 To keep an ongoing record of how key critical issues were solved, encourage your team to bookmark the corresponding stories, ensuring they will always have access to that information.

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Change the IDERA Newsfeed and SQLDM Mobile service credentials

You can specify a different Windows account or SQL login for the SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed service to use when connecting to the Repository database. Ensure that the account or the login meets the permissions requirements.

To specify new SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service credentials:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Repository** tab.
3. Under Connection, input the following settings:
 - Choose the type of authentication.
 - Specify the user name (for a Windows account, type domain\username).
 - Specify the password.
4. Click **Save**.

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Configure SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed email settings

In order to receive notifications from the SQLDM Mobile and the Newsfeed service, you must configure how the IDERA Newsfeed Platform should communicate with your Mail Server.

Available email settings

In the Email Settings you can perform the following changes:

- Name of your Mail Server.
- Port that the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service should use to communicate with the Mail Server (by default, port 25).
- How long (in seconds) the IDERA Newsfeed Platform should wait for a reply from the Mail Server before timing out (by default, 15 seconds).
- Whether the Mail Server requires authentication, and which credentials should be used for authentication.
- The name and the email address that the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service should use when sending notification emails.

To configure your email settings, follow these steps:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Notification** Server tab.
3. Specify the appropriate values.
4. To ensure SQLDM Mobile can connect to your Mail Server, click **Test**.
5. Click **Save**.

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Invite coworkers

You can send invitations to your coworkers to start using the IDERA Newsfeed. When a coworker accepts your invitation, automatically you follow each other.

The SQLDM Mobile and Newsfeed Service emails each of the coworkers you specify, providing a brief description of this feature and a Sign Up link. You can add your own personal message to the email.



Before you send out invitations, ensure the IDERA Newsfeed Platform is configured to communicate with your corporate mail server.

Follow these steps to invite coworkers using the SQLDM Console:

1. In the right pane of your Most Recent feed, click **Invite Coworkers**.
2. For each coworker you want to invite specify an email address. Use commas to separate multiple addresses.
3. Choose whether to add your own message to the default email.
4. Click **Send**.

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Manage users

In the option Manage Users, you can delete, disable, or enable a Newsfeed user account.

Delete a user account

Deleting a user account prevents the affected team member from logging on to either the IDERA Newsfeed or SQLDM Mobile, and from receiving notification emails about server or coworker activity.

The disabled user is also queued for grooming. Depending on your settings, the grooming job permanently deletes the account configuration, profile, and status update information from the Repository after the selected number of days have passed.

If you enable the user before it is groomed, the IDERA Newsfeed Platform restores the account to its most recent state. Once a user account is groomed, it cannot be re-instated. To temporarily prevent a team member from using the IDERA Newsfeed or SQLDM Mobile, consider disabling the account instead.

You may need to delete a user when a team member has moved to another department or left the company and when someone has violated the policies of the company.

Follow these steps to delete a user account:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Users** tab.
3. From the list of registered users, select the user you want to delete.
4. Click **Delete**.

Disable a user account

Disabling a user account prevents the affected team member from logging on to either the IDERA Newsfeed or SQLDM Mobile, and from receiving notification emails about server or coworker activity.

You may need to disable a user when you are setting up and configuring the IDERA Newsfeed deployment. Also, when a user has violated the company policies.

Follow these steps to disable a user account:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Users** tab.
3. From the list of registered users, select the user you want to disable.
4. Click **Disable**.

Enable a user account

Enabling a Newsfeed user allows that person to receive status updates, alerts, and other pertinent performance data about monitored SQL Server instances in your environment. When a user is enabled, your team can interact with this coworker and receive notifications about their activity.

By default, an account and profile are created for a user when they sign up with the IDERA Newsfeed. All new users are automatically enabled, and can begin monitoring servers.

Follow these steps to enable a user account:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Users** tab.
3. From the list of registered users, select the user you want to enable.
4. Click **Enable**.

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Manage your profile

Manage your profile by checking activity on your wall and keeping your profile information up-to-date to ensure your coworkers can easily find you and interact with you.

To check your wall activity using the SQLDM Console, follow these steps:

1. On the Newsfeed menu bar, click **Profile**.
2. In the profile pane, click **Wall**.
3. In your wall, you can perform the following actions:
 - Search for a specific story.
 - Use the activity timeline to track communications between you and your coworkers.
 - Review the details of a story to see how a conversation resolved.
 - Like, bookmark, or comment on a post.
4. Click **OK**.

To check your wall activity using SQLDM Mobile, follow these steps:

1. On the SQLDM Mobile home page, tap **Profile**.
2. From your wall, you can perform the following actions:
 - Review the details of a story to see how a conversation resolved.
 - Like, bookmark, or comment on a post.
3. Use the posts filter to show all posts or only your shared posts.

To change your profile using the SQLDM Console, follow these steps:

1. On the Newsfeed menu bar, click **Profile**.
2. In the profile pane, click **Info**.
3. In the right pane, click **Edit**.
4. Change the appropriate setting.
5. Click **OK**.

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View application status

In the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager, you can check the status and other properties of the SQLDM application you registered with the IDERA Newsfeed.

You can view the following properties:

- The date and time of last published status update.
- The total number of status updates that have been published by SQLDM.
- The number of servers being monitored by SQLDM.
- The number of coworkers who are following this application.

Follow these steps, to view your application status:

1. Start the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.
2. Click the **Applications** tab.
3. To ensure the displayed properties are current, click **Refresh**.

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Create an account and Sign Up

IDERA Newsfeed lets you take advantage of its monitoring and collaboration features from within the SQLDM Console or the SQLDM Mobile application on your mobile device. The signup process includes creating your Newsfeed account and completing your profile.

Both the IDERA Newsfeed feature and SQLDM Mobile use your Newsfeed account for login authentication. After you have signed up, you can immediately begin interacting with coworkers and checking your servers per your SQLDM application security level. To better understand your security level, contact your SQLDM administrator.

-  When you sign up with the IDERA Newsfeed, your account is automatically set up to follow your own posts. This inclusion allows you to see your posts in the context of the Most Recent feed, just as your posts appear to your coworkers.

Sign up via the SQLDM Console

Use the SQLDM Console to sign up with the IDERA Newsfeed.

1. In the navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Newsfeed**.
2. Under Sign Up in the right pane, type the following information:
 - Your first and last name.
 - The email address you want the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service to use when sending you notifications.
 - The nickname or Profile Name you want your coworkers to use when mentioning you in their posts or comments.
3. Click **Sign Up**.
4. On the Complete Your Profile window, specify your current title and preferred contact information, and then click **Save & Continue**.

-  You can also upload a photo to help your coworkers easily identify you in their feeds or find you when searching for your comments and posts.

5. On the Follow Servers window, choose which monitored SQL Server instances you want to follow, and then click **Save & Continue**.
6. On the Follow Coworkers window, choose which coworkers you want to follow, and then click **Save & Continue**
7. The Newsfeed pane displays the Welcome window, from which you can complete additional customizations.

Sign up via SQLDM Mobile

You can sign up and create your Newsfeed account from the SQLDM Mobile Web application.

1. Using your desktop or mobile Internet browser, go to the SQLDM Mobile Web application. The default Web address or URL for SQLDM Mobile is: //MyWebServer/SQLdm.
2. On the login view of SQLDM Mobile, click **Sign Up**.
3. On the Sign Up view, type the following information:
 - Your first and last name.
 - Your current title and preferred contact information.
 - The email address you want the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service to use when sending you notifications.
 - The nickname or Profile Name you want your coworker to use when mentioning you in their posts or comments.
 - The credentials you want to use for your Newsfeed account.
4. Click **Log On**.
5. In the servers view, choose which monitored SQL Server instances you want to follow, and click **OK**.
6. In the coworkers view, choose which coworkers you want to follow, and click **OK**.
7. SQLDM Mobile creates your Newsfeed account and then displays its home page.

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IDERA Newsfeed and SQLDM Mobile Log On

You can log on to the IDERA Newsfeed from within the SQLDM Console or to SQLDM Mobile from your mobile device. The default Web address or URL for SQLDM Mobile is: //MyWebServer/SQLdm.

When you log on to SQLDM Mobile, the SQLDM Management Service validates your email address against the address specified for your Newsfeed account and then validates your password against the credentials of your SQLDM account. SQLDM Mobile does not store your password. In environments that use Windows authentication, SQLDM Mobile impersonates your user account when connecting to the SQLDM Repository database. In environments that use SQL Authentication, SQLDM Mobile uses the provided username and password. When the Repository connection succeeds, the SQLDM Mobile Log In is authenticated and remains in use until you log off from SQLDM Mobile.



To get a more streamlined experience with the IDERA Newsfeed, such as directly linking to an ongoing story from a notification email, choose to keep yourself logged on.

To log on to the IDERA Newsfeed within SQLDM:

1. In the navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Newsfeed**.
2. In the Email text box at the upper right corner, type the email address you specified when you signed up with the IDERA Newsfeed.
3. Click **Log In**.

To log on to SQLDM Mobile using your Mobile device:

1. If you want to connect through a VPN:
 - a. Connect to your corporate network or Intranet using your Windows credentials.
 - b. Type the SQLDM Mobile URL in the address bar of your mobile browser.
2. If you want to connect without a VPN, type the SQLDM Mobile URL in the address bar of your mobile browser.
3. On the Log On window, type the:
 - Email address you specified when you signed up with the IDERA Newsfeed.
 - Password of the Windows account you use when accessing SQLDM.
4. Tap **Log In**.

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Navigate the IDERA Newsfeed Interface

The IDERA Newsfeed is a new way for DBAs and managers to collaborate, share knowledge, and keep close tabs on your most critical SQL Server issues.

In the following list, you can find some basic components that can help you understand more about the terminology used in IDERA Newsfeed:

- Activity Timeline
- Application
- Coworker
- Comment
- Followers
- Like or Unlike
- Mention
- My Bookmarks
- My Directory
- My Favorites
- Post
- Profiles
- Server
- Status Update
- Story
- Walls

Activity Timeline

An activity timeline is a chronological graph that displays in the SQLDM Console, at the top of your Most Recent feed as well as on the walls of servers, your SQLDM application, and coworkers. It shows how many stories have been created over time, as well as when stories have caused the most interaction, allowing you to quickly identify the highest and lowest points of activity.

How can the activity timeline help me diagnose issues?

By identifying when activity spikes happened, you can discern when and where you should focus your attention. You can then drill down to the corresponding stories that occurred at specific points in time by selecting suspicious spikes in the timeline.

The activity timeline also lets you easily discover historical patterns, such as a repeating server issue, or return to a past event to see how it was resolved.

How do I browse activity on the timeline?

Choose whether you want to browse activity by day, month, or year, and then use the forward and backward arrows to scroll through the corresponding timeline.

How do I pick a specific point in time?

When you hover over or tap on the activity timeline graph, a horizontal bar displays, pinpointing the exact point in time for which you are seeing activity. To change this point in time, select the bar and move it to the appropriate time.

Application

An application is a tool, such as SQL Diagnostic Manager, that provides alerts and other event information about servers to the IDERA Newsfeed. This information is processed into status updates in your feed and on the wall of your server. To better understand the relationship between an application and its managed servers, learn how the IDERA Newsfeed works.

How do I see a list of all available applications?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Applications**.

How do I see information about my application?

You can view information about your SQLDM application from the profile of an application or the Applications tab in the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console.

From the info tab of the profile, you can see general information such as:

- The profile name of the application, which you can use to mention the application in your posts and comments.
- Who is responsible for administrating this application, the application owner.
- Who is following this application, the followers.

From the Applications tab in the IDERA Newsfeed Platform Manager console, you can view statistics such as:

- Date and time of the last published status update, the recent activity.
- The total number of updates published since install.
- The number of SQL Server instances monitored by this SQLDM application.

How do I get to a wall of an application?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Applications**, and then click the name of the SQLDM application whose wall you want to view. You do not have to follow the application to view its wall.

How do I follow an application?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Applications**, and then click **Follow** for each SQLDM application you want to follow.

Why should I follow an application?

Some applications, such as SQLDM, provide status updates and system alerts about the health of their components. For example, SQLDM will alert you when it detects an issue that involves the Collection Service or if the Repository was recently offline. Following an application lets you track these status updates from your feed.

Comment

Comments allow you to interact with an active story. Use comments for the following actions:

- Update the status of a server to provide new troubleshooting data or confirm a previously applied fix.
- Assign a task to your coworker.
- Ask your coworkers questions about an application alert.

To add your comment to a story, select **Comment** in the story summary.

Whenever you click **Like** in a comment, your coworker is notified giving them the opportunity to respond.

Coworker

A coworker is a teammate, manager, or coworker who has signed up with the IDERA Newsfeed. You can send invitations to anyone inside your SQL Server organization who also uses SQL Diagnostic Manager.

How do I see a list of all my coworkers?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Coworkers**.

Does it matter where my coworkers are located?

No. Coworkers can be located in any geographic location, and own servers that you are responsible for monitoring.

How can I interact with my coworkers?

You can interact with your coworkers by:

- Follow coworkers so you can see their posts in your Most Recent feed.
- Ask your coworker a question by posting on their wall.
- Comment on posts shared by your coworkers.
- Reply to comments coworkers have posted on stories.
- Keep up-to-date when your coworker profile contact information changes.
- Tag a coworker, mention them in a comment or post.

How do I get to a coworker's wall?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Coworkers**, and then click the name of the coworker whose wall you want to view. You do not have to follow the coworker to view their wall.

How do I follow a coworker?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Coworkers**, and then click **Follow** for each coworker you want to follow.

Why should I follow a coworker?

Follow a coworker if you want to see their posts and related activity in your feed.

Followers

Followers are those coworkers who are following you or the servers you own. In turn, you can follow any coworker, server, or application whose posts and status updates interest you. Following someone or something makes it easy to keep up with recent activity and collaborate on specific issues.

When you choose to follow someone or something, you automatically begin to see their posts and status updates in your Most Recent feed. From the feed, you can easily:

- Comment on posts and status updates from the people and servers you are following.
- Like the posts and comments shared by your coworkers.
- Bookmark stories originated by your coworker or by a server.

Each profile lists who is following that person or that server. You can always view stories, post questions, or post announcements to walls, even though you are not following them. You can choose to follow specific stories without following that coworker or server.

Why do I see my own posts in my feed?

When you sign up with the IDERA Newsfeed, your account is automatically set up to follow your own posts. This inclusion allows you to see your posts in the context of the Most Recent feed, just as your posts will appear to your coworkers.

How do I follow someone or something?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click either **Coworkers**, **Application**, or **SQL Servers**. Then, click **Follow** located next to the name of the person or server you want to follow.

How do I see who is following me?

In the SQLDM Console, navigate to the Newsfeed, and click **See All** located next to **Followers** in the right pane. To go to a specific person's wall, click the appropriate thumbnail profile picture.

How do I review the things and people I am following?

From the SQLdm Console, navigate to the Newsfeed, and then click **See All** next to Following in the right pane. To go to a specific wall, click the appropriate thumbnail profile picture.

How do I follow specific stories?

You can follow specific stories shared by servers you are not following. You can also ignore specific stories shared by the servers you are following.

From the SQLDM Console, navigate to the wall of the server whose story you want to follow, find the story, and then click **Follow** in the story summary.

Like or Unlike

When you give a like to a post of a coworker you are following shares, it means that this information is important to you and you agree with the idea or the assessment.

To like a story, select **Like** in the story summary or tap **Like** on the action menu of the Wall view.

When you like a post, your coworker may be notified of your action, giving them the opportunity to respond. If you want to change your assessment later, you can select or tab **Unlike** the story.

Mention

You can tag a coworker or server in your post or comment by mentioning that person or thing. Mentioning a coworker lets you notify him or her of a task that needs to be done or a question you have. Mentioning a server lets you point out a problem, or draw correlations between similar events on different servers.

Mention someone or something can also have the following effects:

- Notifies your coworker that he or she has been mentioned, giving him or her the opportunity to respond.
- Notifies the owner of the server about your post or comment.
- Displays the corresponding story when coworkers search for posts or comments about a particular server or person.

To mention a coworker or server, type @ and then the name of the person or the name of the computer . The feed will automatically match the name to available coworkers and servers, refine the match criteria as you type. An available coworker is any person who has a Newsfeed account whereas an available server is any server that is being managed by an application.

You can mention someone or something "inline", in the context of the comment or post you want to make.

My Bookmarks

A bookmark is a story that you consider important and you want to keep track closely as it evolves. Bookmarking helps you perform the following actions:

- Set specific stories aside for quick and easy access.
- Create a list of the top servers or issues you want to track today or this week.
- Keep a permanent copy of the selected story.

When you bookmark a story, it is copied to the Bookmarks view. The IDERA Newsfeed Platform does not groom bookmarked stories. Using bookmarks, you can keep an ongoing, historical record of mission-critical issues and their solutions.

You can bookmark any story displayed in your Most Recent feed or on the wall of a coworker or server you are following.

How do I bookmark a story?

To copy a story to your Bookmarks view, select **Bookmark** in the story summary. A copy of the story remains in your feed. Bookmarked stories are not groomed.

How do I use the Bookmarks view?

You can interact with your Bookmarks view in much the same way you interact with your feed. Your bookmarked stories are listed in chronological order, displaying the most recently updated story first.

You can scroll through your bookmarks, review updates, and add your comments. You can also remove a bookmark from this view by selecting **R**emove **Bookmark** in the story summary.

How do I get to the Bookmarks view?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Bookmarks**.

How do I remove stories from the Bookmarks view?

To remove a story from your Bookmarks view, select **Remove Bookmark** in the story summary.

A copy of the story remains in your feed until the next grooming job starts.

My Directory

Your directory is a list of all the applications, servers, and coworkers registered with the IDERA Newsfeed. You can use the directory to go directly to the wall of the person or server you are following.

In the SQLDM Console, the directory is integrated into the Newsfeed pane. In SQLDM Mobile, the directory is a unique view. In either interface, you can browse the listings or search for the specific people and things you want to find.

How do I get to my directory?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click SQL Servers, Coworkers, or Applications.

My Favorites

Favorites are those people and things you already follow but want easy access to their walls. By marking a coworker or server as a favorite, the IDERA Newsfeed Platform creates a shortcut to that person or thing so that you no longer need to search for them or use your directory to look them up.

In the SQLDM Console, shortcuts to your favorites are listed in Newsfeed navigation pane. In the SQLDM Mobile interface, shortcuts to your favorites are displayed on the SQLDM home page.



Consider limiting your favorites list to important people and servers, such as your team members and the mission-critical instances for which you are responsible.

How do I get to my favorites?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click the appropriate person or thing from your favorites list.

How do I change my favorites?

From the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click Edit Favorites, and then choose the appropriate action for each person or thing in the list.

My Most Recent feed

Your Most Recent feed is a real-time aggregation of stories initiated by the people and things you are following, including the latest interactions and updates. You can access this feed from both the SQLDM Console and SQLDM Mobile.

-  You can declutter your feed by unfollowing a story that is no longer important to you.

How many stories can I read at one time?

In the SQLDM Console, the Most Recent feed displays a total of 200 stories, from most recent to oldest, in lists of 20 stories at a time. You can interact with a story from within the feed by clicking one of the actions or links available in the story summary.

What is the story summary?

The story summary provides a succinct synopsis of the story's evolution and activity, including the original post or status update, a count of how many comments and updates have been made so far, as well as links to more information and the actions you can take.

From most stories, you can:

- Like the story.
- Expand the comments and updates to see the full history of the story (in SQLDM Mobile, tap the story to see details).
- Change whether the story is bookmarked (in SQLDM Mobile, this is available from action menu on the Story details view).
- Comment the post or the story.
- Delete your comments.

How does the Most Recent feed work?

By default, the Most Recent feed lists all of the most recent posts and status updates shared by the people and things you are following. This feed represents the state of your enterprise as of now.

You can filter the Most Recent feed to focus on stories for people, applications, or servers. You can also use the activity timeline to focus the feed on what happened during a particular point in time.

How do I get to my feed?

Log in to IDERA Newsfeed from the SQLDM Console. By default, the Most Recent feed displays in the right pane.

My Notifications

Notifications keep you up-to-date on the latest activity initiated by the people and things you follow, even when you are not logged in to the IDERA Newsfeed or SQLDM Mobile.

You can control what information you get and how you get it. Edit your notification settings to choose which activities are important to you and whether you want to receive an email when the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service sends you the corresponding notification.

To customize which notifications you receive, click **Edit Settings** in My Notifications view or change your Account Settings.

When do I receive notifications?

You receive notifications based on the notification settings you have enabled. By default, the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service generates notifications for most types of activity. Each time the specified activity happens, the service notifies you in "real time" by updating the My Notifications view and sending you an email.

Note that several notification settings rely on you, or someone else, to interact with a post or status update.

How do I use the My Notifications view?

Use My Notifications view to review notifications that have accumulated over the last 7 days. This view summarizes your notifications per type of activity per day. Most notifications will include links to the servers and coworkers who initiated the activity.

How do I get an email notification?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Notifications** and then click **Edit Settings**. On My Notification Settings view, enable email notifications.



By default, the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service is configured to send you email notifications. If you are not receiving notifications when you think you should, verify the IDERA Newsfeed Platform configuration.

How do I view notifications when I don't have email enabled?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Notifications**.

Why am I getting 2 emails for each server alert?

Depending on your SQLDM alert configuration and your IDERA Newsfeed notification settings, you may receive more than one email that notifies you about a server alert. To avoid duplicate emails about the same alert notification, change one of these settings:

- Disable all email notifications.
- Deselect the Posts a status update for something you own notification setting for application activity.
- Modify the Send an email to Alert Response setting in SQLDM by either disabling this action or changing the target recipients.

Post

A post is an announcement or status update that is shared by a coworker, or shared by you about a coworker or server. All posts shared by coworkers you follow are displayed in chronological order, from most recent to oldest, in your Most Recent feed.

You can like, bookmark, or comment on any post in your feed. This interaction is considered activity. When a post has activity, it becomes a story that has a specific beginning (the original post) and end (the resolution). Previous stories and their activity can be tracked using the activity timeline available at the top of your feed and the wall of the coworker.

Profiles

Each profile consists of a wall and an information page, providing a centralized location that displays all the data about a specific person or thing.

Each server, application, and coworkers has a profile. From their profiles, you can:

- See who owns a particular server or application.
- Change the profile settings for an application or server.
- Look up an email address or a mobile phone number.
- Verify the name of an application.

Application Profile

An application profile consists of its wall and an information page, providing a centralized location that displays all the data about a specific application.

The application profile lets you:

- See who owns this application.
- Review stories and status updates posted to its wall.
- Change the profile settings for the application.
- Verify the name and owner of an application.

Coworker Profile

A coworker profile consists of its and an information page, providing a centralized location that displays all the data about a specific person with whom you work.

The coworker profile lets you:

- Review stories posted to his or her wall.
- Verify contact information, such as email addresses and phone numbers.
- Look up the coworker's profile name so you can mention him or her when using SQLDM Mobile.

My Profile

Your profile consists of your wall and an information page, providing a centralized location that displays all the data about you.

Your profile lets you:

- Review stories that you and your coworkers have posted on your wall.
- Change your profile picture.
- Update your contact information, such as your mobile phone number.
- Update your company information.

To update other data, such as your email address or the profile name that coworkers use to mention you in SQLDM Mobile, change your account settings.

Server Profile

A server profile consists of its wall and an information page, providing a centralized location that displays all the data about a specific server.

The server profile lets you:

- See who owns this server.
- Review stories and status updates posted to its wall.
- Change the profile settings for the server.
- Verify the name of the server and owner.
- Check virtual machine properties (when applicable — this data is available in the SQLDM Console Newsfeed pane and in SQLDM Mobile on tablet devices).

Server

A server is a SQL Server instance that is monitored by a SQL Diagnostic Manager (SQLDM) application.

How do I see a list of all monitored instances?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **SQL Servers**.

Does it matter where my servers are located?

No. Servers can be located in any geographic location. Within the IDERA Newsfeed or SQLDM Mobile, you can access any server that you would normally be able to monitor using the SQLDM Console.

How can I interact with a server?

You can interact with your monitored servers by:

- Following servers so you can see their status updates in your Most Recent feed.
- Announcing (un)scheduled maintenance activities on the wall of the server so that coworkers know when the server will be unavailable.
- Commenting on server status updates to share your latest findings about an issue.
- Marking the server as a favorite so you can easily and quickly access it.
- Keeping up-to-date when the profile information of a server changes
- Tagging a server by mentioning it in a comment.

How do I get to a servers wall?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **SQL Servers**, and then click the name of the SQL Server instance whose wall you want to view. You do not have to follow the server to view its wall.

How do I follow a server?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **SQL Servers**, and then click **Follow** for each SQL Server instance you want to follow.

Why should I follow a server?

Follow a server if you want to see its status updates and related activity in your feed. To get notified about specific alerts and events concerning the server, assign yourself as the server owner.

Status Updates

A status update is an event, alert, or other message published by an application for a server it is managing. All status updates published by applications about servers you follow are displayed in chronological order, from most recent to oldest, in your Most Recent feed. As more information about the event or alert is collected, the application updates the original status.

You can bookmark or comment on any status update in your feed. This interaction is considered activity. When a status update has activity, it becomes a story. Previous stories and their activity can be tracked using the activity timeline available at the top of your feed.

Story

A story is a post or status update that is experiencing activity. Stories track the life cycle of a post, from its origin to the last activity. For example, when a coworker has commented on a post, or a server has a new status update about the same alert, those activities are added to the story and displayed in chronological order under the original post. As this activity continues, the story is updated to reflect its current state.

Stories display both in your Most Recent feed and on the corresponding server and coworker walls. In your feed, you will see only those stories originated by the applications, coworkers, and servers you are following. You can also choose to follow specific stories shared on the walls of coworkers and monitored servers you are not following.

You can like, comment on, or bookmark any post or server status update.

Over time, stories are groomed from the SQLDM Mobile Repository. You can configure the age limit at which to groom old stories.

Walls

Walls display chronological lists, from most recent to oldest, of shared posts and status updates.

Each server, application, and coworker has a wall. From their walls, you can:

- Share an announcement or ask a question.
- Find a specific story.
- Track activity bursts along the Activity Timeline.
- Follow or unfollow this person or thing.
- Add this person or thing to your favorites.
- See who is following this person or thing.
- See who and what your coworkers are following.
- Use Helpful Links to complete your profile or follow coworkers.

Application Walls

An application wall shows the activity for a specific application. Use the wall to scroll through a chronological list of status updates, from most recent to oldest, that have been shared by this application. You can also use the wall to communicate to anyone following the application.

The application wall lets you:

- Share an announcement or ask a question about this application.
- Find a specific story initiated by the application or someone following the application.
- Track bursts of application activity along the Activity Timeline.
- Follow or unfollow this application.
- Add this application to your favorites.
- See who is following this application.
- Use Helpful Links to complete other tasks.

Coworker Walls

A coworker wall shows the activity for a specific coworker. Use the wall to scroll through a chronological list of posts, from most recent to oldest, that have been shared by this person. You can also use the wall to communicate to anyone following this person.

The coworker wall lets you:

- Share an announcement or ask a question about this person.
- Follow or unfollow this person.
- Follow a story this person shared.
- Find a specific story shared by a specific person.
- Track bursts of activity about this person along the Activity Timeline.
- Add this person to your favorites.
- See who is following this person.
- See who and what this person follows.
- Use Helpful Links to invite other coworkers to join the conversation.

My Wall

Your wall shows the activity initiated by you. Use the wall to scroll through a chronological list of posts, from most recent to oldest, that have been shared by you and anyone who has posted to your wall. You can also use the wall to communicate to anyone following you.

Your wall lets you:

- Share an announcement or ask a question of your followers.
- Find a specific story initiated by you or a coworker who posted to your wall.
- Track your activity bursts along the Activity Timeline.
- See who is following you.
- Review who and what you are following.
- Use Helpful Links to invite other coworkers to join the conversation.

Server Wall

A server wall shows the activity for a specific server. Use the wall to scroll through a chronological list of status updates, from most recent to

oldest, that have been shared by this server. You can also use the wall to communicate to anyone following the server.

The server wall lets you:

- Share an announcement or ask a question about this server.
- Find a specific story shared by the server or someone following the server.
- Follow or unfollow this server.
- Follow a story this server initiated.
- Unfollow a story, removing it from your Most Recent feed.
- Track bursts of server activity along the Activity Timeline.
- Add this server to your favorites.
- See who is following this server.
- Use Helpful Links to complete other tasks.

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Navigate SQLDM Mobile Dashboards

SQLDM Mobile helps you diagnose and fix SQL Server performance issues at any time from your smart phone or other mobile devices.

Here, all the options that are available to you through SQLDM Mobile dashboards:

- Active alerts
- Database details and databases dashboard
- Home Page
- Key resource metrics
- My servers
- SQLDM Dashboard
- Session
- SQL Server Agent

Active alerts

SQLDM Mobile tracks the active alerts for the SQLDM operations you are monitoring. The Active Alerts view provides a summary of each active alert so you can easily triage the corresponding performance issues. The alert summary includes the alert name and description, as published by SQLDM.

To get to the Active Alerts view for each section, tap the Dashboard tab and tap the alert area you want to review. The following alerts are displayed this dashboard:

- Operational Active alerts.
- Queries Active alerts.
- Services Active alerts.
- Logs Active alerts.
- Custom Active alerts.



All the active alerts displayed in the SQLDM Mobile are arranged by severity.

To see alert details, such as the affected SQLDM component and the complete alert message, tap the active alert for more information.

You can get the server profile view by tapping the **Dashboard** tab and then tap the status of active alert you want to explore.

Database details and databases dashboard

Database details

The Database view displays key performance metrics for the selected database, such as:

- Type of database (user or system) and its status
- Total number of sessions connected to this database
- Total number of user tables in this database
- Size of the database data file versus the amount of disk space available for it to grow, and the percentage of free space used
- Size of the database log file versus the amount of disk space available for it to grow, and the percentage of free space used
- When the oldest open transaction started
- When the last backup of this database occurred
- Any alerts that SQLdm has generated about this database

The Databases view lists all of the user and system databases hosted by the selected SQL Server instance, and provides a status summary for each database that includes the overall health and total number of connected sessions.

You can swipe this list to quickly assess the health of the server or search for a specific database whose performance concerns you.

To see more performance metrics about a database, tap the appropriate database in the list.

Database dashboard

The databases view lists all of the user and system databases hosted by the selected SQL Server instance, and provides a status summary for each database that includes the overall health and total number of connected sessions.

You can swipe this list to quickly assess the health of the server or search for a specific database whose performance concerns you.

To see more performance metrics about a database, tap the appropriate database in the list.

Home Page

The Home Page provides shortcuts to the key features available in SQLDM Mobile, as well as quick access to your favorite coworkers and servers.

To access to your home page, log in to SQLDM Mobile and tap **Home** on the action menu in the upper right hand corner of your screen.

In the Home Page you can perform the following actions:

- Assess the health of your servers.
- Get the latest updates from your Most Recent feed.
- View notifications about recent activity.
- Check for updates on bookmarked stories.
- Use the directory to discover which people and things are registered to SQLDM Mobile.
- Go to your wall to post a status update.
- See what is happening with your favorites.

Key resource metrics

The Resources view gives you access to the key metrics you need to monitor for optimal resource performance.

You can view the current value of these metrics or plot them from now up to 12 hours in the past. These charts can help you identify performance patterns or unexpected peaks in activity.

- 30 minute period, with a data point every 5 minutes.
- 1 hour period, with a data point every 10 minutes.
- 12 hour period, with a data point at each refresh interval (by default, every 6 minutes).

 Some resource metrics are OS metrics. To successfully monitor OS metrics, ensure OLE Automation is enabled on the monitored SQL Server instance and in the SQLDM Console.

Summary

The Summary filter presents key metrics representing the most important performance indicators across all resources. When this server is a virtual machine (VM), the Summary filter displays the CPU and memory usage consumed by the VM workload.

- Response Time (in milliseconds)
- CPU Usage
 - SQL Server usage (percentage)
 - Total usage (percentage)
- Memory Usage
 - Used by SQL Server (in kilobytes)
 - Allocated by SQL Server processes (in kilobytes)
- Disk Busy (percentage)
- VM CPU Usage (percentage)
- VM Memory Usage (percentage)

CPU Metrics

The CPU filter presents key metrics representing the most important performance indicators for the processors on this server.

- CPU Usage
 - SQL Server (percentage)
 - Total (percentage)
- Processor Queue Length (size)
- Processor Time
 - Privileged (percentage)
 - User (percentage)
- Call Rates
 - Compiles (number of, per second)
 - Re-Compiles (number of, per second)
 - Batches Received (number of, per second)

Disk Metrics

The Disk filter presents key metrics representing the most important performance indicators for the physical disk on this server.

- SQL Server Physical I/O
 - Page Reads (average number per second)
 - Page Writes (average number per second)
 - Checkpoint Writes (average number per second)
 - Lazy Writer Writes (average number per second)
 - Read Ahead Pages (average number per second)

- SQL Server Physical I/O errors (number of)
- Disk Reads Per Second (number of)
- Disk Transfers Per Second (number of)
- Disk Writes Per Second (number of)
- Disk Milliseconds Per Read (average time spent per disk read, in milliseconds)
- Disk Milliseconds Per Transfer (average time spent per transfer operation, in milliseconds)
- Disk Milliseconds Per Wait (average time spent waiting for process to finish, in milliseconds)

Memory Metrics

The Memory filter presents key metrics representing the most important performance indicators for your server memory.

- Memory Usage
 - Used by SQL Server (in kilobytes)
 - Allocated by SQL Server processes (in kilobytes)
 - Total Used (percentage)
- Paging (number of paging operations per second)
- Buffer Cache Hit Ratio (percentage)
- Procedure Cache Hit Ratio (percentage)
- Page Life Expectancy (in seconds).

Session Metrics

The Session filter presents key metrics representing the most important performance indicators for sessions connected to this server.

- Response Time (in milliseconds)
- Active Sessions (number of)
- Blocked Sessions
 - Block Sessions (number of)
 - Lead Blockers (number of)
 - Total Deadlocks (number of)
- Packets Sent (number of)
- Packets Received (number of)
- Batches Received (number of)

My Servers

The My Servers view shows a summary of all the monitored SQL Servers you monitor and their current health. Critical servers are marked with a red X while servers in good health are marked with green checks. This helps you to identify which instances are in critical state and focus your attention on the servers that they need immediate attention.



Use the filter control to group your servers by severity or by the servers you are following.

You load this view by default when you log on to SQLDM Mobile using either a mobile device or your smartphone. Also, you can access this view from the SQLDM Mobile home page by tapping **My Servers**. Then, tap an individual server to access its dashboard.

Server dashboard charts

The Charts version of the Dashboard tab on the Server view is modeled after the Server Overview in the SQLdm Console. This duplication allows you to track the same performance metrics from the same charts whether you are at your desktop or away from your environment. Consistent monitoring is key to understanding the true performance and status of your SQL Server instances.

These charts are grouped, per performance category, into the following dashboards:

- Cache
- CPU
- Databases
- Disk
- Lock Waits
- Memory
- Network
- Server Waits
- Sessions

To get more information about the metrics in a specific chart, tap the chart to drill down to the associated, detailed views. On the server profile view, tap the **Dashboard** tap. The charts version loads by default on tablet devices and on your desktop browser. To get to the traditional Server Dashboard tap the **status** link located next to the server status.



The chart server view is not available on small form devices such as smart phones.

Server dashboard status

The Status version of the Dashboard tab on the Server view provides a quick synopsis of the health of the server you are monitoring. From this view, you can:

- See the overall server status (as of the last refresh date and time).
- View a summary of active alerts.
- Choose to see specific alerts by severity.
- Get health status of key performance metric areas, such as sessions and memory.
- Choose to see specific performance metrics by area.
- Review the server properties, such as the host operating system, how many databases are managed by this server, the corresponding virtual machine properties (when applicable), and whether OS metrics are being collected by SQLDM for this server.

On the server profile view, tap the **Dashboard** tab, the status version loads by default on smart phone devices. On other devices, such as tablets and desktop browser tap the **Status** link on the Dashboard tab.

You can check the current alert status without waiting until the next scheduled refresh. In the action menu, tap the **Refresh Alerts** option.

SQLDM Dashboard

The SQLDM Dashboard view in SQLDM Mobile displays the overall health of the servers monitored by your SQLDM application. You can assess server health by its status or by alphabetical order.

Each server summary displays the three most recent alerts. Simply, tap the server summary to open the server dashboard view. To get to the SQLDM dashboard from your directory, tap the **SQL Diagnostic Manager** icon.

Sessions

The Session view displays the following information about the session you selected:

- The user and application that initiated the session.
- The start time of the session.
- The date and time of the last activity in the session.
- The last SQL statement executed by this session.



In this view, you can kill a user session to prevent ongoing or escalating performance issues.

Sessions by type

The sessions view displays sessions per the selected type and provides a summary of their current status. Each session summary includes the following metrics:

- Session ID
- Name of the database user whose credentials are being used to execute statements or operations on this server
- Name of the database being used by this session
- Name of the application or job that initiated this session
- Total amount of I/O – disk reads and writes — initiated by actions taken during this session
- Total amount of CPU time required to process actions taken during this session
- Total amount of memory that is allocated to this session

The following are the type of sessions you can view:

- All active sessions
- All blocked sessions
- All blocking sessions
- Any session that is caught in a blocking chain
- Top 10 sessions consuming the most CPU
- Top 10 sessions consuming the most I/O
- Top 10 sessions consuming the most memory
- Top 10 sessions that are waiting for a resource

Also, you can access to the block chain view. This view displays a hierarchical list of the order in which sessions are blocked. The list starts with the lead blocker and expands the subsequently blocked sessions. In this way, you can see the relationships between blocking and blocked sessions and determine how extensive is the block.

Tap the blocked or blocking session you want, to view more details.



In SQLDM Mobile, session performance metrics, including the number of sessions, are collected and displayed in real-time as you navigate from view to view. The connection lifespan of a session is typically brief, that may cause discrepancy between sessions.

Sessions Dashboard

The Dashboard tab on the Sessions view presents the most important performance indicator for sessions.

You can view the current value of these metrics from now up to 24 hours in the past. This allows you to identify performance patterns or unexpected peaks in activity.

- 30 minute period, with a data point every 5 minutes
- 1 hour period, with a data point every 10 minutes
- 12 hour period, with a data point at each refresh interval (by default, every 6 minutes)
- 24 hour period, with a data point at each refresh interval (by default, every 6 minutes)

Metrics available from this dashboard tab include:

- Response Time (in milliseconds)
- Clients (number of clients connected)
- Sessions
 - Active Sessions (number of)
 - Idle Sessions (number of)
 - System Sessions (number of)
- Block sessions
 - Blocked Sessions (number of)
 - Lead Blockers (number of sessions that are the lead, or head, of a blocking chain)
 - Total Deadlocks (number of)

Sessions details

The Details tab on the Sessions view provides a launch-pad-like interface that lets view more details about a session.

- **Active User Sessions** - Lists all active sessions initiated by database users on this server, providing a performance summary for each session and a link to detailed session properties. From that view, you can also kill a user session.
- **Blocked** - Lists all blocked sessions on this server, providing a performance summary for each session and a link to detailed session properties. From that view, you can also kill the blocked session.
- **Blocking** - Lists all blocking sessions on this server, providing a performance summary for each session and a link to detailed session properties. From that view, you can also kill the blocking session.
- **Blocking Chain** - Displays the hierarchical relationship between the blocking sessions and the blocked sessions, from the session that started this blocking chain to the most recently blocked session affected by it.
- **Top CPU Consumers** - Lists the 10 sessions that are consuming the most processing resources on this server, providing a performance summary for each session and a link to detailed session properties. From that view, you can also kill the session.
- **Top I/O Consumers** - Lists the 10 sessions that are creating the highest I/O load on this server, providing a performance summary for each session and a link to detailed session properties. From that view, you can also kill the session.
- **Top Memory Consumers** - Lists the 10 sessions that have allocated the most SQL Server memory on this server, providing a performance summary for each session and a link to detailed session properties. From that view, you can also kill the session.
- **Top Waiting Sessions** - Lists the 10 sessions that have been waiting the longest time (in seconds) for a resource to become available to execute their statements or commands.

SQL Server Agent

The SQL Server Agent tab on the Services view displays the overall status of the SQL Server Agent as well as a status summary for each job. Swipe down the list to quickly see which jobs are currently running, which are scheduled to run later, and which have failed.

You can filter the list to show only those jobs that are running or have failed, or search for a specific job. You can also stop or restart the SQL Server Agent from this tab.

The Agent Job view provides detailed information about the job properties, the status of its last run, and its performance history. You can also stop or restart the selected job from this view.

Tap the job you want to see detailed Agent Job information.

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Customize your experience

You can customize your IDERA Newsfeed experience to match your management style and monitoring needs.

The following features are available for customization:

- Add servers and coworkers to the SQLDM Mobile home page.
- Follow the people and the servers you want.
- Use notifications to keep you up-to-date about specific server or coworker activity.

Add servers and coworkers to the SQLDM Mobile Home Page

By adding servers and coworkers to your favorites list, you create shortcuts from the SQLDM Mobile home page to their walls. These shortcuts give you quick and easy access to recent status updates and posts from your mobile device when you are out of the office or stuck in a meeting. With SQLDM Mobile, no matter where you are, you can stay up-to-date about mission-critical SQL Server instances throughout your environment.

To add favorites using the IDERA Newsfeed:

1. From the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click **Edit Favorites**.
2. For each server or coworker you want to add, click **Favorite**.

To add favorites using SQLDM Mobile:

1. On the SQLDM Mobile home page, tap **Directory**.
2. Filter your list to show either Coworkers or SQL Servers.
3. Tap the name of the person or thing you want to add as a favorite.
4. On the action menu of the Wall view, click **Add Favorite**.

Change who and what you follow

Changing who and what you follow can completely change your IDERA Newsfeed experience. When you follow specific servers or coworkers, the IDERA Newsfeed Platform publishes their status updates and posts in your Most Recent feed. By selecting the instances you need to monitor and those coworkers with whom you frequently interact, you can ensure your feed contains the most relevant information you need to perform daily tasks and catch unexpected issues before they become crises.

How do I follow someone or something?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click either **Coworkers** or **Applications** or **SQL Servers**, and then click **Follow** next to the name of the coworker, application, or server you want to follow.

How do I stop following someone or something?

In the Newsfeed navigation pane of the SQLDM Console, click either **Coworkers** or **Applications** or **SQL Servers**, and then click **Unfollow** next to the name of the person or thing you no longer want to follow.

Change your Notification Settings

When configuring your notification settings, identify the type of activity about which you want to receive notifications, and then enable the corresponding notification settings.

Ensure you get notified when specific activity occurs

Your Goal	Your Activity	Notification Settings You Should Enable
Track all activity on a critical issue	Bookmark the related story	Comments on a story you have bookmarked
Get a play-by-play account of how your team is resolving an active issue	Comment on the related story	Comments after you comment on a story
Learn about activity on a server you own	Own a server	Comments on a post on the wall of something you own Mentions something you own in a post or comment Posts a status update for something you own
Get an answer to your question about a specific issue	Comment on the related story	Comments after you comment on a story

Know when a coworker's contact information or profile name changes	Follow the coworker	Profile changes for people you follow
Confirm that your coworkers agree with your suggestion	Comment on the related story	Likes your post or comment

Ensure someone else gets notified

Your Goal	Your Activity	Notification Settings Your Coworker Should Enable
Start a conversation	Post to your coworker's wall.	Posts on your wall.
Assign an issue to a team member	Mention your coworker in a comment you add to a story.	Mentions you in a post or comment.
Ask your coworker a question about a server	Either mention your coworker in a post you add to the server's wall, or mention the server in a post you add to your coworker's wall.	Posts on the wall of something you own. Mentions you in a post or comment. Mentions something you own in a post or comment.

How do I change my notification settings?

To change which notifications you receive, click **Edit Settings** in the My Notifications view in the SQLDM Console.

How do I disable notification emails?

Deselect the Enabled checkbox for the Send notifications to setting on the My Notifications view in the SQLDM Console. When this setting is disabled, the SQLDM Mobile & Newsfeed Service will no longer send you notification emails about activity for the people and things you follow. You can continue to review your most recent notifications using the My Notifications view.

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Tips and tricks

There are several ways you can use SQLDM Mobile with IDERA Newsfeed to make your life as a SQL Server DBA easier. The following tips and tricks can interest you:

- Announce maintenance plans
- Ignore specific stories
- Search for the stories you want
- Inform your coworkers about your server status
- Use bookmarks to track critical servers
- Kill a session remotely
- Run queries to fix issues on remote servers
- Start or stop a service remotely

Announce maintenance plans

You can easily announce upcoming maintenance plans for a monitored SQL Server instance.

- **Announce a server maintenance** - you can post in a server wall, mentioning key coworkers who can be affected, in the wall of your team leader, mentioning the server, or you can post to your own wall, mentioning the server and key coworkers.
- **Announce an application maintenance**- You can post on the application wall or on the wall of your team leader, mentioning the application.

Who gets notified?

Your Action	Who Gets Notified
Post to the wall of the server,mentioning key coworkers.	The server owner and the coworkers you mentioned.
Post to the wall of an application.	The application owner.
Post to the wall of your team leader, mentioning the server.	The team leader and the server owner.
Post to the wall of your team leader, mentioning an application.	The application owner.
Post to your own wall, mentioning the server and key coworkers.	The server owner and the coworkers you mentioned.

Ignore specific stories

You can easily ignore specific stories by unfollowing them. Unfollowing a story removes the story from your Most Recent Feed. You can unfollow a story even though you are following the server or person who initiated the story.

How do I ignore specific stories?

Find the story in your Most Recent Feed and then click the X next to the story summary.

How do I follow a story later?

If the ignored story becomes important later and you want to follow it again, click Follow in the story summary on the application, server, or the wall of your coworker. Also, you can bookmark a story, so you can access it later.

Search for specific stories

To search a specific story, you can easily revisit performance issues and see how they were resolved. You can search for current and past stories even if they were originated by servers or coworkers you are not following. Also, you can use the activity timeline to find stories that occurred on specific dates, or use bookmarks to track stories.

How do I access the Search feature?

In the SQLDM Console, the Search feature is available at the top of each view of the IDERA Newsfeed interface.

Inform your coworkers about your server status

You can easily warn your coworkers about a critical server status by mention them in a comment on the related status update from the server, post to their walls, or post to the server wall and mention your coworker in the post.

Use bookmarks to track critical servers

Following the actions you can perform when bookmarking a specific story:

- Quickly access to a critical issue without having to scroll through your Most Recent Feed.
- Compile an informal to-do list of issues you want to track over the course of the day or period of time.
- Keep and ongoing, historical record of important issues and their solutions.

When a story is bookmarked, it is permanently saved so you can always return to it later. You can configure the IDERA newsfeed to send you notifications when activity occurs on a bookmark.

 The bookmarked stories are not groomed.

Kill a session remotely

You can use SQLDM Mobile to kill a session that is currently connected to a remote SQL Server database.

Following are the steps to kill a session:

1. Navigate to the **Dashboard tab** for the affected server.
2. Under Areas, tap **Sessions**.
3. On the Sessions view, tap the **Details** tab.
4. On the Details tab, click the type of session you want to kill.
5. On the Sessions view, swipe or search for the specific session, and then tap it.
6. On the Session view, click **Kill Session**.

Run queries to fix issues on remote servers

You can use SQLDM Mobile to run custom, ad-hoc queries on remote SQL Server instances. SQLDM Mobile also provides several default query templates that perform common administrative tasks on the target database.

The custom queries that you run frequently in your environment, you can save them as templates to rerun later. All query templates can be used by any SQLDM Mobile user. Creating query templates also lets your team easily use approved queries that have been tested and optimized for your environment.

Run a query

To run a query, specify the following parameters, and then tap **Run Query**.

- Select target SQL Server instance
- Select target database (SQLDM Mobile will run your query against the master system database, by default)
- Choose appropriate query template (optional)
- Limit result set to a specific number of rows

When can I run a query?

You can access the Run Query feature from the action menu on any server view in SQLDM Mobile, letting you immediately address a performance issue or resolve an alert.

Does SQLDM Mobile log the queries that are run against monitored servers?

Yes. SQLDM records every query you run in the application event log. Each log entry includes the following information:

- Version of the browser that sent the query
- Date and time when the query was run
- Whether the query belongs to a sequence of batches
- T-SQL code used in the query

Can I use the GO keyword in my query?

Yes. The GO keyword is supported by the Run Query feature.

What is a query template?

A query template is a T-SQL script saved to the SQLDM Mobile Repository. You can use the default query template to get started, and then later save your own query templates for customized troubleshooting and issue resolution.

SQLDM Mobile provides the following default template:

Template name	What it does?
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Backup History	Checks when the most recent backup occurred on each database hosted by the selected SQL Server instance, and then calculates how many days have passed since that operation was run. Both values are returned, along with the name of the corresponding database.
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How do I create a query template?

You can save your own query template that contains a T-SQL script you frequently use.

1. Type the appropriate T-SQL code into the query text box.
2. Tap the **Template** pull-down menu, and then tap the **Save As** template option.
3. Type a new name, and then tap **Save**.

Can I delete a template I no longer need?

Yes. Use the **Template** pull-down menu to select the template you want to delete, and then tap the **Delete** template option.

Start or stop a service remotely

You can use SQLDM Mobile to start or stop a SQL Server Agent service that is located on a remotely monitored server.



When the selected service is running on a virtual SQL Server instance (A SQL Server instance hosted by a Windows Server cluster), you cannot stop or start the service using SQLDM. Instead, use the native Microsoft SQL Server tools to manage this service.

Follow these steps, to stop or start a service:

1. Navigate to the Dashboard tab for the affected server.
2. Under Areas, tap **Services**.
3. On the Services view, tap the **SQL Server Agent** tab.
4. Under Agent Status, move the toggle to either Stop or Start.

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Monitor SQL Server Performance

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to analyze the performance of your monitored SQL Server instances from My Views and from the Dashboard view.

See the general status of all your monitored SQL Server instances

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Today view allows you to view the status of all your monitored SQL Server instances, including a listing of all your active alerts.

Get the configuration properties of all your monitored SQL Server instances

The Server Configuration Properties view allows you to view the important configuration settings for all of your monitored SQL Server instances. While you manage these settings in different areas of SQL Diagnostic Manager, you can see a current list of all of your instances and their properties settings in one view.

Get an overview of a group of SQL Server instances

My Views allows you to monitor either specific groups of SQL Server instances, or all groups. This overview includes monitors that allow you to view several important specifics, see at-a-glance if there are any problems, and drill down to detailed metrics for each component on the SQL Server instance.

Get an overview of a specific SQL Server instance

The Dashboard view provides a graphical representation of the activity on your SQL Server instance. This dashboard allows you to diagnose issues that are inter-related, using quick links to see the associated details and review possible solutions to specific issues.

Interact with the selected SQL Server instance using IDERA Newsfeed

On each server view, you can interact with the selected SQL Server instance by either:

- Viewing the server profile
- Posting to the server's wall
- Following the server

For more information, see the [IDERA Newsfeed Help](#).

Launch SQL Workload Analysis

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to launch SQL Workload Analysis in context of your monitored SQL Server instance from both, the desktop client and the IDERA Dashboard.

The icon  located on the top-right side of the SQLDM desktop console screen is available when your instance is registered in SQL Workload Analysis as well.

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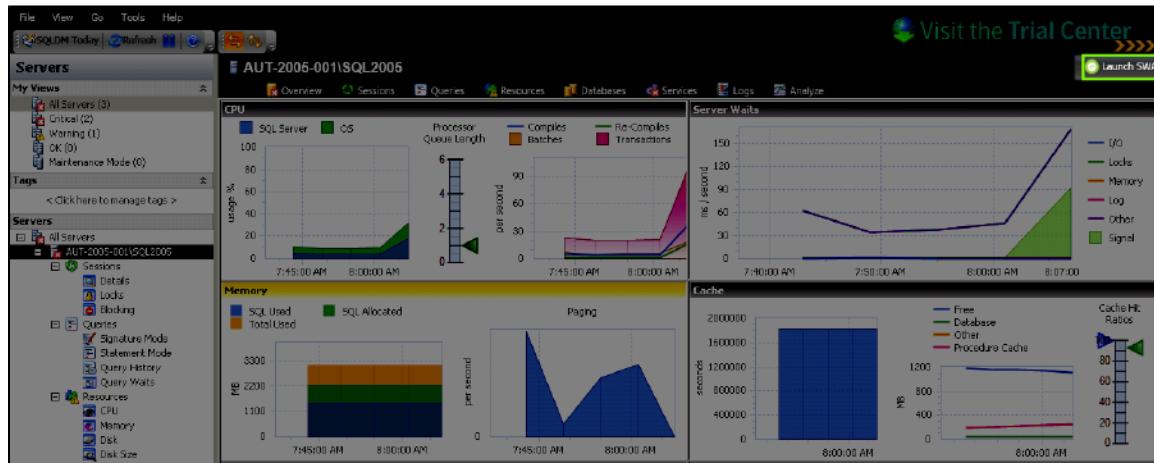
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Launch SQL Workload Analysis

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to launch SQL Workload Analysis in context of your monitored SQL Server instance from both, the desktop client and the IDERA Dashboard. This icon is located on the top-right side of your monitored server screen.

 SQL Diagnostic Manager only displays the Launch SWA button for those instances that are also registered in SQL Workload Analysis.

SQL Workload Analysis provides a granular breakdown of the SQL Server wait states with easy drill-down to isolate problems quickly. View real-time and historical data to help tune queries and actionable recommendations to improve performance. For more information, see the [SQL Workload Analysis Online Help](#).



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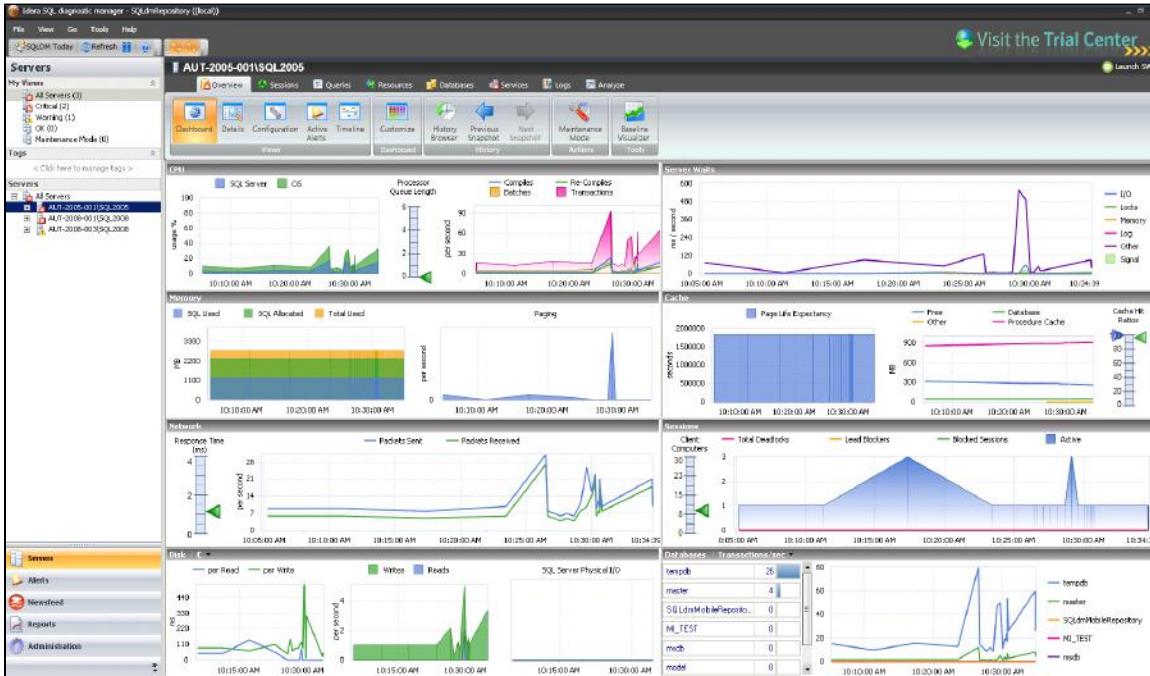
Monitor instances

The Overview tab contains the following views:

- Dashboard view where you can see an overview of the instance.
- Details view that lets you create charts with the specific data items you need.
- Configuration view that allows you to view the configuration information of your SQL Server.
- Active Alerts view where you can see all outstanding alerts for this instance.
- Timeline view where you can see a timeline of events as they occurred on this instance.

Access the Overview tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Overview tab. The first access path is simply by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance. The Overview tab is the default view when you first click an instance. The second access path is used when you are on a different tab within an instance. In this situation, click the Overview tab.



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Navigate to your SQL Server instances

The Server tree contains all the SQL Server instances for the selected view, and allows you to drill down to the specific SQL Server components. Selecting these components opens corresponding views, providing detailed information.

The Server tree also displays [tags](#), which are a way of labeling and organizing servers. The tree shows the defined tags and highlights when servers within the tag are in an alert state. Select a tag to show a filtered view of the servers within that tag.

View alerts on the Server tree

SQL Server instances in the Server tree also display status icons. When a SQL Server instance is associated with a warning or critical metric icon, use your mouse cursor to hover over the server name to view the top three associated alerts. This feature allows you to prioritize your SQL Server instances and the work that you need to perform.

Refresh your alerts

A full refresh of alerts excluding table fragmentation occurs in the following circumstances even if longer collection intervals are defined:

- when the collection service starts
- when the collection service receives a new workload, such as redirecting the Management Service to a new Repository
- when you add a SQL Server for collection
- when a SQL Server resumes from Maintenance Mode
- when a user selects Refresh Alerts

This refresh does not cause collection of non-alertable data, nor cause collection of anything that is disabled.

Overview tab features

When you select a SQL Server instance in the Server tree, the Overview tab opens.

The Overview tab contains the following options:

Dashboard

The [Dashboard](#) view is where you can see a graphical representation of the most important metrics for the selected SQL Server instance.

Details

The [Details](#) view lets you view the values of each data item collected and create charts with the specific data items you need.

Configuration

The [Configuration](#) view allows you to view and control the operational configuration of the monitored SQL Server instance.

Active Alerts

The [Active Alerts](#) view allows you to view and control the active alerts as of the most recent data collection.

Timeline

The [Timeline](#) view allows you to view all alerts and maintenance mode events as well as the first monitored event for the selected SQL Server instance.

Other Servers tree features

By right-clicking a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree you can perform the following actions:

Open

Opens the Dashboard view for the selected monitored SQL Server instance.

Refresh Alerts

Gathers the alert status and refreshes the tree view information for the selected monitored SQL Server instance.

Delete

Allows you to delete the SQL Server instance from your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation. When you select **Delete**, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a message asking whether you want to retain the collected data for the SQL Server instance, and it

also allows you to cancel out of the deletion process.



You cannot retrieve collected data once it is deleted from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. Use the Delete option with care.

Maintenance Mode

Allows you to take an individually monitored SQL Server instance offline for scheduled maintenance or other reasons.

Configure Baseline

Allows you to configure the performance baseline for the selected SQL Server instance.

Apply Alert Template

Allows you to select an existing alert template to apply to the selected SQL Server instance.

Configure Alerts

Allows you to specify the alert criteria for each collected metric on the selected SQL Server instance.

Snooze Alerts

Allows you to snooze all the alerts for the selected SQL Server instance instead of selecting the snooze feature for each alert individually.

Resume Alerts

Allows you to resume any alerts set to snooze on the selected SQL Server instance.

Properties

Allows you to view and edit the collection properties of your SQL Server instance.

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Get the SQL Server performance overview

The Dashboard view contains a graphical representation of the activity on your SQL Server instance. This view not only displays the status of your SQL Server instance, but it allows you to diagnose where problems originate.

The Dashboard view is made up of panels, which include additional information for specific metrics in [chart form](#). Hover your mouse cursor over an area within a chart on which you want to get actual statistics. Click a specific metric to drill down for more detailed information. By using the options in the menu available when you right-click over an area, you can configure alerts, view associated help topics and details, print, save the image, or export the dashboard to Microsoft Excel as a .csv file.

You can also customize your Dashboard view to show only those panels that are important to your monitored SQL Server instance. SQL Diagnostic Manager also allows you to save your customized view on a per-instance basis or use the same view for all of your instances. For more information about customizing your Dashboard view, see [Customize your Dashboard view](#).

Access the Dashboard view

You can open the Dashboard view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Overview tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Overview > Dashboard**.

Dashboard view

The Dashboard view is organized with panels that display all the key metrics collected by SQL Diagnostic Manager by category.

The available data panels for the Dashboard view include:

Cache

The [Cache panel](#) tracks the database and procedure processes using a buffer pool of memory on your monitored SQL Server instance, and includes the following charts and gauges:

- Page Life Expectancy
- Areas
- Hit Ratios

CPU

The [CPU panel](#) includes key CPU metrics for your SQL Server instance and the computer that hosts the instance. The metrics displayed in CPU include the following charts and gauges:

- Usage
- Processor Queue Length
- Call Rates

Custom Counters

The [Custom Counters panel](#) tracks selected custom counters for your monitored SQL Server instance. You must have at least one custom counter to view data in this panel.

Databases

The [Databases panel](#) includes key metrics covering the health of the databases on your monitored SQL Server instance. The metrics displayed in Databases include the following charts and gauges:

- Transactions/sec
- Log Flushes/sec
- Reads/sec
- Writes/sec
- I/O Stall ms/sec

Disk

The [Disk panel](#) includes key metrics that monitor the health of the disk of your monitored SQL Server instance. The metrics displayed in Disk include the following charts and gauges:

- Latency
- Throughput
- SQL Server Physical I/O

File Activity

The [File Activity panel](#) includes the top five database files with the highest relative activity since the last refresh of your monitored SQL Server instance. You can select different metrics and display results for all files, or a single database, disk, or file. The available

metrics include:

- Reads/sec
- Writes/sec
- Transfers/sec

Lock Waits

The [Lock Waits panel](#) tracks the total number waits caused when a task is waiting to acquire a lock on your monitored SQL Server.

Memory

The [Memory panel](#) includes key Memory metrics for your SQL Server instance and the computer that hosts the instance. The metrics displayed in Memory include the following charts:

- SQL Server Usage
- SQL Server Paging
- VM Memory Usage
- Host Memory Usage

Network

The [Network panel](#) tracks the performance of the network connection being used by your monitored SQL Server, and includes the following charts and gauge:

- SQL Server Throughput
- VM Network Usage Throughput
- Host Network Usage Throughput
- Response Time

Server Waits

The [Server Waits panel](#) tracks the total number and time spent on waits affecting your monitored SQL Server.

Sessions

The [Sessions panel](#) includes session-specific data items. The metrics displayed in Sessions include the following chart and gauge:

- Activity & Blocking
- Clients

Tempdb

The [Tempdb panel](#) tracks the status of the tempdb database on your monitored SQL Server instance, and includes the following charts and gauge:

- Tempdb Space Used
- Tempdb Contention
- Version Store Cleanup Rate

Virtualization

The [Virtualization panel](#) tracks the performance of the host server that manages your virtual machines and the VM on which the monitored SQL Server instance is running, and includes the following charts and gauge:

- Virtual Machine Memory Areas
- VM Host Memory Areas
- Virtual Machine Disk Usage
- VM Host Disk Usage
- CPU Ready

Understand the Dashboard colors

The following colors are associated with a status for each of the provided panels.

Gray

Indicates the status of the data is normal, or within the thresholds assigned to the metric.

Blue

Indicates the status of the data is at an informational level based on your settings.

Yellow

Indicates the status of the data is at a warning level, or outside the threshold of normal but not yet at the critical status.

Red

Indicates the status of the data is at a critical level and requires immediate action.

Blank metrics on the Dashboard

If a metric on the Dashboard has no value, or displays as blank, SQL Diagnostic Manager is not able to collect the corresponding counter. Causes of this situation include:

- The SQL Diagnostic Manager Console has not captured the metrics. It can take up to two refreshes for this capture to occur.
- OS metrics are disabled. SQL Diagnostic Manager requires direct WMI or OLE automation to collect data.
- If using OLE automation, those procedures are unavailable. SQL Diagnostic Manager is unable to locate required OLE automation stored procedures.
- If connecting to WMI directly, the WMI Service is not running. SQL Diagnostic Manager requires that the WMI service is running on the computer that hosts the SQL Server instance in order to collect OS metrics.
- The counters do not exist on this SQL Server instance.

You can [enable OS metrics monitoring](#) to track the performance of the computers on which your monitored SQL Server instances are hosted.

Refresh your Dashboard data

The Dashboard view is refreshed according to the time set in the **Server View Refresh** field on the Console Options window, which is accessible by clicking **Tools > Console Options**.

Understanding your chart data and refresh interval

SQL Diagnostic Manager charts provide data whether collected real-time or as part of a scheduled collection event. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager displays your chart data, see [Charts](#).

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Customize your Dashboard view

The Dashboard view is customizable per monitored SQL Server instance by selecting the panels that are important to view for that instance. You can customize your Dashboard view for the selected SQL Server instance or as the default for all SQL Server instances added to SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Using the Panel Gallery

When you install SQL Diagnostic Manager, a default Dashboard view is applied to all your SQL Server instances. The Panel Gallery allows you to alter your view so that you can monitor the most important metrics. To access the Panel Gallery, select your preferred SQL server instance from the Servers pane and then click **Customize**. Once in the Dashboard Designer, click a panel in the Panel Gallery for SQL Diagnostic Manager to display additional information about that panel.

Designing a Dashboard view

When you design a Dashboard view, select the metric panels that display the current status and the best information for your selected SQL Server instance. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to create multiple designs, you can create one design with panels specifically for SQL Server 2000 instances and another design for SQL Server 2005 instances. It allows you to create designs that show the most important panels to monitor when certain events trigger alerts.

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to choose from several different layouts of columns and rows for your dashboard design. You can then drag and drop panels from the Panel Gallery to the actual location in the layout where you want that panel to reside. You can also click, hold, and drag panels to re-arrange their location. When you drag a panel to another position and release the mouse button, the panel you moved switches locations with the existing panel. For example, your design includes the CPU panel in the upper left corner and the Sessions panel in the lower right corner. Click, hold, and drag the Sessions panel to the upper left corner, and then release. Note that the Sessions panel is in the upper left corner and the CPU panel is now in the lower right corner. For more information on available designs, see [Design a dashboard view](#).

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes several options for you to use as your Dashboard view. You can also create a design using the available panels, and save the design for other people in your environment to use as their Dashboard view. For more information on available designs, see [Select a dashboard design](#).

Saving a design

Once you are pleased with the selection and positioning of your panels, you can save your design. In the Dashboard Designer, click **Save**. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to name this design, which is then displayed in the Dashboard Gallery. For additional information about saving a dashboard design, see [Save a dashboard design](#).

Understanding how you can apply a dashboard design

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to use a design for a single session of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console, apply a design to a specific monitored SQL Server instance, or apply the layout to any other SQL Server instance including those you add later. You can use a custom Dashboard view in the following situations:

One-time use

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to view a custom layout of your Dashboard view for a single session of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console. For example, an event in one of your instances triggered an alert. You want to watch the metric that includes statistics relating to this alert, so you access the Panel Gallery in the Dashboard Designer. Drag the panel displaying the alert-related statistics to the top-left corner of your layout, and then close the Dashboard Designer. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a message that you made changes to the current design. Click **No** to use this design only until you close this session of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console.

SQL Diagnostic Manager keeps that panel in the position of your Dashboard view until you close the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console session. Even after accessing other areas within SQL Diagnostic Manager, when you return to your Dashboard view, the same panel appears in the same location.

When you no longer want that panel foremost in your Dashboard view, simply close the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console knowing that the default Dashboard view for that instance appears the next time you access SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Set as the default design for one or more instances

While the default Dashboard view includes panels that are important to your monitored SQL Server instances, the panels may not be in the order in which you want or this design does not include all of the panels you want to view. If there are no existing designs you want to use, access the Panel Gallery to select and move the panels you want to the positions that most suit your needs.

When you are done with your design, click **Save** to make sure you can use this design again. Type a unique name for this design, verify that this SQL Server instance appears in the **Selected Servers** area. You can add any other SQL Server instances, select the name of the instance, and then click **Add >** to move the instance to the Selected Servers area. Once your list of selected instances is complete, click **OK**.

Each time you access the Dashboard view for this instance, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the information using this design.

You can also select an existing dashboard design as the default for one or more monitored SQL Server instances. On the Server Overview tab, click **Customize** to open the Dashboard Designer, and click **Select a Dashboard**. Scroll through the available designs and select the one you want to use for the monitored instance. Click **Select** and each time you access the Dashboard view for this instance, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the information in this design.

Set as the default design for all new or unassigned instances

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to select a design to use as the default for all new or unassigned monitored SQL Server instances so that you have a consistent format across all of your monitored SQL Server instances. When saving a dashboard design, check the **Use this dashboard as my default for new or unassigned servers** check box.

Available panels

- Cache panel
- CPU panel
- Custom Counters Panel
- Databases panel
- Disk panel
- File Activity panel
- Lock Waits panel
- Memory panel
- Network panel
- Server Waits panel
- Sessions panel
- Tempdb panel
- Virtualization panel

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Design a Dashboard view

Throughout the day, your monitored SQL Server instances can go through a number of situations including triggered alerts requiring immediate attention. Some events result in multiple alerts, each needing you to keep a close eye on as a resolution is put into place. To help you monitor your SQL Server instances, SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a default Dashboard view that includes commonly-monitored metrics for the selected SQL Server instance.

You can improve the Dashboard view by customizing your view to include those panels most important to you. A customized Dashboard view can help you keep your monitored SQL Server instances from triggering alerts by providing you real-time coverage of crucial metrics.

You can view your current Dashboard view by making the appropriate changes, and then closing the Panel Gallery pane for a full view of your design. Click **Panel Gallery** to toggle the display of the Panel Gallery selection pane. You can also close the Panel Gallery by clicking the close icon in the upper right corner of the pane.

Identify which Dashboard panels you want to include

In the Panel Gallery, each panel includes a brief description and a link to access additional information about that panel. To view the description, click the panel for which you want to view details. SQL Diagnostic Manager also displays a sample graphic showing the kinds of charts and data available in the panel. Click **More info** in the description to access the help topic specifically for that panel.

Note that you can use the same panel more than once in your Dashboard design. Because some panels in the Panel Gallery provide drop-down selections for you to select metrics or other filters, you can use the same panel more than once in your Dashboard. This feature is handy when using panels such as the Databases panel because it allows you to have one Databases panel displaying a selected metric and another Databases panel displaying a different metric. You can do the same with the Disk panel to view the same metrics for different disks at the same time.

Manage your Dashboard view

To change your current Dashboard view:

1. Select the appropriate SQL Server instance from the Servers pane.
2. Click **Customize**. Notice that you are now in the Dashboard tab. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays this tab when you use the Customize feature.
3. *If you want to change the number of panels to display in your view, click **Select Layout**, and then select the number of columns and rows.*
4. Using a drag-and-drop method, move the panels you want to include from the Panel Gallery to the location within the view where you want that panel to reside. You can place the same panel more than once in your view. This feature is important on panels that allow you to select different metrics, such as the Databases panel which offers different measurements per second.
5. Click **Close Designer** once you select and move panels to where you want them to reside.
6. On the confirmation message, click **Yes** to use this design again or apply it to additional SQL Server instances, or click **No** to use this design for only this session of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console. For additional information about saving a dashboard design, see [Save a dashboard design](#).

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Select an existing dashboard design

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes a default Dashboard view and multiple designs with installation. If you want to change your view, you can select each panel specifically for a custom view or you can select from existing layouts that you or another user in your environment created. This feature allows you to share designs as templates that each user can use to save, and then apply to their monitored SQL Server instances.

Select an existing design for your Dashboard view

To use an existing design for your Dashboard view:

1. Select the appropriate SQL Server instance from the Servers pane.
2. Click **Customize**. Notice that you are now in the Dashboard tab. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays this tab when you use the Customize feature.
3. Click **Select a Dashboard**.
4. Scroll through the displayed designs until you find the one you want to use. Click the arrows to scroll through the available designs. Click **All Dashboards** to view designs other users in your environment created and made available for use. This feature allows you to "share" a design that you find effective. Click **Select** when you find the design you want to use. SQL Diagnostic Manager returns you to the Dashboard Designer using your selected design. You can then save this design to use for this SQL Server instance or click **Close Designer** to use this design only during this session of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console. For additional information about saving a dashboard design, see [Save a dashboard design](#).

Delete a Dashboard layout

If you created a layout that you no longer want anyone to use, you can delete that layout from your gallery. Simply click **Select a Dashboard**, scroll to the layout you want to delete, and then click **Delete**. You cannot delete any of the layouts supplied with your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation.

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Save a dashboard design

There are two options when saving a design for your Dashboard view. Check **Use this dashboard as my default for new or unassigned servers** if you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to use this design for all new SQL Server instances and for existing instances that do not have a designated default Dashboard view.

To save a dashboard design:

1. In the Dashboard Designer, click **Save**.
2. Type the name you want for your new design. If you use the name of the existing design, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a message alerting you to the existing design. You can then type a different name or use the same name, replacing the existing design with this new format.
3. Verify that the correct monitored SQL Server instance appears in the Selected Servers area. You can apply this design to additional instances by selecting the instance, and then clicking **Add >** to move the instance from **Available Servers** to **Selected Servers**.
4. Check **Use this dashboard as my default for new or unassigned servers** if you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to use this design as the default Dashboard view for all of your new monitored SQL Server instances and any instance that does not currently have a designated default design.
5. Click **OK**.

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Cache panel

The Cache panel tracks the database and procedure processes using a buffer pool of memory on your monitored SQL Server instance. Unexpected spikes in the buffer and procedure cache may alert you to check that you have enough memory for the current pool to function properly. Chronically high cache metrics may indicate the need for server maintenance, query tuning, or index updates to better handle the ongoing workload. For additional information, see [Manage your procedure cache](#).

If the database cache size seems to be too small for optimal performance and there is very little available memory on the system, adding more memory to the system may increase performance. If there is a lot of available memory on the system and the database cache size is not growing beyond a certain point, the database cache size may be capped at an artificially low limit. Increasing this limit may increase performance.

Page Life Expectancy chart

The **Page Life Expectancy** chart provides the time in seconds that a page remains in the cache or buffer pool. The longer your page stays in the cache, the more likely the chance that SQL Server finds that data quickly without a read of physical media and minimize processing resource use. Use the [Page Life Expectancy Alert](#) to warn you of issues.

Areas chart

The Areas chart displays the usage in megabytes of each type of cache in use.

Metric	Why it is important
Database	Indicates the amount of system memory (in MB) used by the database cache manager to hold commonly-used information from the database file(s) to prevent file operations.
Free	A low amount of free cache indicates a higher risk of performance issues.
Procedure Cache	Indicates the amount of space used to store query plans.
Other	Indicates the amount of space used by other processes.

Cache Hit Ratios gauge

The **Cache Hit Ratios** gauge displays the hit rates of the Buffer and Procedure cache in this SQL Server instance. Use the [Procedure Cache Hit Ratio Alert](#) to warn you of issues.

Available alerts

- [Page Life Expectancy Alert](#)
- [Procedure Cache Hit Ratio Alert](#)

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CPU panel

The CPU panel tracks the performance of the processor used by your monitored SQL Server. Unexpected spikes in CPU usage and call rates may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. Chronically high CPU metrics may indicate the need for server maintenance, query tuning, or index updates to better handle the ongoing workload. For additional information, see [how to get your CPU performance details](#).

Usage chart

The **CPU Usage** chart displays the percentage of processing power in use on the computer that hosts the SQL Server instance over a period of time. The CPU view on the Resources view allows you to track your CPU usage over a period of time, along with other key CPU statistics. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines and collects metrics, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Metric	Why it is important
SQL usage	A higher SQL usage can indicate that SQL Server is spending too much time processing queries.
Total usage	A high total CPU usage can indicate that this server does not have enough resources to adequately process its current workload.
VM usage	A high virtual machine usage can indicate that the processor power allocated to this VM is insufficient for its current workload.
Host usage	A high host server usage indicates the processing power on this host is insufficient to handle the workload of the currently active VMs.

Processor Queue Length gauge

The **CPU Processor Queue Length** gauge displays the current value of the [processor queue length metric](#). Use this metric to determine how much work is waiting on this server. A high processor queue could indicate a blocking session or other performance issues.

Call Rates chart

The **CPU Call Rates** chart breaks down the processor workload into the number of batches, compilations, and transactions completed each second, giving you a detailed view of which activities are resource-intensive.

Metric	Why it is important
Batches/sec	A high throughput rate can indicate a higher risk of network, CPU, and resource issues as the SQL Server performance degrades.
Compiles/sec	A high number of compilations (greater than 100 per second) can indicate a high server workload or that there is more recompilation overhead than necessary.
Re-Compiles/sec	A high re-compilation rate can indicate excessive re-compilation overhead.
Transactions/sec	A high rate of transactions can indicate a higher risk of resource issues, such as blocks or locks, due to the heavier workload.

Differences in statistics

You may notice some difference in your statistics, such as your OS CPU usage being higher than your VM CPU usage. While the hypervisor manages resources efficiently, the demand for physical resources may be greater than what it has to provide. For example, a guest OS on a virtual machine submits a batch of work to a CPU for execution. However, all of the physical CPUs are committed to other work, so there is no physical CPU available on the host to process the work. In this situation, the VM has to wait for a CPU to become available to process its work. While it is waiting, the guest OS is unaware of the wait and assumes that it is simply taking longer for the CPU to process this batch of work, and the OS thinks it is using more CPU power than it is actually using.

Remember that SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the additional overhead of the hypervisor to calculate the VM metrics. In this situation, the hypervisor knows the VM is just waiting for a CPU, so it does not charge the VM for CPU processing power while it is waiting. The result is that the guest OS reports that it is using the additional processing power.

Available alerts

- Host CPU Usage (Percent) Alert
- OS Processor Time (Percent) Alert
- OS Processor Queue Length (Count) Alert

- SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent) Alert
- VM CPU Usage (Percent) Alert

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Custom Counters panel

The Custom Counters panel displays the statistics for a selected custom counter on a monitored SQL Server instance. At least one custom counter must exist on the selected instance for this panel to display any data. Custom counters allow you to include more performance metrics than are provided by SQL Diagnostic Manager. For additional information about custom counters, see [Use custom counters to track metrics](#).

Any alerts affecting the Custom Counters panel depend on the selected custom counter and alert threshold settings.

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Databases panel

The Databases panel tracks the performance of the databases on your monitored SQL Server. Unexpected spikes in database usage may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. This feature offers a number of different metric sets based on your preference, which allows you to view your database transactions, log flushes, reads, writes, or I/O stalls. For each metric set, you can view a list of your top 100 databases sorted by current usage of that metric, and a bar representing the relative size of the associated database. A trends chart displays the same data over a period of time for only your top five databases. For additional information, see [Get the database status summary](#).

Transactions chart (per second)

The **Transactions/sec** chart displays the number of transactions per second occurring on the databases on your SQL Server instance.

Log flushes chart (per second)

The **Log Flushes/sec** chart displays the number of log flushes performed per second and usually matches the number of transactions per second. If you experience a disk bottleneck, review to see if your log flushes greatly outnumbers your transactions.

Reads chart (per second)

The **Reads/sec** chart displays the number of reads per second performed by the databases on your SQL Server instance.

Writes chart (per second)

The **Writes/sec** chart displays the number of writes per second performed by the databases on your SQL Server instance.

I/O stall chart (ms/sec)

The **I/O Stall ms/sec** chart displays the total time per second (in milliseconds) that the databases on your SQL Server instance were waiting on an I/O to complete. Chronically high I/O stall metrics may indicate a disk bottleneck.

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Disk panel

The Disk panel tracks the performance of the disk used by your monitored SQL Server. Unexpected spikes in latency, throughput, or SQL Server IO may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. Chronically high disk metrics can signify an insufficient IO subsystem, or excessive or inefficient IO activity on the server. Use the **Disk** view on the **Resources** tab to track several key disk statistics over a period of time. For additional information, see [Get the disk performance details](#).

Latency chart

The **Disk Latency** chart plots the average time (in milliseconds) required to complete disk reads and writes, tracking the disk IO speed over time.

Metric	Why it is important
Average Disk ms/Read	Higher disk read times impact the ability of SQL queries to retrieve data from your databases.
Average Disk ms/Write	Higher disk write times impact the ability of SQL queries to update your databases, from simple text column modifications to dropping tables.

Throughput chart

The **Disk Throughput** chart plots the number of disk reads and writes over time.

Metric	Why it is important
Disk reads/sec	A high number of disk reads may indicate that the SQL Server is executing poorly-performing queries.
Disk writes/sec	A high number of disk writes may indicate that the SQL Server is running low on allocated memory .

SQL Server Physical I/O chart

The **SQL Server Physical I/O** chart breaks down the SQL Server throughput into its key component pieces, giving you a detailed view of how well SQL Server is processing your data requests and updates.

Metric	Why it is important
Checkpoint writes	A high number of checkpoint writes may indicate that pages are not written to disk quickly enough for optimal performance.
Lazy writer writes	A high number of lazy writer writes may indicate that the SQL Server is running low on allocated memory .
Page Reads	A high number of page reads may indicate that the SQL Server is executing inefficient queries or that you should optimize the database indexes.
Page Writes	A high number of page writes may indicate that the SQL Server is executing inefficient queries or that you should optimize the database indexes.
Read ahead reads	A high number of read ahead reads may indicate that you should tune your query execution plan or that you should defragment the disk.

Available alerts

- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Read Alert
- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Write Alert
- Disk Reads (Per Second) Alert
- Disk Writes (Per Second) Alert

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File Activity panel

The File Activity panel displays the top five database files with the highest relative activity since the last refresh. Available metrics allow you to view the top Reads/sec, Writes/sec, and Transfers/sec activity for all files or a selected database, disk, or file. Unexpected spikes in the amount of file activity may warn you of ineffective or excessive indexing or out-of-date statistics. For additional information, see [View file activity](#).

I/O stall chart (ms/sec)

The **I/O Stall ms/sec** chart displays the total time per second (in milliseconds) that the SQL Server processes were waiting on an I/O to complete. Chronically high I/O stall metrics may indicate a disk bottleneck.

Reads chart (per second)

The **Reads/sec** chart displays the number of physical reads per second the disk sub-system is performing to bring SQL Server database pages into the data (buffer) cache. If the reads rate is excessive for a long period of time, consider taking action to avoid performance issues.

Reads KB chart (per second)

The **Reads KB/sec** chart displays the size of the physical reads per second the disk sub-system is performing to bring SQL Server database pages into the data (buffer) cache.

Total KB chart (per second)

The **Total KB/sec** chart displays the total size of activity per second across all databases on the monitored instance.

Writes chart (per second)

The **Writes/sec** chart displays the number of physical database writes per second the disk sub-system is performing. If the writes rate is excessive for a long period of time, consider taking action to avoid performance issues.

Writes KB chart (per second)

The **Writes KB/sec** chart displays the size of the physical database writes per second the disk sub-system is performing.

Transfers chart (per second)

The **Transfers/sec** chart displays the total number of transfers per second across all databases on the monitored instance. Transfers are the sum of reads and writes. A higher transfer rate indicates a higher risk of resource issues.

When the File Activity panel displays no data

There are circumstances under which the File Activity panel does not display any data. For example, when you lose connection to the Collection Service or SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. Another reason is the lack of collection data points. On new instances, file activity collection occurs once per hour by default. By increasing the length of time shown on the desktop client views, you may be able to see more data points. You can modify the timeframe of data displayed in SQL Diagnostic Manager by clicking **Tools > Console Options** while in the File Activity view and changing the **Keep data for the last** and **Show data for the last** values.

You also can change the database collection interval and grooming options to help you see more data points. Use the **Collect and alert on database metrics** field in the [General tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window](#) to manage your database collection. For grooming options, use the **Groom Sessions, Queries, Deadlocks, Waits, and History Browser data older than** field in the [Grooming Options window](#).



Decreasing the collection interval and grooming your data less often can result in performance issues and require additional storage space in your Repository.

Activity for a new monitored SQL Server instance

The File Activity panel displays results based on activity since the last refresh. You must have two collections to create a point on the graph, three collections to create a line. By default, the database collection interval is set at one hour, which means that the File Activity panel does not show a point until an hour after adding the instance unless you perform a manual refresh. You can refresh and collect data by clicking the **Refresh** button in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Console menu bar.

Activity when using the History Browser

The History Browser allows you to view the state of your SQL Server instance at the time a snapshot occurs, which is every six minutes by default. When using the History Browser with the File Activity panel, note that data may appear in one snapshot but not in others because no file activity occurred during that interval. Remember that file activity data does not appear for the first two hours of monitoring a SQL Server instance because the metrics are based on the activity since the last database refresh.

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Lock Waits panel

The Lock Waits panel tracks the total number waits caused when a task is waiting to acquire a lock on your monitored SQL Server. Unexpected spikes in the number of lock waits may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. Chronically high lock wait numbers may indicate the need for server maintenance, query tuning, or index updates to better handle the ongoing workload. For additional information, see [Analyze locked sessions](#).

Lock Waits chart

The Lock Waits chart displays the number of waits and the request type occurring.

Metric	Why it is important
Database	Indicates the time waiting for a database lock.
Extent	Indicates the time waiting for an extent lock.
File <i>SQL Server 2005 and above only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for a file lock.
HoBT <i>SQL Server 2005 and above only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for a Heap or BTree lock.
Key <i>SQL Server 2000 only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for a key lock.
Key/RID <i>SQL Server 2005 and above only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for a key or RID lock.
Metadata <i>SQL Server 2005 and above only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for a metadata lock.
Object <i>SQL Server 2005 and above only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for an object lock.
Page	Indicates the time waiting for a page lock.
RID <i>SQL Server 2000 only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for a relative identifier (RID) lock.
Table <i>SQL Server 2000 only</i>	Indicates the time waiting for a table lock.

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Memory panel

The Memory panel tracks the usage and availability of memory on your monitored SQL Server computer. Unexpected spikes in memory usage can warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. Chronically high memory metrics may indicate the need for server maintenance, query tuning, or other diagnostics to better handle the ongoing workload. Use the **Memory** view on the **Resources** tab to track key memory statistics over a period of time. For additional information, see [Get memory performance details](#).

SQL Server Usage chart

The **SQL Server Usage** chart compares the amount of memory allocated and used by SQL Server to the total memory consumed by a computer.

Metric	Why it is important
SQL allocated	Indicates how much available memory is allocated to SQL Server from the operating system (SQLOS). Compare this metric to how much memory is actually being used by SQL Server.
SQL used	Indicates how much memory is currently used by SQL Server from the total allocated (SQL allocated) to this application. A higher SQL memory percentage indicates that you may have poorly performing queries or a fragmented database.
Total used	Indicates how much physical memory is used by the operating system (SQL Server and other applications). A higher total memory percentage indicates that the overall workload of the SQL Server computer is too intensive for the available resources.

SQL Server Paging chart

The **SQL Server Paging** chart plots the number of swapped pages per second, over time, as calculated by the [memory paging metric](#).

VM Memory Usage chart

The **VM Memory Usage** chart compares the amount of memory allocated and used by SQL Server to the total memory consumed by this virtual machine. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines and collects metrics, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Metric	Why it is important
Active	Indicates the amount of memory actively used by this virtual machine.
Ballooned	Indicates the amount of memory temporarily reclaimed by the host system for use in other areas. A higher ballooned value indicates that the host server is under memory pressure. Review your load balancing for the host server.
Consumed	Indicates the amount of memory consumed by this virtual machine. This value does not include shared memory or overhead memory for this VM.
Granted	Indicates the amount of physical memory granted by the host to this virtual machine.
Swapped	Indicates the amount of memory swapped to disk by the hypervisor.

Host Memory Usage chart

The **Host Memory Usage** chart compares the amount of memory allocated and used by SQL Server to the total memory consumed on this host server. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines and collects metrics, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Metric	Why it is important
Active	Indicates the amount of memory actively used by all of your VMs on this host server.
Ballooned	Indicates the amount of memory temporarily reclaimed by all of your VMs on the host system for use in other areas. A higher ballooned value indicates that the host server is under memory pressure. Review your load balancing for the host server.

Consumed	Indicates the amount of memory consumed by all of your VMs on this host server. This value does not include shared memory or overhead memory for these VMs.
Granted	Indicates the amount of physical memory granted by the host to all of your VMs.
Swapped	Indicates the amount of memory swapped to disk by the hypervisor.

Available alerts

- Host Memory Usage (Percent) Alert
- O/S Memory Usage (Percent) Alert
- O/S Paging Alert
- SQL Memory Usage (Percent) Alert
- VM Memory Usage (Percent)

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Network panel

The Network panel tracks the performance of the network connection being used by your monitored SQL Server. Unexpected spikes in packet rates and response times may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. Chronically high network metrics may indicate excessive network traffic or a high server workload, which may require you to move some monitored instances to other computers to free up network resources and balance the workload.

SQL Server Throughput chart

The **SQL Server Throughput** chart plots how many packets this SQL Server sends and receives over time.

Metric	Why it is important
Packets received/sec	A consistently high rate may indicate that the packet size is too small.
Packets sent/sec	A consistently high rate may indicate that the packet size is too small.

VM Network Usage Throughput chart

The **VM Network Usage Throughput** chart plots how much data this virtual machine transmits and receives in KB/second over time. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Metric	Why it is important
Transmitted KB/sec	A consistently high rate may indicate that data throughput is saturated. Investigate load balancing your network traffic.
Received KB/sec	A consistently high rate may indicate that data throughput is saturated. Investigate load balancing your network traffic.

Host Network Usage Throughput chart

The **Host Network Usage Throughput** chart plots how much data this host server transmits and receives in KB/second over time. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Metric	Why it is important
Transmitted KB/sec	A consistently high rate may indicate that data throughput is saturated. Investigate load balancing your network traffic.
Received KB/sec	A consistently high rate may indicate that data throughput is saturated. Investigate load balancing your network traffic.

Response Time gauge

The **Response Time** gauge displays the time (in milliseconds) SQL diagnostic manager currently needs to send a simple SQL command to the SQL Server instance, have it processed, and receive the returned result set. This value corresponds to the **SQL Server Response Time** metric.

Available alerts

- [SQL Server Response Time Alert](#)

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Server Waits panel

The Server Waits panel tracks the total number and time spent on waits affecting your monitored SQL Server. Unexpected spikes in the number of server waits may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. Chronically high server wait times may indicate the need for server maintenance, query tuning, or index updates to better handle the ongoing workload. For additional information, see [View server waits](#).

 Server Waits chart data is not available for monitored servers using SQL Server 2000. For SQL Server 2000 users, SQL Diagnostic Manager monitors lock waits.

Server Waits chart

The Server Waits Chart displays the overall wait time for key areas on your monitored SQL Server instance.

Metric	Why it is important
I/O	Indicates the amount of input and output occurring on your SQL Server instance. A consistently high rate may indicate a higher risk of performance issues as the SQL Server processes wait for I/O to become available.
Locks	Indicates the wait time caused by locks on databases hosted by this SQL Server instance.
Log	Indicates the wait time related to database transaction logs.
Memory	Indicates all wait time related to memory operations.
Signal	Indicates that a SQL Server process is waiting for CPU time after the associated resources became available for processing.
Other	Indicates all lock waits not included in other categories and not excluded from monitoring.

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Sessions panel

The Sessions panel tracks the performance of the active and blocked sessions running on your monitored SQL Server. Unexpected spikes in the number of concurrent blocked sessions may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue. Chronically high blocked and deadlocked sessions are a significant performance concern. For additional information, see [Get sessions performance summary](#).

Activity & Blocking chart

The Activity and Blocking chart shows the total number of active sessions on your monitored SQL Server instance and any blocking or deadlocks that may occur between sessions.

Metric	Why it is important
Active	Indicates the number of active sessions on the SQL Server instance.
Blocked Sessions	Indicates the number of sessions on the SQL Server instance being blocked by other sessions holding requested locks.
Lead Blockers	Indicates sessions that block at least one session, which can then block other sessions.
Total Deadlocks	Indicates the total number of deadlocks on the SQL Server instance. A deadlock has no lead blocker and is circular in nature.

Client Computers gauge

The Client Computers gauge displays the total number of unique client computers connected to the SQL Server instance.

Available alerts

- Blocked Sessions Alert
- Client Computers Alert
- Total Deadlocks Alert

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Tempdb panel

The Tempdb panel tracks the status of the tempdb database on your monitored SQL Server instance. Unexpected spikes in the use of tempdb usage and space may warn you to allocate additional space to prevent tempdb issues from causing a performance issue on your server. For additional information, see [how to get the tempdb status summary](#).



Problems with tempdb can cause an entire SQL Server instance to become inoperable.

Tempdb Space Used chart

The Tempdb Space Used chart provides different views of how your database is used over time based on the object type. Tempdb can fill up quickly when you are low on disk space and or have a low maximum size for database growth. In environments where read committed snapshot isolation is in use, long running transactions may also cause rapid growth in tempdb.

Metric	Why it is important
Internal	Indicates the amount of tempdb space used by internal objects.
Mixed	Indicates the amount of tempdb space used by mixed extents.
User	Indicates the amount of tempdb space used by user objects.
Version Store	Indicates the amount of tempdb space used by the version store.

Tempdb Contention chart

The Tempdb Contention chart provides the latch wait time for the allocation pages of your tempdb. These latch waits are associated with performance degradation for the related queries. Latch contention is usually an indication that you should create additional tempdb data files or if you already have multiple files, make adjustments so they are equally sized. For more information about tempdb contention, see [Monitor your tempdb database](#).

Metric	Why it is important
GAM Page	Indicates the latch wait time for the global allocation map pages of tempdb.
PFS Page	Indicates the latch wait time for the page free space pages of tempdb.
SGAM Page	Indicates the latch wait time for the shared global allocation map pages of tempdb.

Version Store Cleanup Rate

The **Version Store Cleanup Rate** gauge displays the current version store cleanup rate and the version generation rate of the data rows necessary to support snapshot isolation. Maintaining a cleanup rate above or equal to the generation rate helps you avoid filling up tempdb. Note that long-running snapshot isolation transactions prevent cleanup of older entries in the tempdb version store, causing growth which can affect performance and cause tempdb to run out of space. When interpreting this gauge, note that version store cleanup occurs only once per minute while generation may be ongoing. For more information about tempdb version store, see [Monitor your tempdb database](#).

Available alerts

- Tempdb Contention Alert
- Version Store Generation Ratio Alert
- Version Store Size Alert

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Virtualization panel

The Virtualization panel tracks the performance of your virtual machine or host, depending on the selection in the panel. Unexpected spikes in virtual memory or disk usage may warn you about the beginning of a serious performance issue indicating the need for server maintenance to better handle the ongoing workload. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines and collects metrics, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).



Note that you can customize your Dashboard view to include two Virtualization panels and add one for your virtual machine and the other for your host.

Virtual Memory Usage chart

The Virtual Memory Usage chart displays the amount of memory allocated and used by SQL Server to the total memory consumed on this VM or host server. The **Resources > Memory** view allows you to track your usage over a period of time, along with other key memory statistics. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines and collects metrics, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Metric	Why it is important
Active	Indicates the amount of active memory used by this virtual SQL Server instance.
Ballooned	Indicates the amount of ballooned memory on this virtual SQL Server instance. A spike in this value alerts you of the low memory status of the host.
Consumed	Indicates the amount of memory consumed by this virtual SQL Server instance.
Granted	Indicates the amount of memory granted to this virtual SQL Server instance.
Swapped	Indicates the amount of swapped memory on this virtual SQL Server instance. A spike in this value alerts you of the low memory status of the host.

CPU Ready Wait Time gauge

The CPU Ready Wait Time gauge displays the current gauge value of the vCPU Ready Time metric available on the Server Details view. Use this metric to determine the length of time that virtual CPU in your virtual machine is waiting on a physical CPU on your host to become available. A spike in this value may indicate over committed physical CPUs on the host server.

Virtual Disk Usage chart

The Virtual Disk Usage chart displays the amount of data read from and written to disk for the VM or host server during the sample interval. The **Resources > Disk** view allows you to track your usage over a period of time, along with other key disk statistics.

Metric	Why it is important
Disk Read	A high number of disk reads may indicate that the VM or host server is executing poorly-performing queries.
Disk Write	A high number of disk writes may indicate that the VM or host server is running low on allocated memory.

Available alerts

- Host Memory Swap Detected Alert
- VM CPU Ready Wait Time (ms) Alert
- VM Memory Swap Detected Alert
- VM Reclaimed/Balloon Memory (KB) Alert

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Get the SQL Server performance details

The Details view displays a list of properties for the selected SQL Server instance, a list of the collected metrics and their characteristics, and provides a chart for you to graphically display metrics selected from the displayed list. For each metric, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the current value, value range for reference, alert status, metric category, thresholds for each alert, and whether the metric is a custom counter. To add a metric to the Details chart, check the check box in the chart column for the appropriate metric.

 All fields highlighted in the **State** column are associated with alerts. Right-click any of these metrics and select **Configure Alerts** to edit the associated thresholds.

Access the Details view

You can open the Details view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Overview tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Overview > Details**.

SQL Server instance properties area

The following properties are displayed for the selected monitored SQL Server instance.

Version

Indicates the current SQL Server version including service pack and build information on this SQL Server instance.

Edition

Indicates the current SQL Server edition, including Enterprise, Business Intelligence, or Standard, installed on this SQL Server instance.

Running

Indicates the timestamp associated with the most recent restart of this SQL Server instance.

Clustered

Indicates whether this SQL Server instance is part of a cluster. If it is part of a cluster, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the name of the active node.

Processors

Indicates the total number of processors associated with this SQL Server instance and how many of these processors are currently in use.

Host

Indicates the name of the server hosting this SQL Server instance.

Host OS

Indicates the current operating system on the server hosting this SQL Server instance.

Host Memory

Indicates the total amount of memory on the server hosting this SQL Server instance.

Databases

Indicates the current number of databases on this SQL Server instance.

Data Size

Indicates the current size of the data on this SQL Server instance.

Log Size

Indicates the current size of the log files on this SQL Server instance.

VM Name

Indicates the name of the virtual machine on which this monitored SQL Server instance is running.

Virtualization Host Server

Indicates the name or IP address of the virtualization host server on which this virtual machine is running.

Host Memory

Indicates the total amount of memory on the host server on which this virtual machine is running.

Host Physical Processors

Indicates the total number of physical processors associated with the host server on which this virtual machine is running.

Host Logical Processors

Indicates the total number of logical processors associated with the host server on which this virtual machine is running. The number of logical processors is different from the number of physical processors only if the CPU on the host server supports Hyper-Threading.

Understanding your chart data and refresh interval

SQL Diagnostic Manager charts provide data whether collected real time or as part of a scheduled collection event. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager displays your chart data, see [Charts](#).

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Monitor SQL Server configuration settings

The Configuration view allows you to view the SQL Server configuration settings for the selected SQL Server instance. When diagnosing problems with SQL Server performance it is helpful to see how it is configured. In addition, SQL Diagnostic Manager offers the ability to edit some configuration settings, depending on the option selected.

Access the Configuration view

You can open the Configuration view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Overview tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Overview > Configuration**.

To edit a configuration setting:

1. Select an option from the list.
2. Click the **Edit Value** hyperlink in the Details pane.
3. Enter the new value.
4. Click **OK**.

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Edit your configuration value

The Edit Configuration Value window allows you to enter a new value for the selected SQL Server instance configuration option. Any change to the selected value does not take effect until you restart the selected SQL Server instance.

Access the Edit Configuration Value window

You can access the Edit Configuration Value window by selecting an option, and then click the **Edit Value** option located in the Details pane. SQL **Diagnostic Manager** identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more > >](#)

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View active alerts for this instance

The Active Alerts view allows you to view a list of all the active alerts as of the last data collection. Click any alert in the list to view details at the bottom of the window.

Access the Active Alerts view

You can open the Active Alerts view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Overview tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Overview > Active Alerts**.

Available actions

The Active Alerts view includes the **12 Hour Forecast** option to display the likelihood an alert is generated at a given time during the day, broken down into two-hour segments. This information helps you know on which areas you should concentrate your focus to avoid problems within your SQL Server environment.

In addition to providing the ability to see all your active alerts in a single window, the Active Alerts view allows you to perform the following functions via the right-click context menu for each alert:

- Open the Real Time view for more information on the metric that caused the alert.
- Open the Historical view to review the history of the metric that caused the alert. The **Show Historical View** option is not available for all alerts.
- Open the Show Details view for more information on the metric that caused the alert. The **Show Details View** option is not available for all alerts.
- Open the SQL Diagnostic Manager online help to the topic for the selected alert.
- Clear the selected alert or clear all alerts of the selected type for this SQL Server instance. The **Clear Alert** and **Clear All Alerts of this Type for this Instance** options are not available for all alerts.
- Open the [alert configuration for the metric](#).
- [Snooze the alert](#) for a set period of time.
- Collapse or expand all of the displayed alert groups. This option is available only when you use the **Group By Box** functionality.
- You can also print, export results to Microsoft Excel, and copy the alert information to your Clipboard for additional use.

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Get a 12-hour forecast of alert activity

Using current and historical data, SQL Diagnostic Manager uses statistical analysis to estimate the likelihood that an event generates a particular alert. This forecasting lets you proactively focus on certain areas in your SQL Server environment and prevent problems from occurring.

SQL Diagnostic Manager begins building forecasting models once you receive three critical or warning alerts for a given metric.

The 12 Hour Forecast is separated into two-hour segments. Each two-hour segment displays the chance of an alert occurrence. Click the associated percentage chance to see the alert forecast details. This window displays the alerts that may occur over the two-hour time segment.

12 Hour Forecast icons

Icon	Description
	OK - There is a low chance (less than 20%) that a warning or critical alert occurs in the two-hour time segment leading to the forecast time.
	Warning - There is a moderate likelihood (less than 50%) that a critical alert occurs, or a high likelihood (50% or higher) that a warning alert occurs, in the two-hour time segment leading to the forecast time.
	Critical - There is a very high likelihood (50% or higher) that a critical alert occurs in the two-hour time segment leading to the forecast time.

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Alert forecast details

The Alert Forecast Details window displays the Server, Alert Metric, the likelihood the alert occurs, and the type of alert expected in the two-hour window leading up to this forecast time. To sort the list, click any column heading.

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Snooze alerts

You have the ability in SQL Diagnostic Manager to snooze or pause all alert generation for a specified period of time. For example, you can snooze a specific alert through the Active Alerts tab. Right-click the alert that you no longer want to view, and then select **Snooze Alert**.

If you want to pause multiple alerts at the same time, you can mass snooze alert generation. To mass snooze, right-click a specific instance, and then select **Snooze Alerts**. This option is also accessible when right-clicking a specific tag, using certain server views, and when using the Tools menu.

This feature is important if you are working on known issues and you want to avoid unnecessary alert traffic.



The **Resume Alerts** option allows you to resume any alerts set to snooze.

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View past performance

The History Browser is intended to provide information pertaining to the state of your SQL Server instance at the time a standard snapshot is taken. You can use this information to diagnose and resolve issues to keep the issue from happening again. The History Browser allows you to select a historical snapshot collected by the standard refresh and view the data that was collected using almost all the SQL Diagnostic Manager real-time views.

By default, Session details and inactive alerts are stored for 31 days while standard metric information is stored for 365 days. You can edit these options on the [Grooming Options](#) window.

Access the History Browser

To access the History Browser, click the **History Browser** button on a supported view, such as **Overview > Dashboard**.

Select a specific snapshot in time in the History Browser

To select a specific snapshot:

1. Open the History Browser.
2. Select the date from the calendar. You can also select the time range to filter the number of snapshots displayed.
3. Select the corresponding snapshot from the Historical Snapshots list.

 The icons next to each of the snapshots represent the highest level of alert thresholds violated. These icons can help you identify a specific snapshot. In addition, you can hover over snapshots in the list to see the most critical alerts associated with the snapshot.

Return to Real-Time mode

To return to Real-Time mode, either click the **You are currently viewing a historical snapshot. Click here to switch to Real Time Mode.** text at the top of the window you are viewing historical data or click the associated text on a non-supported view.

Alerts with associated views that support historical snapshots

On the Alerts view, some of the alerts allows you to retrieve the associated view at the time the alert was activated. To access this view, right-click the alerts, and click **Show Historical View** in the **Details** pane.

The following table displays a list of alerts that provide an associated view in SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Alert	Associated View
Average Disk Milliseconds Per Read	Resources
Average Disk Milliseconds Per Transfer	Resources
Average Disk Milliseconds Per Write	Resources
Blocked Sessions (Count)	Sessions
Blocking Session Wait Time (Seconds)	Sessions
Client Computers (Count)	Sessions
Databases Read/Write Errors Occurred	Databases
Disk Reads Per Second	Resources
Disk Transfers Per Second	Resources
Disk Writes Per Second	Resources
Host CPU Usage (Percent)	Resources
Host Memory Usage (Percent)	Resources
Oldest Open Transactions (Minutes)	Sessions
OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count)	Resources
OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count)	Resources
OS Disk Time (Percent)	Resources

OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent)	Resources
OS Memory Usage (Percent)	Resources
OS Paging (Per Second)	Resources
OS Privileged Time (Percent)	Resources
OS Processor Queue Length (Count)	Resources
OS Processor Time (Percent)	Resources
Page Life Expectancy	Server
Session CPU Time (Seconds)	Sessions
SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)	Resources
SQL Server Memory Usage (Percent)	Resources
SQL Server Response Time (Milliseconds)	Sessions
Tempdb Contention (ms)	Databases
User Connections (Percent)	Sessions
VM CPU Usage (Percent)	Resources
VM Memory Usage (Percent)	Resources

Views that support historical snapshots

Users may notify you of SQL Server problems that have happened in the past. Using the History Browser, you can go back to a point in time and view the state of your system and also compare system states at different points in time.

The following views support historical snapshots:

- Overview > Dashboard
- Overview > Details
- Overview > Active Alerts
- Sessions > Summary
- Sessions > Details
- Sessions > Locks
- Sessions > Blocking
- Queries > Signature Mode
- Queries > Statement Mode
- Queries > Query History
- Queries > Query Waits
- Resources > Summary
- Resources > CPU
- Resources > Memory
- Resources > Disk
- Resources > File Activity
- Resources > Server Waits
- Databases > Tempdb Summary
- Databases > Availability Group
- Analyze > History

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History Browser Range

In the SQLDM desktop console, the History Browser control can modify a specific Start date and Time as well as a current snapshot. You can find this option under the calendar displayed in the History Browser.

1. Click the Server name displayed in the left side list.
2. In the Overview tab, click **History Browser**. The **History Browser** displays in the right side of this view.
3. Click **Select History Range** displayed under the calendar.
4. A dialog box opens. Select the range you want in the Scale drop down menu, you can select 4 Weeks, 5 Days, 1 Day, 8 Hours, 4 Hours, 1 Hour, 15 Minutes or Custom.
5. When you select Custom you can modify the **Start Date** and the **End Date**, and click **OK**. When you select any other Scale option the **Start** and **End date** are set by default.
6. Click **OK**.

Pause alerts and decrease collection

Maintenance Mode allows you to temporarily stop alert generation and the collection of some performance metrics for the time period that your SQL Server instance is offline. Using Maintenance Mode allows you to decrease alert notification spam and the collection of unnecessary data.

-  It is possible to enable or disable maintenance mode on several SQL Server instances, see [About Mass Maintenance Mode](#).

Uses for putting a SQL Server instance into Maintenance Mode

Enable Maintenance Mode before you begin any regularly scheduled maintenance or testing on a monitored SQL Server instance. You can also enable Maintenance Mode when you need to bring a SQL Server instance offline for unplanned diagnostics.

Be aware that the total number of monitored SQL Server instances allowed by your license includes monitored instances that are in Maintenance Mode.

Bring the SQL Server back online in SQL Diagnostic Manager

Disabling Maintenance Mode allows SQL Diagnostic Manager to resume performance statistics collection and alert generation for the selected SQL Server instance. Before you enable Maintenance Mode, make sure you complete all maintenance and testing on the target SQL Server instance.

If you have a SQL Server instance in Maintenance Mode and are ready to bring it back online in SQL Diagnostic Manager, click **Maintenance Mode** on the Server Overview tab.

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Configure SQL Diagnostic Manager monitoring properties

The Monitored SQL Server Properties window allows you to edit the SQL Diagnostic Manager monitoring settings for the registered SQL Server instance. To access the Monitored SQL Server Properties window, right-click a SQL Server instance from the **Server** tree and select **Properties**.

The Monitored SQL Server Properties window includes the following tabs:

General

Displays common properties such as the data collection interval, credentials, and encryption options.

Baseline Configuration

Allows you to set the date range and time used to calculate a performance baseline for the monitored SQL Server instance.

Query Monitor

Allows you to enable or disable query monitoring, and set the options for the **Query Monitor**.

Activity Monitor

Allows you to enable or disable monitoring of non-query activities, and set the options for the **Activity Monitor**.

Replication

Lets you disable replication statistics collection to conserve system resources.

Table Statistics

Allows you to select the time and days SQL Diagnostic Manager collects table statistics on your SQL Server instance. In addition, you can select the minimum size table needed for SQL Diagnostic Manager to rebuild the index.

Custom Counters

Allows you to [link custom counters](#) to the monitored SQL Server instance.

Maintenance Mode

Allows you to enter the maintenance schedule for your server. This allows you to turn off alerts and notifications for the time periods when you know the server is unavailable.

OS Metrics

Allows you to select how you want your operating system data collected, whether through OLE automation or direct WMI. You can also choose to not collect OS data.

Disk Drives

Allows SQL Diagnostic Manager to alert on disk drives and database space calculations for the monitored SQL Server instance.

Cluster Settings

Lets SQL Diagnostic Manager trigger an alert whenever a cluster is running on a non-preferred node within a clustered environment.

Wait Monitoring

Allows you to collect and view wait statistics in the hopes of diagnosing any bottleneck on your system.

Virtualization

Displays the name of the host server on which the selected monitored SQL Server instance is running.

Analysis Configuration

Allows you to schedule a prescriptive analysis of your monitored SQL Server instance.

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Configure cluster settings

If you have a clustered environment, SQL Diagnostic Manager can trigger an alert whenever a cluster is running on a non-preferred node. The preferred cluster node is the "active" node in a cluster. By default, the preferred cluster node is the first node added when deploying SQL Diagnostic Manager in your clustered environment.

Access the Cluster Settings tab

You can access the Cluster Settings tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Cluster Settings** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

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Configure OS metrics monitoring

SQL Diagnostic Manager requires that you enable either OLE automation or direct Windows Management Interface (WMI) procedures for monitoring OS metrics. In addition, if your SQL Server instance includes enabled Lightweight Pooling, SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect OS metrics information. If SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot provide OS metrics, a message displays on the Dashboard and Services Summary views providing more information.

-  When SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect OS Metrics due to the disabled collection, a bar displays a link to enable OS metric collection procedures for your SQL Server version.

SQL Diagnostic Manager collects metrics that track the performance of the computers that host your monitored SQL Server instances. These metrics include:

- CPU Usage
- Processor Queue Length
- Memory Paging
- Total Memory Usage
- SQL Server Memory Usage
- Disk Queue Length

Access the OS Metrics tab

You can access the OS Metrics tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **OS Metrics** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

Disabling OS metric collection

OS metrics collection is not required in SQL Diagnostic Manager. However, if you disable this feature, SQL Diagnostic Manager ceases to collect OS metrics and does not raise any previously-associated alerts. You can easily re-enable OS metric collection at any time if you decide that you want to continue collecting these metrics.

Permissions necessary for direct WMI collection

It is preferred that the WMI user is a local administrator on the monitored SQL Server instance. However, if you do not want to grant administrator access, use the following steps to configure remote WMI access in Microsoft Windows:

1. Add the user account to the Performance Log Users and Distributed COM users groups.
2. Grant privileges to WMI.

You also may need to add the WMI user account to the following policies:

- Act as part of the operating system
- Log on as a batch job
- Log on as a service
- Replace a process level token

For more information about using a direct WMI connection, see the Microsoft document, [Securing a Remote WMI Connection](#).

Configure WMI to run out-of-process

Edit your specific registry settings to allow WMI to run out-of-process.

To edit these registry settings, perform the following steps:

1. In the cd image of the SQL Diagnostic Manager install, open the Scripts folder.
2. Copy the `SQLdmoutofprocautomation.reg` file onto each of your monitored SQL Server instances.
3. Run this file on each of your monitored SQL Server instances.

The following problems require user action before SQL Diagnostic Manager can begin collecting OS metrics:

OLE Automation Procedures Disabled

Select the **Collect Operating System data using OLE Automation** option to enable OLE Automation procedures.

OLE Automation Procedures Unavailable

The stored procedures associated with OLE Automation are missing on the SQL Server instance. SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot capture OS metrics until these stored procedures are available on the SQL Server instance.

WMI Service Not Running

The WMI Service on the monitored SQL Server instance may not be running. SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect OS metrics until this service is started.

Lightweight Pooling Enabled

This is an advanced feature used in symmetric multiprocessing environments in SQL Server. SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect OS metrics until this option is disabled on your monitored SQL Server instances.

Configure WMI timeouts

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to configure the WMI timeout value. In some environments, customers may experience WMI timeouts when their machine is too busy to respond in a timely manner. Although WMI timeouts should not be ignored and often point to an environmental issue, you can control this value when the behavior displayed is normal in your environment. The default WMI timeout value in SQL Diagnostic Manager is of 90 seconds to reduce the number of intermittent errors.

To configure the WMI timeout value:

1. Navigate to the SQL Diagnostic Manager install directory
2. Open SQLdmCollectionService.exe.Config
3. Modify the <CollectionService> node under the <Services> node
4. Add wmiQueryTimeOut="300" as a parameter to this node
5. Save and close file
6. Restart the collection service

Sample configuration entry:

```
<Services>
<CollectionService instanceName="Default" servicePort="5167"
managementServiceAddress="Server" managementServicePort="5166"
heartbeatIntervalSeconds="180" wmiQueryTimeOut="300"/>
</Services>
```

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Configure server baseline options

The Baseline Configuration tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window allows you to configure your server baseline options. SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates a baseline out of a pool of collected data based on the selected period and collection interval, and is represented by mean, standard deviation, minimum, maximum, and count statistics.

Some benefits of using this feature include:

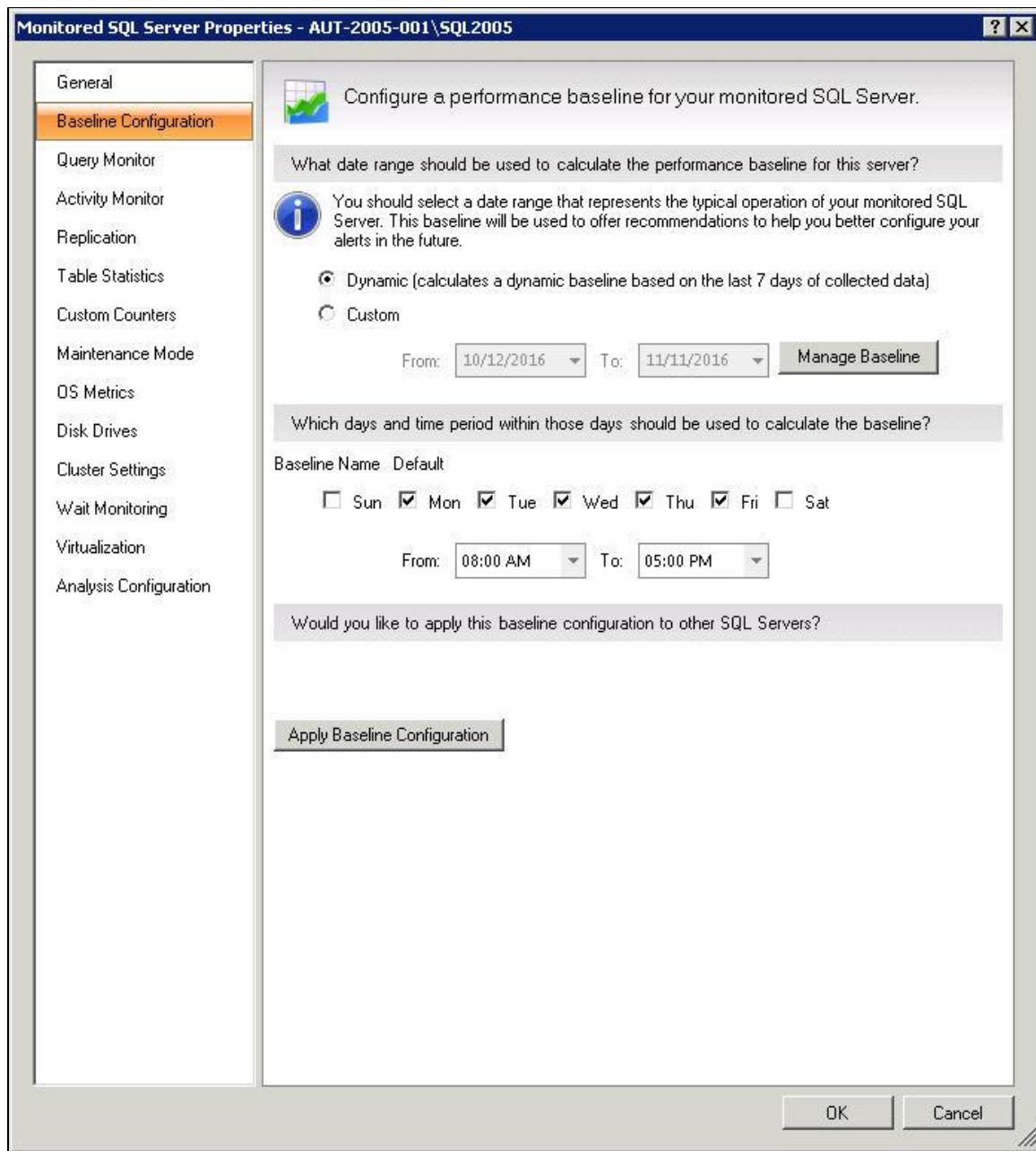
- **Effective alert thresholds** - SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the baseline to provide alert recommendations which you can use to set effective alert thresholds.
- **Effective baseline periods** - Use the Baseline Visualizer to clearly visualize when to establish baseline periods.
- **Alerting and recommendations** - Enable alerting based on baseline violations.
- **Multiple baselines** - Define and schedule multiple baselines per server.
- **Quick propagation of baselines** - Apply baselines to more than one instance.
- **Baseline display in metric graphs** - View relevant baseline in effect in various metric graphs of the Resources tab.



User accounts with the View privilege can access the Baseline Configuration window, but cannot make any changes. User accounts with the Modify privilege can make changes to the baseline configuration of their monitored SQL Server instances.

Access the Baseline Configuration tab

You can access the Baseline Configuration tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Baseline Configuration**.



Select a baseline period

The baseline period you specify should represent a typical operation of the monitored SQL Server instances to which this baseline applies.

Dynamic

Calculates a dynamic baseline based on a moving window of the past seven days of collected data.

Custom

Allows you to set a specific time range that does not change.

Select days and time periods

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to select the date range used to calculate the performance baseline for one or more selected SQL Server instances. The day and time period fields allow you to select the days and times on which to base your alert baseline calculations. These settings apply to both the Automatic and Custom baseline selections.

- When your SQL Server instances are not busy, clear the days and times to remove them from the calculation and provide a more realistic and accurate baseline.

Add multiple baselines

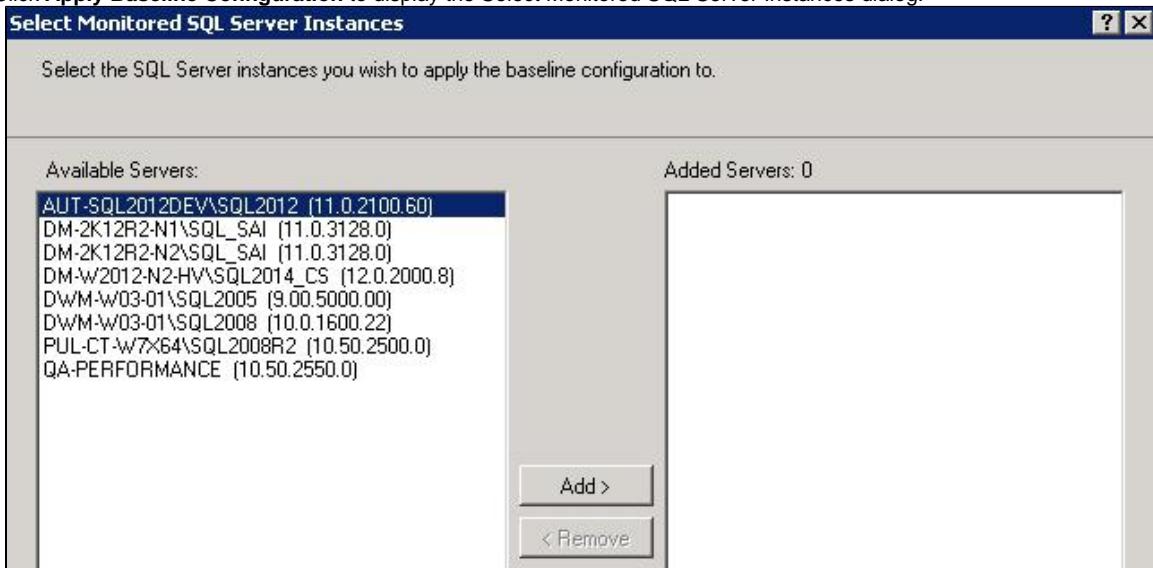
SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to add and schedule multiple baseline periods in addition to the default one. Open the Add baseline window by clicking the **Manage Baseline** button. For more information, see [Schedule multiple baselines](#).

Apply the baseline to more than one instance

You can apply the baseline configuration from a specific server to additional instances not included when you originally created the baseline configuration.

To add a baseline configuration to additional instances:

1. Click **Apply Baseline Configuration** to display the Select Monitored SQL Server Instances dialog.



2. Select the appropriate instances from the **Available Servers** list, and then click **Add >** to move them to the **Added Servers** list.
3. Click **OK** to confirm your selection and allow SQL Diagnostic Manager to apply this configuration to other instances.



When verifying your baseline configuration changes for more than one instance in the [Change Log view](#), note that instance property changes are logged only once. In comparison, baseline configuration changes are logged as many times as the number of instances affected by the change.

Metrics used in baseline calculations

SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the following metrics when calculating a baseline for a monitored SQL Server instance:

- Available Memory
- Batches Per Second
- Blocked Sessions
- Buffer Cache Hit Ratio
- Buffer Cache Size
- Checkpoint Writes Per Second
- Client Computers
- Data File Count
- Data File Space Allocated
- Data File Space Used
- Data File Space Used (Percent)
- Database Count
- Disk Queue Length
- Disk Time (Percent)
- Distribution Latency
- Host CPU Usage
- Host CPU Usage MHz
- Host Disk Device Latency
- Host Disk Kernel Latency
- Host Disk Queue Latency
- Host Disk Read
- Host Disk Total Latency
- Host Disk Usage

- Host Disk Write
- Host Memory Swap In Rate
- Host Memory Swap Out Rate
- Host Memory Active
- Host Memory Ballooned
- Host Memory Consumed
- Host Memory Granted
- Host Memory Usage
- Host Net Received
- Host Net Transmitted
- Host Net Usage
- Full Scans Per Second
- Lazy Writer Writes Per Second
- Lock Waits Per Second
- Log File Count
- Log File Space Allocated
- Log File Space Used
- Log File Space Used (Percent)
- **Log Flushes Per Second**
- Logins Per Second
- Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes)
- Open Transactions
- OS CPU Privileged Activity
- OS CPU User Time
- OS Memory Used (Percent)
- OS Total Processor Activity
- Packet Errors Per Second
- Packets Received Per Second
- Packets Sent Per Second
- Page Life Expectancy
- Page Lookups Per Second
- **Page Reads Per Second**
- Page Splits Per Second
- **Page Writes Per Second**
- Pages Per Second
- Physical Memory
- Procedure Cache Hit Ratio
- Procedure Cache Size
- **Processor Queue Length**
- Read Ahead Pages Per Second
- Replication Latency (Seconds)
- Replication Subscribed
- **Response Time**
- SQL Compilations Per Second
- SQL CPU Activity
- SQL Memory Allocated
- **SQL Memory Used**
- **SQL Recompilations Per Second**
- System Processes
- System Processes Consuming CPU
- Table Lock Escalations
- Tempdb GAM Wait Time Milliseconds
- Tempdb PFS Wait Time Milliseconds
- Tempdb SGAM Wait Time Milliseconds
- Tempdb Size
- Tempdb Size Percent
- Undistributed Transactions
- Unsubscribed Transactions
- Used Memory (Percent)
- User Connections (Percent)
- User Processes
- User Processes Consuming CPU
- Version Store Generation
- Version Store Size
- VM CPU Ready
- VM CPU Swap Wait
- VM CPU Usage
- VM CPU Usage MHz
- VM Disk Read
- VM Disk Usage
- VM Disk Write
- VM Memory Active

- VM Memory Ballooned
- VM Memory Consumed
- VM memory Granted
- VM Memory Swap In Wait
- VM Memory Swap Out Rate
- VM Memory Swapped
- VM Memory Usage
- VM Net Received
- VM Net Transmitted
- VM Net Usage
- Workfiles Created Per Second
- Worktables Created Per Second

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Apply baseline to multiple instances

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to set a baseline configuration for a monitored SQL Server instance, and then apply that same baseline to other instances. Simply select the appropriate instances from the **Available Servers** list, and then click **Add >** to move them to the **Added Servers** list. Click **OK**, and then SQL Diagnostic Manager applies this configuration to the other instances.

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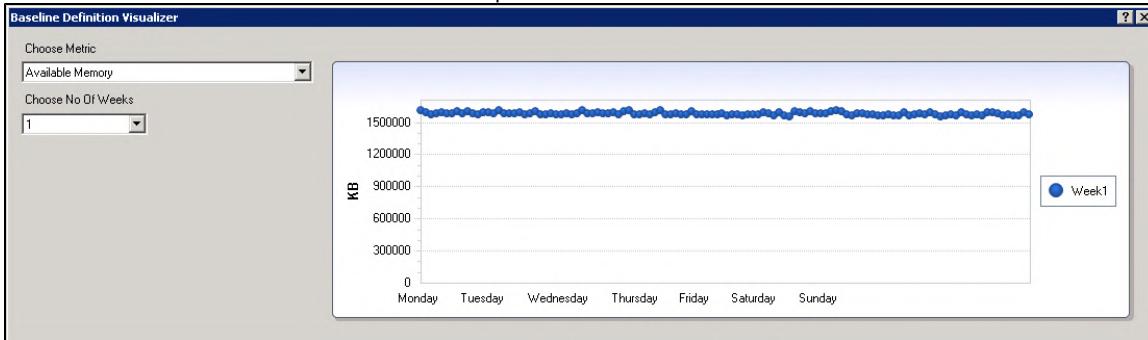
Use the baseline visualizer

The Baseline Visualizer of SQL Diagnostic Manager provides better visualization of the performance of your monitored SQL Server instance.



To access the Baseline Visualizer:

1. Click **Baseline Visualizer** in the Overview tab of a specific SQL Server instance.



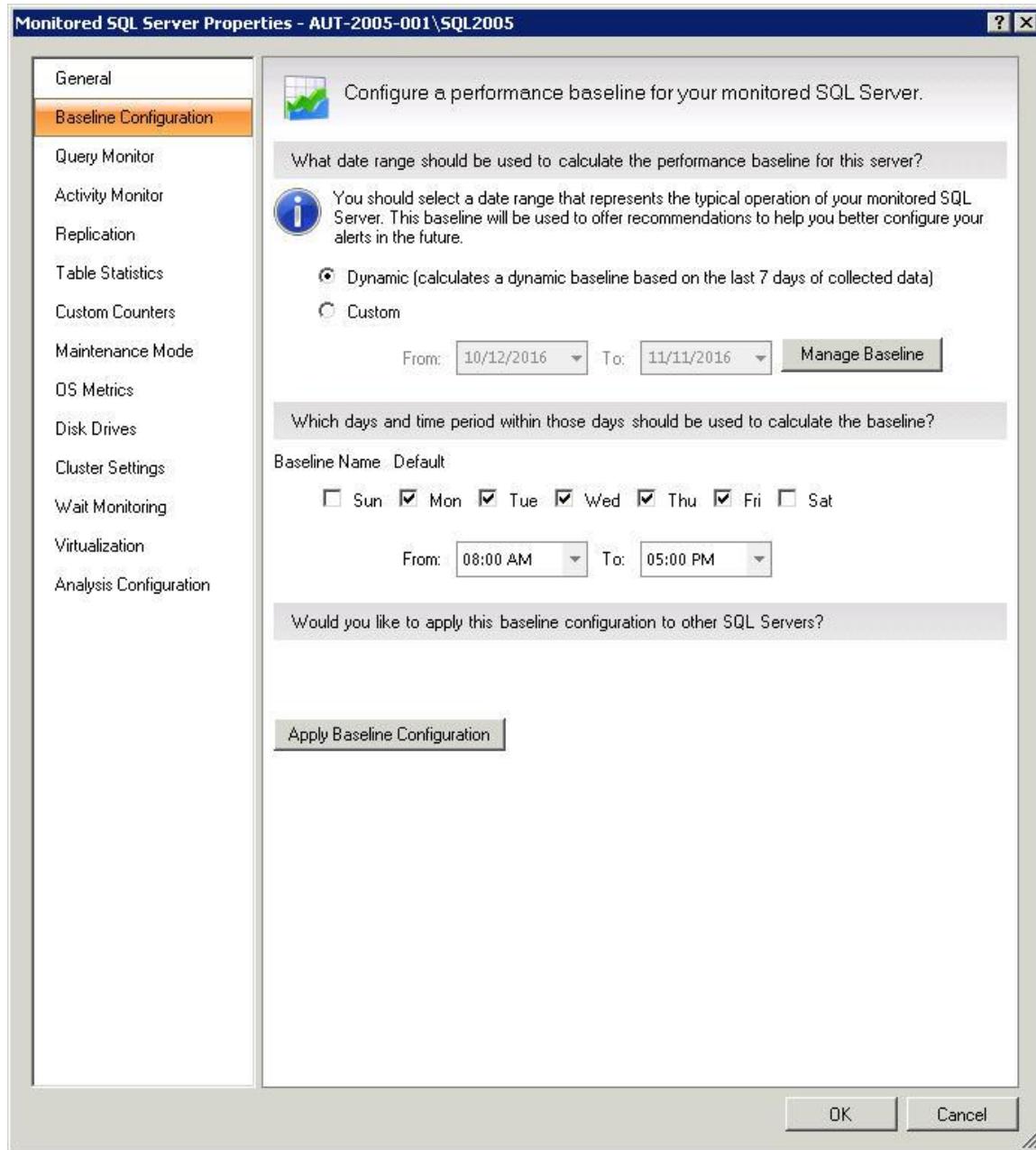
2. In the Baseline Definition Visualizer window, select a metric and the number of weeks you wish data to be returned for the baseline definition.

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Schedule multiple baselines

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to define and schedule any number of baseline periods in addition to the default one.



To add a new baseline:

1. Click **Manage Baseline** to display the Manage Baseline window.

Manage Baseline

2 Baseline Name

3 What date range, days and time period within those days should be used to calculate the performance baseline for this server?

Dynamic (calculates a dynamic baseline based on the last 7 days of collected data)
 Custom

From: To:

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

From: To:

4 What date range should be used to apply baseline for this server?

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

From: To:

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2. Type a name in the **Baseline Name** field.
3. Select Dynamic to use the default options or select Custom to set the date range, the days, and the time period to calculate the baseline performance for the server.
4. Select the days and time period to schedule when to apply baseline to the server.
5. Click **Add** to save the created baseline, click **Edit** to edit the baseline, or click **Delete**.
6. Click **Save**.

 The baseline period you specify should represent a typical operation of the monitored SQL Server instances to which this baseline applies.

 SQL Diagnostic Manager allows only one baseline in effect at any time.

To edit a baseline:

1. Click **Manage Baseline** to display the Add baseline window.
2. Select the baseline you want to update from the **Baseline Name** list.
3. Modify days and time period as desired.
4. Click **Save**.

 When you schedule a new baseline, the changes are applied to the next day or when the baseline is refreshed (test this behavior when

the feature is available).

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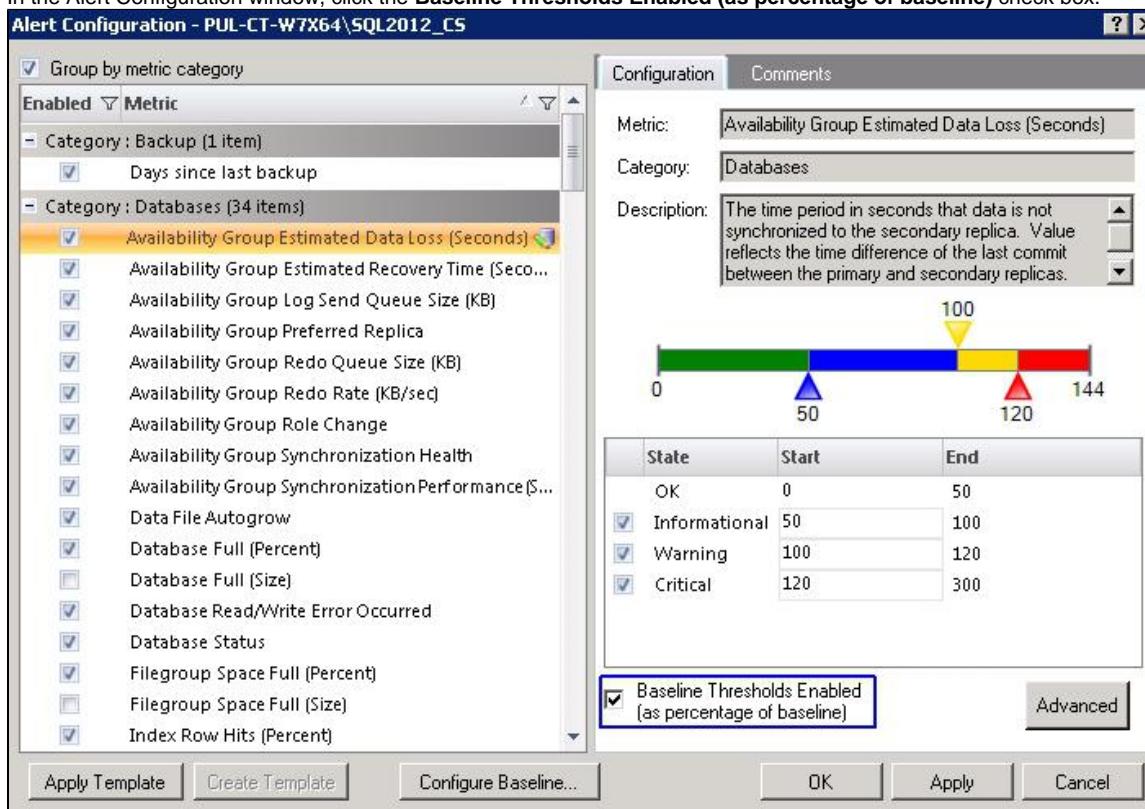
Enable baseline thresholds

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows users to enable alerts when the following metrics are outside their established baseline thresholds:

- Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds)
- Availability Group Estimated Recovery Time (Seconds)
- Availability Group Log Send Queue Size (KB)
- Availability Group Redo Queue Size (KB)
- Availability Group Redo Rate (KB/sec)
- Availability Group Synchronization Performance (Seconds)
- SQL Server Data Used (Percent)
- SQL Server Log Used (Percent)
- OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count)
- OS Disk Time (Percent)
- OS Memory Usage (Percent)
- OS Paging (Per Second)
- OS Privileged Time (Percent)
- OS Processor Queue Length (Count)
- OS Processor Time (Percent)
- OS User Time (Percent)
- Page Life Expectancy
- Procedure Cache Hit Ratio
- SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)
- SQL Server Memory Usage (Percent)
- Non-Distributed Transactions (Count)
- Unsubscribed Transactions (Count)
- Unsubscribed Transactions (Seconds)
- Blocked Sessions (Count)
- Client Computers (Count)
- Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes)
- SQL Server Response Time (Milliseconds)
- User Connections (Percent)
- VM CPU Usage (Percent)

To enable baseline thresholds:

1. Right-click a monitored SQL Server instance and select **Configure Alerts**.
2. In the Alert Configuration window, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box.

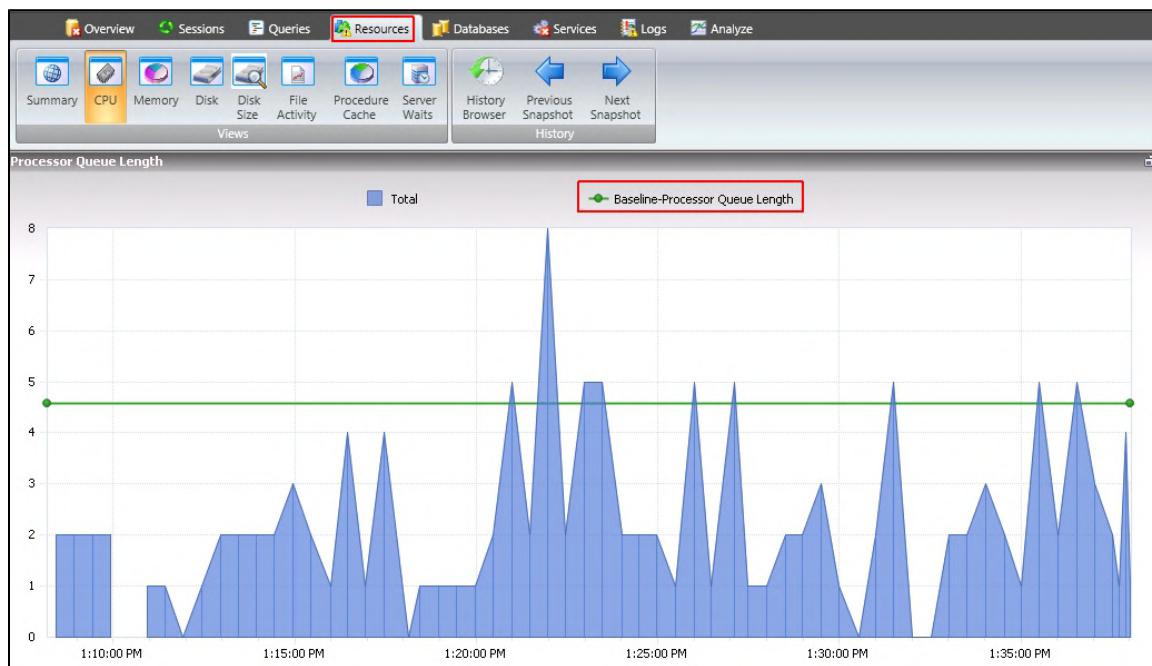


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Baseline display

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows users to view the baseline in effect in various metric graphs of the Resources tab.



View baseline in effect in the following graphs:

In the **Resources > CPU** view:

- CPU Usage
- Processor Queue Length
- Processor Time

In the **Resources > Memory** view:

- SQL Memory Usage
- Paging
- Cache Hit Ratios
- Page Life Expectancy (sec)

In the **Resources > Disk** view:

- Disk Busy Per Disk
- Average Disk Queue Length Total

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Configure virtualization

The Virtualization tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window displays the name of the host server on which the selected monitored SQL Server instance is running. If this is not the correct host server, click **VM Configuration** to make the necessary changes to connect to the appropriate virtual machine.

Access the Virtualization tab

You can access the Virtualization tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Virtualization** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

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Configure wait monitoring

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to collect and view wait statistics on the selected SQL Server instance. Wait statistics offer one of the best means in diagnosing the reason a bottleneck is occurring on your system.

The Wait Monitoring tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window allows you to configure how SQL Diagnostic Manager collects wait statistics.

- View, start, stop, and refresh the query-level wait collector.
- Collect query-level wait statistics historically and set the time to collect them.

When to use wait monitoring

Wait Monitoring helps you diagnose congestion or blocks on your system. You should enable Wait Monitoring for the time period required to diagnose specific issues you experience. When your diagnosis is complete, disable Wait Monitoring.

Access the Wait Monitoring tab

You can access the Wait Monitoring tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Wait Monitoring** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

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Configure advanced query wait statistics options

The Advanced Query Wait Statistics Configuration window allows you to filter out applications, databases, SQL text from the Query Waits Statistics collection, and exclude specific SQL Diagnostic Manager queries as well as limit the number of rows to be collected at a time. Filtering allows you to improve the results you see in the Query Waits view and reduce the impact of the Query Wait trace on your server.

Access the Advanced Query Wait Statistics Configuration window

You can access the Advanced Query Wait Statistics Configuration window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Wait Monitoring** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window, and then click **Filter Options**.



When using Query Wait filtering, take into account that Exclude takes precedence over Include.

Using Query Wait filtering

Excluding data from your Query Waits Statistics collection helps filter out information that is not important for the task at hand. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to filter specific applications, databases, SQL text and also exclude the SQL Diagnostic Manager queries from the results or limit the number of rows to be collected at a time. When including multiple items to exclude, use a semi-colon (;) between items of the same type. You can also use a percent character (%) as a wildcard.

To exclude data from your Query Wait Statistics collection while in the Queries view:

1. On the Queries Waits view for the server you want to exclude data from, press the **Configure** button.
2. Click **Filter Options**.
3. Enter your filter information in the provided fields, using (;) to separate items and (%) as a wildcard.
4. Click **OK**.

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Customize disk statistics

Disk drive statistics collection provides the ability for SQL Diagnostic Manager to alert on disk drives and database space calculations. By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager attempts to auto-discover local disk drives on monitored instances. In some environments, the auto-discovered list may be incomplete or incorrect. The Customize disk drive statistics collection window allows you to turn off the auto-discover feature and manually add the drives for drive statistics collection.

-  SQL Diagnostic Manager populates the disk drive list using operating system metrics from a WMI call even if your collection is configured to use OLE automation. SQL Diagnostic Manager requires you to enter credentials to connect directly to WMI. This functionality lets SQL Diagnostic Manager quickly discover mount points while the OLE automation does not provide such information.

Access the Disk Drives tab

You can access the Disk Drives tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Disk Drives** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

Incomplete disk drive list

SQL Diagnostic Manager automatically discovers local disk drives on your monitored instances. Sometimes this list is incomplete or contains drives that are not related to SQL Server. If you need to modify this list, clear the **Discover disk drives** check box, and then type the drive information including mount points, if necessary, into the **Available disk drives** field. Select the appropriate drive or drives and then click **Add** to move the drive information to the **Selected disk drives** box. Click **OK**.

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Disable replication statistics collection

The gathering of replication statistics can require a significant amount of system resources. The Replication tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window provides the option to disable the collection of replication statistics and conserve system resources.

Collecting replication statistics requires plenty of system resources, especially when your publisher or distribution queues contain a large number of items. You can easily enable this feature when you need replication statistics, and then disable it once you've collected enough data.

Access the Replication tab

You can access the Replication tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Replication** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

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Edit table statistics options

SQL Diagnostic Manager lets you collect statistics and perform trend analysis over time. Table Statistics allow you to designate the days and times SQL Diagnostic Manager collects table growth and reorganization statistics. Because statistics collection can negatively impact performance, SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to designate an individual Table Statistics collection time for the SQL Server instances. Configure a time you know the instance is utilized less than normal.

In addition, you can limit the amount of performance impact by utilizing the following:

- Limit reorganization to databases over a set size, which eliminates the reorganization of small, rarely-used tables.
- Exclude non-essential databases from collection by clicking **Select Databases to Exclude** and selecting the appropriate databases.

Access the Table Statistics tab

You can access the Table Statistics tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Table Statistics** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

Schedule table statistics collection

Table Statistics collection is a resource-intensive process. Schedule your collection time for non-peak hours to reduce the possibility of your users experiencing decreased performance.

 The SQL Diagnostic Manager Collection Service may not include fragmentation data for a particular table for any of the following reasons:

- Table statistics collection has not occurred.
- The database hosting the table is excluded from collection.
- The table size does not meet the minimum size threshold.
- The database hosting the table is not accessible.
- The table is locked.

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Select a database to exclude from table statistics collection

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to exclude non-essential databases from table growth statistics collection. Excluding a database from collection avoid clutter and unnecessary growth in your Repository. To exclude a database, select the appropriate database from the available list, and then click **OK**. You can exclude more than one database at a time.

Access this list of databases for exclusion

If you want to exclude one or more of your databases from table statistics collection, access the Server Properties dialog for that monitored SQL Server instance by right-clicking the instance and selecting **Properties**. Click the Table Statistics tab, and then click **Select Databases to Exclude**.

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Link custom counters

The Custom Counters tab allows you to select the metrics you want to explicitly link to the selected SQL Server instance or a group of instances using tags. Note that SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a counter linked through a tag in gray text. You cannot remove this type of counter until you remove the tag from the instance.

Access the Custom Counters tab

You can access the Custom Counters tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Custom Counters** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

Linking a custom counter

To link a custom counter to a selected monitored SQL Server instance, access the Custom Counters tab for that instance. Select one or more counters in the **Available Counters** list, and then click **Add >** to move the counters to the **Linked Counters** list. Use Shift+click or Ctrl+click to select more than one counter. Click **Test** if you want to test the counters. After your test is complete, click **OK**.

Testing a linked custom counter

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to test the selected custom counters against your SQL Server instances. When linking the counter, click **Test**. Check the box for all custom counters you want to test, and then click **Test**. SQL Diagnostic Manager indicates that it is running the test, and displays additional information in the **Result** column when the test is complete. Click **Done** to exit the Test Custom Counters window. Be sure to click **OK** after testing the link or SQL Diagnostic Manager does not save your updates.

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Schedule maintenance mode

Maintenance mode allows you to temporarily stop alert generation and performance metric collection for the time period that your SQL Server instance is offline. This pause allows you to perform necessary maintenance on a SQL Server without causing SQL Diagnostic Manager to send numerous misleading alerts.

Access the Maintenance Mode tab

You can access the Maintenance Mode function by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting Maintenance Mode. This will prompt three command options: Enable, Disable, and Schedule.

The **Enable** command puts the SQL Server instance into maintenance mode, stopping alert generation and collection of some performance metrics.

The **Disable** command allows SQL Diagnostic Manager to resume performance statistics collection and alert generation for the selected SQL Server instance.

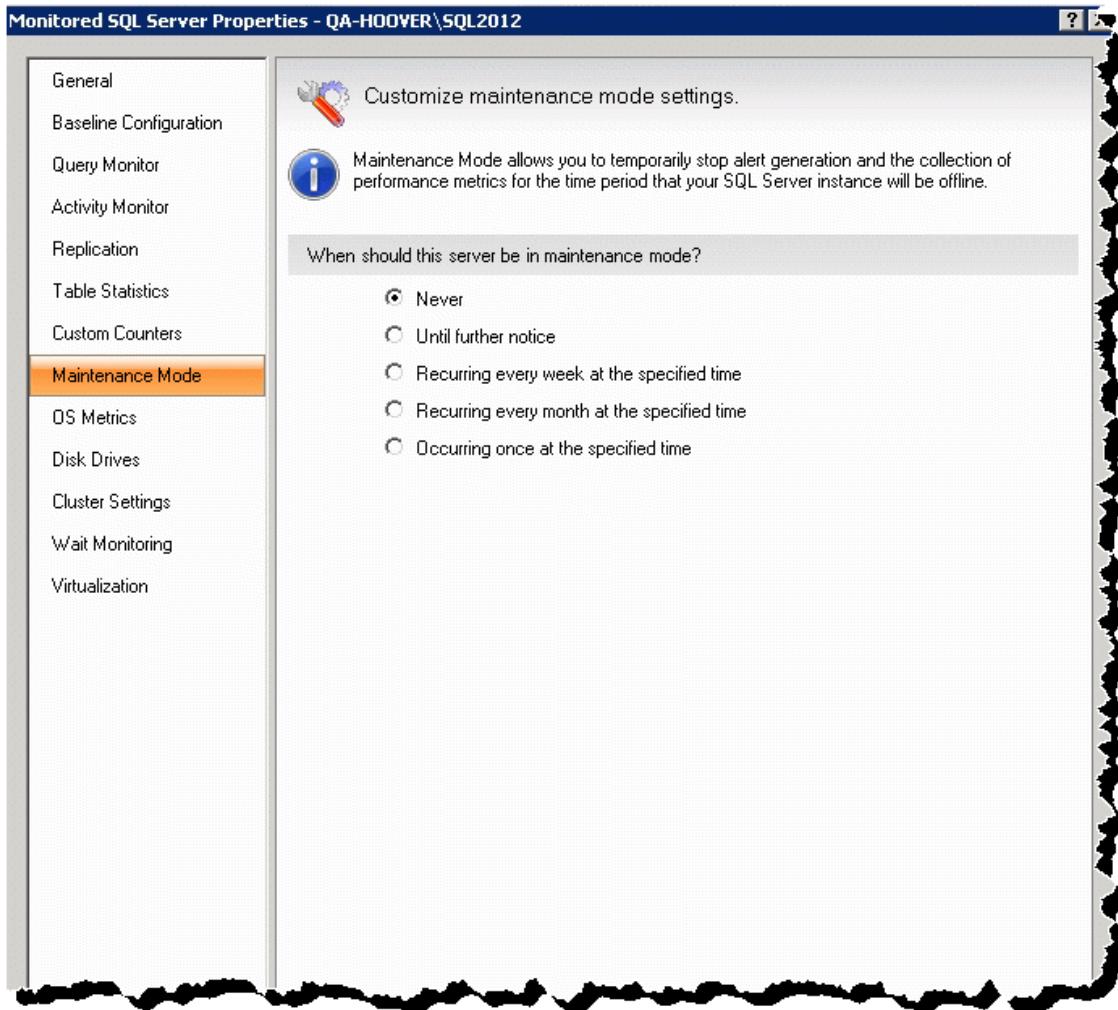
The **Schedule** command prompts the monitored SQL Server Properties dialog, where under the Maintenance Mode tab it is possible to select a specific maintenance mode setting.

-  A different way to access the Maintenance Mode function is by right-clicking the monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting Properties. Click Maintenance Mode when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

About mass maintenance mode

Users looking to apply maintenance mode modifications to a large number of servers at once can run the Maintenance Mode command by right-clicking on the following: Server Tree, a specific tag, a particular server view and Tools.

Available maintenance mode settings



You can choose from the following options when setting a monitored SQL Server instance to maintenance mode:

Never

The server is never in maintenance mode and always generates alerts.

Until further notice

The server is in maintenance mode and does not generate alerts until this setting is changed.

Recurring every week at the specified time

Set the server to enter maintenance mode at regular intervals, for the day, time, and duration you select.

Recurring every month at the specified time

Set the server to enter maintenance mode at regular intervals, for the month, time, and duration you select.

Occurring once at the specified time

The server enters maintenance mode at a specified date and time, and leaves maintenance mode at a specified date and time.

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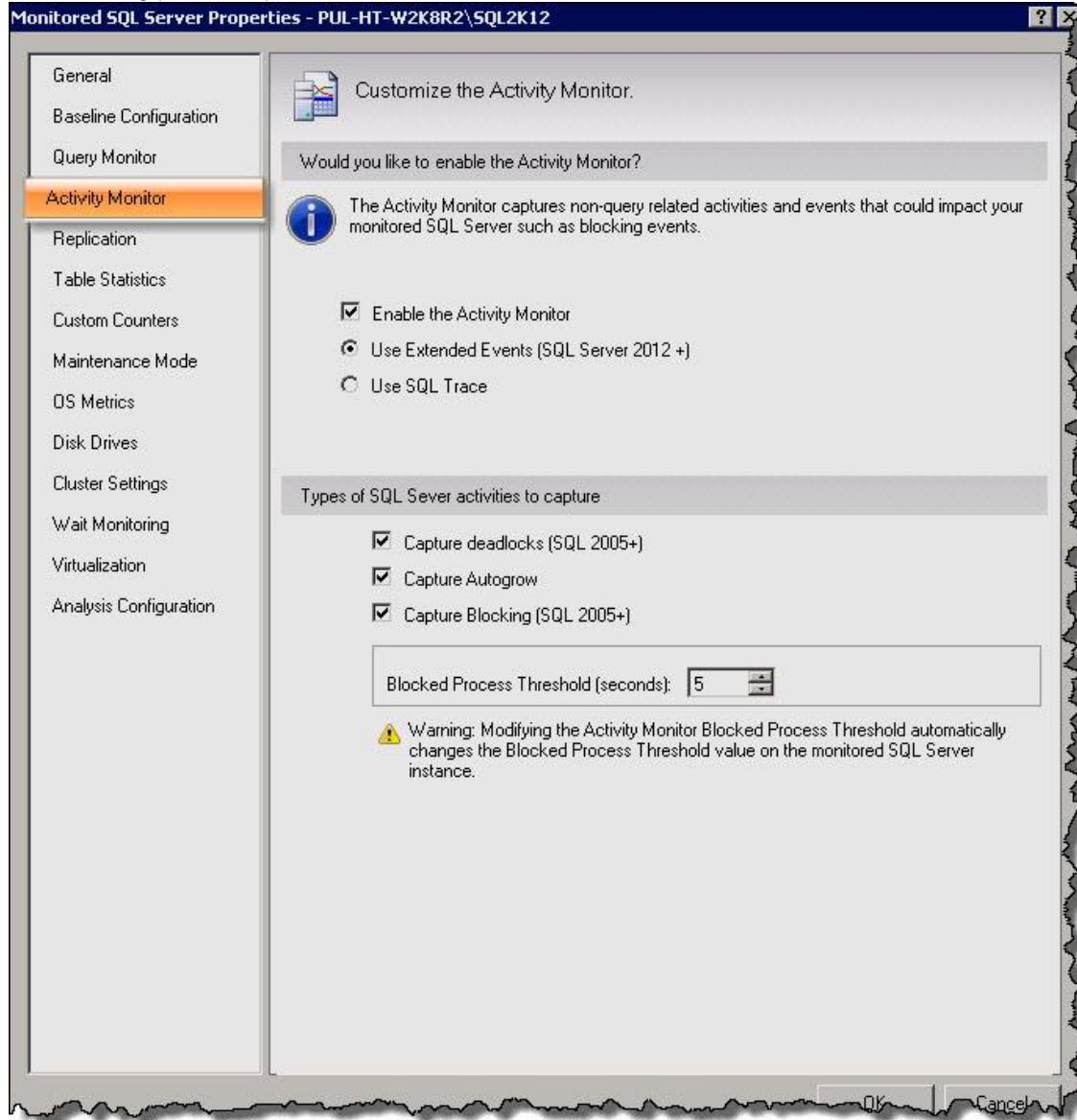
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Set activity monitor options

The Activity Monitor window allows you to enable or disable monitoring of non-query activities. If you enable the Activity Monitor, you can select the settings that are used.

The types of non-query events to capture include:

- Deadlocks (SQL 2005+)
- Autogrow
- Blocking (SQL 2005+)



Non-query activities data collection

You can select to collect non-query activities data using Extended Events (Use Extended Events radio button) or SQL Trace (Use SQL Trace radio button). For instances running SQL Server 2012 or higher, the Activity Monitor uses by default Extended Events. First introduced in SQL Server 2008, Extended Events provide a new mechanism to capture information about events inside the Database Engine and diagnose performance problems. This functionality is highly efficient and lightweight. For more information about using Extended Events, see the Microsoft document, [Extended Events](#).

⚠️ To capture non-query activites for monitored pre-SQL Server 2008 instances, enable the SQL Trace collection option. Note that enabling this option can degrade performance on your SQL Server.

Capturing deadlocks

Capturing deadlock information allows the associated deadlock alert to provide details on deadlocked processes on the Alerts view. Deadlock monitoring is supported on monitored instances running SQL Server 2005 or greater and is dependent on the Activity Monitor. To access this information, check **Enable the Activity Monitor** and **Capture deadlocks (SQL 2005+)** in the Activity Monitor window. Details provided include:

- SPID
- Hostname
- Login Name
- Client Application
- Database
- Status
- Wait Time
- Wait Resource
- Transaction Count
- Input Buffer
- Lock Object
- Lock Mode
- Lock Owners
- Lock Waiters

Capturing autogrow events

Capturing autogrow information allows the associated autogrow alert to provide information about log and data growth on the Alerts view. To access this information, check **Enable the Activity Monitor** and **Capture Autogrow** in the Activity Monitor window.

Capturing blocking events

Capturing blocking information allows the associated blocked alert to provide details on blocking and blocked sessions on the Alerts view. Blocking monitoring is supported on monitored instances running SQL Server 2005 or greater and is dependent on Activity Monitor. To access this information, check **Enable the Activity Monitor** and **Capture Blocking (SQL 2005+)** in the Activity Monitor window. Key details provided for blocking and blocked sessions include:

Blocking process details:

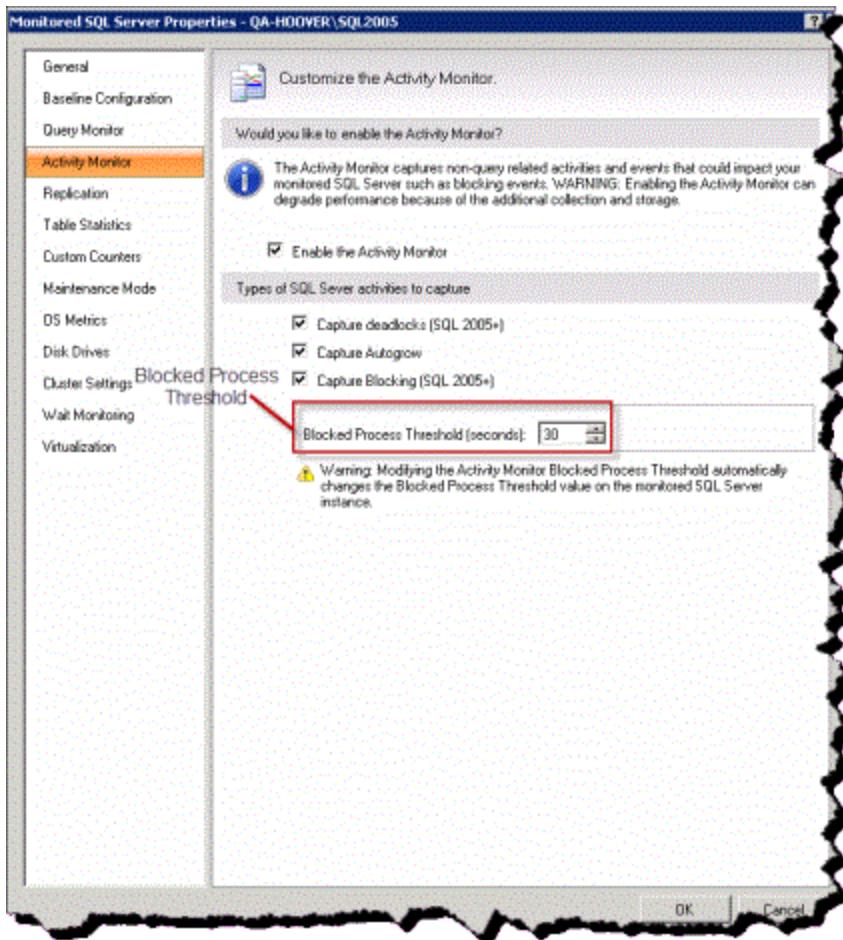
- Session ID
- Hostname
- User Name
- Application
- Database
- Last Batch Started
- Transaction ID
- Open Transactions

Blocked process details:

- Session ID
- Hostname
- User Name
- Application
- Database
- Last Batch Started
- Transaction ID
- Open Transactions
- Wait Resource

Blocked process threshold

SQL Server 2005+ includes a new SQL Server Profiler event, the Blocked Process report. This event helps identify blocking issues and provides relevant information to solve these issues. In SQL Diagnostic Manager, you can take advantage of this feature by setting the blocked process threshold value according to your needs. To access the **Blocked Process Threshold** option, enable **Capture Blocking (SQL 2005+)** in the Activity Monitor window. Note that when this option is enabled, the blocked process threshold value is automatically set to 30 (seconds) but can be modified as desired.



Since collecting information about blocked processes in SQL server is resource-intensive, IDERA recommends to set the blocked process threshold value to at least 5 (seconds) or your deadlock monitor runs constantly. For more information on this topic, see the Microsoft document [Increase or Disable Blocked Process Threshold](#).

- ✓ Modifying the Activity Monitor's blocked process threshold automatically changes the blocked process threshold value in your monitored SQL Server instance.

Access the Activity Monitor tab

You can access the Activity Monitor tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Activity Monitor** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

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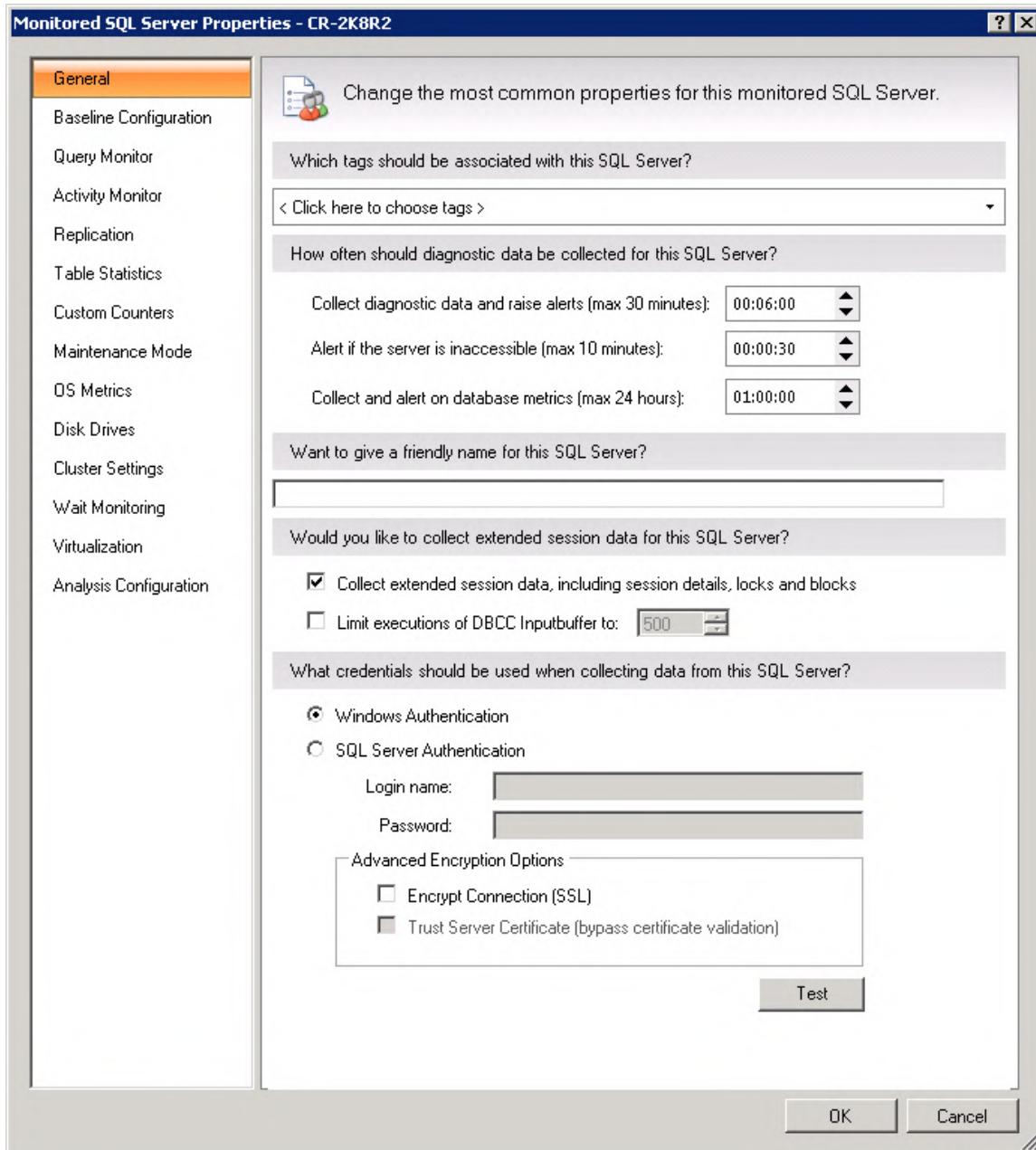
Set general server options

The General tab of SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to edit the most common property settings such as:

- Associate tags with an instance
- Select a diagnostic data collection interval
- Select a server availability verification interval
- Assign a friendly name to your SQL Server instance
- Collect extended session data
- Assign data collection credentials
- Select encryption options

Access the General tab

You can access the General tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**.



Associate tags with an instance

The tag field allows you to [select a tag](#) to add your server to or [add a new tag](#). Tags help you organize server instances into meaningful groups.

Select a diagnostic data collection interval

The data collection interval is the amount of time SQL Diagnostic Manager waits between each collection of data on the selected SQL Server instance. You can set a different interval for each of the following functions:

Collect diagnostic data and raise alerts (max 30 minutes)

The interval between times that the SQLDM Collection Service collects diagnostic data and raises the associated alerts. Lower values cause SQL Diagnostic Manager to raise alerts more quickly, but also cause more frequent refreshes, which increases your monitoring overhead.

Collect and alert on database metrics (max 24 hours)

The interval between times that the SQL Diagnostic Manager Collection Service collects database space-related data and raises the associated alerts. Lower values cause SQL Diagnostic Manager to raise alerts more quickly, but also cause more frequent refreshes, which increases your monitoring overhead. In environments with a large number of databases whose sizes do not change rapidly, setting the database data collection to a long interval can greatly reduce the monitoring footprint.

By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager collects diagnostic data every six minutes and database data every 60 minutes. Consider the following factors before selecting your data collection interval:

Data collection purpose

If your goal with this data collection is to identify broad trends and alert on critical downtime, then a longer refresh interval is appropriate. If you are closely monitoring your SQL Server instance for minute-by-minute changes, use a shorter duration.

Data collection frequency

When diagnosing specific problems or when working with a problematic SQL Server instance, a short interval lets you capture enough data to diagnose the issue. In most situations, the default interval provides sufficient data for your diagnostic needs. Note that SQL Server instances used only occasionally may require less monitoring attention.

Notification of existing or potential problems

Remember that a lower collection interval results in SQL Diagnostic Manager raising alerts more quickly, but also increases your monitoring overhead. This is true when any setting causes more frequent refreshes.

System resource impact

Although SQL Diagnostic Manager limits the amount of system resource impact when collecting data, short collection times on SQL Server instances with large amounts of data could potentially cause system performance degradation. Using the default interval should meet your data collection needs while limiting any system resource impacts.

Space needed for the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository

A lower collection interval results in more frequent refreshes which are all stored in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. Make sure you have enough available space to accommodate these lower settings.

Data spikes

SQL Diagnostic Manager averages most metrics over the timeframe between collections. More-frequent data collection causes increased movement in averages because of short-duration events. For example, a 15-second CPU spike has a greater effect on a one-minute refresh than on a six-minute refresh. You can use alert smoothing to reduce the impact of data spikes on a per-alert basis.

Select a server availability verification interval

The server availability verification interval is the amount of time SQL Diagnostic Manager waits between verifying availability on the selected SQL Server instance. If the connection test collector does not complete within the time specified in the **Alert if the server is inaccessible (max 10 minutes)** field, the SQL Server instance is considered unresponsive. Setting this field to a very low value can result in false positive alerts.

Assign a friendly name to your SQL Server instance

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to assign a friendly name to your monitored SQL Server instance that is meaningful to you and easy to identify. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the friendly name in the server tree of the desktop client and in the web console.

Collect extended session data

The extended session collection data includes important session information, such as details, locks, and blocks. If this information is important to you, make sure the **Collect extended session data, including session details, locks, and blocks** check box is selected.



The extended session collection data gathers all the executing sessions, the idle sessions and all the outstanding locks; regardless of their blocking status. This information includes tempdb usage data which is used to populate the session list in the tempdb view.

Limit the number of DBCC Inputbuffer executions

You can limit the number of executions performed by the DBCC Inputbuffer, which retrieves the actual input command for the Session Details view, among others. Note that on busy servers, decreasing the **Limit executions of DBCC Inputbuffer to** value can reduce monitoring impact.

Data collection credentials

SQL Diagnostic Manager uses the specified credentials to collect data from the monitored SQL Server instance. You can choose to use either Windows authentication or SQL Server authentication.

Windows authentication

Windows Authentication uses the security of the operating system to create a trusted connection only if the account matches a security account defined in SQL Server. This security account must have sufficient permissions on the monitored instance to collect data and OS metrics.

SQL Server authentication

Select this option to use the credentials of a specific SQL Server account.

Select encryption options

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to designate encryption methods used to encrypt data between the Collection Service and the monitored SQL Server instance. You can choose to use SSL or SSL with Trust Service Certificate.

Encrypt Connection (SSL)

This option sets a flag in the connection properties that is used when the collection service connects to a monitored server that specifies that SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is used to encrypt the data between the collection service and the monitored SQL Server instance. For this option to work correctly, configure the monitored SQL Server instance to support encryption.

Trust Server Certificate (Bypass Certificate Validation)

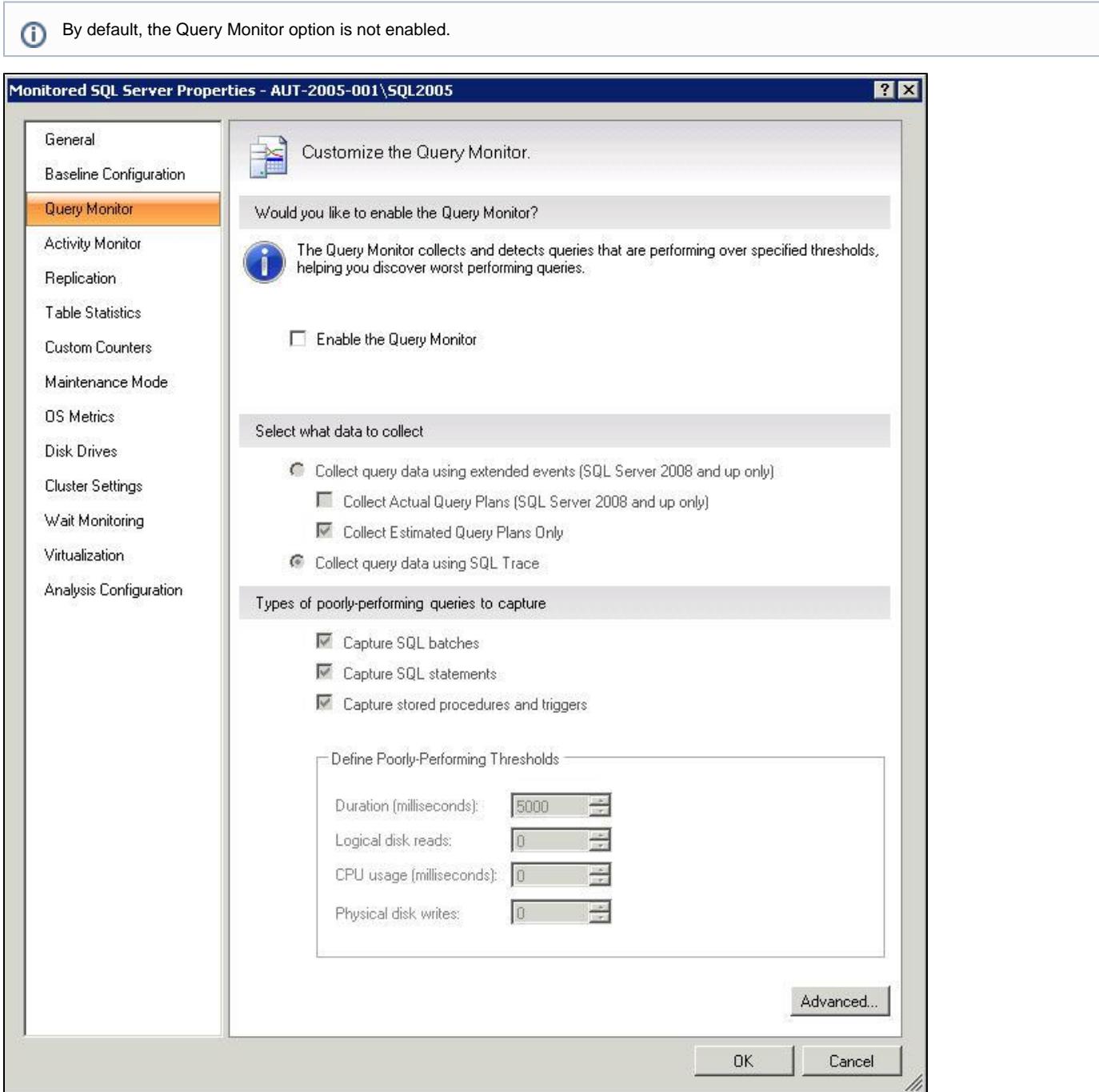
This option is available only when the Encrypt Connection (SSL) is selected. This option allows you to skip the certificate validation when a SQL Server instance establishes a connection. If SSL on the monitored SQL Server instance is not configured to use a certificate that the collection service trusts, the connection is rejected unless the Trust Server Certificate option is selected.

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Set query monitor options

The Query Monitor is a standard SQL Server trace that collects all the events that occur on your SQL Server instance over a period of time. You can enable this option if you experience query timeouts or other performance issues.



The Query Monitor window allows you to enable or disable query monitoring using the **Enable the Query Monitor** check box. You can also select the settings that are used:

- Query data collection
- Query Execution Plans collection
- Capturing poorly-performing queries

Query data collection

You can select to collect query data using Extended Events (Collect query data using extended events radio button) or SQL Trace (Collect query data using SQL Trace radio button). For instances running SQL Server 2008 or higher, the Query Monitor uses by default Extended Events. First introduced in SQL Server 2008, Extended Events provide a new mechanism to capture information about events inside the Database Engine and

diagnose performance problems. This functionality is highly efficient and lightweight. For more information about using Extended Events, see the Microsoft document, [Extended Events](#).

 To capture query data for monitored pre-SQL Server 2008 instances, enable the SQL Trace collection option. Enabling this option can degrade performance on your SQL Server.



SQL Trace and Query Execution Plans

Query Execution Plan capturing is not available if you choose SQL Trace for the Query Monitor. Upon selecting the **Collect query data using SQL Trace** radio button, the **Collect query data using extended events (SQL Server 2008 and up only)** radio button is disabled.

Query Execution Plans collection

Query Execution Plans display how the SQL Server Database Engine navigates tables and uses indexes to access or process the data for a query or other DML Statement. To analyze a slow-running query, you can examine the query execution plan and pinpoint the root of the problem.

To collect query execution plans, click **Collect query data using extended events (SQL Server 2008 and up only)** in the Query Monitor window. By default, this option enables the collection of estimated query plans only. If you would like to collect actual query plans instead, select the **Collect Actual Query Plans (SQL Server 2008 and up only)** check box.

 For instances running SQL Server 2008 or higher, the **Collect query data using extended events (SQL Server 2008 and up only)** and the **Collect Estimated Query Plans Only** check boxes are enabled by default.

 Enabling actual query execution plans collection can have a significant performance overhead, so IDERA recommends using this feature only when troubleshooting or monitoring specific problems for short periods of time. You can also use estimated query plans.

Capturing poorly-performing queries

The types of poorly-performing queries to capture include:

- SQL batches
- SQL Statements
- Stored procedures and triggers

You can also define specific poorly-performing thresholds such as duration, logical disk reads, CPU usage, and physical disk writes.

Diagnosing specific performance issues

Select the events that help you best diagnose the specific issues occurring with query performance on your SQL Server instance. For example, you may want to monitor queries taking a long time to complete, requiring heavy CPU usage, and causing a large number of logical disk reads or physical disk writes, which indicates a memory issue.

SQL Diagnostic Manager uses tracing to locate and flag worst-performing T-SQL. SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot display binary data in a readable format. If you captured DTS packages, you may see unreadable characters in the Command field of the Tree View. Capturing DTS data may also adversely affect the performance of the SQL Server or Data Warehouse you are monitoring.

Using advanced Query Monitor configuration options

You can choose the applications, databases, and SQL text you want to include or exclude using the options available on the [Advanced Query Monitor Configuration](#) window. You can access this window by clicking the **Advanced** button on the Query Monitor tab.



You can also configure these options directly from the [new advanced query views](#) in the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console.

Access the Query Monitor tab

You can access the Query Monitor tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window by right-clicking the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Query Monitor** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window. SQL Diagnostic Manager identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more >>](#)

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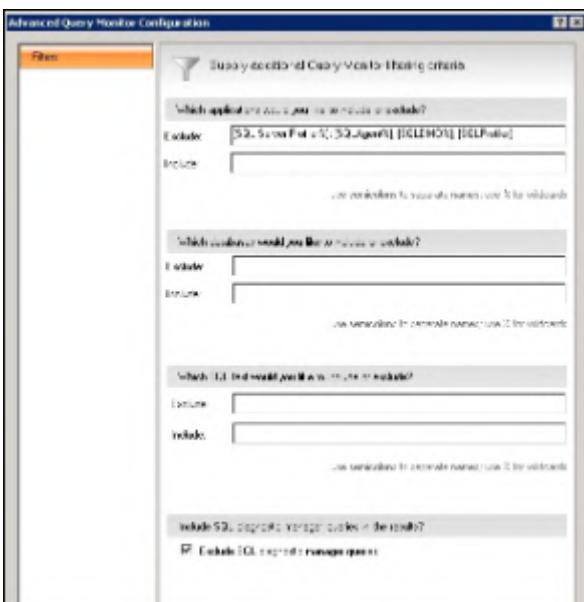
Configure advanced query monitor options

The Advanced Query Monitor Configuration window allows you to supply filtering criteria such as including or excluding specific applications, databases, and SQL text from the Query Monitor Trace collection. Filtering allows you to improve the results you see in the Query Monitor view and reduce the impact of the Query Monitor trace on your server.

i You can also configure these options directly from the new advanced query views in the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console. See [View your SQL Server queries information](#).

Access the Advanced Query Monitor Configuration window

You can access the Advanced Query Monitor Configuration window (click image to view full size) by right-clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then selecting **Properties**. Click **Query Monitor** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window, and then click **Advanced**.



✓ When using Query Monitor filtering, take into account that Exclude takes precedence over Include.

Using Query Monitor exclusion filtering

Excluding data from your Query Monitor trace helps filter out information that is not important for the task at hand. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to filter specific applications, databases, or SQL text and also exclude the SQL Diagnostic Manager queries from the results. When adding multiple items to exclude, use a semi-colon (;) between items of the same type. You can also use a percent character (%) as a wildcard.

To exclude data from your Query Monitor trace while in the Queries view:

1. On the Queries view for the server you want to exclude data from, press the **Configure Query Monitor** button.
2. Click **Advanced**.
3. Enter your filter information in the **Exclude** fields, using (;) to separate items and (%) as a wildcard.
4. Click **OK**.

Using Query Monitor inclusion filtering

SQL Diagnostic Manager allow you to set Query Monitor inclusion filters. You can choose the applications, databases, and SQL text you want to include in the Query Monitor trace and SQL Diagnostic Manager stores only queries that match these inclusion filtering criteria. When adding multiple items to include, use a semi-colon (;) between items of the same type. You can also use a percent character (%) as a wildcard.

To include data in your Query Monitor trace while in the Queries view:

1. On the Queries view for the server you want to include data in, press the **Configure Query Monitor** button.
2. Click **Advanced**.
3. Enter your filter information in the **Include** fields, using (;) to separate items and (%) as a wildcard.
4. Click **OK**.

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Monitor sessions

The Sessions tab contains the following views:

- Summary view where you can view charts for each Sessions statistic.
- Details view that lets you create charts with the specific data items you need.
- Locks view that allows you to create charts based on each lock present on your SQL Server.
- Blocking view where you can create charts specific to all the Blocking sessions.

The Sessions tab provides the following options:

- The ability to diagnose performance bottlenecks caused by blocking or locked sessions.
- The ability to trace specific sessions to see why the session may be blocking or locked.
- The ability to kill sessions to improve system performance.

Access the Sessions tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Sessions tab. The first access path is by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then clicking the Sessions tab. The second access path is by expanding the Servers tree, and then clicking **Sessions** for the appropriate instance.

Alerts associated with the Sessions tab

The following alerts are associated with the Sessions tab:

Blocked Sessions (Count)

Is the number of sessions blocked by other sessions holding requested locks.

Blocking Session Wait Time (Seconds)

Is the amount of time (in seconds) that a SQL Server session is blocking other sessions.

Client Computers (Count)

Is the number of unique client computers connected to the instance.

Deadlock

Is when two processes are waiting for a resource held by the other process.

Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes)

Displays the longest amount of time between a transaction using a Begin Transaction statement and the corresponding Commit Transaction or Rollback Transaction statement, in minutes.

Query Monitor Events (Count)

Is the number of queries captured by Query Monitor on the monitored SQL Server instance during the last scheduled refresh.

Session CPU Time (Seconds)

Provides the CPU time (in seconds) used by a SQL Server sessions.

SQL Server Response Time (Milliseconds)

Calculating the sum of the response time (in milliseconds) to send a batch of SQL statements to the server, process the query, and return the results to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.

User Connections (Percent)

Is the percentage of user connections allowed that are currently used.

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Get sessions performance summary

The Sessions Details view provides an in-depth analysis of sessions running on your monitored SQL Server instance. You can view a wide range of information from performance details to open transactions and configured options or track process activity at the statement level. Individual sessions appear in the top portion of the window. Right-click any session in the list to view locks, show your query history, trace the session, kill the session, print the associated statistics, or export statistics to Microsoft Excel.

Session ID	Type	Blocked By	CPU (ms)	Memory Usage (kb)	Physical IO	Wait Time (ms)	User	Host	Database	Status	Open Transactions	Command	Application	Wait Type	Wait
64	Normal		0	0	0	0	SIMPS01\Administrator	AUT-SQLB-112	master	Sleeping	0	SELECT * FROM master..sysprocesses	SQLServerManager	P	
65	Normal		16	0	0	0	SIMPS01\Administrator	AUT-SQLA-MHNT	master	Sleeping	0	SELECT * FROM master..sysprocesses	SQLServerManager	P	
66	Normal		16	0	0	0	SIMPS01\Administrator	AUT-SQLA-MHNT	master	Sleeping	0	SELECT * FROM master..sysprocesses	SQLServerManager	P	
67	Normal		16	0	0	0	SIMPS01\Administrator	AUT-SQLA-MHNT	master	Sleeping	0	SELECT * FROM master..sysprocesses	SQLServerManager	P	
68	Normal		1,083,7...	0	0	0	SIMPS01\Administrator	0-2480	master	Sleeping	0	ALTER INDEX ALL ON [tempdb].[sysprocesses] REBUILD WITH (STATISTICS_NORECOMPUTE = OFF, SORT_IN_TEMPDB = OFF, DROP_EXISTING = OFF, ONLINE = OFF, ALLOW_ROW_LOCKS = ON, ALLOW_PAGE_LOCKS = ON)	Microsoft SQL Server Analysis	P	
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When you select a session, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the statistics for that session in the **Details** section at the bottom of the window. This section includes in-depth information regarding the session connection, usage, lock, and tempdb usage. If you want to copy the **Last Command** information to the Windows clipboard, right-click in that area, and then click **Copy**.

Access the Details view

To open the Details view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Sessions tab select the appropriate SQL Server instance, select **Sessions**, and click **Details**.

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Get sessions performance details

The Sessions Details view provides an in-depth analysis of sessions running on your monitored SQL Server instance. You can view a wide range of information from performance details to open transactions and configured options or track process activity at the statement level. Individual sessions appear in the top portion of the window. Right-click any session in the list to view locks, show your query history, trace the session, kill the session, print the associated statistics, or export statistics to Microsoft Excel.

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Access the Details view

To open the Details view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Sessions select the the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then click **Sessions > Details**.

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Analyze locked sessions

On the Locked Sessions view, you can see which problem locks are causing data availability problems and unacceptable responses. By combining the information provided on the Problem Locks view (including the type of Lock) with the **Lock Statistics: Waits** chart on the Sessions Summary tab, you can pinpoint, correct, or reschedule automated applications that cause extensive row, table, or database locking.

Use the drop-down list in the chart title to select charts that include:

- Average Wait Time
- Deadlocks
- Requests
- Timeouts
- Waits
- Wait Time information

You can right-click any of these [charts](#) and either print, save as image, or export them to Microsoft Excel. In addition, you can select **Toolbar** for advanced customization options such as changing the chart color scheme and the type of chart shown.

Access the Locks view

You can open the Locks view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Sessions tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Sessions > Locks**.

Available SQL Server lock objects

The Lock Statistics chart includes the following objects:

AllocUnit

Represents a lock on an allocation unit.

Application

Represents a lock on an application-specific resource.

Database

Represents a lock on a database, including all objects in the database.

Extent

Represents a lock on a contiguous group of eight pages.

File

Represents a lock on a database file.

HoBT

(Heap or BTree) Represents a lock on a heap of data pages, or on the BTree structure of an index.

Key

Represents a lock on a row in an index.

Latch

Represents a lock on a latch.

Metadata

Represents a lock on a piece of catalog information, also called metadata.

Object

Represents a lock on an item such as a table, stored procedure, or view, including all data and indexes. The object represents anything that has an entry in sys.all_objects.

Page

Represents a lock on an 8 KB page in a database.

RID

(Row ID) Represents a lock on a single row in a heap.

Table

Represents a lock on a table.

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Analyze blocked sessions

The Blocking view provides a blocking tree, along with the lead blockers, for the selected SQL Server instance. A lead blocker is a session that blocks at least one session, which can then block other sessions.

-  You can use the History Browser to [view past performance](#) and go back to the point in time to view the sessions involved with the blocking alerts you receive.

Navigate through the blocking tree to find sessions that cause blocks, and then either trace sessions to find out what is causing the blocks or stop the session to have it removed. To trace a blocked session or lead blocker select it from the list and click **Trace Session**. To stop a blocked session, or lead blocker, select it from the list and click **Kill Session**.

-  Deadlocks have no lead blockers and are circular in nature. For this reason, SQL Diagnostic Manager does not display deadlocks in the Blocking Tree but does display instances of deadlocks in the Blocking Chart. In addition, SQL Diagnostic Manager does not count self-blocking sessions as blocked or blocking sessions.

Access the Blocking view

You can open the Blocking view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Sessions tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Sessions > Blocking**.

Trace Session

When you click **Trace Session**, the Session Trace window opens. The Session Trace provides session statistics and information including the following:

- Overview of the session, including the CPU Time, Row Count, Lock Wait Timeout, Physical Reads and Write metrics.
- Last Command executed.
- All the SQL Server statements.

Blocking chart

The [Blocking chart](#) displays the number of blocked sessions, lead blockers, and total deadlocks at a given point in time. The total deadlocks represent the total number of deadlocks that have occurred since the last time the pane was refreshed.

You can right-click the chart and either print, save as image, or export this data to Microsoft Excel. In addition, you can select **Toolbar** for advanced customization options, such as changing the chart color scheme and the type of chart shown.

Blocking Sessions Report

The Blocking Sessions Report (Block Reports) displays blocking and blocked sessions' information (Click image to view full size). To access the Blocking Sessions Report in the Alert view, select the Show Block Details option in the right-click context menu. You can also access the same information on the **Blocking View** by selecting a specific SQL Server instance, pointing to **Sessions**, and then selecting the **Blocking** ribbon.

Key information provided for blocking and blocked sessions includes:

Blocking Process Details:

- Session ID
- Host Name
- User Name
- Application
- Database
- Last Batch Started
- Transaction ID
- Open Transactions

Blocked Process Details:

- Session ID
- Host Name
- User Name
- Application
- Database
- Last Batch Started
- Transaction ID
- Open Transactions
- Wait Time (ms)

- Wait Resource

This feature allows you to export statistics in XML format.

 To retrieve the blocking sessions report for SQL Diagnostic Manager, select the "**Non-Query activities>Capture Blocking (SQL 2005+)**" check box in the **Activity Monitor Tab**.

Deadlock Sessions Report

The Deadlock Sessions Report (Deadlock Reports) displays deadlock sessions information (Click image to view full size) . To access the Deadlock Sessions Report in the Alert view, select the **Show Block Details** option in the right-click context menu. You can also access the same information on the **Blocking View** by selecting a specific SQL Server instance, pointing to **Sessions**, and then selecting the **Blocking** ribbon.

Key information provided for deadlock sessions includes:

Deadlock Process Details:

- Session ID
- Status
- Host Name
- User Name
- Execution Context
- Application
- Database
- Last Batch Started
- Last Batch Completed
- Last Transaction Started
- Transaction ID
- Transaction Name
- Open Transactions
- Wait Time (ms)
- Wait Type
- Wait Resource

This feature allows you to export statistics in XDL format.

 To retrieve the deadlock sessions report for SQL Diagnostic Manager, select the "**Non-Query activities>Capture deadlocks (SQL 2005+)**" check box in the **Activity Monitor Tab**.

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Monitor query performance

Query Monitor is a useful SQL Server tool that allows you to log and analyze queries. Query Monitor allows you to establish criteria for the queries you wish to capture, and filter those results to analyze the queries returned. Use the Query Monitor when diagnosing poor query performance on your SQL Server instance. You should monitor queries if your SQL Server instance performance is poor, as a way to diagnose potential query issues.

-  To explore query data in multiple ways and get a handle on queries in your system, try our [New advanced query views](#) of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console.

Access the Queries tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Queries tab. The first access path is by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then clicking the Queries tab. The second access path is by expanding the Servers tree, and then clicking **Queries** for the appropriate instance.

Use the Queries tab

The Queries tab lists each event that occurs in the Query Monitor. For each event, among other details, SQL Diagnostic Manager lists the SQL text associated, start and end times, application, user information, and client computer associated with the event. Fields with SQL text hold 255 characters of text. To view the full SQL text, right-click the field and then select the appropriate option. SQL Diagnostic Manager automatically assigns a name to each of your queries starting with Query 1. The name provides context to your query when switching from **signature mode**, **statement mode**, and **query history** views.

-  Query names are not persistent. The names are different on different desktops and in different sessions on the same desktop.

The **Event Occurrences** chart at the bottom of the view displays the number of T-SQL statements, stored procedures, and SQL batches captured in the trace.

-  Right-click any column heading to pick additional columns to display.

The Sigma () character indicates that the data in this row is at least partially composed of aggregated data. This means that the data is condensed into a day-length summary and some precision about the individual statements, client computers, and users is suppressed. Rows in this view with the Sigma character may include a mix of aggregated and non-aggregated data.

Understand the difference between Signature Mode and Statement Mode

Signature and Statement modes are two different ways to group and view your queries. You can toggle between each mode to see the differences.

Signature Mode (default Queries view)

All active queries are automatically reduced to the signatures (parameters are stripped) and grouped accordingly.

-  You can also view signatures in the [Advanced query signature view](#) of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console.

Statement Mode

All queries are presented exactly as they are collected by the Query Monitor Trace.

Use Filter Settings to customize your view

Use the Filters section of the Signature Mode, Statement Mode, and Query History views to pick the time range, what to include in the table, and even specific applications, client computers, databases, SQL text, and users to view.

You can access advanced filters by clicking the **Filter** button. These options include the [ability to filter out specific applications, databases and SQL text from your query collection](#).

-  The **Include incomplete queries** filter in the Signature Mode and Statement Mode views is disabled by default. If you would like to include data with null values in these views, select the **Include incomplete queries** check box in the Filters section.



You can hide and unhide the Filter and List areas of the Query Monitor views in the ribbon.

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View the query monitor signature mode

The Query Monitor Signature Mode view includes all active query information, automatically reduced to the signatures and grouped accordingly. Note that the parameters are stripped.

-  If you want to prevent certain queries from appearing on the Query Monitor views, click **Configure Query Monitor > Advanced** and enter the applications, databases, or SQL text you want to exclude from the Query Monitor collection. You can also configure these options directly in the [SQL Diagnostic Manager web console](#).

The Query Monitor Signature Mode view is the place to start when investigating query performance. It broadly defines queries and trends with a less overwhelming amount of data and allows you to diagnose a query in a general sense. Once you identify a potential problem, you may want to view the [statement mode](#) view to see why a query is experiencing performance problems for a particular user, and then to the [query history](#) to see how the query performs over time and the associated trends.

The primary focus of the Signature Mode view is in the charts. The chart type drop-down allows you to pick a chart type to view, while the chart category drop-down allows you to choose to view the data by SQL Text, Application, or Database.

Use Query filters to narrow the results to only those that most interest you. Do this by selecting the date and time range, the application, user, database, workstation, and the SQL text you want to include or exclude from your results.

Event Occurrences is a listing of each occurrence of the query and the associated statistics, such as the duration, CPU time, reads, writes, and associated SQL text.

-  If Query Monitor is disabled but Activity Monitor is enabled, SQL statements appearing in the Event Occurrences grid come from the Blocking Session collector. The collector only populates the following fields: Query, SQL text, Occurrences, Event Type, and Average Deadlocks.

-  The **Include incomplete queries** filter in the Signature Mode view is disabled by default. If you would like to include data with null values in this view, select this check box in the [Filters section](#).

Access the Signature Mode view

You can open the Signature Mode view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Queries tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Queries > Signature Mode**.

-  You can also access the Query Signature Mode view through the Query tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager web console. For more information on the new advanced query views, see [View your SQL Server queries information](#).



Query Diagnosis

In the Signature Mode view, you can run a [query diagnosis](#) and receive a list of performance recommendations.

Sigma () character

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Understanding cell colors

Red in the column indicates that the data in that row represents 20 percent or more of the total data displayed in the list, while yellow indicates that the data in the row represents 5 percent or more of the total data displayed in the list.

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View the query monitor statement mode

The Statement Mode view includes queries that are presented exactly as they are collected by the Query Monitor Trace.

-  If queries appear on the Query Monitor views that you never want to appear, click **Configure Query Monitor > Advanced** and enter the applications, databases or SQL text you want to exclude from the Query Monitor collection.

The Statement Mode view is where you go to drill-down into a specific execution of a particular query. Whereas the [signature mode view](#) provides a filtered look at your queries, the Statement Mode view provides all the detail you may need to diagnose a specific problem with a query. Once you find the problem query, History mode allows you to track the query over time and view trends.

The primary focus of the Statement Mode view is in the charts. The chart type drop-down allows you to pick a chart type to display, while the chart category drop-down allows you to choose to view the data by SQL Text, Application, Database, User, or Host. Click a query in a chart to open up the [query history](#) for that query.

Use Query filters to narrow the results to only those that most interest you. Do this by selecting the data and time range, the application, user, database, workstation and even the SQL text you want to include or exclude from your results.

Event Occurrences is a listing of each occurrence of the query and the associated statistics, such as the duration, CPU time, reads, writes, and associated SQL text.

-  If Query Monitor is disabled but Activity Monitor is enabled, SQL statements appearing in the Event Occurrences grid come from the Blocking Session collector. The collector only populates the following fields: Query, SQL text, Event Type, and Deadlocks.

-  The **Include incomplete queries** filter in the Statement Mode view is disabled by default. If you would like to include data with null values in this view, select this check box in the [Filters section](#) of the main query view.

Access the Statement Mode view

You can open the Statement Mode view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Queries tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Queries > Statement Mode**.



Query Diagnosis

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View the query history

Query History allows you to track the performance of a query over time. To access the Query History view, select the query you want to see on the query statement mode or signature mode view in the graph. You can also access the Query History view by right-clicking a session on the Session Details view or a Statement on the Query Waits view and selecting Show Query History.

Access the Query History view

You can open the Query History view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Queries tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Queries > Query History**.

View Query History

1. Use the drop-down menu on each chart to view the history of each of the metrics associated with the query.
2. Click **View SQL Text** to see the associated query text.
3. Click **Keep Detailed History** and SQL Diagnostic Manager keeps a detailed history of the query going forward.
4. Click **Aggregate History** to keep an aggregated history for the selected query.

Use Query filters to narrow the results to only those that most interest you. Do this by selecting the data and time range, the application, user, database, workstation and even the SQL text you want to include or exclude from your results.

Event Occurrences is a list of each occurrence of the query and the associated statistics, such as the duration, CPU time, reads, writes, and associated SQL text. Click the Maximize window icon to view a larger version of this list.

 If Query Monitor is disabled but Activity Monitor is enabled, SQL statements appearing in the Event Occurrences grid come from the Blocking Session collector. The collector only populates the following fields: Occurrence, SQL text, Event Type, and Deadlocks.

Sigma () character

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View query waits

The Query Waits view displays the queries on your SQL Server instance with the longest wait times. By default, the chart at the bottom of the view displays the query waits over time and allows you to further investigate based on Statements, Applications, Databases, Clients, Sessions, and Users.

By analyzing these waits you can better determine where your biggest bottlenecks are occurring and what changes could potentially have the biggest performance boost on your SQL Server instance.

You can select to view query waits as the waits appear over time or by duration of the wait, color coded by query. The chart includes each of the following wait type categories: [Backup](#), [I/O](#), [Lock](#), [Memory](#), [Non-I/O Page Latch](#), [Non-Page Latch](#), [Transaction Log](#), and [Other](#).

Access the Query Waits view

To open the Query Waits view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Queries tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, select **Queries** and click **Query Waits**.

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Monitor resources

The Resources tab allows you to monitor the system resources on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance as well as what used by SQL Server.

Resource bottlenecks are often the cause of SQL Server performance problems. These bottlenecks can result from poor database application design or point to other system processes using valuable resources needed by SQL Server.

Access the Resources tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Resources tab. The first access path is by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then clicking the Resources tab. The second access path is by expanding the Servers tree, and then clicking **Resource** **s** for the appropriate instance.

Alerts associated with the Resources tab

The following alerts are associated with the Resources tab:

Disk Reads / Seconds Per Disk

The number of disk reads per second, per disk.

Disk Transfers / Seconds Per Disk

The number of disk transfers per second, per disk.

Disk Writes / Seconds Per Disk

The number of disk writes per second, per disk.

OS Average Disk Queue Length

The average number of both read and write requests queued for all the disks on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance.

OS Disk Time (Percent)

Indicates the percentage of elapsed time that all the disks were busy servicing read and write requests on the SQL Server computer.

OS Memory Usage (Percent)

Indicates the percentage of total memory used on the SQL Server computer.

OS Paging (Per Second)

Indicates the page fault rate for all processes on the SQL Server computer.

OS Privileged Time (Percent)

Indicates the percentage of CPU time used by all processes on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance, executed in Privileged mode.

OS Processor Queue Length

Is the number of ready threads in the processor queue on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance.

OS Processor Time (Percent)

Indicates the percentage of CPU time used by all processes on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance.

OS User Time (Percent)

Indicates the percentage of CPU time spent by all processes, on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance, executing in User mode.

Page Life Expectancy

The number of seconds a page stays in the buffer pool without references.

Procedure Cache Hit Ratio (Percent)

The ratio of procedure cache hits to procedure cache lookups. This indicates when an execution plan is reused from memory as opposed to compiled from disk.

SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)

Indicates the percentage of the total CPU used by the SQL Server instance.

SQL Server Memory Usage (Percent)

Indicates the percentage of total memory used by SQL Server.

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Get the resource performance summary

The Resources Summary tab displays real-time charts that allow you to quickly view key diagnostic statistics for monitoring the resources for the selected SQL Server instance and computer on which it resides. The Resources Summary tab is especially useful in determining resource bottlenecks. For more details, click any of the charts to navigate to the associated tab.

Access the Resources Summary view

You can open the Summary view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Resources tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, select **Resources**, and click **Summary**.

Use the CPU Usage chart

The [CPU Usage chart](#) helps you determine the amount of strain your SQL Server instance is putting upon the CPU. This is an important factor in analyzing poorly-performing SQL Server instances. Click this chart to open the CPU, which contains more charts and information on your CPU resources.

-  SQL Server is the primary process consuming CPU on the computer hosting your instance. If this is the case and the total CPU usage is consistently higher than 80 percent, the computer requires your attention. High usage may indicate the need to upgrade your CPU or add more processors.

Use the Call Rates chart

The [Call Rates chart](#) helps you determine why you have high CPU usage. The Call Rates chart displays the following metric statistics:

Batches

Displays the rate at which SQL Server issues SQL Statement batches.

Compiles

Displays the rate at which SQL Server compiles SQL Statements into the Procedure Cache.

Re-Compiles

Displays the rate at which SQL Server recompiles stored SQL Statements into the Procedure Cache.

-  If the number of re-compiles is consistently higher than 10, or the number of compiles is high, you may need to tune your queries. Consider running the [Query Monitor](#) as a way of diagnosing query performance issues. You can enable the Query Monitor on the Query Monitor tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.

Transactions

Displays the number of SQL Statement transactions affecting the Procedure Cache.

Use the Memory Usage chart

The [Memory Usage chart](#) allows you to analyze the way in which your SQL Server instance uses memory. The chart provides the amount of memory allocated to SQL Server, the memory currently used by SQL Server, and the total amount used on the host computer.

-  If the SQL Used metric is consistently high compared to the amount of physical memory on the computer where the SQL Server instance resides, it may indicate that you need more physical memory.

Use the Cache Hit Ratios chart

The [Cache Hit Ratios chart](#) allows you to view how often a request is serviced by the buffer and procedure cache.

-  An acceptable Buffer Cache and Procedure Cache percentage is 90 percent or higher. If this number is consistently lower, analyze your memory settings and add more memory if necessary.

Use the Disk Busy chart

Use the [Disk Busy chart](#) to analyze bottlenecks in your file system.

 If your Disk Busy is consistently over 90 percent you may need to use a faster disk drive, move files to an additional disk or server, or add disks to a RAID array to improve your SQL Server performance.

Use the SQL Server Physical I/O chart

The SQL Server Physical I/O chart allows you to view the number of pages read from, and written to, the physical disk.

The SQL Server Physical I/O chart displays the following reads and writes:

Checkpoint Writes

Save time during recovery by creating a point at which all dirty pages are guaranteed written to disk.

Lazy Writer Writes

Create more available buffers for the system by clearing all unnecessary buffers.

Page Reads

Are disk writes where the requesting session must wait for the disk write operation to finish.

Page Writes

Are disk writes where the requesting session must wait for certain operations to finish.

 If the number of reads and writes approaches the limits of the I/O capacity of the computer the SQL Server instance resides, consider reducing the values by tuning your application or database, increasing the I/O capacity of your hardware, or adding memory.

Read Ahead Reads

Are part of a process in which SQL Server predicts what pages a session requires next and writes them to memory in advance.

Understanding your chart data and refresh interval

SQL Diagnostic Manager charts provide data whether collected real-time or as part of a scheduled collection event. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager displays your chart data, see [Charts](#).

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Get CPU performance details

The CPU tab displays key CPU statistics that are updated according to your refresh interval. These statistics can help you determine the cause to any performance bottlenecks that are occurring on your SQL Server instance.

Access the CPU view

To open the CPU view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Resources tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, select Resources, and click **CPU**.

CPU tab charts

The following [charts](#) are available in the CPU tab:

CPU Usage

Displays the percentage of a CPU consumed by your SQL Server, virtual machine, and host server. On multi-processor computers, CPU time used by SQL Server is derived from the processors available for use by SQL Server.

Processor Queue Length

Displays the number of threads in queue for processor time on the computer that hosts the monitored SQL Server instance.

Processor Time

Displays the percentage of elapsed time that is used by processor executing code in privileged mode.

Call Rates

Displays the rate of SQL Server batch statements, SQL compiles into procedure cache, and SQL Server recompiles of statements stored in the procedure cache.

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Get memory performance details

The Memory tab displays the dynamic memory currently in use by SQL Server as well as how that memory satisfies the requirements of SQL Server components. For example, you can see what percentage of the total allocated memory is currently used by the procedure cache. You can control the amount of memory SQL Server uses by either setting a fixed memory value or setting minimum and maximum memory usage values.

Static structures, like procedure headers, use the amount of memory derived from subtracting the sum of the graphed sections displayed on the Memory tab from the total allocated memory, also provided on the Memory tab.

Access the Memory view

To open the Memory view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Resources tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Resources**, and select **Memory**.

Memory tab charts

The following charts are available on the Memory tab:

SQL Server Memory Usage

Displays the SQL Memory Usage by what is used by SQL Server compared to what is allocated and the total used.

VM/Host Memory Usage

Displays the memory usage by your virtual machine and host as a percentage of total memory available.

Paging

Displays the memory pages per second.

SQL Server Memory Areas

Displays the memory usage of the Buffer Cache, Procedure Cache, Connections, Locks, Database, and Optimizer.

VM Memory Areas

Displays the amount of memory allocated to and used by SQL Server to the total memory consumed on this virtual machine.

Host Memory Areas

Displays the amount of memory allocated to and used by SQL Server to the total memory consumed on this host server.

Cache Hit Ratios

Displays the hit ratios of the Buffer and Procedure cache.

Buffer Cache

Displays the buffer cache used by Free and Active pages.

Procedure Cache

Provides the amount of allocated memory used by dynamic and static stored procedures. Included in this value is the memory used by server side cursors and plans. From the total memory allocated to SQL Server, the pinned tables, open objects, connections, locks, and free buffer values are subtracted. The remainder is divided between procedure and data cache.

Page Life Expectancy (sec)

Provides the time in seconds that a page remains in the cache or buffer pool.

Understanding your chart data and refresh interval

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Get disk performance details

The Disk tab allows you to view key statistics on the way your disks are used on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance. This allows you to analyze your disk performance for any performance bottlenecks that may be occurring.

Disk information is displayed in four charts that display the drives the computer on which the SQL Server instance is located. You can pick which four charts you view by selecting from the drop-down list at the top of each chart. You can select from the following charts:

 You must have OS metrics enabled to show the information in the charts on the Disks tab.

Access the Disk view

To open the Disk view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Resources tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Resources**, and select **Disk**.

Disk tab details

Disk Busy Total

Displays the percentage of time during the sample interval that the disk was not idle for all the disks(combined) on the server that the SQL Server instance resides.

Disk Busy Per Disk

Displays the percentage of time during the sample interval that each disk was not idle.

Average Disk Queue Length Total

Displays the average length of the disk queue during the sample interval for all disks (combined) on the server that the SQL Server instance resides.

Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk

Displays the average length of the disk queue during the sample interval for all disks (individual) on the server that the SQL Server instance resides.

SQL Server Physical I/O

Displays the number of read and write requests sent to the physical disk the SQL Server instance resides.

SQL Server Physical I/O Errors

Displays the number of errors sent from the physical disk the SQL Server instance resides.

Disk Reads/Second Per Disk

Displays the number of reads per disk per second during the sample interval.

Disk Transfers/Second Per Disk

Displays the number of transfers per disk per second during the sample interval.

Disk Writes/Second Per Disk

Displays the number of writes per disk per second during the sample interval.

Average Disk ms/Read Per Disk

Displays the average length of time (in milliseconds) for a disk to read during the sample interval.

Average Disk ms/Transfer Per Disk

Displays the average length of time (in milliseconds) for a disk transfer during the sample interval.

Average Disk ms/Write Per Disk

Displays the average length of time (in milliseconds) for a disk write during the sample interval.

VM Disk Usage

Displays the amount of data read from and written to disk in KB per second for this virtual machine during the sample interval. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines and collects metrics, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

Host Disk Usage

Displays the amount of data read from and written to disk in KB per second for the host server during the sample interval. For additional information about how SQL Diagnostic Manager works with virtual machines and collects metrics, see [How SQL Diagnostic Manager works with a virtual environment](#).

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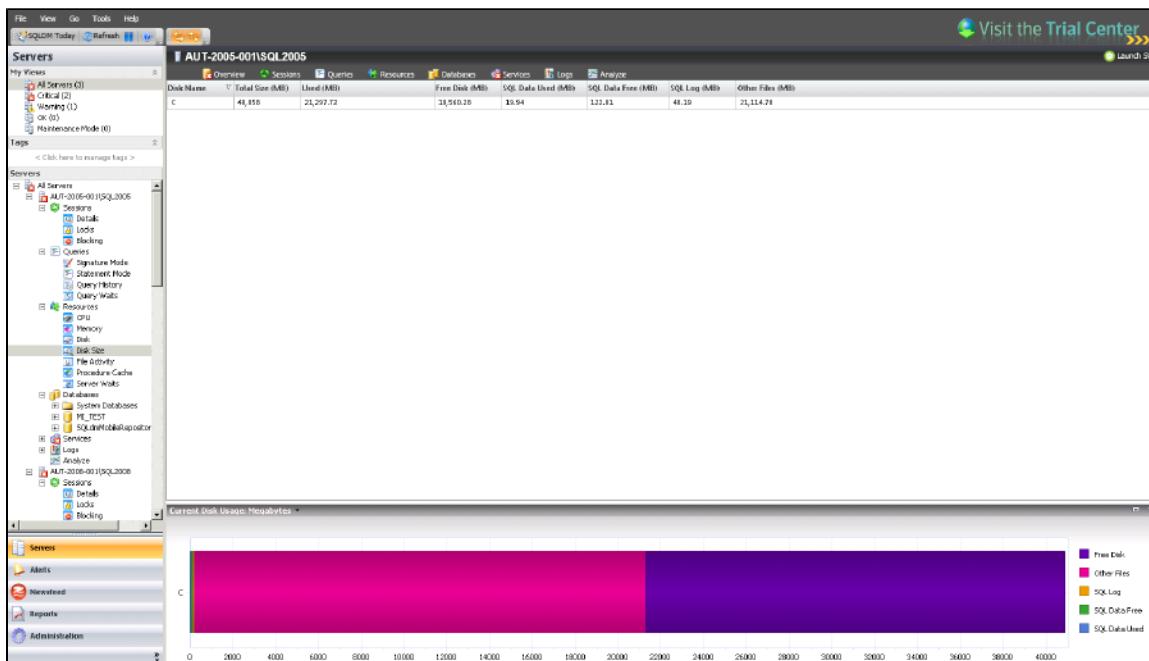
Get disk size details

The Disk Size tab allows you to view key statistics on the way your disks are used on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance. This allows you to analyze your disk performance for any performance bottlenecks that may be occurring.

 You must have OS metrics enabled to show the information in the charts on the Disks tab.

Access the Disk Size view

You can open the Disk Size view by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Disk Size** in the **Views** group of the **Resources** tab. Click image to view full size.



Disk Size tab details include:

- Drive Letter
- Used (MB)
- Free Disk (MB)
- SQL Data Used (MB)
- SQL Data Free (MB)
- SQL Log (MB)
- Other Files (MB)

Current Disk Usage chart

The Disk size tab includes a chart that displays the current disk usage. The drop-down list allows you to choose to view the data in megabytes or percentages.

Understanding your chart data and refresh interval

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 You can print, export to Excel, or save the Current Disk Usage chart image.

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View file activity

The SQL Diagnostic Manager File Activity allows you to view the relative activity of your database files, on a file-by-file basis. Each database file is listed in a column that represents the disk or mount point on which the files reside. At the top of each column the overall Reads, Writes, and Transfers per second are listed. Click an individual file to expand it and view a graph and the activity data specific to that file.

For each database file, the following information is provided:

Reads and Writes Per Second

The numbers listed are the average number of reads and write operations per second over the period between collections. Collection times are configured on the Server Properties window.

Activity lights

Read (green) and Write (blue) lights flash with activity.

Activity graph

A bar graph under the file name displays the recent trend of reads and writes per second. This graph expands when you double-click the file. The expanded Activity graph displays the activity trend for the amount of time specified on the Console Options window (**Tools > Console Options**).

Activity data

The arrows and the associated data represent the amount of data activity occurring on the file and whether the amount of activity is rising or falling relative to the previous data point.

-  Right-click a disk column to Expand/Collapse all files for a database, Expand/Collapse all files on a disk, Navigate to Disk view, or Navigate to the Disk Files view.

Access the File Activity view

To open the File Activity view of the SQLDM Resources tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Resources**, and select **File Activity**.

Database Files + Remaining Disk Files

Database Files + Remaining Disk Files chart depicts the activity of all the non-SQL database files and files not included in the File Activity window.

Use the filter to display vital database activity

The filters at the top of the File Activity window allow you to limit the amount of data to that data which is most important to you.

-  For an accurate filter, use the percent (%) wildcard character in the **File Path Like** or **File Name Like** field if you do not include the entire name.

Filter Drive

Use the **Drive** drop-down to select the drives to display on the File Activity window. You can also enter a file path in the **File Path Like** field to select a subset of drives. This field accepts the percent (%) wildcard character.

Filter Database

Use the **Database** drop-down to select the databases to display on the File Activity window. You can also enter a file name in the **File Name Like** field to select a subset of databases. This field accepts the percent (%) wildcard character.

File Type

Check the boxes of the file types to display on the File Activity window.

Sort By

Select to sort by **Database Name**, **File Name**, **Reads Per Second**, or **Writes Per Second**.

Sort Direction

Further, sort your data by selecting **Ascending** or **Descending** order.

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Manage your procedure cache

The Procedure Cache view allows you to view each item cached, the size, and the SQL text associated. Graphs below the cache listing provide you with a breakdown of the key Procedure Cache statistics that can help you analyze performance bottlenecks on your SQL Server instance.

The **Usage** column displays the number of times the associated cache object is used since inception. The **References** column displays the number of other cache objects referencing the associated cache object, with "1" as the base.

Access the Procedure Cache view

You can open the Procedure Cache view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Resources tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Resources > Procedure Cache**.

Procedure Cache tab charts

The following [charts](#) are available on the Procedure Cache tab:

Cache Size by Object Type

Displays the amount of the procedure cache used by various objects including:

- Adhoc Query
- Check Constraint
- Default Constraint
- Extended Procedure
- Prepared Statement
- View
- Stored Procedure

Object Types

- Use the drop-down button to select either Hit Ratio, Object Count, or Use Rate.
- Hit Ratio offers a chart of the cache hit ratios of the individual object types in memory through the last 25 refreshes. For example, you can view the hit ratio of the extended procedure object.
- Object Count displays the number of objects using the procedure cache. Use Rate displays the rate at which each of the object types is used in the procedure cache.

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View server waits

The Server Waits view allows you to see all of the waits affecting server performance. By correlating the areas of the SQL Server instance that are waiting with other statistics, it is possible to narrow down possible causes of the waits. All waits occurring on your system are displayed in a graph that shows the time the wait happened and the length of time it took for the wait to clear. You can filter the graph by the wait type to view how a particular wait is affecting your server. Below the graph, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a table that includes the wait category, wait type, length of time the wait took to clear, total wait time for all the collected wait types, and a definition of the wait type.

Server waits are always collected. History mode for this view is available.

Access the Server Waits view

You can open the Server Waits view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Resources tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Resources > Server Waits**.

Available wait types

You can filter the view by [Backup](#), [I/O](#), [Lock](#), [Memory](#), [Non-I/O Page Latch](#), [Non-Page Latch](#), [Transaction Log](#), and [Other](#).

Available wait categories

You can select from the following wait categories:

Total Waits

Total waits include all the types of waits collected.

Signal Waits

Signal waits occur when a resource is now available (after a resource wait) and the task is waiting to run again.

Resource Waits

Resource waits occur when access to a resource is denied because the resource is in use or not available. SQL [Diagnostic Manager](#) identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more >>](#)

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Monitor databases

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to monitor your database backups, restores, table sizes, table row counts, configurable options, and replication status. SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a graphical analysis of the used, unused, and index disk space of the database. You can also view the size and structure of database tables. SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a list of data size, text or image size, index page size, and the number of table rows, making reorganization and index creation decisions easy.

The following concepts are important to understand when using the Databases tab:

Percentage of Database/Log Full

The **%Data Full** and **%Log Full** columns on the Database Summary and Database Files views refer to the current space used as a percentage of the potential maximum available space. The larger the number the closer you are to running out of space. These columns can have associated alert thresholds.

Potential Maximum Available Space

The **Data Potential Growth** and **Log Potential Growth** columns on the Database Summary and Database Files views refer to the currently allocated space plus the available expansion space.

Available Expansion Space

Available Expansion Space refers to the available disk space that files can grow into as determined by the growth settings for the files, the location of the files, and the free space on those disks.

Multiple database files as well as files from other databases can potentially compete for space on the same disk. For example, if the data and log files for several databases are on the same disk and the data file of one database expands, the available expansion space for all database files on the disk is immediately reduced.

Access the Databases tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Databases tab. The first access path is by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then clicking the Databases tab. The second access path is by expanding the Servers tree, and then clicking **Databases** for the appropriate instance.

Alerts associated with the Databases tab

The following alerts are associated with the Databases tab:

Database Full (Percent)

Percentage of the allowable disk space for the database currently used by the sum of data, text, and index. Allowable disk space for the database is calculated by taking into account the current allocated space, auto-growth settings, and available disk space.

Database Read/Write Error Occurred

Failure to read from or write to the hard disk.

Database Status

Multiple types of **Database Status** alerts exist.

Index Row hits (Percent)

Number of row hits that part of a clustered index or an entire non-clustered index returns, providing an indication of index effectiveness.

Log Full (Percent)

Percentage of the allowable disk space for the database currently used by the transaction log. Allowable disk space for the database is calculated by taking the current allocated space, auto-growth settings, and available disk space.

Table Fragmentation (Percent)

Percentage of pages that are fragmented in each table in the database.

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Get the database status summary

The Database Summary tab allows you to view the status of all the databases on the selected SQL Server instance. Along with the database status table, the Summary tab includes charts that provide options for viewing the capacity usage and recent trends of your databases. You can select multiple databases in the list using click+Shift and click+Ctrl to compare several databases.



The status column can help you quickly identify databases that have associated alerts and need your Attention.

The Database Summary tab lists each database on the monitored SQL Server instance. The Database Summary tab displays a large variety of database statistics and is an important way to get an overview of the health of your databases. This information gives you a good indication as to how the data is configured in your database, such as comparing the volume of your table data compared to your indexes, or the size of your log files.

Access the Database Summary view

You can open the Summary view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, and select **Summary**.

Database Summary tab charts

The Database Summary tab includes [charts](#) that display capacity usage and recent trends information for your database.

Capacity Usage

You can choose to view how data or the log is used on your database. The drop-down list allows you to choose to view the data or log in megabytes or percentages. For more information, click inside the chart to open the Database Files tab.

Recent Trends

You can choose to view how your database or group of databases are used currently by selecting either active sessions, transactions per second, data size, log size, or log flushes from the drop-down list.

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Monitor AlwaysOn Availability Groups

The AlwaysOn Availability Groups view allows you to monitor availability groups, availability databases, and availability replicas.

-  If you have configured the AlwaysOn Availability Groups feature on your SQL 2012 Server, SQL Diagnostic Manager automatically recognizes the availability databases and starts to monitor them.

AlwaysOn Availability Groups are part of an integrated solution, introduced in SQL Server 2012 with the goal of achieving the highest level of data availability and disaster recovery for organizations. Availability Groups grant DBAs the ability to automatically or manually failover a group of databases as a single unit with support for up to four secondary replicas. For additional information on availability groups, see the Microsoft document, [Overview of AlwaysOn Availability Groups \(SQL Server\)](#).

Access the AlwaysOn Availability Groups view

To open the AlwaysOn Availability Groups view click the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, select **Databases**, and click **Availability Group**.

Database AlwaysOn Availability Groups statistics

In this view, you can see the health of all your availability groups, availability databases and monitored availability replicas. The database table provides the following information for each availability group (as seen in the view by default):

Database Name

Displays the name of the availability database.

Group Name

Displays the name of the availability group for which the connected server instance hosts a replica.

Replica Name

Displays the name of the server instance that hosts the availability replica.

Failover Mode

Displays the failover mode for which the availability replica is configured. The possible failover modes are automatic or manual.

Availability Mode

Describes if data synchronization will use either the synchronous-commit or asynchronous-commit availability mode.

Replica Role

Indicates the current role of the availability replica. Possible values are primary or secondary.

Synchronization Health

Displays database synchronization state in the availability group. Possible values include: not healthy, partially healthy, and healthy.

Redo Queue Size (KB)

Displays the amount of log records from log files in KB that need redoing in the secondary replica to complete synchronization.

Redo Rate (KB/s)

Rate in KB per second at which log records are redone in the secondary database to complete synchronization.

Log Send Queue Size (KB)

Amount of log records in KB needed to ship to the secondary replica to complete synchronization.

Log Send Rate (KB/s)

Indicates the rate in KB per second at which log records are being sent to the secondary replica to complete synchronization.

Listener DNS Name

The network name of the availability group listener.

Listener IP Address

The IP address reserved for the availability group listener. If the nodes of your Windows cluster are on different subnets you will need an IP address for each of those subnets.

Failover Readiness

Indicates whether the secondary database is synchronized with the corresponding primary database. Possible values include: True (the database is marked as synchronized and is ready for a failover) and False (the database is not synchronized and not ready for a failover).

Synchronization Database Status

Indicates whether the availability database is currently synchronized with the primary replica. Possible synchronization states are: not synchronizing, synchronizing, synchronized, reverting, and initializing.

Database Status

Description of the database state of the availability replica. Possible values include: online, restoring, recovering, recovery_pending, suspect, emergency, and offline.

Suspended Status

An AlwaysOn availability database is suspended. Possible values are true or false.

Last Hardened Time

Indicates the time when the log-block identifier was received for the last hardened LSN on the secondary replica.

Operational Status

Indicates the current operational state of the secondary replica. Possible state values include: pending failover, pending, online, offline, failed, failed no quorum, and NULL.

Connection Status

Indicates whether a secondary replica is currently connected to the primary replica. Possible values include: connected and disconnected.

Synchronization Performance (s)

Indicates the time in seconds it takes to synchronize between the primary and secondary replicas.

Estimated Data Loss (s)

Indicates the time difference in seconds of the last transaction log record in the primary replica and secondary replica. If the primary replica fails, all transaction log records within the time window will be lost.

Estimated Recovery Time (s)

Indicates the time in seconds it takes to redo the catch-up time. The catch-up time is the time it will take for the secondary replica to catch up with the primary replica.

Additional columns available through the **Column Chooser**:

Database ID

Identifier of the database, unique within an instance of SQL Server.

FileStream Send Rate (KB/s)

Indicates the rate of the FileStream in KB per second at which transactions are being sent to the secondary replicas.

Group ID

Unique identifier (GUID) of the availability group.

Last Connect Error#

Number of the last connection error.

Last Connect Error Description

Description of the last connection error.

Last Connect Error Time

Timestamp of the last connection error.

Listener Port

The TPC port used by the availability group listener.

Replica ID

Identifier of the availability replica within the availability group.

 You can hide and unhide additional columns in the Availability Groups table by right clicking on any header in the grid and selecting a column from the **Column Chooser** dialog.

Availability Groups charts

The AlwaysOn Availability Groups view includes charts that display the queue size and transfer rates of different availability groups.

Queue Size chart

Provides users with graphical details about queues in the AlwaysOn Availability Groups feature. This chart is a stacked bar chart for the "Log Send Queue Size" and "Redo Queue Size."

Transfer Rates chart

Provides users with graphical details about data transfer rates for redo and logs. This chart is a line chart for the "Log Send Rate" and "Redo Rate."

Availability Groups alerts

To view a list of all available alerts, see [Metric alerts](#).

Understand the view colors

The AlwaysOn Availability Groups view uses a color-based alert system. The following colors are associated with a status and action within SQL Diagnostic Manager:

Color	Alert Status	Action
Green	OK	Acceptable threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager does not generate an alert.
Blue	Informational	Informational threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates an informational alert.
Yellow	Warning	Warning threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates a warning alert.
Red	Critical	Critical threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates a critical alert.

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Get the tempdb status summary

The Tempdb Summary tab allows you to view the status of your tempdb database on the selected SQL Server instance. These charts include options for viewing your current capacity usage and recent trends of your files over time. These statistics appear in the Database Statistics report.

The Tempdb Summary tab displays a list of sessions currently using tempdb along with their cumulative usage and tempdb space. These statistics help you get an overview of the health of your tempdb database and gives you a good indication whether you have enough space allocated or whether tempdb issues are causing a performance problem on your server.

Access the Tempdb Summary view

You can open the Tempdb Summary view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Data bases**, and click Tempdb **Summary**.

Tempdb Summary tab charts

The Tempdb Summary tab includes [charts](#) that display capacity usage and recent trend information for your tempdb database.

Toggle between the Version Store Cleanup and Tempdb Contention charts by using the drop-down list available to the right of the chart title.

Tempdb Space Used by File

You can choose to view how each file is using space on your tempdb database, displayed in megabytes.

Tempdb Space Used Over Time

You can choose to view how your database is used over time based on object type by comparing charts that offer metrics for the Space Used and Space Allocated.

Version Store Cleanup Rate

The [tempdb database version store](#) collects data rows necessary to support snapshot isolation. This chart helps you see the current cleanup rate to avoid filling up tempdb.

Tempdb Contention

The [Tempdb Contention](#) chart displays latch wait time (in milliseconds) for the allocation pages of tempdb. The three tracked allocation page types are:

- Page free space (PFS)
- Global allocation map (GAM)
- Shared global allocation map (SGAM)

Latch contention of this sort is usually an indication that you should create more tempdb data files. In some situations, using Trace Flag 1118 may also alleviate tempdb contention.

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Monitor your tempdb database

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to monitor your tempdb database with a number of charts and alerts to help you avoid costly performance issues caused by a full tempdb. The tempdb system database is a workspace used to hold temporary user objects, results created through queries and sorts, and other objects created by the SQL Server Database Engine. Because of the large amount of data stored in tempdb, users can run out of disk space, which causes the entire server and all of its databases to become unresponsive. SQL Diagnostic Manager seeks to resolve some of these issues by providing a monitoring solution that features a series of tempdb-specific charts, views, and alerts.

The tempdb system database, along with the Master, Model, and MSDB databases, is provided by default with SQL Server and is a shared resource available to all users connected to a single SQL Server instance. Each time you start SQL Server, it re-creates tempdb based on the Model database. Tempdb can fill up quickly when you are low on disk space or have a low maximum size for database growth. Certain workloads may cause excessive space usage or create contention in tempdb, which can affect performance on the entire server.

 Tempdb monitoring is supported on SQL Server 2005 and above servers only.

Tempdb version store

The tempdb version store collects the data necessary to support row versioning. Each time a data value changes, a new version of the row is created and stored for as long as the oldest active transaction needs to access it. Once the row version is no longer needed it is removed from tempdb by a cleanup job which runs once per minute. As a result, long-running transactions prevent cleanup of older entries into the tempdb version store, causing growth which can affect performance and cause tempdb to run out of space.

Tempdb contention

Tempdb resource contention or waits is usually the result of heavy use on too few tempdb files and occurs when the system attempts to allocate pages. The tempdb contention chart displays latch wait time (in milliseconds) for the allocation pages of tempdb. The three tracked allocation page types are:

- Page free space (PFS)
- Global allocation map (GAM)
- Shared global allocation map (SGAM)

Latch contention of this sort is usually an indication that you should create more tempdb data files. In some situations, using Trace Flag 1118 may also alleviate tempdb contention.

Available alerts

Tempdb includes the following specific alerts:

- Data File Autogrow
- Log File Autogrow
- Longest Running Version Store Transaction (Minutes)
- Session Tempdb Space Usage (MB)
- Tempdb Contention (ms)
- Version Store Generation Ratio
- Version Store Size (MB)

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Monitor database configuration settings

The Database Configuration view allows you to view the configuration settings of the databases on the selected SQL Server instance. This view contains a single grid that includes the configuration settings for all databases on the selected SQL Server instance.

-  The columns displayed on the Database Configuration view differ between SQL Server 2005 and SQL Server 2008 instances.

You can use the Database Configuration view to analyze configuration differences between databases or databases with incorrect configuration settings.

-  If you experience database issues, the Database Configuration view can help you determine if the problem is caused by configuration errors.

Access the Configuration view

To open the Configuration view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, and select **Configuration**.

Null values in the Collation and Version columns

If the database is not started and AUTO_CLOSE is set to ON, these columns are set to null until the database is started. SQL [Diagnostic Manager](#) identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more >>](#)

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View database status

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows multiple simultaneous status indicators for each individual database, very similar to what you see in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio. You can see the status of a database in the Servers tree by expanding the associated Server tree. The status displayed matches what is shown in Microsoft SQL Server Management Studio in all cases where Management Studio displays a status.

Database alerts and statuses

The following alerts and statuses are associated with Database status:

Default Status Level	Alert/Status	Description
OK	Normal	Everything is okay and the database is operating normally.
OK	Standby	The database is in standby mode.
OK	Read Only	The database is in read-only mode.
OK	Single User	The database is in single-user mode.
OK	Restore Mirror	Restoring the database mirror.
OK	Undetermined	No information is available one this database.
OK	Cleanly Shut Down	The database is shut down and needs no recovery.
OK	DBO Use Only	The database is in a dbo-use mode (restricted_user).
Warning	Restoring	Restoring the database.
Warning	Recovering	Recovering the database.
Warning	Recovery Pending	The database recovery is not yet begun.
Warning	Offline	The database is offline.
Critical	Suspect	The database integrity is suspect.
Critical	Emergency Mode	The database is in emergency mode.
Critical	Inaccessible	The SQLdm Monitoring Service is unable to open the database. A serious issue such as a disk failure can cause an inaccessible database.

Change the default alert status level

Alerting is based on the most critical status associated with a database at the time of collection.



Note that for certain metrics, using the informational alert means that you no longer receive a warning or critical alert for events generated by that metric. Please review the situation before setting up an informational alert.

To change the default alert status level:

1. Right-click any server in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select **Database Status** from the list of alerts.
4. Double-click any of the values on the **Configuration** tab.
5. Edit each alert to associate it with the desired alert status level.

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Analyze database files

The Files view allows you to see the file statistics for each of your databases on the selected SQL Server instance. Database capacity and growth are common causes of SQL Server performance bottlenecks.



Database growth statistics are collected every scheduled refresh.

The Files view is an important tool that displays how much disk space you have available to your databases, how much disk space they are using, and the percentage of space used by databases and logs. Database capacity and growth are common causes of SQL Server performance bottlenecks.

For Example: If the % Data Full on a database is over a threshold, it could mean that either the file doesn't have the file auto-growth setting turned on, is about to reach the maximum allowable size, or that the disk the database is on is about to run out of space.

Another common use of the Files view is to identify the fragmentation percentage on an index. Once identified, you can click **Rebuild Indexes** to reduce the fragmentation on the selected index.

Access the Files view

To open the Files view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, and select **Files**.

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Get file statistics

Select any database in the list to display the associated file statistics in the Data Files tab of the Files view. Click any file in the list to populate the information displayed in the File Usage chart.

Select the drop-down box above the chart to choose a chart type:

- Current Megabytes
- Current Percent
- Potential Megabytes
- Potential Percent



You can select multiple databases as well as multiple files to compare file statistics.

Access the Data Files tab

To open the Data Files tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases Files view, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, and select **Files**. The Data Files tab is the default view.

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Get file group information

The File Groups tab of the Files view displays the selected database. Click a group on the File Groups tab to populate the **File Group Usage** chart. Select the drop-down list above the chart to choose a [chart type](#):

- Current Megabytes
- Current Percent
- Potential Megabytes
- Potential Percent



Select multiple databases and multiple file groups to compare how they are used. This can help you quickly spot issues with your file usage.

Access the File Groups tab

To open the File Groups tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases Files view, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, select **Files**, and then click the **File Groups** tab.

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View transaction log information

The Transaction Logs tab of the Files view allows you to view the transaction log files for the selected databases. Select the drop-down list above the chart to choose from the following chart types :

- Current Megabytes
- Current Percent
- Potential Megabytes
- Potential Percent

 Log files in high transaction rate environments can occupy multiple disks. The Transaction Logs tab allows you to easily monitor these configurations.

Access the Transaction Logs tab

To open the Transaction Logs tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases Files view, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, select **Files**, and then click the **Transaction Logs** tab.

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Get disk information

The Disks tab of the Files view provides a graphical representation of your current disk usage. Select the drop-down list above the chart to choose from the following chart types:

- Megabytes
- Percent



You must have OS metrics enabled to show the information in the charts on the Disks tab.

Access the Disks tab

To open the Disks tab of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases Files view, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, select **Files**, and then click the **Disks** tab.

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Analyze backups and restores

The Backups & Restores tab allows you to view the backup and restore history of each database on the selected SQL Server instance. You can view the backup and restore history of a database or a group of databases. The history displays in the Backup/Restore History section of the tab. The Backup/Restore section shows the date and time of the backup or restore, the user that initiated it, and the size and path of the backup or restore file.

The Backups and Restores view is a useful way to view the last successful backup, the recovery model used, and the backup history for each of the databases on the SQL Server instance. To see your backup and restore history, click one or multiple databases to populate the Backup and Restore History table.

 The default filter setting shows a 31-day history. For less frequently run jobs such as quarterly or annual backups, it may be necessary to increase the **Days To Show** setting in the Filters window.

Access the Backups & Restores view

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Analyze tables and indexes

The Tables & Indexes tab allows you to view statistics for all the tables and indexes on a particular database. To see all the tables and indexes for a database, use the database drop-down list to select your database.

Along with displaying statistics, the Tables & Indexes tab includes the ability to update your statistics and rebuild your indexes on the selected table. These options are available by right-clicking a table and selecting the appropriate option from the context menu. To perform these actions on multiple tables, use the buttons on the ribbon.

-  Table growth statistics are collected on the schedule configured on the Table Statistics tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window. This includes the table fragmentation and size statistics.

The Tables and Indexes view provides a good way to view the overall health of your tables. In addition, the Tables and Indexes view allows you to rebuild the index for any of your tables that have a high fragmentation percentage.

-  The Rebuild Indexes function is enabled for User tables. System tables cannot have indexes rebuilt.

Access the Tables & Indexes view

To open the Tables & Indexes view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Databases**, and select **Tables & Indexes**.

Use the Table Details section

The Table Details section of the Table and Indexes view allows you to view various details on the selected table. To update the statistics for your tables, click **Update Statistics** at the top of the view. The following tables are available in the Table Details section:

Size

Displays the size of the data, text, and indexes associated with the selected table.

Dependencies

Lists other database objects that the selected table contains references to and other database objects that reference the selected table. In addition to the object name, the type of object and action associated is listed.

Indexes

Lists the associated indexes and index information for the selected table.

Index Statistics

Lists the number of columns, average length, average row hits, and row hits percentage for each column in an index associated with the selected table. It also lists the data distribution data values and occurrences of each value.

Table Size Details chart

The Table Size Details chart displays the size of each component in a table. To view the Table Size Details chart, select a table from the list and click the Size tab in the Table Details section.

Analyze table dependencies

The Table Dependencies tab displays the objects the selected table references and is referenced by, the type of dependency, and the action of the dependency. This allows you to quickly see how the table is utilized and how it is affected by and affects other tables and objects.

Indexes tab

The Indexes tab displays all indexes defined for the selected table and an overview of each index.

Analyze index statistics

The Tables and Indexes view allows you to see general table and index statistics for the database selected. You can also rebuild indexes for highly fragmented tables and update your statistics, which are displayed in the chart and tables in the Table Details section of the view. For more information, see the Microsoft document, [Tables and Indexes](#).



The Collection Service may not gather fragmentation data for a particular table because:

- Table statistics collection has not occurred
- The database hosting the table was excluded from collection
- The table size does not meet the minimum size threshold
- The database hosting the table is not accessible
- The table is locked

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Update table statistics

The Update Statistics option on the Tables and Indexes view of the Databases tab allows you to update your Table Statistics information. When you click **Update Statistics** from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console, the Select Tables window opens and allows you to choose the tables to update.

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Rebuild indexes

The Rebuild Indexes option on the Tables and Indexes view allows you to select tables to rebuild. Rebuilding your tables allows you to decrease the amount of fragmentation on a table. High table fragmentation can lead to overall performance bottlenecks on your SQL Server instance.

When you click **Rebuild Indexes** from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console, the **Select Tables** window opens and allows you to choose the table indexes to rebuild.

- If you are rebuilding indexes on a very large table the rebuild process could take several minutes to complete. While the rebuild is in process, the table is locked and users are unable to access it.

Once the indexes are rebuilt, the **% Fragmentation (Current)** column displays showing you the results.

- If you are rebuilding a very large index, the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console checks for the rebuild status for 90 seconds. If the rebuild is not complete after 90 seconds, the **% Fragmentation (Current)** column does not display the new value until the next table statistics collection occurs.

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Monitor database mirroring

The Database Mirroring view allows you to monitor the mirrored databases set up on monitored SQL Server instances. You can view the mirrored databases by clicking **Mirroring** on the Databases tab.

 If you have enabled database mirroring on your SQL Server, the SQL Diagnostic Manager Database Mirror Monitoring view is enabled by Default.

Database mirroring is a process available in SQL Server 2005 and 2008 that moves database transactions from one SQL Server database to another SQL Server database on a different instance of SQL Server.

Database mirroring allows you to configure a duplicate of your important databases for availability and redundancy.

Access the Mirroring view

You can open the Mirroring view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Databases tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Databases > Mirroring**.

Database mirroring statistics

In this view, you can see all the mirrored databases on all the monitored SQL Server instances, their current status, and history. The database table provides the following information:

Database Name

The name of the database.

Server Instance

The SQL Server instance hosting the mirrored database.

Current Role

Describes whether the database is the principal or the mirrored database.

Partner Instance

The name of the SQL Server instance that is the mirror partner.

Mirroring State

The status of the database mirror, color-coded based on the configured alert level.

Witness Connection

The status of the connection, color-coded based on the configured alert level.

Operational State

Describes whether the database mirroring session is operating in a preferred configuration based on how the user established which SQL Server instance hosts the principal and which SQL Server instance hosts the mirrored database.

Operating Mode (Hidden)

Shows the current operating mode: High availability with automatic fail-over (has a witness, synchronous); High availability without automatic fail-over (no witness, synchronous); High performance (no witness, asynchronous).

Available details for a specific session

Select a session, and then click the Status tab to view the following details. You can also view historical information for a selected session using the History tab. This information includes the history of the metrics over time for both the local and remote partner.

Unsent log (in kilobytes)

Size of the log waiting in the send queue on the principal, displayed in kilobytes.

Oldest unsent transaction (dd.hh:mm)

Date and time of the oldest unsent transaction in the send queue on the principal.

Time to send log (estimated)

Estimated number of minutes required by the principal to send the log waiting in the send queue to the mirror based on the current send rate. Note that this rate is affected by the rate of incoming transactions.

Send rate (in kilobytes per second)

Rate at which the principal is sending transactions to the mirror, displayed in kilobytes per second.

Rate of new transactions (in kilobytes per second)

Rate at which transactions are added to the unsent queue on the principal.

Unrestored log (in kilobytes)

Size of the log waiting in the redo queue on the mirror, in kilobytes.

Time to restore log (estimated)

Estimated number of minutes required to apply the log in the redo queue to the mirror database.

Current restore rate (in kilobytes per second)

Rate at which transactions in the redo queue are applied to the mirror database, in kilobytes per second.

Mirror commit overhead

Size of the log waiting in the redo queue on the mirror, in kilobytes. This delay is due to mirror operations and is the first indication that the traffic exceeds the capabilities of the hardware.

Time to send and restore all current log (estimated)

Estimated number of minutes required to process all outstanding transactions on both the principal and mirror.

Operating mode

Displays one of the following operating modes for the current database mirroring session: High availability with automatic fail-over (has a witness, synchronous), High availability without automatic fail-over (no witness, synchronous), or High performance (no witness, asynchronous).

Witness Address

Network address of the witness SQL Server instance.

Mirror Address

Network address of the mirror SQL Server instance.

Principal Address

Network address of the principal SQL Server instance.

Available actions in the Database Mirror Monitoring view

Each row of the mirrored databases table provides a menu of actions you can perform:

Failover

Select **Fail over to partner** to fail over the principal role between the two partner databases in the mirroring session.

The duration of a mirroring failover operation varies according to the amount of log in the redo queue on the mirror. All transactions in the redo queue must roll forward before the mirror can assume the role of Principal. After the failover is initiated, the Principal changes to PENDING_FAILOVER while the mirror synchronizes. Once complete, there is a brief period where user connections are terminated and while roles are switching the mirroring status is undetermined. If a refresh occurs at this time, your mirrored database does not show in the Mirrored Databases grid. This lasts for a moment and your next refresh reflects the switched roles.

For more information about the failover function, see [SQL Server Books Online](#).

Suspend or Resume Monitoring

Use **Suspend\resume session** to pause all mirroring operations. While mirroring is paused in "High Availability" mode, all transactions opened against the principal are queued for transmission to the mirror partner once the session resumes.

Set mirror relationship as "Failed over" or "Normal"

Select **Mark session as "failed over" or "normal" operational status** to define the status of a mirror relationship. Once you have set a preferred operational state, SQL Diagnostic Manager alerts you if the configuration differs from your selection.

Clear the role preference for this mirroring session

Use **Clear preferred role for this session** to clear the preferred role for the session and stop receiving alerts for differences between the current configuration and the Normal status.

Available alerts for mirrored databases

You can [configure the following alerts for mirrored databases](#).

Mirror Commit Overhead

Average delay (in milliseconds) on the principal server instance for each transaction due to database mirroring.

Mirrored Server Role Change

A change in role occurred on a mirrored database on the monitored server.

Mirroring Oldest Unsent Transactions

The age of the oldest unsent transaction in minutes on the principal. This is only meaningful on the principal server instance.

Mirroring Preferred Configuration

A change occurred in terms of the preferred operational status.

Mirror Status

Status of the mirrored database such as synchronized, suspended or disconnected.

Mirroring Unrestored Log

Size of the redo queue on the mirror in kilobytes. The redo queue is the size in kilobytes of the outstanding transactions on the mirror that are not yet applied.

Mirroring Unsent Log

Size of the unsent log in the send queue on the principal in kilobytes.

Mirroring Witness Connection

If a witness is configured, this alert displays whether the witness is connected.

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Monitor services

The Services tab allows you to view the status and manage your SQL Server services including the following services:

- SQL Server Agent
- SQL Server Active Directory Helper
- SQL Server Browser
- Full-Text Search (Note that SQL Server 2008 no longer has a separate full-text search service. If the monitored instance is SQL Server 2008, the full text search does not appear on the grid or graph.)
- DTC (Distributed Transaction Coordinator service)
- Replication services

 The Start and Stop service actions are not supported for virtual SQL Server instances or instances located on a Windows cluster node. To start or stop a service on a virtual SQL Server 2008 instance, use the Microsoft Failover Cluster Management tool. For SQL Server 2005 or earlier, use the Microsoft Cluster Administrator tool to manage services.

Access the Services tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Services tab. The first access path is by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then clicking the Services tab. The second access path is by expanding the Servers tree, and then clicking the Services for the appropriate instance.

Alerts associated with the Services tab

The following alerts are associated with the Services tab:

Cluster Active Node

The active node of the cluster is a non-preferred node. You can configure the preferred node under **Server Properties > Cluster Settings**.

Cluster Failover

There is a change in the active node. This alert remains active for the amount of time specified in the advanced settings for that alert.

Distribution Latency (Seconds)

Time in seconds that a replication transaction is holding at the Publisher and waiting for a Distributor.

DTC Status

Displays the status of the Distributed Transaction Coordinator service.

Full-Text Search Status

Displays the status of the Full-Text Search service.

Last Full-Text Catalog Update (Hours)

The number of hours beyond which the Full-Text Catalog statistics data is considered outdated.

Non-Distributed Transactions (Count)

The number of transactions not written to the Distribution database.

SQL Server Agent Job Completion

Provides the status of the Agent Job Completion metric. Values for this alert include **Succeeded**, **Retry**, **Canceled**, **Failed**, and **Unknown**.

SQL Server Agent Job Failure

Indicates that a scheduled job processed by the SQL Server Agent service ended abnormally.

SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)

Provides the maximum number of minutes used to complete a scheduled SQL Server Agent job.

SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percentage)

Indicates the percentage of time a scheduled job is using over what it normally uses to complete the job.

SQL Server Agent Status

Displays the status of the SQL Server Agent service.

SQL Server Active Directory Helper Service Status

Displays the status of the SQL Server Active Directory Helper service.

SQL Server Browser Service Status

Displays the status of the SQL Server Browser service.

SQL Server Status

Displays the status of the SQL Server service.

Unsubscribed Transactions (Count)

The number of non-subscribed transactions written to the Distribution database.

Unsubscribed Transactions (Seconds)

The number of seconds a transaction written to the database waits before subscription.

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Get an overview of your services performance

The Services Summary tab includes the status of your Services. You can start and stop your Distributed Transaction Coordinator (DTC), or Full-Text Search by selecting the appropriate button.

- SQL Server 2008 and above no longer have a separate full-text search service. If the monitored instance is SQL Server 2008 or above, the full text search does not show on the grid or graph.

The [Service Availability chart](#) displays the DTC, Full-Text Search, SQL Server, and SQL Server Agent status.

- An Unavailable status in the chart is caused by a pending status change such as starting, stopping, pausing, and continuing.

Access the Services Summary view

To open the Summary view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then click **Services**, and select **Summary**.

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Monitor SQL Agent jobs

The SQL Agent Jobs view allows you to view all your SQL Agent Jobs for the selected SQL Server instance. You can view the Job History of SQL Agent Jobs in the Job History list and Job Steps by clicking the **+** button next to the **Job Name**.

-  SQL Server 2005 users may notice that SQL Diagnostic Manager does not display the Job History for the listed SQL Agent jobs. These issues is the result of a SQL Server 2005 security setting. You can override this security setting by using the following statement on the target server:

```
sp_configure 'agent XPs',1
reconfigure with overrid
```

Access the SQL Agent Jobs view

To open the SQL Agent Jobs view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Services**, and **SQL Agent Jobs**.

Last Run Outcome colors

The Last Run Outcome column of the SQL Agent Jobs page is color coded to quickly alert you of issues needing your attention. The colors used in this column depend on the use of the SQL Agent Job Completion metric in the Alert Configuration dialog.

If this metric is enabled, the Last Run Outcome column is colored based on the correlation of the outcome of the job or job step and the state that outcome corresponds to in the SQL Agent Job Completion metric. If this metric is not enabled, then SQL Diagnostic Manager displays results in red if the outcome is Failed or Canceled, and green if the outcome is Succeeded. All other outcome states remain the default color.

To customize the Last Run Outcome settings for your SQL Agent jobs:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the **SQL Server Agent Job Completion** metric.
4. Click the **Edit** button.
5. Make the necessary changes to customize your alert states.
6. Click **OK**, and then click **OK**.

View message information about a specific job

Use the Job History list to see more information about a specific job. You can review the full message by right-clicking the appropriate job name, and then selecting **View Message**. A copy feature allows you to cut and paste the message detail into another format for additional use. SQL **Diagnostic Manager** identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more >>](#)

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Monitor full text searches

Use the Full-Text Search to monitor and diagnose problems with the SQL Server Full-Text Search service. The view is composed of a single list that displays information about each Full-Text catalog maintained on a monitored SQL Server. You can view Catalog details by selecting a Full-Text Catalog from the list.

The Full-Text Search view lists all the full-text search catalogs that are hosted on the SQL Server instance as well as their statuses. You can also start or stop the Full-Text Search service, optimize or rebuild the catalogs.

For each catalog listed, the database, status, size, and last population date is listed. In addition, selecting any catalog from the list populates the **Catalog Details** section. This section includes information on the tables, rows, columns, catalogs, language, and column data types included in the Full-Text search.

Access the Full-Text Search view

To open the Full-Text Search view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Services**, and select **Full-Text Search**.

Optimize or Rebuild my Full-Text Catalog

Optimize

When you select the **Optimize** button, SQL Server optimizes the space utilization of the catalog and improve query performance as well as the accuracy of relevance rankings of search results.

Rebuild

When you select the **Rebuild** button, SQL Server repopulates the full-text search index.

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Analyze replication information

The Replication view allows you to analyze data replication details for the selected SQL Server instance. Included are the topology and key metrics that detail the current state of active subscribed and non-subscribed transactions on all SQL Server instances related to replication on the monitored SQL Server. For more information about replication, see the Microsoft document, [SQL Server Replication](#).



Collecting replication statistics can have a performance impact on the monitored SQL Server instance.

Using the Replication view

The following elements in the Replication view help you make sure that proper replication is occurring and that your data is distributed to the correct subscribers.

Replication Topology

The Replication topology grid displays all replication sessions in which the selected server is participating, whether it is a publisher, distributor, or subscriber. For merge and snapshot replication, SQL Diagnostic Manager must monitor the distributor. For transactional replication, we recommend that you monitor the distributor, publisher, and subscriber for a complete set of metrics. Note that SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a subset of data for each monitored participant. Right-click a row or session to navigate to the participant for more information.

Detailed Overview

The Detailed Overview tab provides an overview of transactional replication specific to the publisher, distributor, and subscriber. In addition, SQL Diagnostic Manager also displays an overview of the selected merge replication session gathered from the distributor.



Times displayed in the subscriber grid are local to the subscriber.

Non-Subscribed Queue

The Non-Subscribed Queue tab contains the Entry Date, Subscription Database, Wait Time, and Command contained in the queue of active non-subscribed commands. Once a command exceeds the retention period, SQL Diagnostic Manager switches the command to inactive and no longer displays the detail.

Access the Replication view

To open the Replication view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, select **Services**, and click **Replication**.

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Monitor logs

The Logs tab allows you view SQL Server related logs. Use these logs to diagnose SQL Server problems where a history of events is necessary to form context. The current log is selected by default but you can select archived or even multiple archived logs to view or search. Filter and Search options allow you to locate the areas of the logs that are most important.

Access the Logs tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Logs tab. The first access path is by clicking the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then clicking the Logs tab. The second access path is by expanding the Servers tree, and then clicking **Logs** for the appropriate instance.

Available actions

Actions

Click **Cycle Server Log** to archive the information in the most recent log and start a new log.

Click **Configure** to determine the number of SQL Server logs retained by SQL Server.

Details section

The Details section provides more information for the selected event.

Filter

The Filter options allow you to return specific data. Note that these selections work only once you enable log alerts.

Logs tab

The Logs tab allows you to look at all the events taking place on your SQL Server instance. Each event, when selected, contains detailed information in the Details section of the tab which allows you to diagnose specific issues that occur.

The archive number is the file number associated with the log in SQL Server while the date is the last modified date of the file on disk. If the archive numbers seem out of order, check the error log.

For Example : if one of your SQL Server instances restarts, the event log can tell you the time of the restart. This helps you diagnose issues that occur on your SQL Server instances.

Search

The Search feature allows you to find information based on text available in the message, message number, or source.

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Filter SQL Server events

The Filter Settings window allows you to select:

- The time range to filter events, such as **Date Range - Begin** and **Date Range - End**.
- The source of the log entry, such as the session ID number.
- The message severity, such as **OK**, **Warning**, or **Critical**.

If the alert is disabled, all messages are informational.

Access the Filter Settings window

To open the Filter Settings window from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Logs tab, select the appropriate SQL Server instance, click **Logs**, and select **Filter**.

Settings Server Log filters

To Filter the Server Log:

1. Click the **Filter** button on the Logs tab.
2. Verify that SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the correct **Source**.
3. Make the necessary changes in the **Message Severity** area.
4. Type a **Date Range - Begin** and **Date Range - End** in the **Period** section of the Filter Settings window.
5. Click **OK**.

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Search for SQL Server events

The **Find** window, accessed by clicking **Search**, allows you search for text in the event messages.

To search for text in your Server logs:

1. Click **Search** on the Logs tab.
2. Enter the search term in the **Find what** field.
3. Select the field you want to search (**Message**, **Msg #**, or **Source**) from the **Look in** drop-down list.
4. Select your **Find** options.
5. Click **Find Next**.
6. Keep clicking **Find Next** to scroll through the matches to locate the specific event.

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Cycle the SQL Server log

Click the **Cycle Server Log** button to archive what is in the most recent (current) log and start a new log.

To cycle the Server Logs:

1. Click **Cycle Server Log**.
2. Select the log types you want to cycle (SQL Server or SQL Server Agent).
3. Click **OK** to cycle the logs.

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Configure logs

The Configure Logs window allows you to determine the number of SQL Server Logs retained by SQL Server. You can access this window by clicking **Configure** on the Logs tab.

Check the **Unlimited** check box to retain all **Event Logs** or enter the number to keep only a number of the most current logs. SQL Diagnostic Manager deletes older logs.



The number indicated on the Configure Server Logs window changes the number of SQL Server Logs stored by SQL Server, but not the number of SQL Server Agent logs stored.

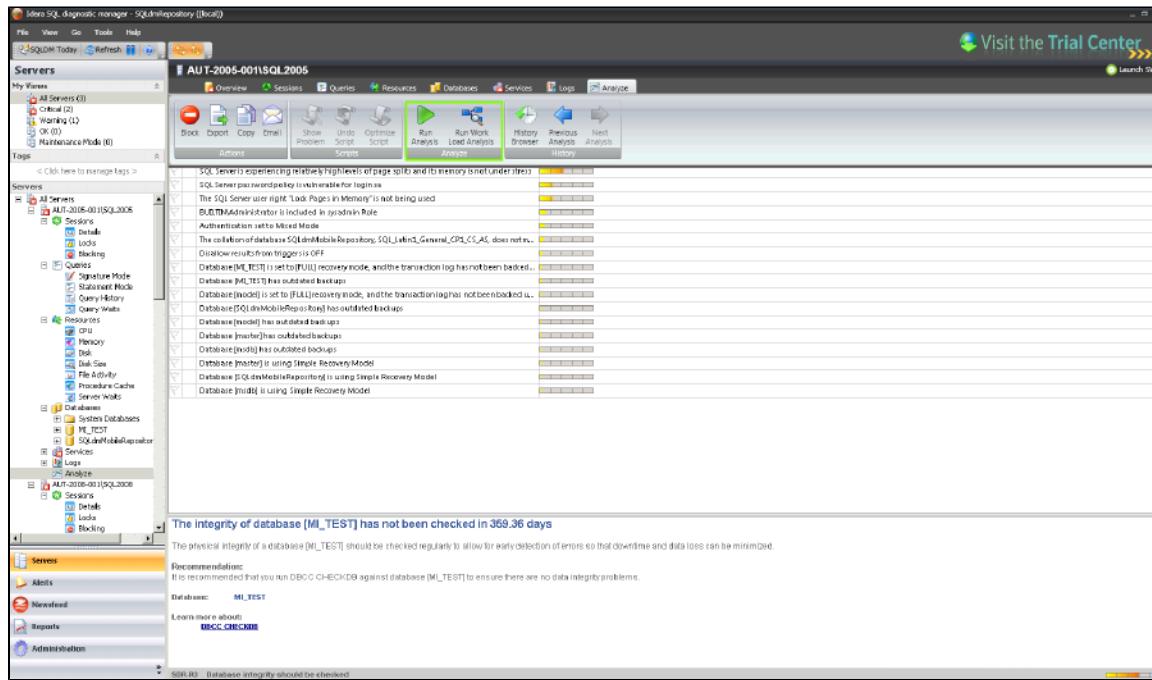
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Analyze your SQL Server instance

In SQL Diagnostic Manager you can run a prescriptive analysis on a specific SQL Server instance to identify and resolve SQL Server performance problems. The analysis engine scans your SQL Server configuration for potential problems and the health of your databases, resulting in a useful set of recommendations for improving performance.

Prescriptive analysis targets some of the most common areas of SQL Server performance problems, such as queries, server configuration, security, database objects, memory, and more. It's easy to work with the interface, it makes this feature accessible to a broad range of users such as the less experienced DBA or the developer in need of testing database performance.



Access the Analyze tab

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the **Analyze** tab. The first access path is by selecting the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, and then clicking the **Analyze** tab where you can run a regular analysis or a workload analysis. The second access path is by expanding the Servers tree, selecting a specific SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Analyze**.

In the **Analyze** tab you can:

- Run a prescriptive analysis on your SQL Server on-demand or schedule a regular analysis of your SQL Server instance.
- Run a workload analysis on-demand.
- Fine-tune your analysis.
- Identify a problem and optimize scripts.
- View your prescriptive analysis results.
- Access key Newsfeed commands.

i Prescriptive analysis uses the best method to collect query data according to the SQL Server version. If your monitored server is SQL Server 2008 or a later version, Extended Events is used in place of SQL Trace.

✓ If you do not wish to run a full analysis of your SQL Server, you can diagnose individual queries. For more information, see [Diagnose queries](#).

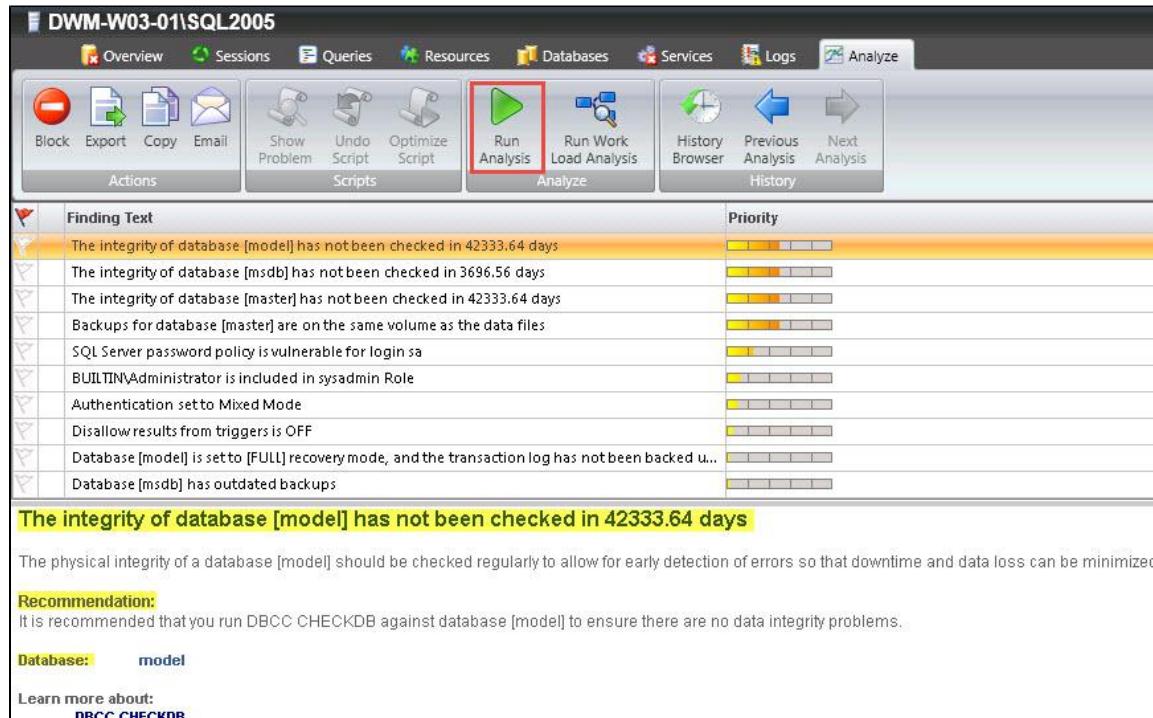
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Run a prescriptive analysis on your SQL Server

When configuring your analysis, you can select any combination of [performance categories](#) to focus the analysis. Each category contains a set of performance metrics and their related recommendations. By picking a category, you are identifying which SQL Server areas concern you most.

Based on the chosen categories, SQL Diagnostic Manager polls your target SQL Server instance to gather the appropriate metrics and determine which recommendations match the server's current performance issues.



The screenshot shows the SQL Diagnostic Manager interface with the title bar "DWM-W03-01\SQL2005". The top menu bar includes Overview, Sessions, Queries, Resources, Databases, Services, Logs, and Analyze. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons for actions like Block, Export, Copy, Email, Show Problem, Undo Script, Optimize Script, Run Analysis (which is highlighted with a red box), Run Work, Load Analysis, History Browser, Previous Analysis, and Next Analysis. The main pane displays a list of findings under the heading "Finding Text". Each finding has a priority indicator (yellow for high, grey for medium) and a detailed description. One finding is highlighted in yellow: "The integrity of database [model] has not been checked in 42333.64 days". Below this, a detailed description and recommendation are provided. The recommendation states: "It is recommended that you run DBCC CHECKDB against database [model] to ensure there are no data integrity problems." At the bottom left, there are links for "Database: model" and "Learn more about: DBCC CHECKDB".

To run an analysis:

1. Right-click the appropriate SQL Server instance from the **Servers** tree and select **Properties**.
2. Select **Analysis Configuration** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.
3. Configure your prescriptive analysis options.
4. Click **Run Analysis** in the Analyze tab.
5. When the analysis is complete, SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a priority-ranked list of recommendations (Finding Text column).
6. Select a recommendation and detail information displays in the recommendation details pane.

! Do not click the **Scheduling Enabled** check box, unless you want to schedule a regular analysis on your SQL Server instance.

? To fine-tune your analysis results, you can block a particular recommendation or database. For additional information see, [Fine-tune your analysis](#)

Additional actions

Block

Block a particular recommendation or recommendations to fine-tune your analysis.

Export

Export your recommendations in .xls file format.

Copy

Copy your recommendations to the clipboard so that you can view the text in a text editor.

Email

Email your analysis results with recommendations.
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Run a workload analysis on your SQL Server

Workload Analysis targets the [Index Optimization](#) and [Query Optimization](#) performance categories. Workload analysis provides recommendations for these two categories which use a high amount of performance resources when running.

 You can also select the Index Optimization and Query Optimization performance categories when running a regular analysis. This analysis focuses on [lighter recommendations](#) compared to the heavier ones from workload analysis.

To run a workload analysis:

1. Right-click the appropriate SQL Server instance from the **Servers** tree and select **Properties**.
2. Select **Analysis Configuration** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.
3. [Configure your prescriptive analysis options](#).
4. Select *only* the Index Optimization and/or the Query Optimization performance categories.
5. Click **Run Workload Analysis** in the Analyze tab.
6. When the analysis is complete, SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a priority-ranked list of recommendations (Finding Text column).
7. Select a recommendation and detail information displays in the recommendation details pane.

 Do not click the **Scheduling Enabled** check box, unless you want to schedule a regular workload analysis on your SQL Server instance.

 To fine-tune your workload analysis results, you can block a particular recommendation or database. For additional information see, [Fine-tune your analysis](#).

Additional actions

Block

Block a particular recommendation or recommendations to fine-tune your analysis.

Export

Export your recommendations in .xls file format.

Copy

Copy your recommendations to the clipboard so that you can view the text in a text editor.

Email

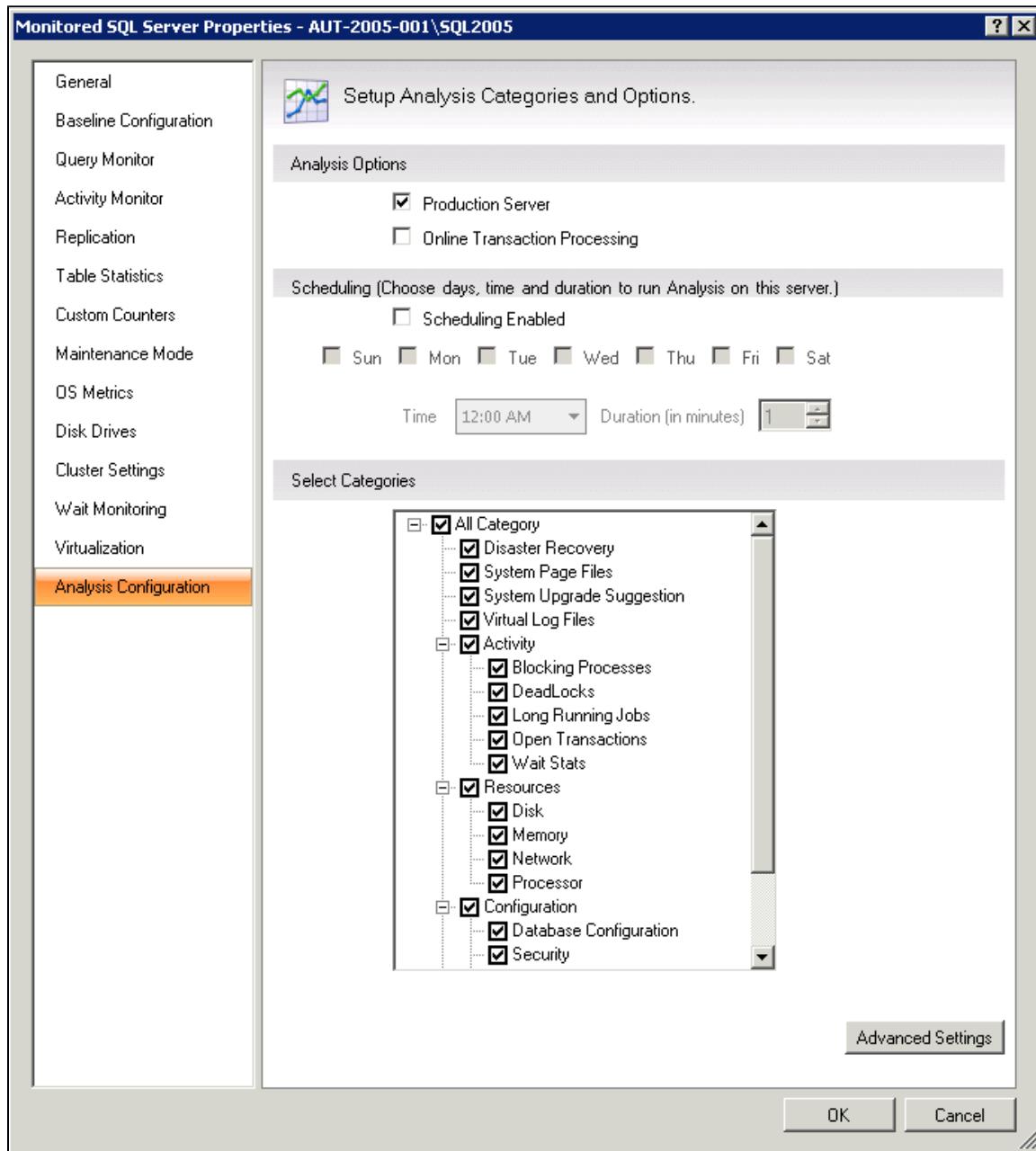
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Configure prescriptive analysis options

In the Analysis Configuration tab of the Monitored SQL Server Properties window you can schedule a prescriptive analysis of your SQL Server instance and configure your analysis options.



Access the Analysis Configuration tab

To access the Analysis Configuration tab of the Monitor SQL Server Properties window, right-click the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance, select **Properties**, and click **Analysis Configuration**.

Specify analysis options

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two analysis options: Production server or Online Transaction Processing (OLTP).

- Check **Production Server**, if your instance is being used as a production server.
- Check **Online Transaction Processing** (OLTP), if your instance has OLTP enabled.

Schedule an analysis

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to schedule the days and time for a *regular prescriptive analysis* and/or specify the duration of a *workload*

analysis on your SQL Server instance. Scheduled analyses are an important way to track the health of your SQL Server environment. For more information on this feature, see [Schedule analysis](#).

Select categories

When configuring your analysis, you can select any combination of performance categories to focus the analysis. Each category contains a set of performance metrics and their related recommendations. By picking a category, you are identifying which SQL Server areas concern you most. For additional information on the different categories, see [Performance categories](#).

 The more categories you pick, the longer the analysis needs to run to ensure all relevant data has been collected and thoroughly analyzed.

Using advanced analysis configuration options

You can choose to block recommendations and databases from the analysis, as well as apply additional filters using the options available on the Server Settings window. To access this window, click the **Advanced Settings** button on the Analysis Configuration tab.

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Performance categories

On the Select categories section, you can select one or more of the following performance categories for use in the detailed analysis:

General

Disaster Recovery

Detects any database and transaction log backup issues such as failures or skips, overdue integrity checks, and corruption issues.



The System Page Files, System Upgrade Suggestion, and Virtual Log Files performance categories are not available in SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0.

Activity

Blocking Processes

Detects any processes that are blocking other processes.

Deadlocks

Detects any deadlocks on the SQL Server instance.

Long Running Jobs

Identifies any long-running jobs.

Open Transactions

Identifies any long-running open transactions and determines whether the associated T-SQL code needs corrections to improve performance.

Wait Stats

Identifies any waits that are affecting SQL Server performance.

Resources

Disk

Detects whether disk settings and associated problems are affecting SQL Server performance.

Memory

Examines the server memory settings and determines whether they affect performance.

Network

Detects network problems or configuration settings that affect SQL Server performance.

Processor

Detects processor problems and associated configuration settings.

Configuration

Database Configuration

Identifies which database configuration settings improve SQL Server performance.

Security

Identifies non-optimal security settings on the SQL Server instance.

Server Configuration

Detects server configuration settings that can decrease the performance of your SQL Server instance.

Workload

Index Optimization

Determines whether index settings or problems with the indexes themselves are negatively affecting SQL Server performance.

Query Optimization

Detects query problems that negatively affect your SQL Server performance.



The Index Optimization and Query Optimization categories return **heavy recommendations** if you run a workload analysis and they return **light recommendations** if you run a regular analysis.

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Index and Query Optimization performance categories

The Index Optimization and Query Optimization categories return light recommendations if you run a regular analysis and they return heavy recommendations if you run a workload analysis.

Lightweight recommendations

Index Optimization

ID	Recommendation
SDR-I1	AutoStatsRecommendation
SDR-I10	IndexUnderutilizedRecommendation
SDR-I16	IndexUnusedRecommendation
SDR-I17	IndexPageLatchContentionRecommendation
SDR-I2	FragmentedIndexRecommendation
SDR-I21	OverlappingIndexRecommendation
SDR-I22	NonClusteredMatchingClusteredIndexRecommendation
SDR-I23	NonIncrementalColumnStatOnPartitionedTable
SDR-I24	HighModificationsSinceLastStatUpdate
SDR-I25	HashIndexFewBuckets
SDR-I26	HashIndexLargeDuplicateKey
SDR-I27	ScannedHashIndex
SDR-I28	HashIndexTooManyBuckets
SDR-I29	RarelyUsedIndexOnInMemoryTable
SDR-I3	OutOfDateStatsRecommendation
SDR-I30	ColumnStoreIndexMissingOnLargeTables
SDR-I31	FilteredColumnNotInKeyOfFilteredIndex
SDR-I5	DisabledIndexRecommendation
SDR-I6	DuplicateIndexRecommendation
SDR-I7	HypotheticalIndexRecommendation
SDR-I8	PartialDuplicateIndexRecommendation
SDR-I9	IndexLockContentionRecommendation

Query Optimization

ID	Recommendation
SDR-Q3	SQLModuleOptionRecommendation
SDR-Q37	Flag4199LowCompatible
SDR-Q38	Flag4199AllDbCompatible
SDR-Q39	QueryStoreDisabled
SDR-Q40	QueryStoreOutOfSpace
SDR-Q41	QueryStoreAlmostFull
SDR-Q42	PlanGuidesUsedOverQueryStore
SDR-Q43	FrequentlyExecutedProcedureWithHighCPUTime

SDR-Q44	NewCardinalityEstimatorNotBeingUsed
SDR-Q46	Top10QueriesWithLongestAverageExecutionTime
SDR-Q47	Top10QueriesConsumingMostIO
SDR-Q48	QueriesWithDoubleIncreaseInExecutionTime
SDR-Q49	Top10QueriesHavingLongerDurationInLastHour
SDR-Q50	QueriesWithFourDifferentPlanInTwoDays

Heavy weight recommendations***Index Optimization***

ID	Recommendation
SDR-I4	MissingIndexRecommendation
SDR-I19	NoColumnStatsRecommendation

Query Optimization

ID	Recommendation
SDR-Q11	TSqlRecommendationWithTable(UnfilteredDelete)
SDR-Q13	TSqlHintRecommendation(HintAbuse)
SDR-Q16	TSqlRecommendation(LeftExpressionInWhereClause)
SDR-Q17	TSqlRecommendation(LikeUseNotNeeded)
SDR-Q18	TSqlNestedMinMaxRecommendation(NestedMinMax)
SDR-Q19	NoJoinPredicateRecommendation
SDR-Q2	TSqlCursorRecommendation(FastForwardCursor)
SDR-Q20	TSqlRecommendationWithColumn(NotInUsedOnNullableColumn)
SDR-Q22	TSqlRecommendation(SelectStarAbuse)
SDR-Q24	TSqlRecommendation(FunctionInWhereClause)
SDR-Q26	TSqlRecommendation(UnionSetAbuse)
SDR-Q28	TSqlRecommendation(TopVsRowCount)
SDR-Q29	TSqlRecommendation(AnsiTopEquivalent)
SDR-Q34	TSqlRecommendation(NakedInsert)
SDR-Q35	UserDefinedFunctionInPredicateRecommendation
SDR-Q35	IntrinsicFunctionInPredicateRecommendation
SDR-Q35	ImplicitConversionInPredicateRecommendation
SDR-Q6	CachedPlanMisuseRecommendation
SDR-Q8	TSqlRecommendation(TwoExpressionCoalesce)

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Schedule analysis

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to schedule the days and time for a *regular prescriptive analysis* and/or specify the duration of a *workload analysis* on your SQL Server instance. Scheduled analyses are an important way to track the health of your SQL Server environment. To get the most out of this feature, IDERA recommends that you schedule the analysis to run during busy periods or during times your SQL Server users are experiencing problems.

To schedule an analysis:

1. Right-click the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance and select **Properties > Analysis Configuration**.
2. On the Setup Analysis Categories and Options window, under the Scheduling section, click the **Scheduling Enabled** check box.
3. Select the days and time you want the analysis to start. For best results, select a time when the SQL Server instance is busy.



The specified days and time only apply to prescriptive analysis. Workload analysis is not impacted by this feature.

4. Specify the total **Duration** (in minutes) that you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to take collecting and analyzing data from this server.



The specified duration only applies to workload analysis. Prescriptive analysis is not impacted by this feature.

5. Click **OK**.



By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager performs a full analysis for five minutes.

To cancel an analysis:

1. Right-click the appropriate monitored SQL Server instance and select **Properties > Analysis Configuration**.
2. On the Setup Analysis Categories and Options window, under the Scheduling section, clear the **Scheduling Enabled** check box.

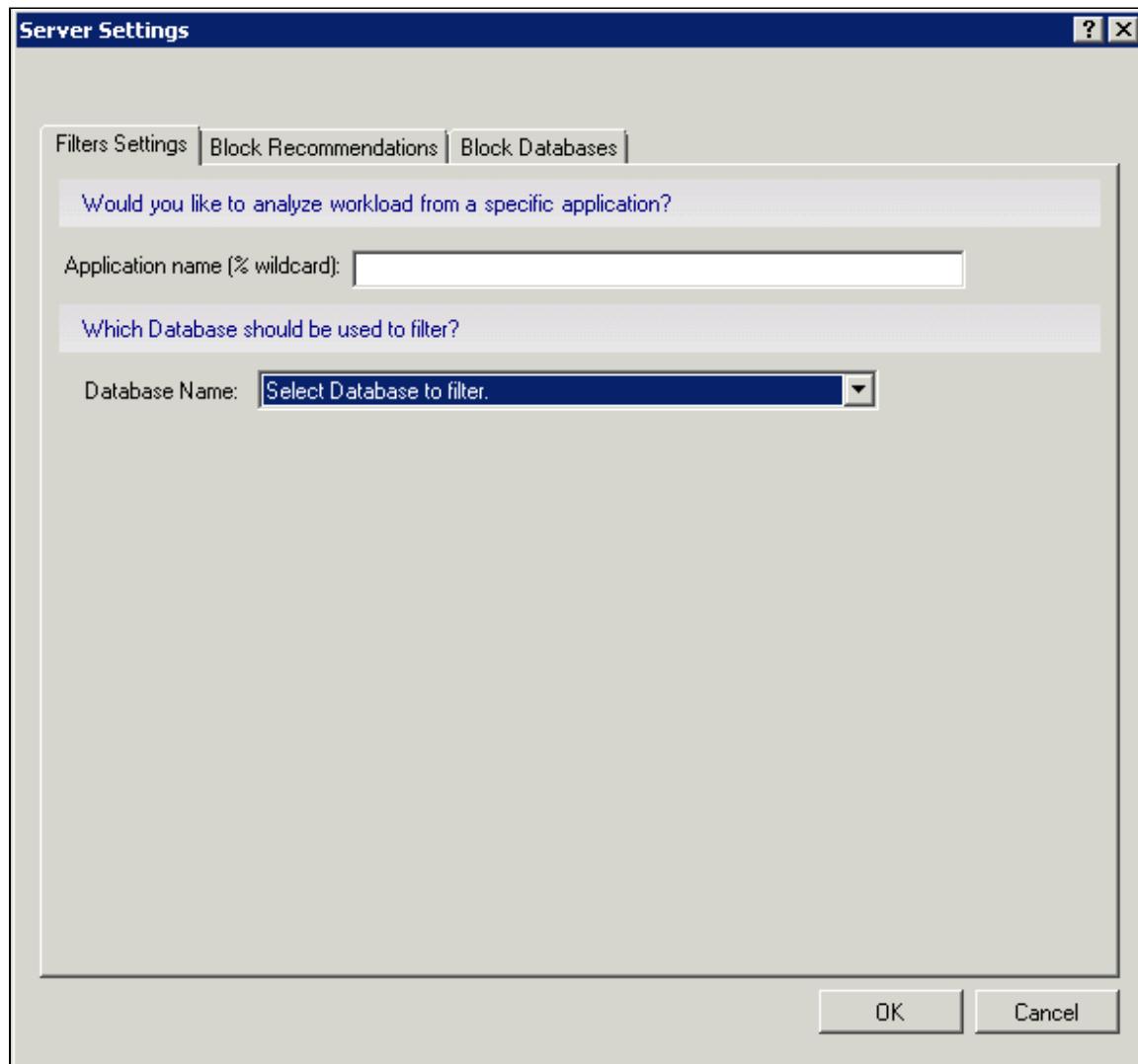
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Fine-tune your analysis

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides several options to fine-tune your prescriptive analysis results. You can apply filters that allow you to focus on a specific application or database. You can also reduce analysis "noise" by blocking recommendations and databases for changes that you do not plan to make in your environment.

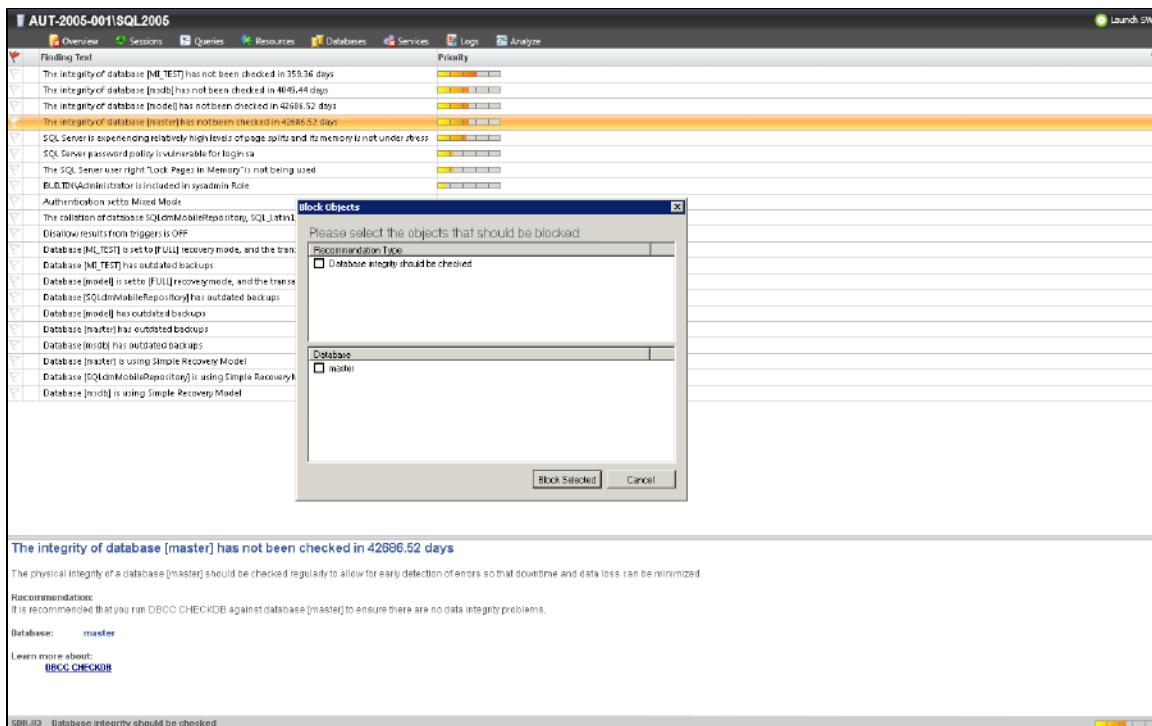
Apply filters



To apply filters in your analysis results:

1. Right-click the appropriate SQL Server instance from the **Servers** tree and select **Properties**.
2. Select **Analysis Configuration** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.
3. Click **Advanced Settings** to access the Server Settings window.
4. Select the Filter Settings tab.
5. Enter the filter information in the provided fields, using (%) as a wildcard.
6. Click **OK**.

Block your recommendations

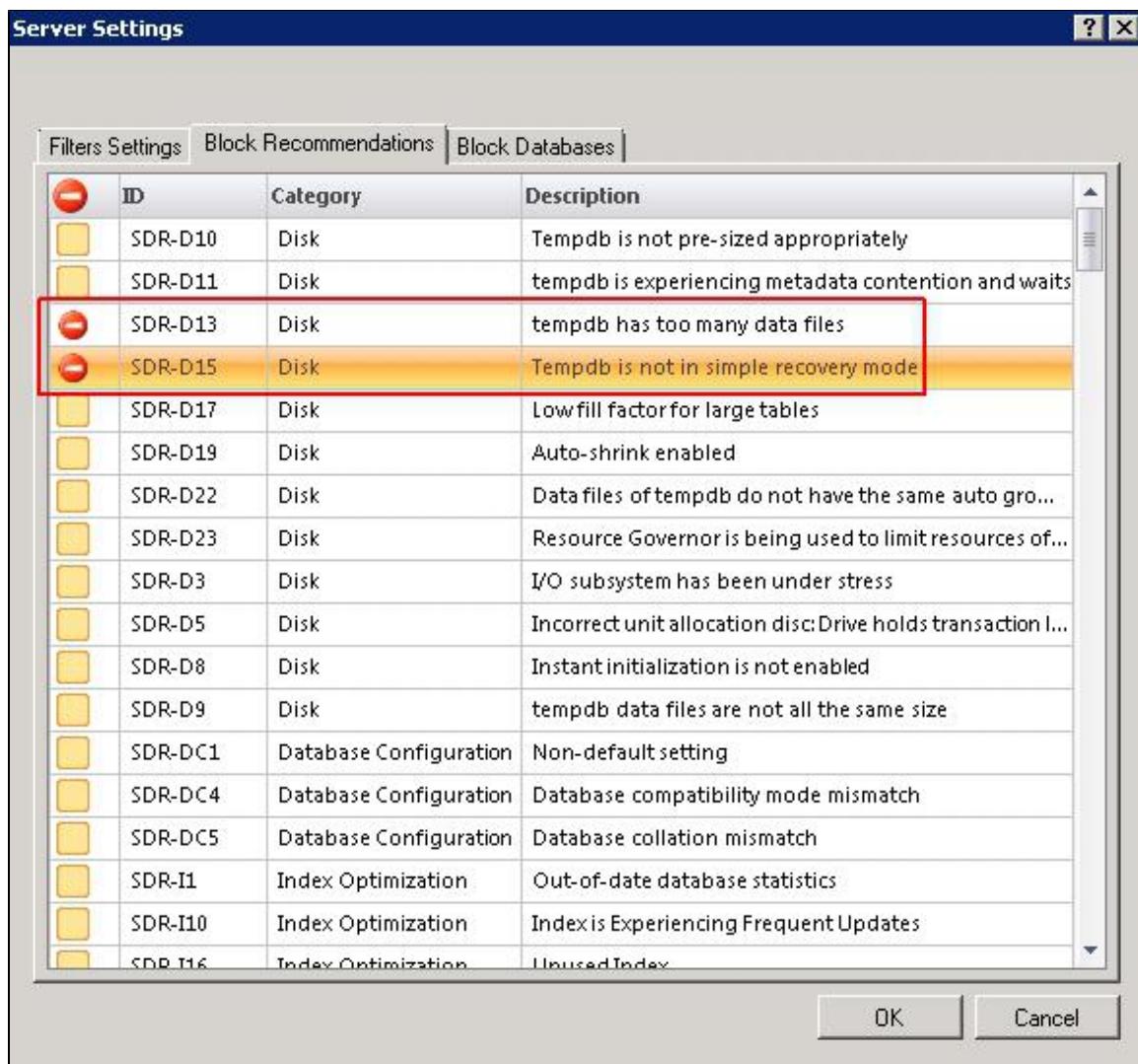


To block recommendations from appearing in your analysis:

1. Select one or more recommendations returned from the analysis.
2. Click **Block** in the **Actions** group of the Analyze tab and the Block Objects screen displays.
3. Select the recommendation check box or boxes under Recommendation type.
4. Click **Block Selected**.

To block recommendations from the Server Settings window:

1. Right-click the appropriate SQL Server instance from the **Servers** tree and select **Properties**.
2. Select **Analysis Configuration** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.
3. Click **Advanced Settings** to access the Server Settings window.
4. Select the Block Recommendations tab.
5. Select the **Block** check-box next to each of the recommendations you want to block from future analyses.
6. Click **OK**.



! Blocking a recommendation removes it from all future analyses results for this registered instance.

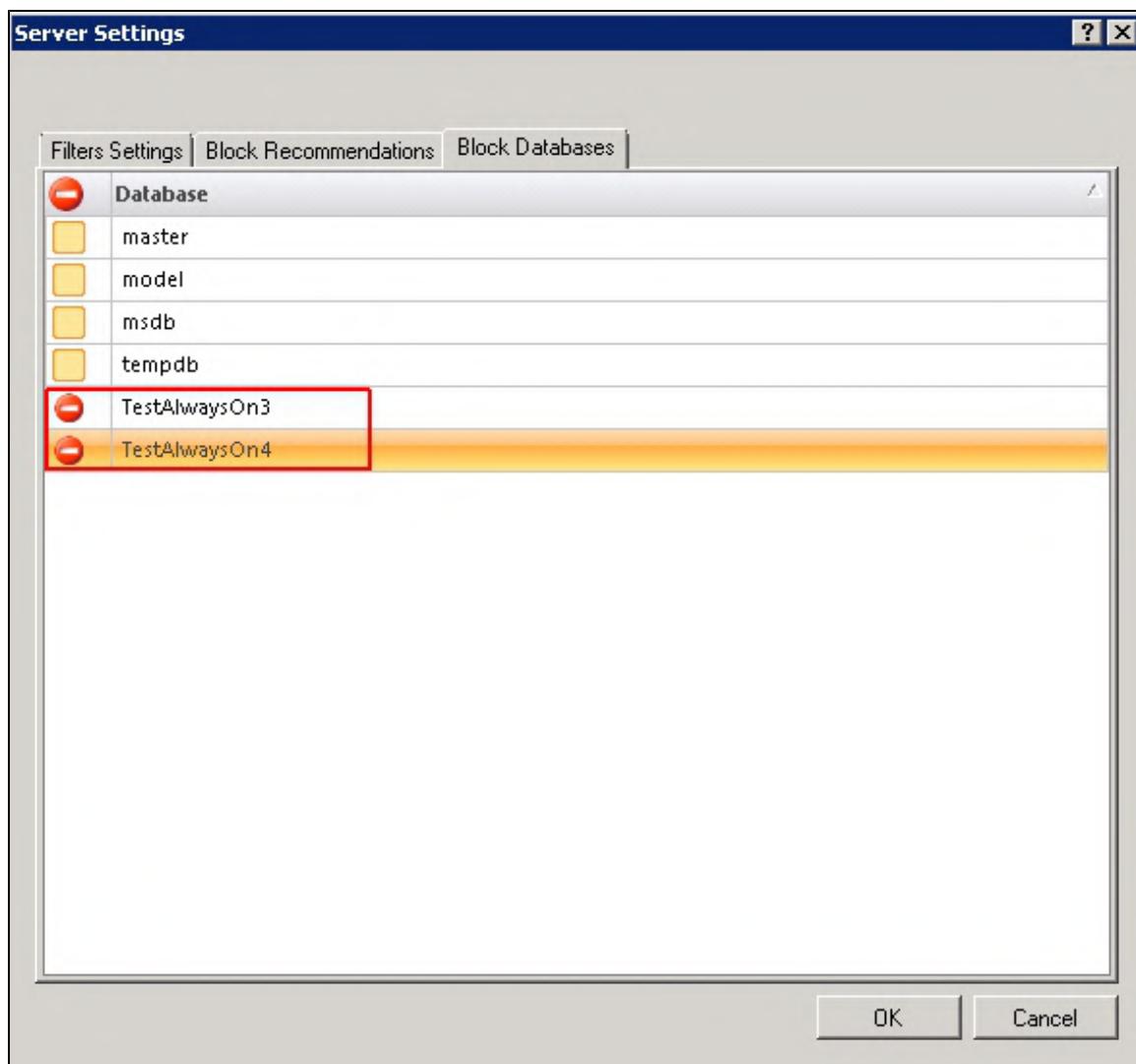
Block databases

To block databases from appearing in your analysis:

1. Access the Block Objects screen by selecting one or more recommendations and clicking **Actions > Block** in the Analyze tab.
2. Select the database check box or boxes under Database.
3. Click **Block Selected**.

To block databases from the Server Settings window:

1. Right-click the appropriate SQL Server instance from the **Servers** tree and select **Properties**.
2. Select **Analysis Configuration** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.
3. Click **Advanced Settings** to access the Server Settings window.
4. Select the Block Databases tab.
5. Select the **Block** check box next to each of the databases you want to block from future analyses.
6. Click **OK**.



! Blocking a database removes it from all future analyses results for this registered instance.

Unblock your recommendations or databases

To unblock recommendations or databases to include them in your analysis:

1. Right-click the appropriate SQL Server instance from the **Servers** tree and select **Properties**.
2. Select **Analysis Configuration** when SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Monitored SQL Server Properties window.
3. Click **Advanced Settings** to access the Server Settings window.
4. Select the Block Recommendations tab or the Block databases tab of the Server Settings window.
5. Scroll down the list of blocked recommendations or databases and find the recommendation or database you want to unblock.
6. Clear the **Block** box next to the appropriate recommendation or the **Block** box next to the appropriate database.
7. Click **OK**.

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Identify a problem and optimize scripts

On the Analyze tab, in the Scripts group, you can identify a problem and optimize performance:

Show Problem

The **Show Problem** button launches the SQL Viewer window with the SQL text associated with the recommendation highlighted. Click **Copy** to copy the SQL text to the clipboard so you can view the text in a text editor or in SQL Server Management Services.

Optimize Script

The **Optimize Script** window displays the script that is used to enact the recommended change. Review the script, and then either click the **Run** button to initiate the optimization or click **Cancel** to return to the recommendation you were viewing. You can also copy the script to Notepad or another text editor to examine the code and research other options further before making the change.

Undo Script

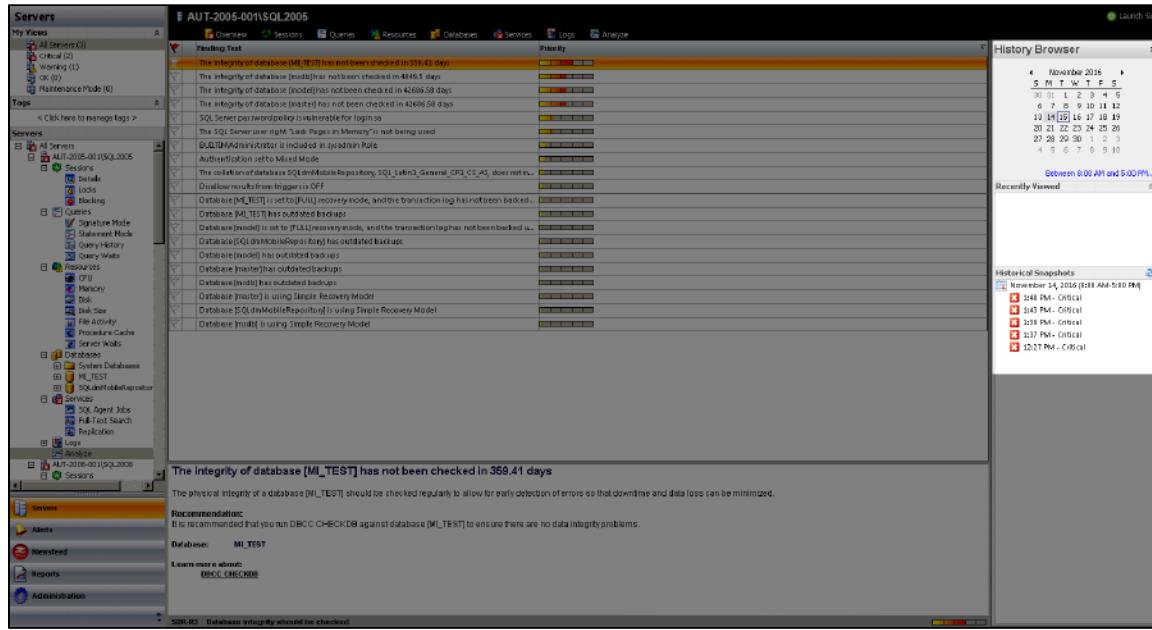
The **Undo Script** window displays the script that is used to enact the recommended change. Review the script, and then either click the **Run** button to initiate the undo or click **Cancel** to return to the recommendation you were viewing. The undo script can be copied to clipboard and used at a later time.

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View your prescriptive analysis results

On the Analyze tab, in the History group, you can access the results of every analysis stored by SQL Diagnostic Manager for your monitored SQL Server instance.



Analyses are ordered by start time per the local computer running the SQL Diagnostic Manager console, and include:

- Time stamp when the analysis started.
- Total number of recommendations found.
- Highest priority recommendation associated with the analysis.

To select a specific analysis:

1. Open the History Browser.
2. Select the date from the calendar.
3. Select the corresponding analysis from the Historical Snapshots list.

Additional actions

Previous Analysis

Browse to the previous analysis result of your SQL Server instance.

Next Analysis

Browse to the next analysis result of your SQL Server instance.



To return to Real-Time mode, click **Run Analysis** or **Run Workload Analysis** on the Analyze tab.

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Access key Newsfeed commands



On the Analyze tab, in the Newsfeed group, you can choose one of the following options:

View Server Profile

Grants you access in Newsfeed to a specific server's profile which consists of the server's wall and information page. For more information, see [Server profiles](#).

Post to Server Wall

Allows you to post in Newsfeed an announcement or status update directly to the server's wall. For more information, see [Walls](#).

Unfollow Server

Allows you to unfollow a server in Newsfeed. For more information, see [Navigate the IDERA Newsfeed Interface](#).

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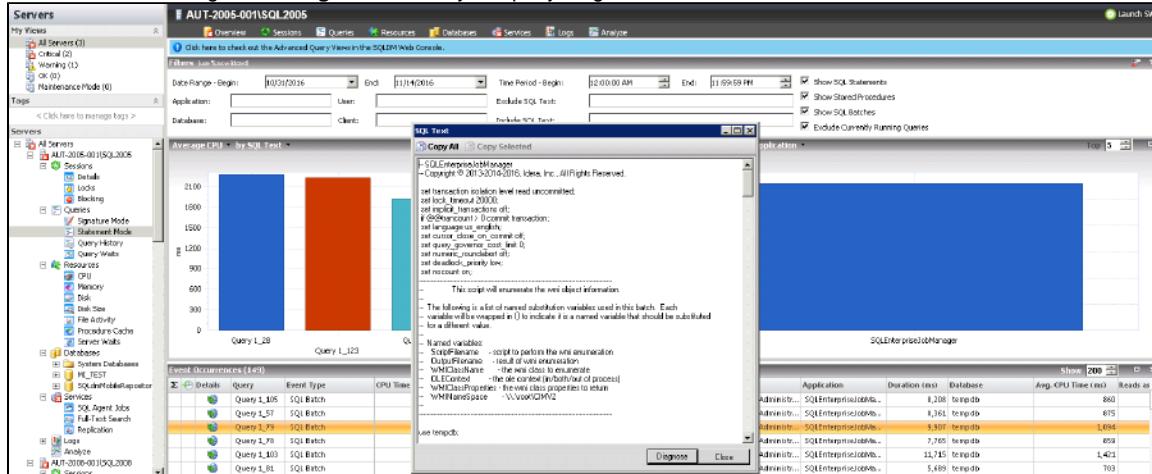
Diagnose queries

Access query diagnosis from any SQL Diagnostic Manager view that contains a SQL query such as the Query Statement Mode, Signature Mode, or the alert views. Query diagnosis helps you save time by analyzing the queries you care about without having to wait for a full analysis to complete.

When SQL Diagnostic Manager diagnoses a query, you receive performance recommendations.

To a query diagnosis:

1. Right-click any selected SQL query and select **Show Query Text**.
2. In the SQL Text dialog, click **Diagnose** to start your query diagnosis.



3. In the Analyze tab a priority-ranked list of recommendations displays.

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View the Timeline for this instance

The Timeline view provides a chronological chart of events that affect your monitored SQL Server instance. The view details the point in time for this monitored SQL Server instance when an alert occurred, including custom counter alerts.

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays as many alerts as can fit in the window and uses color codes based on the alert type as shown in the key below the menu. While a single Timeline point can represent more than one alert, the point itself appears in the color of the most critical alert for that time.

Use the filters to pinpoint the information you want to view. If the displayed timeframe is not exactly what you want to view, select another period from the **Filter** drop-down list. Notice that the measurement at the bottom of the window changes from hours to days if you switch from a daily option to one over a period of days. Select **Pick a Day** to select a specific day using the calendar.

You can also use the time frame slider at the bottom of the view to zoom in or out by dragging the start and end bars to the desired position. Click the left or right arrows to move your set range to another period in the timeline. SQL Diagnostic Manager retains the range size, but changes the results based on the dates within the range.

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays alerts on the Timeline in your local time even if the monitored SQL Server instance where the event occurred is located in a different time zone.

Access the Timeline view

You can open the Timeline view of the SQL Diagnostic Manager Overview tab by selecting the appropriate SQL Server instance, and then clicking **Overview > Timeline**.

Access more alert detail from the Timeline

View the total number of alerts at a specific time

When you hover your cursor over a point in the timeline, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the number of alerts for the time displayed in the timestamp.

Zoom in for more detail

Your alert configuration may cause the Timeline view to appear cluttered in the default settings. Occasionally, a timeline point appears without an attached alert flag to let you know about the associated alert. If you experience these issues, use the time frame slider at the bottom of the view to zoom in for a clearer picture of a set of alerts.

View alerts

While the Timeline provides your alerts in chronological format, you may want to view more detail about a single alert while using this view. To access the Alerts view from the Timeline, simply right-click the alert and select **View Alerts**. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the view you receive when you click the Alerts pane for a monitored SQL Server instance.

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Alert on SQL Server Metrics

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to configure alerts to inform and warn you about approaching issues with your SQL Server instances. You can view these alerts using the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console, the IDERA Newsfeed, or SQLDM Mobile.

When an alert threshold is reached, SQL Diagnostic Manager can:

- Send an email notification
- Pop up an alert message in your Windows taskbar
- Write an event to the Windows Event log
- Generate an event on the Timeline
- Send the alert message to the IDERA Newsfeed Action Provider, which publishes the alert message as a status update on the server wall in the IDERA Newsfeed interface and on the Active Alerts view in SQLdm Mobile.
- Create a new To Do item



To Do feature

Beginning with SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0, the To Do feature is available only to users who had To Do activated in an earlier 6.x version. This version of SQL Diagnostic Manager does not support this feature for new users.

In response to a set threshold entering the error level, SQL Diagnostic Manager can perform one or more of the following actions:

- Send an email notification
- Write an event to the Windows Event log
- Generate an event on the Timeline
- Send the alert message to the IDERA Newsfeed Action Provider, which publishes the alert message as a status update on the server wall in the IDERA Newsfeed interface and on the Active Alerts view in SQLdm Mobile.
- Create a new To Do item

Once you correct the situation triggering the alert, SQL Diagnostic Manager alerts you again if the situation recurs.



On each SQL Diagnostic Manager view, columns containing associated alerts are highlighted with their current status color. You can right-click many of these columns and select **Configure Alert** to change the associated thresholds.

Database- or disk-level alerts

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes some alerts that allow you to set them at a database or disk level, meaning that you can set different alert thresholds for each database or disk within a monitored SQL Server instance.

Alert templates

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to configure generic alert settings as a template that you can apply to servers and groups of servers in your organization. Click **Tools > Alert Configuration Templates** and complete the required fields to [configure an alert template](#).

Informational alerts

Informational alerts allow you to set a threshold that, when generated, triggers a status that does not affect the overall status of the server within SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can use informational alerts to notify an administrator of the state of a particular metric for a server or trigger secondary processes that could take action to prevent issue escalation.



Note that for certain metrics, using the informational alert means that you no longer receive a warning or critical alert for events generated by that metric. Please review the situation before setting up an informational alert.

IDERA Newsfeed

The IDERA Newsfeed is a revolutionary new way for DBAs and managers to collaborate, share knowledge, and keep close tabs on your most critical SQL Server issues. With the IDERA Newsfeed, you can quickly share information to stay informed, be more productive and shorten the time to problem resolution.

For more information, see the [IDERNA Newsfeed Help](#).

SQLdm Mobile

SQLDM Mobile includes the IDERA Newsfeed as well as several dashboard views that define your server health and expose critical alerts. You can access the SQLDM Mobile Web application from most smart phones and mobile devices.

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Configure alerts

The Alert Configuration window allows you to set up alerts for specific SQL Server instances. To open the Alert Configuration window with a SQL Server instance selected, right-click the instance, and then select **Configure Alerts**. You can set the acceptable thresholds using the following alert types:

Alert Type	Color	Meaning
OK	Green	Acceptable threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager does not generate an alert.
Informational	Blue	Informational threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates an informational alert.
Warning	Yellow	Warning threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates a warning alert.
Critical	Red	Critical threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates a critical alert.

In addition to setting the thresholds for specific alerts, you can customize your alerts by adding comments to each alert. Comments allow you to include instructions to users when a level reaches a particular threshold or to provide additional information about the alert. You can also customize the levels at which SQL Diagnostic Manager provides alert notifications by changing the informational, warning, and critical values either on the Configuration tab of the Alert Configuration window or, for database- and disk-level alerts, on the Database Threshold Configuration window available by selecting the database or disk, and then clicking **Edit**.

You can also base your alerts on the past performance of the metrics collected by SQL Diagnostic Manager. This is a powerful and effective way to make sure that the alerts you receive are outside of your typical metric ranges.



For each alert metric, you can enter the specific criteria by double-clicking the values on the Configuration tab.

To configure an alert:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the metric you want to edit from the list in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. **If the metric features a per-database or per-disk alert**, on the Configuration tab of the Alert Configuration window, click **Add**. Use the drop-down list to select the database or disk to which you want to apply these settings. **If the metric applies at the instance level**, continue with the next step.
5. Check the boxes next to **Informational**, **Warning**, and **Critical** to include alerts for these states.
6. Change the alert thresholds by moving the arrows to the appropriate levels or by double-clicking the value and typing a new threshold level.
7. **If the metric features a per-database or per-disk alert**, click **Advanced** to apply any advanced settings, such as alert suppression or autogrow settings. Click **OK**. **If the metric applies at the instance level**, continue with the next step.
8. Select the **Comments** tab and enter information you want displayed in the alert message for this metric.
9. Click **Apply**.
10. **If you want to replicate these edits to other SQL Server instance SQL Diagnostic Manager is monitoring, tags, or templates**, click **Yes**.
11. Click **OK** to accept your changes.



Note that when you modify an alertable metric in the Alert Configuration window, the **Create Template** button is disabled. Once you apply the modification, this command button is enabled again.

Alert refresh

A full refresh of alerts excluding table fragmentation occurs in the following circumstances even if longer collection intervals are defined:

- when the collection service starts
- when the collection service receives a new workload, such as redirecting the Management Service to a new Repository
- when you add a SQL Server for collection
- when a SQL Server resumes from Maintenance Mode
- when a user selects Refresh Alerts

This refresh does not cause collection of non-alertable data, nor cause collection of anything that is disabled.

Table Fragmentation alert thresholds

SQL Diagnostic Manager updates Table Fragmentation alerts with new threshold information only when new data is generated during the table statistics collection interval. It is preferred that you set your table statistics collection interval to occur when your server is not performing any production tasks.

Because this data collection occurs at most once per day and you can configure it to run as infrequently as once per week, you may experience a significant delay before new alerts are generated with your new alert threshold. You can [configure your wait monitoring using the Monitored SQL Server Properties window](#).

Apply different alert thresholds to multiple databases or disks

Some of the available alerts allow you to apply them independently to multiple databases or disks on your monitored SQL Server instance. When you click the alert to modify the thresholds, notice that a list of your databases or disks appears with the associated thresholds as they are currently set. Click **Edit** to make your changes. The [Database Threshold Configuration dialog](#) lets you specify the database, and then select the thresholds for that database only. The [Disk Threshold Configuration dialog](#) provides the same functionality, only disks replace the databases.

Alert templates

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to configure generic alert settings as a template that you can apply to servers and groups of servers in your organization. Click **Tools > Alert Configuration Templates** and complete the required fields to [configure an alert template](#).

Informational alerts

Informational alerts allow you to set a threshold that, when generated, triggers a status that does not affect the overall status of the server within SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can use informational alerts to notify an administrator of the state of a particular metric for a server or trigger secondary processes that could take action to prevent issue escalation.



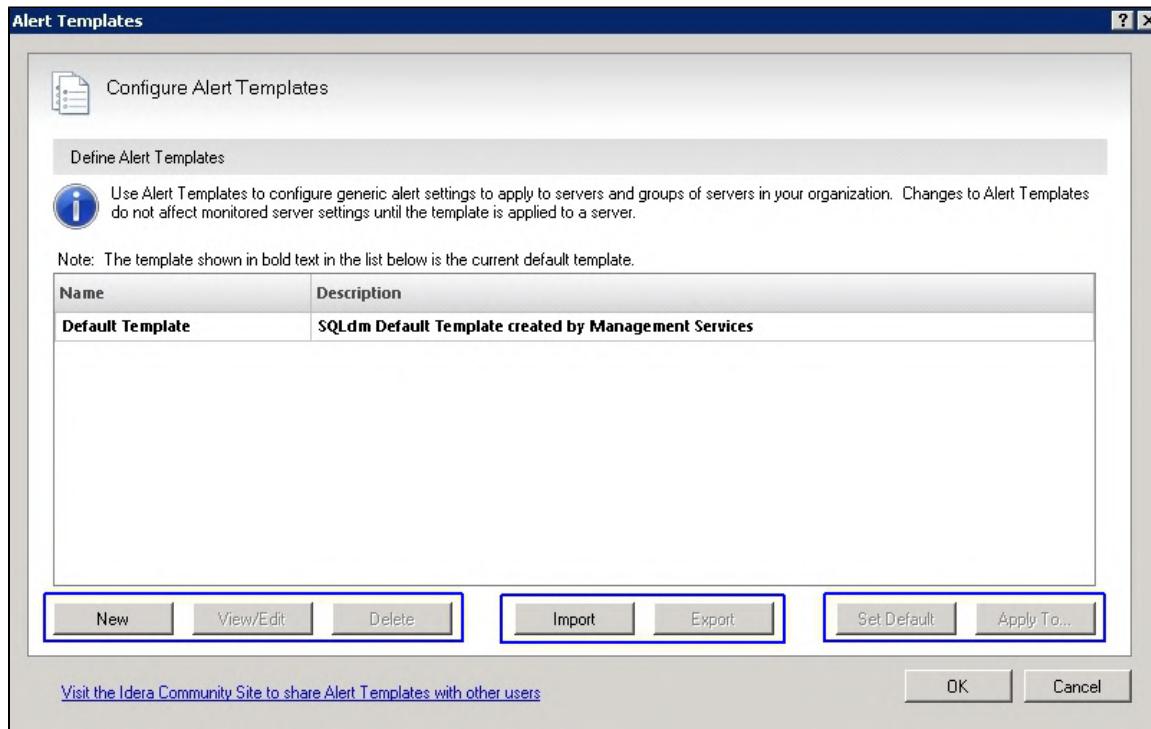
Note that for certain metrics, using the informational alert means that you no longer receive a warning or critical alert for events generated by that metric. Please review the situation before setting up an informational alert.

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Configure alert templates

The Alert Templates window allows you to configure generic alert settings that you can apply to servers and groups of servers in your organization. An event that causes a metric to no longer meet a condition or to exceed a threshold signals SQL Diagnostic Manager to raise an alert. Alert templates save you time and help you to avoid mistakes by simplifying alert configuration across your environment. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the default template name and description in bold text.



Applying an alert template to a monitored server overwrites all existing alert configurations. You can make any custom changes to the specific server's alert configuration once the template is applied. If you make a change to a template that is applied to a server, you must also reapply the template to that server using the **Apply To** button.

! Servers are not permanently attached to an applied alert template. SQL Diagnostic Manager does not propagate to the monitored server any changes made to the template unless explicitly applied.

A template allows you to apply the same alert configurations to more than one SQL Server instance. It helps you avoid simple mistakes such as transposing characters or leaving out metric details that could occur when you manually configure each server. Alert templates also help you roll out changes by making the updates in a single location and then rolling out the changes across your environment. If you are more interested in ad hoc alert configuration, remember that you can use a template to return a server to default settings if you make any changes that you later want to revert.

Access the Alert Templates window

You can open the Alert Templates window from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu bar by selecting **Tools > Alert Configuration Templates**.

Create a new alert template

Create a new alert template or edit the existing Default Template to suit your needs when alerting on your monitored SQL Server instances.

To create a new alert template:

1. Select **Tools > Alert Configuration Templates**.
2. Click **New**.
3. Type a unique name and description.
4. **If you want to create a new template based on an existing template**, select the name of the existing template from the **Copy from** list.
5. **If you want to use this new template as your default template**, check **Default Template**.
6. Click **OK** when done.
7. **If you want to apply this new template to your existing SQL Server instances**, click **Yes** in the confirmation message box. **If you do not want to apply your new template to any existing SQL Server instances at this point**, click **No**.
8. Configure your alert settings, and then click **OK**.

Change an existing template

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to make changes to an existing alert template. Select the template from the list, and then click **View/Edit**. If necessary, you can delete any existing template except for the Default Template. To delete a template, select the template you want to delete, and then click **Delete**.

Import an existing template

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to import an existing alert template from the [Idera community site](#). Click **Import** and select an alert template.

Export an existing template

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to export an existing alert template to the [Idera community site](#). Select the template from the list, and then click **Export**. You can use the default location or specify a different path to save the export file.

Apply template changes to a tag or server

Once you create a new template or make changes to an existing template, you should apply the updates to your tags or servers. Select the template from the list, click **Apply To**, select a tag or servers to which you want to apply the alert template, and then click **OK**. Note that if the template you are making changes to is already associated with a tag or server, these changes are not automatically applied when you change the template. You must use the **Apply To** button and select the appropriate tag or servers.

Set a template to use as the default

You can set an existing template as the default for SQL Diagnostic Manager to apply to all new servers added without specifying an alert template. To designate a template as the default, click the template in the list, click **Set Default**, and then click **OK**. If there is only one template in your list, SQL Diagnostic Manager uses this template as the default.

Apply alert templates to individual databases or disks within an instance

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes the ability to apply some alert thresholds on a per-database or per-disk basis within an instance. When you create an alert template and include one of these alerts, you cannot select which database or disk to apply the alert to because that is unknown in a template. For that reason, these alerts apply to all databases and disks within the instance to which it is applied.

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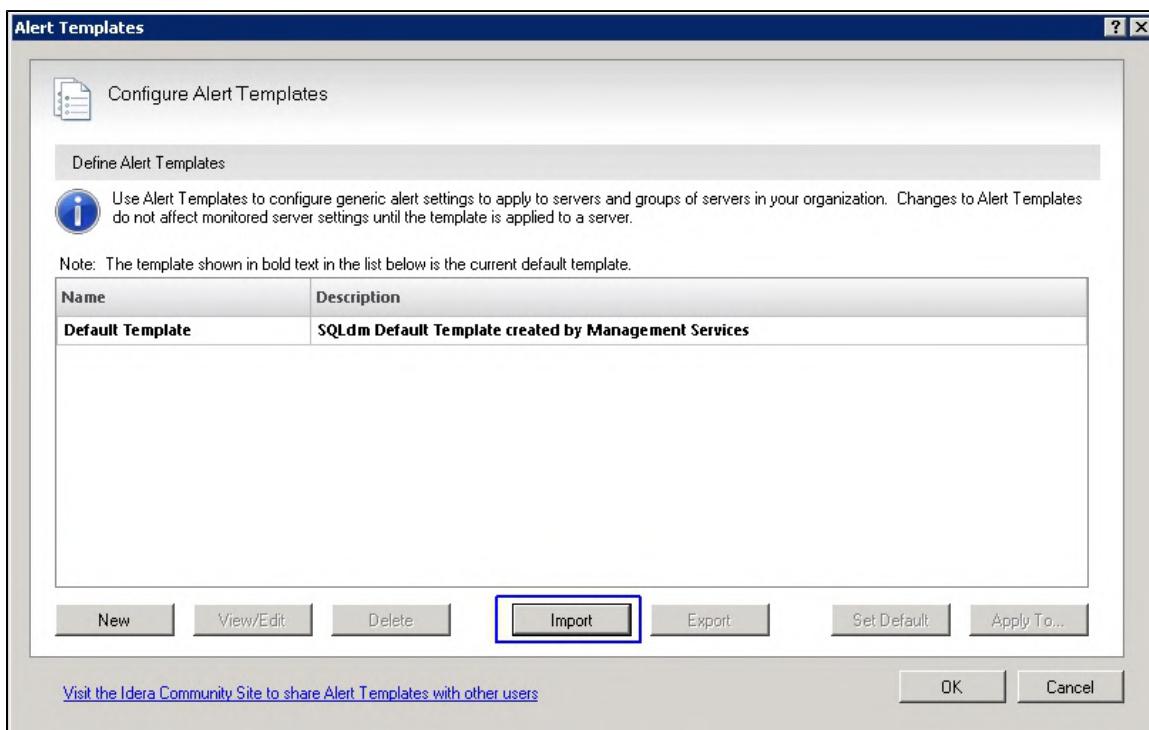
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Import an existing template

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To import an alert template:

1. Select Tools > Alert Configuration Templates and click **Import**.

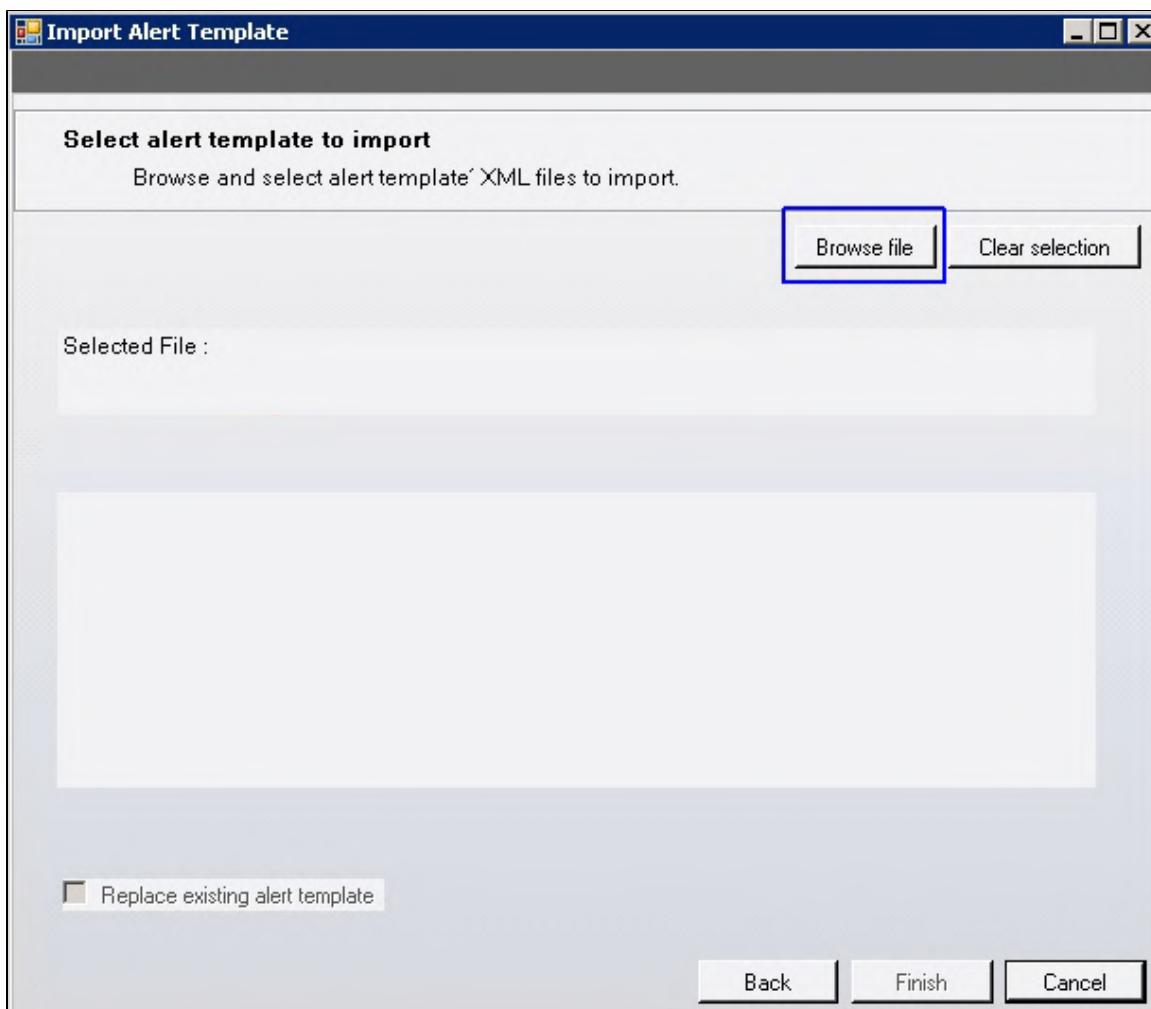


2. On the **Welcome to the Alert Template Import Wizard page**, click **Next** to proceed.

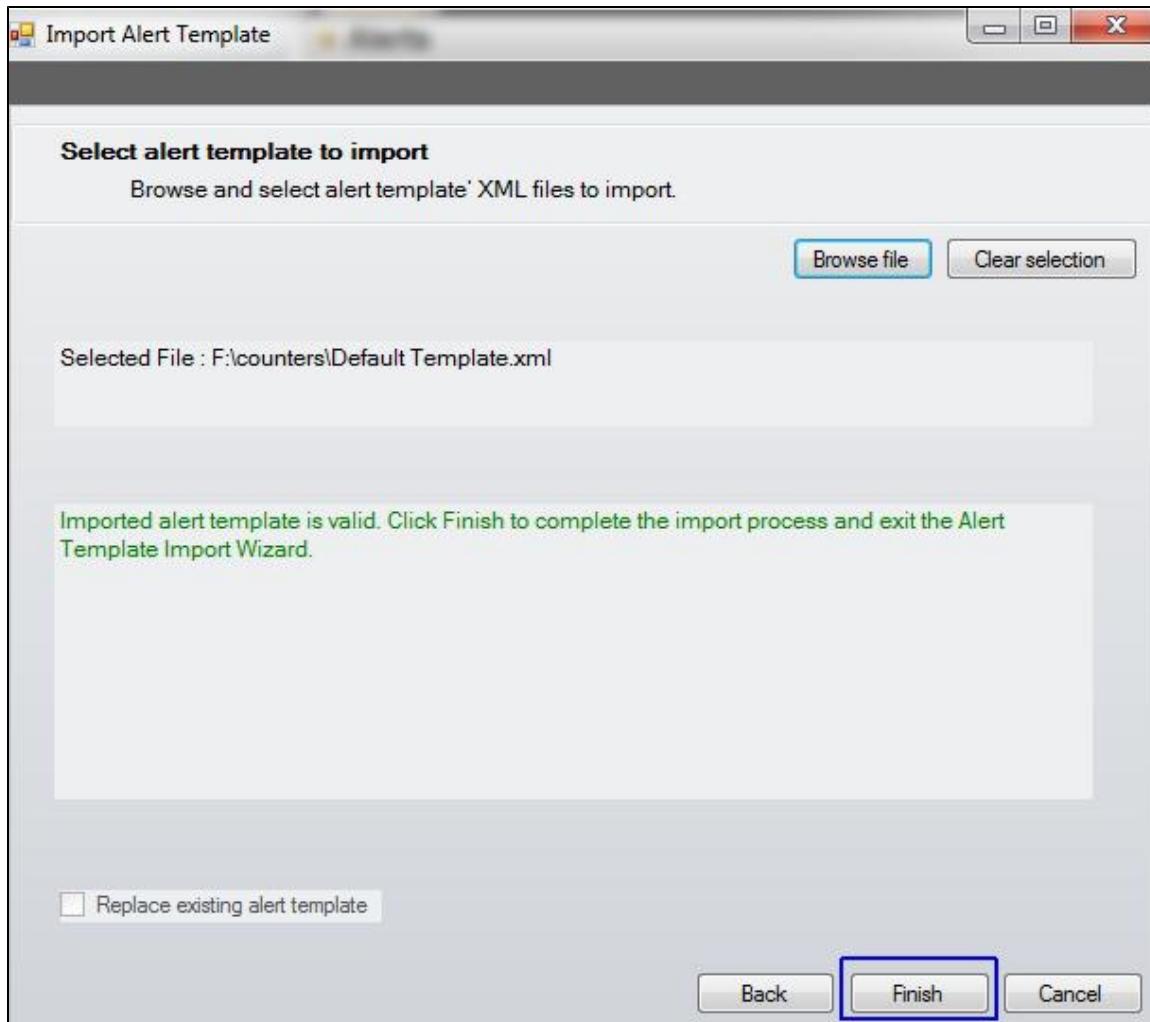


You can also access the Alert Template import wizard by clicking **Administration > Import/Export** from the navigation pane and selecting Alert Template in the import column.

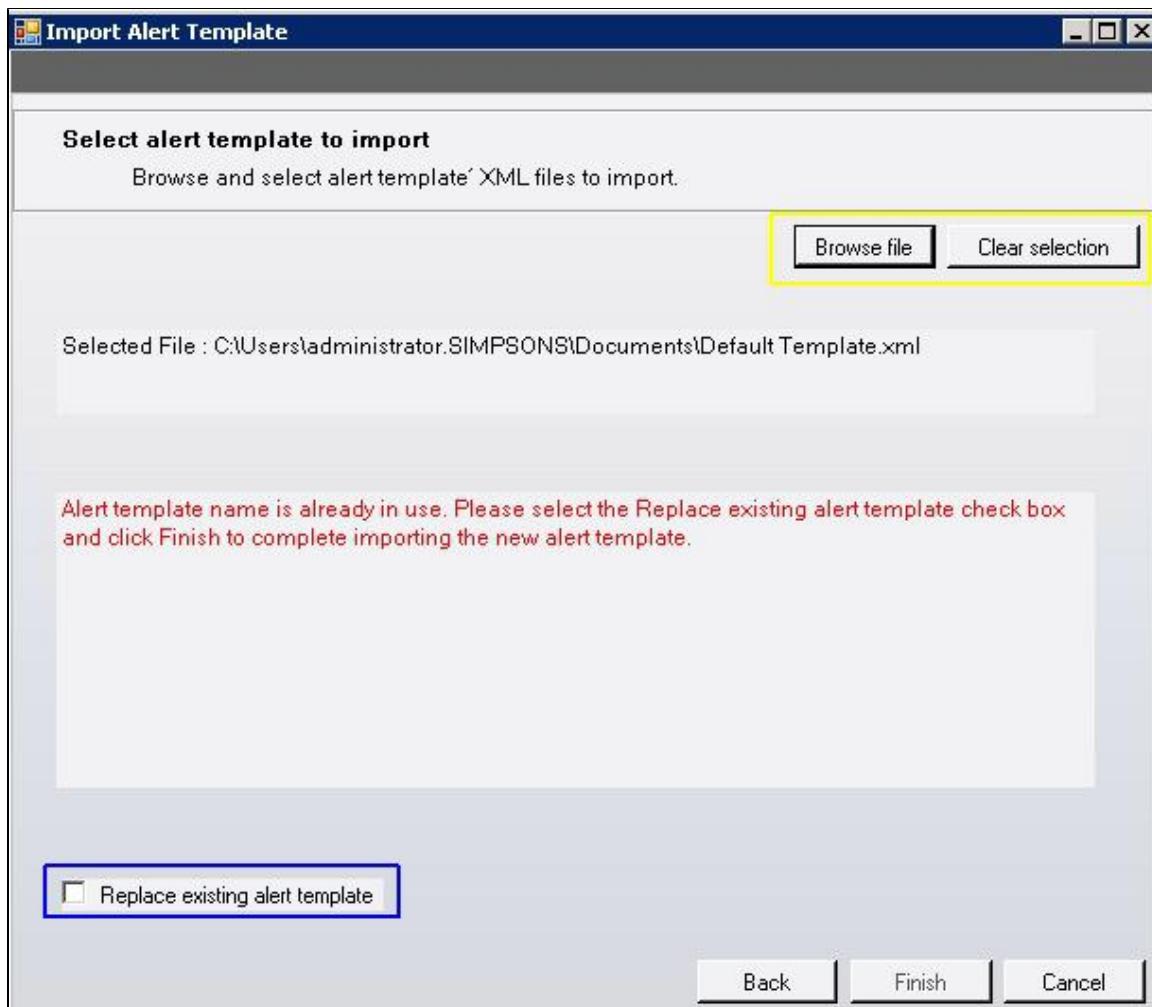
3. On the **Select alert template to import** page, browse for alert templates' XML files to import.



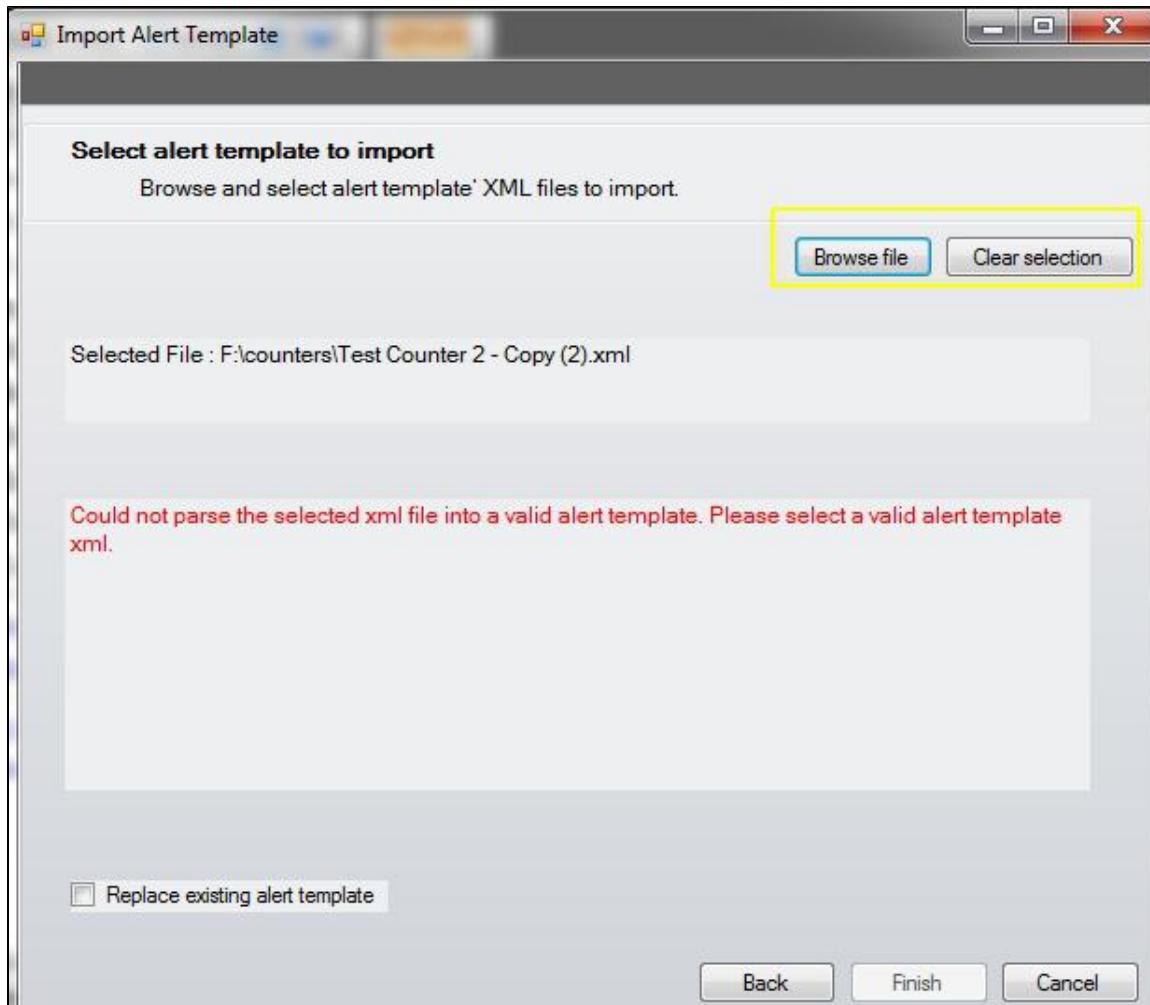
4. If the imported alert template is valid, click **Finish** to complete the import process and exit the wizard.



5. If you imported an alert template already in use (same name). You can click **Clear selection** and browse for a new alert template file. Alternatively, if you wish to replace your current alert template with the imported one, select the **Replace existing alert template** check box.



6. If you imported an invalid alert template. You can click **Clear selection** and browse for a new alert template file.



7. Click **Finish** to complete import process or **Back** to modify any settings.



Export an alert template

For instructions on exporting an alert template, see [Export an existing template](#).

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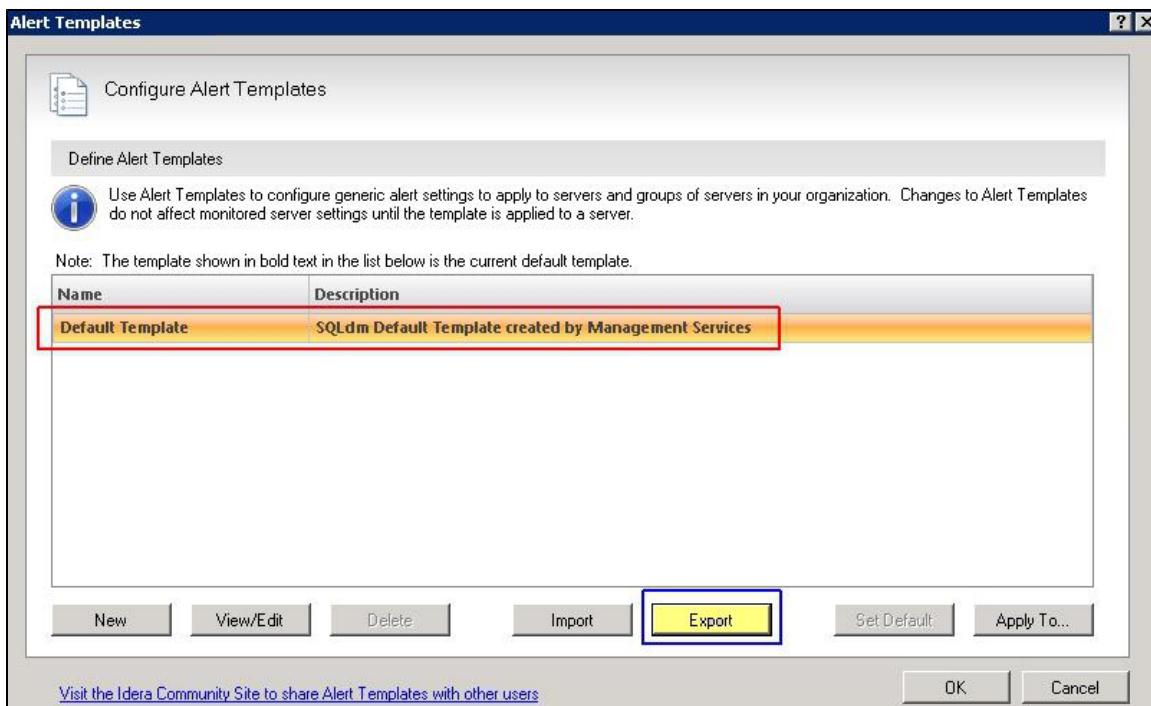
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Export an existing template

The Alert Templates window allows you to configure generic alert settings that you can apply to servers and groups of servers in your organization. Alert templates save you time and help you to avoid mistakes by simplifying alert configuration across your environment. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to export and share an existing alert template in the [IDERA community site](#) to suit your needs when alerting on your monitored SQL Server instances.

To export an alert template:

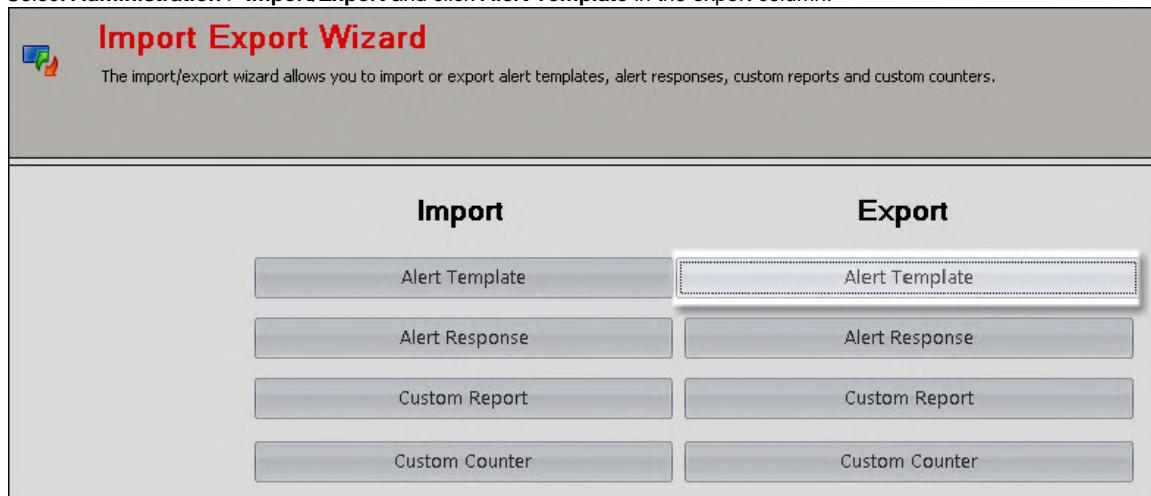
1. Select Tools > Alert Configuration Templates.
2. Select the template from the list and click Export.



3. In the **Save As** dialog box, indicate in which folder and under what name to save the alert template XML file.
4. In the "Selected Alert Template Exported Successfully" notification, click **OK**.

To export all your alert templates at once:

1. Select Administration > Import/Export and click **Alert Template** in the export column.



2. In the **Browse For Folder** dialog box, indicate in which folder you want to save the alert templates XML files.
3. Click **OK** in the "Alert templates exported successfully" notification.



Import an alert template

For instructions on importing an alert template, see [Import an existing template](#).

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Configure alert template settings

The Alert Template Configuration window allows you to set up the alerts templates for multiple or all SQL Server instances.



Be sure to review a list of the [default alert IDs](#), their descriptions, and associated events before configuring your alerts.

You can set the acceptable thresholds using the following alert types:

Alert Type	Color	Meaning
OK	Green	Acceptable threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager does not generate an alert.
Informational	Blue	Informational threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates an informational alert.
Warning	Yellow	Warning threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates a warning alert.
Critical	Red	Critical threshold where SQL Diagnostic Manager generates a critical alert.

In addition to setting the thresholds for specific alerts, you can customize your alerts by adding comments to each alert. Comments allow you to include instructions to users when a level reaches a particular threshold or to provide additional information about the alert. You can also customize the levels at which SQL Diagnostic Manager provides alert notifications by changing the informational, warning, and critical values either on the Configuration tab of the Alert Configuration window or, for database- and disk-level alerts, on the Database Threshold Configuration window available by selecting the database or disk, and then clicking **Edit**.

You can also [base your alerts on the past performance](#) of the metrics collected by SQL Diagnostic Manager. This is a powerful and effective way to make sure that the alerts you receive are outside of your typical metric ranges.



For each alert metric, you can enter the specific criteria by double-clicking the values on the Configuration tab.

You can [add](#) or [import](#) custom metrics to your alert configuration by using the Add Custom Counter wizard or the Import Custom Counter Wizard on the Administration window. This dialog allows you to [use custom counters to track metrics](#) that SQL Diagnostic Manager begins to monitor. You can select metrics in PerfMon, SQL Server, and even metrics monitored via custom T-SQL script.

To configure the settings for an alert template:

1. Select the metric you want to edit from the list in the Alert Template Configuration window.
2. Check the boxes next to **Informational**, **Warning**, and **Critical** to include alerts for these states.
3. Change the alert thresholds by moving the arrows to the appropriate levels or by double-clicking the value and typing a new threshold level.
4. Select the **Comments** tab and enter information you want displayed in the alert message for this metric.
5. Click **Apply**.
6. *If you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to replicate your edits to every monitored SQL Server instance*, click **Yes**.
7. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

Use alert templates in individual databases or disks within an instance

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes the ability to apply some alert thresholds on a per-database or per-disk basis within an instance. When you create an alert template and include one of these alerts, you cannot select which database or disk to apply the alert to because that is unknown in a template. For that reason, these alerts apply to all databases and disks within the instance to which it is applied. For additional information, see [Configure database thresholds](#) or [Configure disk thresholds](#).

About informational alerts

Informational alerts allow you to set a threshold that, when generated, triggers a status that does not affect the overall status of the server within SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can use informational alerts to notify an administrator of the state of a particular metric for a server or trigger secondary processes that could take action to prevent issue escalation.



Note that for certain metrics, using the informational alert means that you no longer receive a warning or critical alert for events generated by that metric. Please review the situation before setting up an informational alert.

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Configure database thresholds

The Database Threshold Configuration dialog allows you to set alert thresholds for selected databases on your SQL Server instance. Not all alerts are available for database-specific application. The following alerts include database-specific settings:

- Database Full (Percent)
- Database Full (Size)
- Log Full (Percent)
- Log Full (Size)

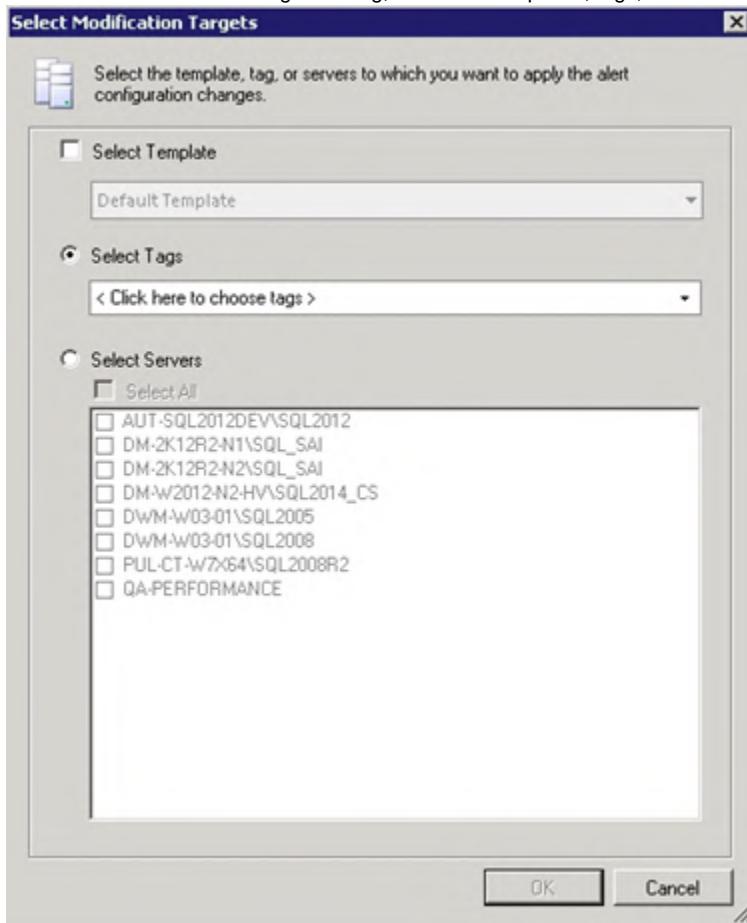
Use the **Advanced** button to set how and when alerts are raised by limiting the number of alerts and notifications generated.

To add a database for specific alert configuration:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the database-specific metric you want to edit from the list in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. On the Configuration tab, click **Add**.
5. Select the database from the available drop-down list.
6. Make the appropriate changes to your alert configuration for this database, and then click **OK**. SQL Diagnostic Manager now displays that database in the list on the Configuration tab.
7. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

To edit the alert threshold configuration for a database:

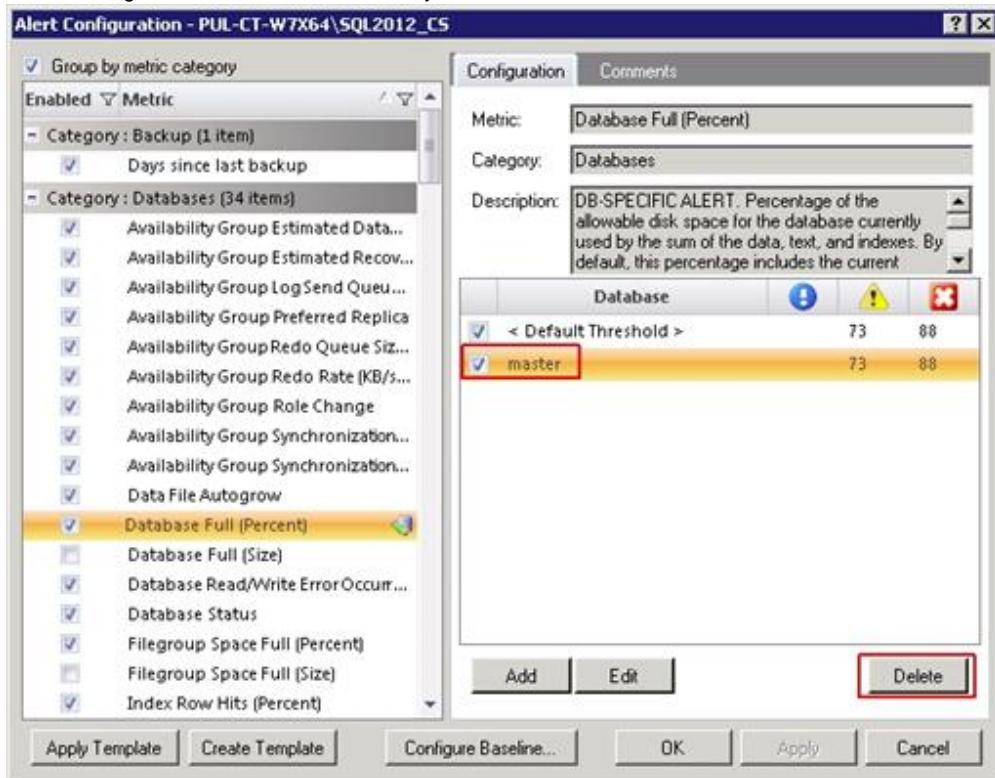
1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the database-specific metric you want to edit from the list in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. On the Configuration tab, click the database you want to configure, and then click **Edit**.
5. Change the alert thresholds by moving the arrows to the appropriate levels or by double-clicking the value and typing a new threshold level, and then click **OK**.
6. Click **Apply**.
7. *If you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to replicate your edits to other monitored SQL Server instances, tags, or templates, click Yes.*
8. In the Select Modification Targets dialog, select the templates, tags, or instances you want to include, and then click **OK**.



9. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

To delete the alert threshold configuration for a database:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the metric from which you want to remove the specific database from the list in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. On the Configuration tab, click the database you want to delete, and then click **Delete**.



5. Click **Yes** in the confirmation window.
6. Click **Apply**.
7. **If you want to delete the same database from any other SQL Server instances, tags, or templates**, click **Yes**.
8. In the Select Modification Targets dialog, select the templates, tags, or instances you want to apply the same modification, and then click **OK**.
9. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

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Configure disk thresholds

The Disk Threshold Configuration dialog allows you to set alert thresholds for selected disks on your SQL Server instance. Not all alerts are available for applying disk-specific thresholds. The following alerts include disk-specific settings:

- OS Disk Free Space (Size)
- OS Disk Full (Percent)

Use the **Advanced** button to set [how and when alerts are raised](#) by limiting the number of alerts and notifications generated.

To add a disk for specific alert configuration:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the disk-specific metric you want to edit from the list in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. On the Configuration tab, click **Add**.
5. Select the disk from the available drop-down list.
6. Make the appropriate changes to your alert configuration for this disk, and then click **OK**. SQL Diagnostic Manager now displays that disk in the list on the Configuration tab.
7. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

To edit the alert threshold configuration for a disk:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the disk-specific metric you want to edit from the list in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. On the Configuration tab, click the disk you want to configure, and then click **Edit**.
5. Change the alert thresholds by moving the arrows to the appropriate levels or by double-clicking the value and typing a new threshold level, and then click **OK**.
6. Click **Apply**.
7. *If you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to replicate your edits to every monitored SQL Server instance*, click **Yes**, select the instances you want to include, and then click **OK**.
8. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

To delete the alert threshold configuration for a disk:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the metric from which you want to remove the specific disk from the list in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. On the Configuration tab, click the disk you want to delete, and then click **Delete**.
5. Click **Yes** in the confirmation window.
6. Click **Apply**.
7. *If you want to delete the same disk from any other SQL Server instance SQL Diagnostic Manager is monitoring*, click **Yes**, select the instances you want to include, and then click **OK**.
8. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

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Set advanced alert options

The Advanced Alert Settings window allows you to control how and when alerts are raised by limiting the number of alerts and notifications that are generated.

Alert Duration

[Alert duration](#) allows you to select the total time an alert is raised for an event.

Alert Suppression

[Alert suppression](#) allows you to select the amount of time SQL Diagnostic Manager waits before alerting on a metric that has exceeded threshold limits.

Alert Filters

[Alert filters](#) allows you to select:

- [Disk drive exclusions](#) to exclude one or more disk drives from triggering an alert
- [Text and regular expressions](#) to exclude certain words and expressions from triggering an alert

Autogrow Settings

[Autogrow settings](#) allows you to select whether you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to take autogrowth into account when calculating the remaining space available.

Database Exclusions

[Database exclusions](#) allows you to select the databases you want to exclude from database alerts.

Job Exclusions

[Job exclusions](#) allows you to select both the jobs and job categories you want to exclude from job alerts.

Sessions Exclusions

[Sessions exclusions](#) allows you to select the applications, host servers, and users you want to exclude from job alerts.

Custom Counters

[Custom counters](#) allows you to select whether SQL Diagnostic Manager generates an alert when a custom counter is not collected.

Configure a custom response when an alert is generated by SQL Diagnostic Manager

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to configure when and how alert responses are generated. You can select from the following alert responses (providers):

- Send an email to a person or group of people
- Log an event in the Windows Event Log
- Enable the Query Monitor
- Execute a program or utility
- Send an event to your Network Management tool
- Execute a SQL Agent Job
- Execute a Script
- Create a To Do (Note that beginning with SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0, the To Do feature is available only to users who had To Do activated in an earlier 6.x version. This version of SQL Diagnostic Manager does not support this feature for new users.)

To configure a custom response when an alert is generated, select **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses** from the console toolbar.

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Configure alert duration

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to determine the total time an alert is raised for an event occurring on a specified SQL Server instance. The Alert Duration tab of the Advanced Alert Configuration window provides a page for you to enter the duration of the alert in hours and minutes. For the SQL Server Agent Job Failure metric, you can specify whether you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to trigger the alert each time any job fails or to raise an alert only upon the failure of the most recently-executed job.

The metrics that allow for specifying alert duration include the following:

- SQL Server Agent Job Completion
- SQL Server Agent Job Failure
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent)

To use ad hoc Alert Configuration to enter how long a job alert remains active:

1. In the Navigation page, click **Servers**.
2. Right-click the appropriate SQL server instance, and then select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the metric for which you want to configure an alert.
4. Click **Advanced**.
5. Click **Alert Duration**.
6. Type or use the selection window to enter the alert duration in hours and minutes.
7. Click **OK**.
8. To accept these changes, click **OK**.

To use Alert Configuration templates to enter how long a job alert remains active:

1. Click **Tools > Alert Configuration Templates**.
2. Click **New** or select an existing template, and then click **View/Edit**.
3. **If you clicked New**, type a name, and then click **Edit Configuration**.
4. **If you clicked View/Edit**, click **Edit Configuration**.
5. Select the metric for which you want to configure an alert.
6. Click **Advanced**.
7. Click **Alert Duration**.
8. **If you selected the SQL Server Agent Job Completion, SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes), or SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent) metric**, continue with the next step. **If you selected the SQL Server Agent Job Failure metric**, select **Anytime a job failure occurs** to trigger an alert each time a job failure occurs or select **Only if the most recent job execution failed** if you want to raise an alert only when the most recently-executed job fails.
9. Type or use the selection window to enter the alert duration in hours and minutes.
10. Click **OK**.
11. **If you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to replicate your edits to every monitored SQL Server instance**, click **Yes**.
12. To accept these changes, click **OK**.

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Configure alert suppression

In certain environments, it is acceptable for some metrics to exceed the configured alert thresholds for very short periods of time, for example one refresh. Typically these exceptions last less than a minute. If you are monitoring many SQL Server instances or if the amount of data collected is very high, this could produce a significant number of alerts. The Advanced Alert Configuration window allows you to limit the number of these alerts that are generated by letting you input the number of minutes a threshold violation occurs before an alert is raised, reducing the amount of alert "noise" you receive.

The amount of time you enter here depends on how critical the metric is in your environment and the amount of time SQL Diagnostic Manager waits between refreshes. If you enter a time less than that of the refresh, the second consecutive refresh where the alert is outside the acceptable threshold range prompts the alert.

The following table displays the length of time SQL Diagnostic Manager waits before an alert is raised when the scheduled refresh occurs every six minutes and various values are entered:

Time entered on the Advanced Alert Configuration window	Alert is generated
1-5 minutes	Second Refresh occurs six minutes after the first encounter of the problem
6-11 minutes	Third Refresh occurs 18 minutes after the first encounter of the problem
12-17 minutes	Fourth Refresh occurs 24 minutes after the first encounter of the problem

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Configure alert filters - disk drive exclusions

By default, certain metrics include all drives within a specific SQL Server instance when monitoring for events that can trigger an alert. The Alert Filters tab of the Advanced Alert Configuration window allows you to select one or more disk drives to exclude from alerting on the selected metric.

The alerts that allow for disk drive exclusions include the following:

- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Read
- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Transfer
- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Write
- Disk Reads Per Second
- Disk Transfers Per Second
- Disk Writes Per Second
- OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count)
- OS Disk Free Space (Size)
- OS Disk Full (Percent)
- OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent)

To use ad hoc Alert Configuration to exclude disk drives from an alert:

1. In the Navigation page, click **Servers**.
2. Right-click the appropriate SQL server instance, and then select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the metric for which you want to configure an alert.
4. Select the appropriate disk, click **Edit**, and then click **Advanced**.
5. Click the Alert Filters tab.
6. Click **Exclude**.
7. Select one or more disk drives from the list, and then click **Exclude**.
8. Click **OK**.
9. To accept these changes, click **OK**.

To use Alert Configuration Templates to exclude disk drives from an alert:

1. Click **Tools > Alert Configuration Templates**.
2. Click **New** or select an existing template, and then click **View/Edit**.
3. *If you clicked New*, type a name, and then click **Edit Configuration**.
4. *If you clicked View/Edit*, click **Edit Configuration**.
5. Select the metric for which you want to configure an alert.
6. Select the appropriate disk, click **Edit**, and then click **Advanced**.
7. Click the Alert Filters tab.
8. Type the name of the disk drives you want to exclude from alerts. Use semicolons to separate names and do not use wildcard characters.
9. Click **OK**.
10. *If you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to replicate your edits to every monitored SQL Server instance*, click **Yes**.
11. To accept these changes, click **OK**.

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Configure text and expression alerts

SQL Server Agent Log and SQL Server Error Log metrics allow users to trigger an alert based on certain text or regular expressions. SQL Diagnostic Manager provides different levels of alerts so you can select whether you want to generate a critical, warning, or informational alert based on your entered data. You can also limit the size of your logs to decrease your response time and avoid using additional space on your server.

To use ad hoc Alert Configuration to enter text or a regular expression to trigger an alert:

1. In the Navigation page, click **Servers**.
2. Right-click the appropriate SQL server instance, and then select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the metric for which you want to configure an alert.
4. Click **Advanced**.
5. **If you want to trigger an alert for certain text**, type the text in the appropriate field. Use semicolons to separate names and a percent (%) character as a wildcard.
6. **If you want to trigger an alert for a certain regular expression**, type the expression in the appropriate field. Type only one regular expression per line.
7. Click **OK**.
8. To accept these changes, click **OK**.

To use Alert Configuration Templates to enter text or a regular expression to trigger an alert:

1. Click **Tools > Alert Configuration Templates**.
2. Click **New** or select an existing template, and then click **View/Edit**.
3. **If you clicked New**, type a name, and then click **Edit Configuration**.
4. **If you clicked View/Edit**, click **Edit Configuration**.
5. Select the metric for which you want to configure an alert.
6. Click **Advanced**.
7. **If you want to trigger an alert for certain text**, type the text in the appropriate field. Use semicolons to separate names and a percent (%) character as a wildcard.
8. **If you want to trigger an alert for a certain regular expression**, type the expression in the appropriate field. Type only one regular expression per line.
9. Click **OK**.
10. **If you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to replicate your edits to every monitored SQL Server instance**, click **Yes**.
11. To accept these changes, click **OK**.

Limit the size of a log that SQL Diagnostic Manager reads

In an attempt to improve response time and avoid using unnecessary space on your server, you can designate the maximum size of your SQL Server Agent log and your SQL Server Error log that SQL Diagnostic Manager reads. When a log reaches the size limit set in the Alert Configuration, it triggers an alert. SQL Diagnostic Manager does not display in the Logs view any data from error or agent logs in excess of the size limit. A quick solution to decrease the size of your file is to click Cycle Server Log to [archive the information in the most recent log and start a new log](#). You can also cycle the log using SSMS.

 Before cycling your log, it is important to note that if you have a limit set, then the log file deleted is the oldest log file stored. If you want to keep that log file, copy the file elsewhere before cycling the log.

 SQL Server 2000 users also must restart the SQL Server Agent Service after cycling the SQL Server Agent log. The only way to cycle the agent log on SQL Server is to cycle the agent service. This process results in a new log.

To adjust the log size limit that SQL Diagnostic Manager reads:

1. View the Alert Configuration for your monitored SQL Server instance.
2. Select either the **SQL Server Agent Log** or the **SQL Server Error Log** alert, and then click **Advanced**.
3. In the Alert Filters tab, adjust the **Size (MB)** field based on what you want for your log size limit.
4. Click **OK**, and then click **Apply**.
5. Click **OK** in the confirmation message if you want to apply your change to any other SQL Server instances, or click **No**.

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Configure size remaining

SQL Server can automatically expand a database or log when necessary based on a set of parameters. The Autogrow Settings tab of the Advanced Alert Configuration window allows you to specify whether you want to take this autogrowth into account when calculating the remaining space available.

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to select whether to trigger an alert based on the current database or log used size divided by the maximum possible size. Click **Yes, alert on the current used size divided by the maximum possible size** on the Autogrow Settings page to set the alert to include autogrow or click **No, alert on the current used size divided by the current file size** if you do not want to take SQL Server autogrowth into consideration.

Understanding the downside of Autogrow

You can avoid unnecessary long reads and poor response time from SQL Server by minimizing the number of autogrow events occurring in your environment. Each time an auto-growth event occurs, SQL Server holds up database processing while looking for disk space for the additional data. Usually this new space is not adjacent to the existing space and causes physical disk fragmentation. As more and more auto-growth events occur, the more the disk becomes fragmented, leading to longer periods while SQL Server reads the databases.

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Configure alert filters - database exclusions

The Alert Filters tab of the Advanced Alert Configuration window allows you to select databases to exclude from alerting on the selected metric. You can limit the amount of alert noise generated for very small databases, which tend to report a high fragmentation rate, or databases that are in single user mode and are usually in use.

The alerts that allow for database exclusions include the following:

- Data File Autogrow
- Database Full (Percent)
- Database Full (Size)
- Database Status
- Days since last backup
- Filegroup Space Full (Percent)
- Filegroup Space Full (Size)
- Log File Autogrow
- Log Full (Percent)
- Log Full (Size)
- Table Fragmentation (Percent)

Access the Alert Filters tab of the Alert Configuration window

1. Right-click the SQL Server instance you want to manage and then select **Configure Alerts**.
2. Select the alert you want to configure.
3. *If the alert is database-specific*, select the appropriate database, click **Edit**, and then click **Advanced**. *If the alert is not database-specific*, click **Advanced**.
4. Click the Alert Filters tab.

Exclude a database from an alert

You can select one or more databases to exclude from alerting on the selected metric.

1. Access the Alert Filters tab using the previous steps.
2. Click **Exclude**.
3. Select one or more databases from the list, and then click **Exclude**.
4. Click **OK**.
5. To accept these changes, click **OK**.

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Configure job exclusions

The Alert Filters tab of the Advanced Alert Configuration window allows you to select jobs or job categories to include or exclude from alerting for the specified metric. Filtering allows you to limit the amount of alert noise generated for SQL Server Agent Jobs or Job categories that, for example, are known to run for a long time.

 By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager alerts on all Jobs. If you check the **Alert on individual job steps** box, all job steps generate alerts. Using the Include filter limits job alerts to only those SQL Server Agent Job steps that apply to the filter. The Exclude filter limits the job alerts to every SQL Server Agent Job step except for those included in the Exclude filter.

The metrics that allow for SQL Server Agent Job exclusions include the following:

- SQL Server Agent Job Completion
- SQL Server Agent Job Failure
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent)

To filter SQL Server Agent Job alerts:

1. Open the Alert Configuration window and select the alert you want to configure.
2. Click **Advanced**.
3. Select the **Job Filters** tab.
4. Check the **Alert on individual job steps** box if you would like an alert for each step in each job.
5. Click the **Add** button under the Include or Exclude filters.
6. Enter the **Job Name or Job Categories** to include or exclude and click **OK**. Use the percent symbol (%) as a wildcard.
7. Click **OK** to apply your changes.

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Configure session exclusions

The Advanced Alert Configuration window allows you to exclude applications, host servers, and users from the selected alert. You can limit the amount of alert noise generated by known applications, power users, or even a whole list of power users, such as a development team, that commonly exceed your alert thresholds.

The metrics that allow for session exclusions include the following:

- Blocking Session Wait Time (Seconds)
- Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes)
- Session CPU Time (Seconds)

To configure session exclusions:

1. Open the Alert Configuration window and select the alert you want to configure.
2. Click **Advanced**.
3. Enter the applications, host servers, and users you want to exclude from the alert using % for wildcards and semicolons to separate application names.
4. Click **OK** to save your configuration.

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Configure custom counter suppression

The Advanced Alert Configuration window allows you to select whether you want an alert created when SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect a custom counter. Preventing an alert when you cannot collect the custom counter eliminates any potential noise the alert could generate.

-  If a custom counter collection fails, it is included in a critical summary alert that lists all the custom counters that it could not collect.

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Add or edit job filter

The Add Job Filter or Edit Job Filter window allows you to create or edit a filter to determine when you want a SQL Server Agent job condition to raise an alert.

Access the add or edit job filters

To access the Add Job Filter or Edit Job Filter window:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select one of the following alerts:
 - SQL Server Agent Job Completion
 - SQL Server Agent Job Failure
 - SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)
 - SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent)
4. Click **Advanced**, and select **Job Filters**.
5. Click **Add** or **Edit** in either the Include or Exclude list.

Use the Job Filters tab

The Job Filters tab allows you to include or exclude a job by job category, name, or step name if you check **Alert on individual job steps**.

To add a job filter:

1. Select **Like** or **Equals** in the Operator drop-down window for either the Job Category, Job Name, or Step Name field.
2. Enter the value to filter the job for in the Value field or click the **Browse** button to browse for the object you want to filter.



Use the percent symbol (%) as a Wildcard.

3. Click **OK**.



The Browse button is only available when adding or editing job step filters for a single SQL Server instance.

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Alert value configuration

The Value Configuration window allows you to select whether you receive an alert for a particular event based on the selected level for that event. For example, if you select the Critical alert level for **Offline** for Database Status, you receive a Critical Level alert if the Database is ever offline. The alerts are available as shown in the following image.

Alert Level	Description
	The selected metric is in an OK state.
	The selected metric is in an Informational state.
	The selected metric is in a Warning state.
	The selected metric is in a Critical state.

Access the Value Configuration window

SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Value Configuration window when you attempt to edit values for certain metrics.

To access the Value Configuration window:

1. Right-click a monitored SQL Server instance, and then select **Configure Alerts**.
2. In the Alert configuration window, select one of the following metrics:
 - Database Status
 - Mirroring Status
 - OS Metrics Collection Status
 - DTC Status
 - Full-Text Search Status
 - SQL Server Agent Status
 - SQL Server Status
 - SQL Server Agent Job Completion
 - Host Power State
 - VM Power State
3. Click **Edit**.

About informational alerts

Informational alerts allow you to set a threshold that, when generated, triggers a status that does not affect the overall status of the server within SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can use informational alerts to notify an administrator of the state of a particular metric for a server or trigger secondary processes that could take action to prevent issue escalation.



Note that for certain metrics, using the informational alert means that you no longer receive a warning or critical alert for events generated by that metric. Please review the situation before setting up an informational alert.

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Base alerts on past performance

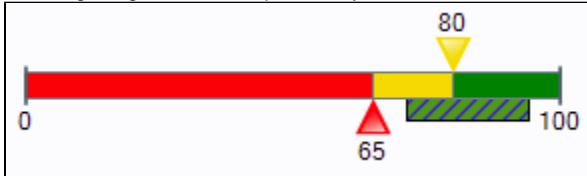
One of the most important steps in setting up SQL Diagnostic Manager to successfully monitor your SQL Server instances is the configuration of your alerts so that you only receive alerts on metrics that actually fall outside the typical performance of your environment.

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to do this by letting you set a period of time where the metric ranges collected for a set of alerts help determine your alert thresholds. After data collection begins, SQL Diagnostic Manager gives you recommendations for tweaking your alert thresholds for the following metrics:

- Blocked Sessions (Count)
- Client Computers (Count)
- Custom Counters
- OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count)
- OS Disk Time (Percent)
- OS Memory Usage (Percent)
- OS Paging (Per Second)
- OS Privileged Time (Percent)
- OS Processor Queue Length (Count)
- OS Processor Time (Percent)
- OS User Time (Percent)
- Page Life Expectancy
- SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)
- SQL Server Response Time (Milliseconds)

To configure your alert thresholds:

1. Configure the performance baseline.
2. View suggested alert thresholds. Ideally you should wait until the baseline period is over. About 24 hours after collections begin, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a bar in green with black diagonal lines for related alerts on the Alert Configuration window, as shown in the following image. This bar represents your recommended reference range.



3. As your performance baseline period ends, text appears at the top of your Alert Configuration window regarding available recommendations. Click the Alert Recommendation text to open the Alert Recommendations window for your SQL Server instance. This window allows you to see the thresholds SQL Diagnostic Manager recommends based on the data collected during your performance baseline
4. Either apply the alert recommendations or tweak your thresholds.

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View suggested alert thresholds

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides you alert recommendations to help eliminate false alerts, such as alerts for metrics that fit within the typical performance of your server. You can view these recommendations on the Alert Recommendations window. The Alert Recommendations window is accessed by clicking the "Alert recommendations are available for this SQL Server. Click here to view the recommendations now." text at the top of the Alert Configuration window. This text appears after collections have occurred in which alert thresholds fall within the baseline range. The recommendations presented are calculated using your baseline and adding either 20% or 30% over the standard deviation. To edit the percentage over the standard deviation used, select the **Options** button at the bottom of the Alert Recommendations window.

To use the Alert Recommendations window:

1. Select the first metric in the Alert Recommendations list. The current alert configuration appears at the bottom of the window so that you can easily compare that against the recommended warning and recommended critical columns.
2. If you agree with the recommendations and want to apply them to your metric, check the **Apply** box.
3. Click **OK**.

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Set recommended alert options

Use the Alert Recommendation Options window to change the percentage above your performance baseline that SQL Diagnostic Manager uses when recommending alert thresholds. Either type a percentage above the baseline for the Warning and Critical alert thresholds or use the **Up** and **Down** arrows.

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Configure alerts for important cluster events

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to monitor your clustered SQL Server environment including alerts when a failover occurs and when the preferred active cluster node changes.

An important way to track clustering events using SQL Diagnostic Manager is through the usage of cluster alerts.

Cluster Failover Alert

By default, this alert is enabled and set to Critical. When a failover occurs, SQL Diagnostic Manager generates an alert and then performs one of the following actions:

- Clears after 12 hours if no additional alerts are generated on the cluster.
- Generates an additional alert if another cluster failover occurs.
- Clears instantly when manually cleared.

Cluster Active Node Alert

The preferred node. You can change this setting on the [Cluster Settings tab](#) of the Monitored SQL Server Properties dialog box. The Cluster Active Node is triggered when SQL Diagnostic Manager detects that a clustered SQL Server instance is running on a node other than the configured preferred node.

Best practices for using the Cluster Alerts

Choose the alert that best reflects your environment and setup notifications for it. Disable the other alert if it is not necessary.

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Organize alerts

The Alerts view allows you to view all alerts for all of the servers in your organization. You can organize the alerts in the list using either the Current View or the Filter.



Change column is a useful way to see the agent history of a metric. This column tracks every status change occurring between OK, informational, warning, and critical states.

Access the Alerts view

You can open the Alerts view from the SQLdm Console by clicking **Alerts** in the Navigation pane.

Organize your alerts by the Current View

You can organize your alerts by selecting one of the following views from the Current View section of the Navigation Pane:

Active

Organizes all your alerts that are currently active.

By Severity

Organizes all your alerts by their severity.

By Server

Organizes all your alerts by monitored SQL Server instance.

By Metric

Organizes all your alerts by each of the metrics affected.

Agent Job Failures

Lists all the alerts caused by Agent Job failures.

Blocked Processes

Lists all the alerts caused by blocked processes.

Oldest Open Transactions

Lists the oldest open transactions that have alerts associated with them.

Query Monitor

Lists all the alerts associated with the Query Monitor.

Table Reorganization

Lists all the alerts associated with table reorganization.

Custom

Allows you to configure the view to show what is most important to you.

Organize your alerts using the Filter

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to organize your alerts using the available filter options. Click the **Show Filter Options/Hide Filter Options** toggle in the Navigation Pane to open the Alerts filter. Filter options such as the specific view, SQL Server instance, metric, severity, and time range associated with the alert help pinpoint to data you want to view.

You can also filter alerts based on the assigned **tags**.

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Configure how SQL Diagnostic Manager responds to alerts

The Alert Actions and Responses window allows you add, modify, import/export, and configure alert responses. You can:

- Configure your email (SMTP) settings to send out alert notifications using the email server available on your network.
- Configure your network management (SNMP) settings to set up a network management alert response.

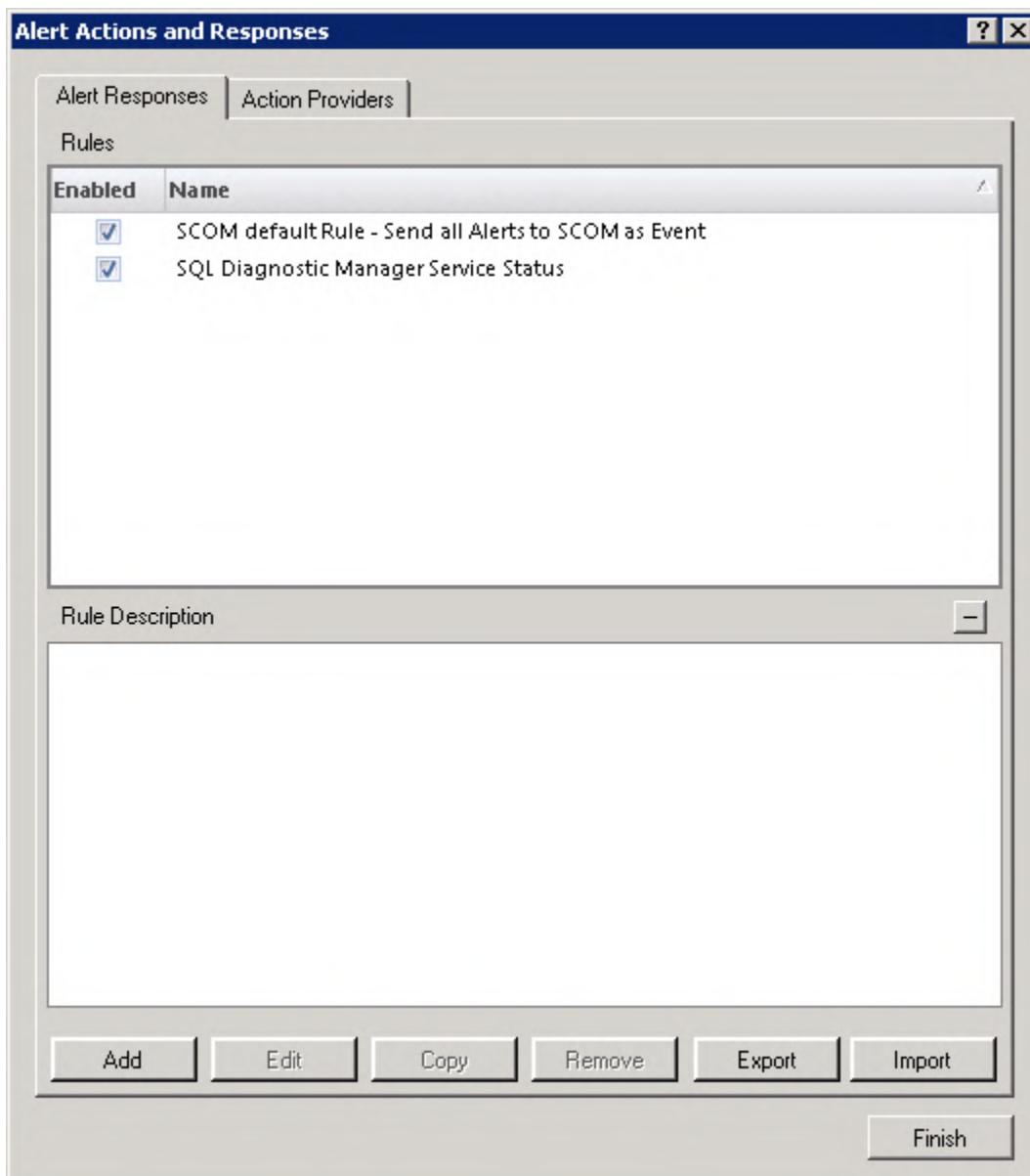
 When you first add your SQL Server instance to SQL Diagnostic Manager, you should begin setting up your alert thresholds, and then set up your alert action rules and providers to specify who receives related notifications.

Access the Alert Actions and Responses window

You can open the Alert Actions and Responses window from the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console menu by selecting **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses**.

Available Alert Responses tab actions

You can enable or disable an action provider by checking/clearing the box in the *Enabled* column.



 SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two rules enabled by default. You can disable, edit, copy, or remove them.

Add

Click **Add** to [create a new alert response](#).

Edit

Click **Edit** to make modifications to an existing alert response.

Copy

Click **Copy** to make a duplicate of an existing alert response. The copy function can save time when you want to change just one setting on a particular rule.

Remove

Click **Remove** to delete the selected alert response.

Export

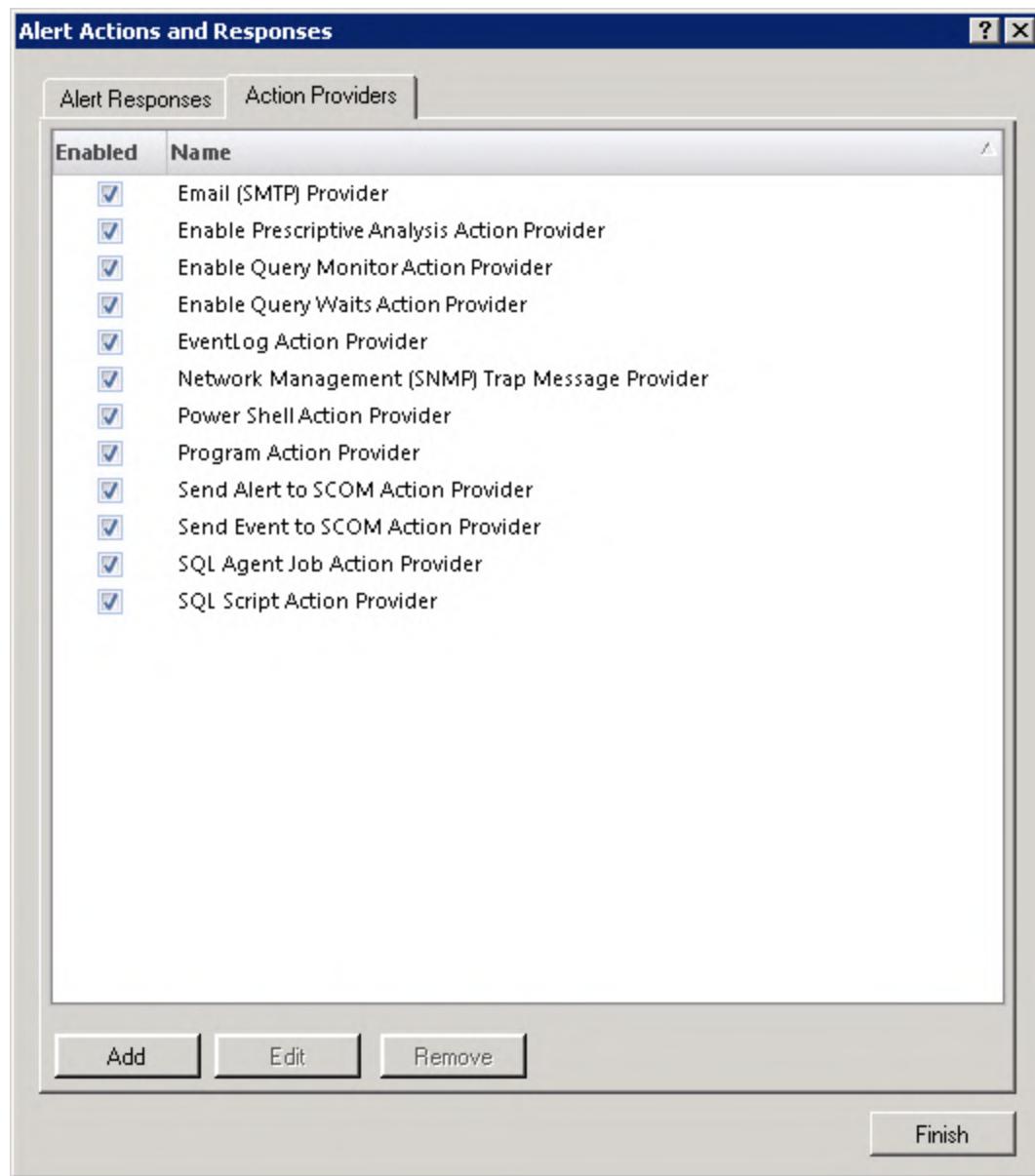
Click **Export** to export an alert response XML file.

Import

Click **Import** to import an alert response XML file.

Available Action Providers tab actions

You can enable or disable an action provider by checking/clearing the box in the *Enabled* column.

**Add**

Click **Add** to open the [Alert Communications Wizard](#) and create a new SMTP or SNMP action provider.

Edit

Click **Edit** to edit an SMTP or SNMP action provider.

Remove

Click **Remove** to delete an SMTP or SNMP action provider.

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Configure automated responses to alerts

Use the **Alert Response** window to create or modify your new alert response rule.

Access the Alert Response window

1. Select **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses**.

Add a new rule

1. Click **Add** on the **Alert Responses** tab of the Alert Actions and Responses dialog box.
2. Enter a **Name** for the rule.
3. Check the boxes for the conditions and destinations for the rule.
4. Click **Enable** to activate the associated action. Note that all actions are disabled by default.
5. If you enabled an action, provide any required information for the selected action.
6. Click **Add** to select additional actions to perform in response to the alert. This feature allows you to add multiple instances of certain actions.
7. Click the hyperlink text to select specific conditions for the rule.
8. Click **OK** when finished.

Available conditions

By default, alert response rules are not limited to specific SQL Server instances, metrics, severity levels, and times. You can use conditions to tailor the triggers of your alert responses. The following conditions help you manage alert response rules.

Where the SQL Server Instance is in *specified list*

Trigger a response when the listed SQL Server instance is included in the displayed list. Click **specified list**, and then select one or more instances to include in the alert response trigger. Click **Select all** to include all of the displayed instances.

Where SQL Server Instance has a tag in *specified list*

Trigger a response when the listed SQL Server instance contains a tag in the displayed list. Click **specified list**, and then select one or more tags to include in the alert response trigger. Click **Select all** to include all of the displayed tags.

Where the metric is in the *specified list*

Trigger a response if the metric is included in the displayed list. Click **metric**, and then select one or more metrics to include in the alert response trigger. Click **Select all** to include all of the displayed metrics.

Where all metrics are in the *specified list*

Trigger a response only if multiple metrics in the specified list reach the specified threshold(s). Click **metric**, and then select metrics to include in the alert response trigger. Click **Select all** to include all of the displayed metrics.

Where metric severity has changed

Trigger a response when the metric severity changes regardless of level. Click the displayed severity level, and then select one or more severity levels to include in the alert response trigger.

Where refresh occurred during a *specific time frame*

Trigger a response if the refresh occurred during the displayed time frame. Click **during this time**, and then select the time and date range to set the alert response trigger time frame.

Available action providers

Action providers allow you to select actions that you want to occur as part of the alert response. By default, all actions are disabled. To enable an action, click **Enable** next to the appropriate action. The following actions help you manage alert response rules:

- Prescriptive Analyzer Action Provider
- Query Monitor Action Provider
- SCOM Alert Action Provider
- EventLog Action Provider
- Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Trap Message Provider
- Program Action Provider
- Email (SMTP) Provider
- SCOM Event Action Provider
- SQL Agent Job Action Provider
- SQL Script Action Provider

- Query Waits Action Provider
- PowerShell Action Provider

Prescriptive Analyzer Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, it triggers the Prescriptive Analyzer to run a prescriptive analysis on a specific server based on selected performance categories.

To enable the prescriptive analyzer as an alert response:

1. Enable the Prescriptive Analyzer provider, and the Prescriptive Analysis Settings window displays.
2. Select the [performance categories](#) of your choice.
3. Click **OK**.

Query Monitor Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, it triggers the Query Monitor to start so that you can collect more information.

To enable query monitor as an alert response:

1. Enable the Query Monitor provider and the Query Monitor Settings dialog displays.
2. Select either **Enable query monitor** to enable the query monitor until it is manually disabled or **Enable query monitor for a limited time**.
3. Click **OK**.

SCOM Alert Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, SQL Diagnostic Manager sends an alert to SCOM.

To create SCOM alert response:

1. Send to **SCOM as Alert** option.
2. Select the metrics you want to be sent to SCOM as alerts. You can also select all available metrics.
3. Click **OK**.

EventLog Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, an entry to the EventLog is created.

Network Management Protocol (SNMP) Trap Message Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, SQL Diagnostic Manager sends an SNMP Trap message to the network management console based on the [configuration of your email settings](#) and [network management settings](#).

Program Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, you can specify a program for the SQLdm Management Service to run in response to the alert.

To start a program as an alert response:

1. Enable the **Program Action** provider and the Program Action dialog displays.
2. Enter a description for the **Program** action.
3. Enter the full path to the program you want to launch as an alert response. Use the **More Options** drop-down menu to select from common runtime arguments.

 You can run executable (.exe) files only through the Program Action Provider. If you need to run a batch (.bat) file, use c
md /c run.bat.

4. Enter the full path of the directory in which you want the program to run.

 The **Start in** field is useful when you want a different directory for where an action begins and where the program resides.

5. Click **Test** to make sure that the SQLdm Management Service can run the program.
6. Click **OK**.

Email (SMTP) Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, SQL Diagnostic Manager sends an alert email message to the SMTP server, which then forwards the message to the specified email address. [Configure your email settings](#) and [network manager settings](#) to receive these alert email messages.

SCOM Event Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, SQL Diagnostic Manager sends an event to SCOM.

To create SCOM alert response:

1. Send to **SCOM as Event** option.
2. Select the metrics you want to be sent to SCOM as alerts. You can also select all available metrics.
3. Click **OK**.

SQL Agent Job Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, you can specify a SQL Agent Job to run in response to the alert.

To start a SQL Agent Job as an alert response:

1. Enable the SQL Agent Job Action provider and the SQL Agent Job Action dialog displays.
2. Select the SQL Server instance from the **Server** drop-down list or select **%{Instance}** to run the SQL Agent Job on the server that caused the alert.
3. Click **Browse** next to the **Job Name** field.
4. On the Select Job window, select the SQL Server instance the SQL Agent Job is located on and click **Load**.
5. Select the SQL Agent job from the list and click **OK**.
6. If you want to select a particular Job Step to run, click the **Browse** button in the Job Step window
 - a. In the Select Job Step window click **Load**.
 - b. Select the Job step from the list and click **OK**.
 - c. Click **Test** to verify your configuration.
 - d. Click **OK**.

SQL Script Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, you can specify a SQL Server script to run in response to the alert.

To run a SQL Script Action Provider as an alert response:

1. Enable the SQL Script Action provider and the SQL Script Action dialog displays.
2. Enter a description for the SQL Script Action in the Description field.
3. Click **Browse** to select the SQL Server instance or leave it at the default of **%{Instance}** to run the SQL Script on the server that caused the alert.
4. Either type in the T-SQL you want to run when the alert criteria is met, or paste in the T-SQL from another application.
5. Click **Test** to verify your SQL script.
6. Click **OK**.

Query Waits Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, it triggers the Query Waits to start so that you can collect more information.

To enable query waits as an alert response:

1. Enable the Query Waits provider and the Query Waits Settings dialog displays.
2. Select either **Enable query waits** to enable the query monitor until it is manually disabled or **Enable query waits for a limited time** and configure the duration.
3. Click **OK**.

PowerShell Action Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, you can specify a PowerShell script to run in response to the alert.

To run a PowerShell script as an alert response:

1. Enable the PowerShell Action provider and the PowerShell Action dialog displays.
2. Enter a description for the PowerShell command in the Description field.
3. Either type in the PowerShell command you want to run when the alert criteria is met, or paste in the PowerShell command from another application.
4. Click **Test** to verify your PowerShell command.
5. Click **OK**.

! After you create a new rule, you can then create a ToDo item and assign it to specific users for when the conditions configured in your notification rule are met. Note that beginning with SQL Diagnostic Manager 7.0, the To-Do feature is available only to users who had To Do activated in an earlier 6.x version. This version of SQL Diagnostic Manager does not support this feature for new users.

Change the condition value

You can edit the rule description by clicking the underlined value from the **Step 3** section. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays a list of currently defined items for you to select as the new value. Make the necessary updates, and then click **OK**.

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Add action provider

The Add Action Provider dialog box allows you to select additional action providers to use for your alert response. The list displays the action providers that support simultaneous responses. The following choices are available:

Email (SMTP) Provider

When the criteria for the new alert rule is met, SQL Diagnostic Manager sends an alert email message to the SMTP server, which then forwards the message to the specified email address. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to [configure your email settings and configure your network management settings](#) to properly route alert messages.

PowerShell Action Provider

Execute a PowerShell command when the criteria of your Alert Response rule is met.

Program Action Provider

Start a program when the criteria of your Alert Response rule is met.

SQL Agent Job Action Provider

Execute a SQL Agent job when the criteria of your Alert Response rule is met.

SQL Script Action Provider

Execute a SQL Script when the criteria of your Alert Response rule is met.

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Alert Communications wizard

The Alert Communications wizard allows you to set up and configure SMTP (email) and SNMP (network management) providers for your alerts. Click **Next** to continue to the **Choose Provider Type** window of the wizard.

Access the Alert Communication wizard

1. Select **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses** from the SQL Diagnostic Manager toolbar menu.
2. Select the Action Providers tab and click **Add**.

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Choose provider type

The Choose Provider Type window of the Alert Communication wizard allows you to choose which type of provider you want to create. Select either Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) or Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) from the Provider Type drop-down, give the Provider a name and click **Next** to configure your provider.

Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)

This provider allows you to send an email to one or multiple email addresses whenever alerts are generated.

Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

This provider allows you to send an event to your Network Management system whenever alerts are generated.

Access the Choose Provider Type window

1. Select **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses** from the SQLdm toolbar menu.
2. Select the Action Providers tab and click **Add**.
3. Click **Next** on the Welcome to the Alert Communications wizard window.

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Configure email settings

The [Alert Communications wizard](#) allows you to configure email settings for sending out alert notifications using the email server available on your network.

Configure your email settings

To configure your email settings:

1. Click **Alerts** in the Navigation pane, and then click **Alert Actions and Responses**.
2. Click the Action Providers tab.
3. Click **Add**.
4. On the Welcome page of the Alert Communications wizard, click **Next**.
5. Select the **Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP)** provider type, type a unique name, and then click **Next**.
6. Type the SMTP address, port number, and the number of seconds to wait before a timeout occurs.
7. If the Server requires authentication, check **Server requires authentication**, and then type the appropriate login information for the email server.
8. Type the **Name** and **E-mail** address you want to appear in the **From** field in alert notifications.
9. To verify the connection to the SMTP server, click **Test**. Type the email address to send the test email, and then click **OK**.
10. Verify that the correct recipient received the test email message, and then click **OK**. If the test is unsuccessful, review your settings.
11. Click **Finish**.

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Configure network management settings

The [Alert Communications wizard](#) allows you to set up Simple Network Management Protocol ([SNMP](#)) for sending out alert events to your Network Management system on the SNMP Configuration window.

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes a MIB that you can use in your Network Management System to format the events that are sent by SQL Diagnostic Manager.

The MIB file is located in the root directory of your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation and is named [Idera MIB](#).



SQL Diagnostic Manager supports SNMPv1 and SNMPv2.

Access the Alert Communications wizard SNMP Configuration window

1. Select **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses** from the SQL Diagnostic Manager toolbar menu.
2. Select the Action Providers tab and click **Add**.
3. Click **Next** on the Welcome to the Alert Communications wizard window.
4. Select **Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)** from the **Provider Type** drop-down.
5. Enter a name for your provider.
6. Click **Next**.

Set up your SNMP communication

1. Enter the SNMP address, port number, and the community name that you want to use.
2. Click **OK**.



It is best to specify a computer name for the address, especially in a DHCP environment. If the manager has a static address, enter the IPv4 formatted address instead.

3. Click **Test** to verify the connection to the SNMP enabled management console.
4. Verify that the test event arrived and click **OK** if the test is successful.
5. Click **Finish**.

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Understanding the IDERA MIB

A MIB is a standardized file that defines the data that is sent to the Network Management Console in the SNMP Trap events generated by SQL Diagnostic Manager.

SNMP traps enable an agent to spontaneously inform the management station of significant events by way of an unsolicited SNMP message. Traps are suitable when there is a large number of devices and each device has a large number of objects.

Note that in order for a management system to interpret a trap sent to it by an agent, it needs to have the MIB for that trap loaded.

The MIB file (Idera.MIB) defines the following data:

Name	OID	Syntax	Description
Alert Summary	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.1	DisplayString	Summary text of the alert
Alert Text	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.2	DisplayString	Full text description of the alert
Metric	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.3	DisplayString	SQLdm metric that triggered the alert
Severity	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.4	DisplayString	Severity of the alert
Instance	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.5	DisplayString	The SQL server instance that triggered the alert
Database	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.6	DisplayString	If applicable to the alert, the database that triggered the alert
Table	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.7	DisplayString	If applicable to the alert, the table that triggered the alert
Timestamp	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.8	DisplayString	The date and time that the alert was detected
Value	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.9	DisplayString	The value detected for the specific metric
Description	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.10	DisplayString	Description of metric
Comments	.1.3.6.1.4.1.24117.1.2.11	DisplayString	User specified comments pertaining to the metric

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Create alert response bundles

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to create alert response bundles for related alerts. The alert response bundle contains individual alert information for several alerts, summarized and delivered through only one message.

To create an alert response bundle:

1. Click **Tools >Alert Actions and Responses** in the menu bar.
2. Click **Add** on the Alert Responses tab of the Alert Actions and Responses dialog box.
3. Enter a **Name** for the rule.
4. Check the **Where all the metrics are in the specified list box** condition.
5. Enable the **Send an email to recipient** action.
6. Click **metric** in the Edit the rule description field, and select related metrics to include in the alert response trigger.
7. Click the hyperlink text to select specific conditions for the rule.
8. Click **OK** to finish.

Alerts compatible with the alert response bundles feature

Jobs

- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent)
- SQL Server Agent Job Completion
- SQL Server Agent Job Failure
- SQL Server Agent Log

Blocking and Deadlocks

- Blocked Sessions
- Blocked Sessions Wait Time (Seconds)
- Deadlock

Size Databases

- Data File Autogrow
- Database Full (Percent)
- Database Full (Size)

Size Disks

- OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count)
- OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count)
- OS Disk Free Space (Size)
- OS Disk Full (Percent)
- OS Disk Time (Percent)
- OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent)

Error Log

- SQL Server Error Log

Availability Group Databases

- Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds)
- Availability Group Estimated Recovery time (Seconds)
- Availability Group Log Send Queue Size (KB)
- Availability Group Preferred Replica
- Availability Group Redo Queue Size (KB)
- Availability Group Redo Rate (KB/sec)
- Availability Group Role Change
- Availability Group Synchronization Health
- Availability Group Synchronization Performance (Seconds)

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Import an alert response

The Alert Response import wizard allows you to import existing alert response actions.

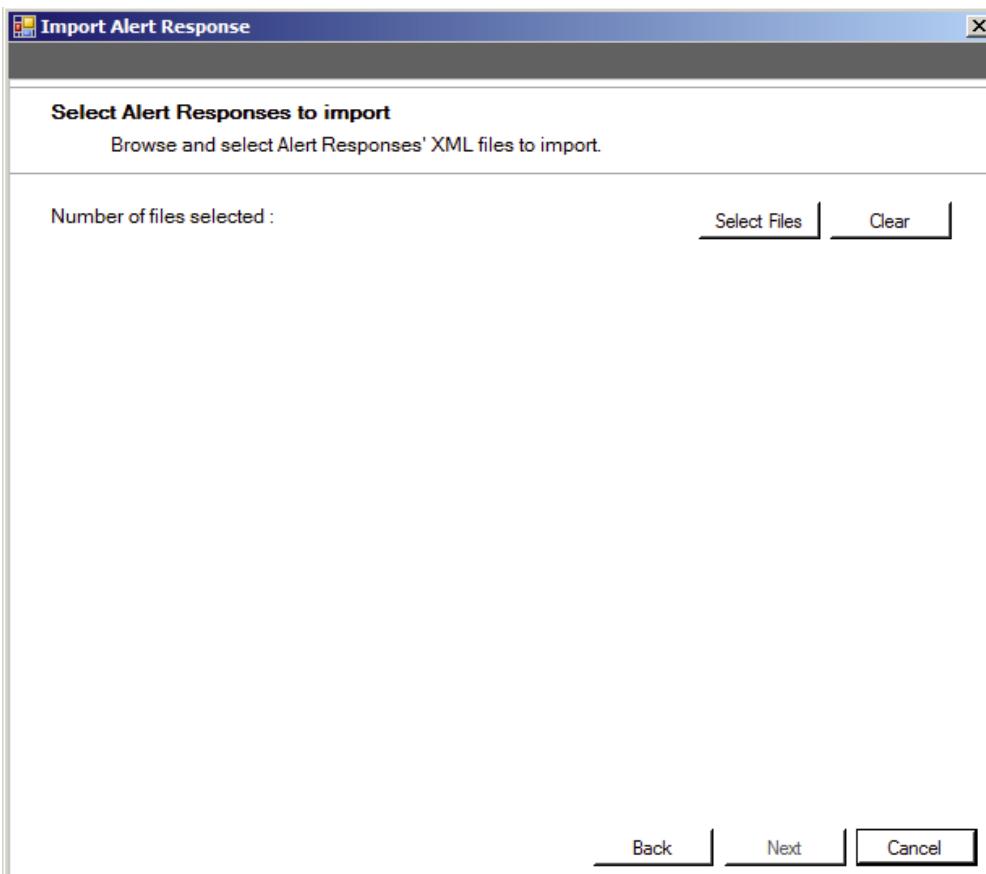
To import an alert response:

1. Open the Alert Actions and Responses window by selecting **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses** from the SQL Diagnostic Manager console menu and clicking **Import**.
2. On the **Welcome to the Alert Response import wizard** page, click **Next**.

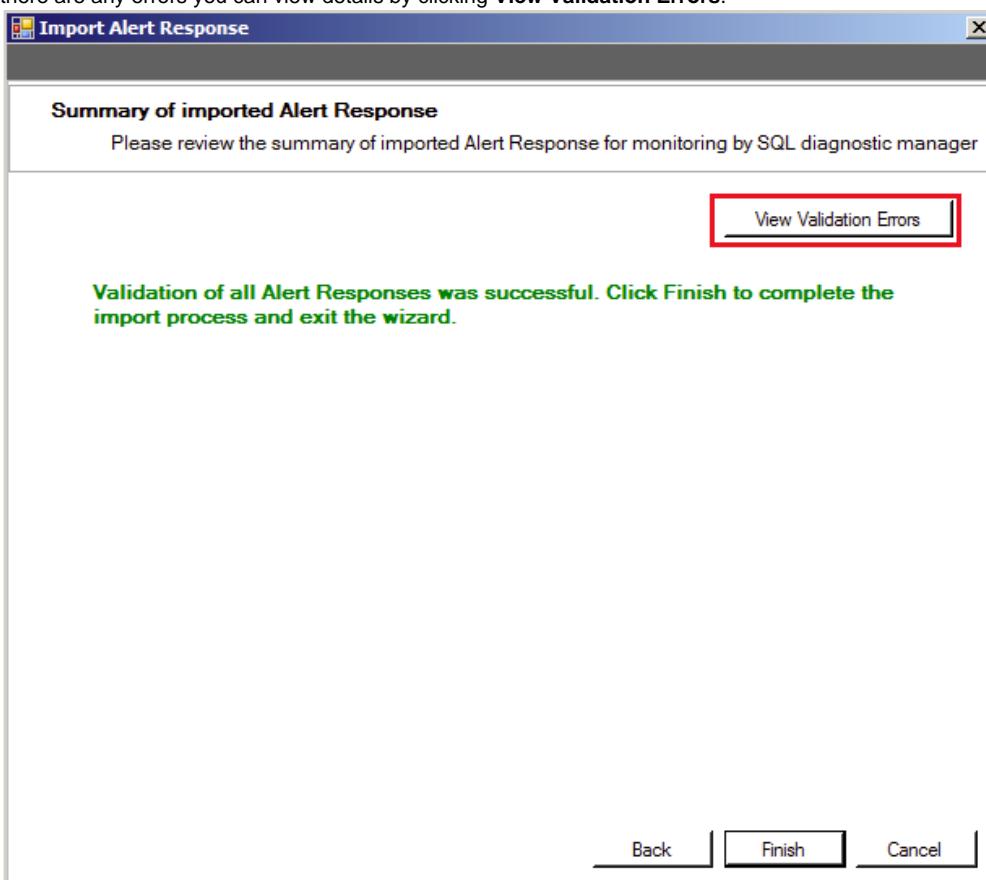


You can also access this feature by clicking **Administration>Import/Export** from the navigation pane and then selecting **Alert Response** in the import column.

3. On the **Select Alert Responses to import** page, browse for notification rules' XML files to import.



4. On the **Summary of imported Alert Response** page, you can verify that the selected alert response files were imported correctly. If there are any errors you can view details by clicking **View Validation Errors**.



5. If the imported alert response is valid, click **Finish** to complete the import process and exit the Alert Response import wizard.



Export an alert response

For instructions on exporting an alert response, see [Export an alert response](#).

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Export an alert response

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to export existing alert response actions.

To export an alert response:

1. Open the Alert Actions and responses window by selecting **Tools > Alert Actions and Responses** from the SQL Diagnostic Manager console menu. Select the notification rules that you want to export and then click **Export**.

 To export all your alert responses at once, click **Administration > Import/Export** from the navigation pane and select **Alert Response** in the export column.

2. In the **Browse for Folder** dialog box, indicate in which folder you want to save the alert response XML files.

3. Click **OK** in the "Alert response exported to selected directory" notification.



Import an alert response

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Report on SQL Server Performance

The Reports view lets you to create reports that allow you to analyze current and historical performance and statistical data. SQL Diagnostic Manager provides three types of comprehensive reports: [Monitor](#), [Analyze](#), and [Plan](#) along with the ability to create [custom reports](#).

 Reports look best when printed in letter-size format.

Access the Reports view

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Reports view. The first access path is by clicking **Reports** in the Navigation pane. The second access path is by clicking **Go > Reports**. The second path is the only option if you hide your Navigation pane in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.

Customize reports

After you run a report, you can use the **Report Toolbar** to select the page setup, page width, and print layout to customize your report.

Click **Show Filters** to open the Filter area of the Reports view. Each report has several [filter options](#), such as which SQL Server instances to display, the period of time to report on, and the time intervals to show in the charts.

Deploy reports to Microsoft Reporting Server

You can use the [SQLDM Reports Deployment wizard](#) to deploy specified reports to the Microsoft Reporting Server.

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Report filters

Every report in SQL Diagnostic Manager contains filters to allow you to select the information that you want included in your reports. If you want to return to the default filters after making some choices, click **Reset Filters** at the top of the report. Use the **Show Filters/Hide Filters** toggle depending on your preference.

The following list includes all of the filters available, though each report contains different options.

Case Insensitive

Check whether you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to ignore query case for the report results.

Chart Type

Select the type of chart you want to convey your report results.

Compare Server

Optional. Select a SQL Server instance and period of time to compare statistics with your main selected **Server** and **Period**.

Compare with same server

Check whether you want to compare the same monitored SQL Server instance using a different metric or period.

Database, Database Name

Select or type the name of one or more databases on which you want to report.

Forecast Type, Forecast Units

Select the type of forecast and number of units to use for projecting future growth trends based on your expected growth rate and sample size.

Drive Name

Select the drive within the monitored SQL Server instance on which you want to report.

End Hour

Select or type the end time of the range from which you want to report trends. SQL Diagnostic Manager includes trends through to the most recent collection time.

Include Batches/SQL Statements/Stored Procedures/System Databases

Check whether you want to include batches, SQL statements, stored procedures, or system databases in your report results.

Metric

Select the metric you want to include in your report.

Min. Duration

Select or type the minimum duration of the queries to display in your report.

Min. CPU/Executions/Reads/Writes

Select or type the minimum number or size of CPU, executions, reads, or writes for the queries you want to display in your report.

Min. Bytes Read/Bytes Written/Data Size/Growth/Transactions

Select or type the minimum number or size of bytes read or written per second, data size, growth, or transactions for the databases you want to display in your report.

Number of Applications

Select or type the number of database applications that you want included in your report.

Number of Databases/Servers

Select or type the number of databases or monitored SQL Server instances you want included in your report.

Number of Queries

Select or type the number of queries that you want returned in the report results.

Action

Select an action type on which you want to report.

Repository User

Select a repository user by whom you want to filter your report.

Workstation

Select a workstation on which you want to report.

Workstation User

Select a workstation user account used to access the workstation on which you want to report.

Period

Select the time range on which you want to report. Choose **Custom Range** to select the sample months, days, hours, or minutes on which you want to report. The sample choices depend on the type of report selected.

Range

Displays the period of time selected for your report.

Sample

Select the period of time between data points on the graphs that appear in your report. This selection also represents the most current information as of that particular point.

Search Item and Search Value

Select up to four different items and their values to search for in your server inventory, and then type the value you want to search to find. Use a percent (%) character as a wildcard when specifying a **Search Value**.

Server

Select the monitored SQL Server instance or instances on which you want to report.

Show Problems Only

Check whether you want to include only problems in your report results.

Signature Mode

Check whether you want to group similar queries in your report results.

Start Time, Start Hour

Select or type the start time for the range from which you want to report trends. SQL Diagnostic Manager includes trends through to the most recent collection time.

Tag

Select a sample group for the report based on the [tags](#) that you assigned to those monitored SQL Server instances.

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Monitor reports

Monitor reports give you overview information for your monitored SQL Server instances and the virtual machines on which the monitored SQL Server instances are running. In addition, oversee overall activity in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment through the Activity Monitor Reports.

Access the Reports view

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Server Monitor Reports

Enterprise Summary

Use the [Enterprise Summary](#) report to view the health of your SQL Servers.

Server Summary

Use the [Server Summary](#) report to view the health of a single SQL Server.

Active Alerts

Use the [Active Alerts](#) report to identify the currently active alerts for all monitored SQL Servers.

Mirroring Summary

Use the [Mirroring Summary](#) report to view the health of your mirrored databases.

Metric Thresholds

Use the [Metric Thresholds](#) report to view all metric thresholds for a SQL Server instance.

Availability Group Topology

Use the [Availability Group Topology](#) report to view the current topology of an AlwaysOn Availability Groups configuration.

Virtualization Monitor Reports

Virtualization Summary

Use the [Virtualization Summary](#) report to view a summary of your virtualized environment.

Virtualization Statistics

Use the [Virtualization Statistics](#) report to view an analysis of your virtualization performance trends for a virtualized machine.

Activity Monitor Reports

Change Log Summary

Use the [Change Log Summary](#) report to view a list of all actions and configuration changes performed in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment over a specified period of time.

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Server monitor reports

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Enterprise Summary

The Enterprise Summary report provides an overview of the health and performance of all SQL Server instances monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager. Click the appropriate instance and SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Server Summary report.

When to run this report

You can run the Enterprise Summary report to view a quick overview of the health and performance of all monitored instances. This report allows you to see the status of all your SQL Server instances at a glance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Enterprise Summary report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

You can access our [Customer Support Portal](#) for more information about the algorithm used to calculate a specific metric.

- How is the Worst Performing and Most Frequent Queries information gathered? - Solution #00000412
- How does SQL diagnostic manager gather statistics from monitored SQL Servers? - Solution #00000055
- How does SQL diagnostic manager calculate the reorganization percentage for database tables? - Solution #00000301
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Server Summary

The Server Summary report provides a detailed overview of the health and performance of a specific SQL Server, such as SQL Server status, file use, and details on various SQL Server services.

When to run this report

You should run the Server Summary report to view the detailed performance and health information of a single SQL Server.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Server Summary report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Active Alerts

The Active Alerts report lists all outstanding, active alerts that SQL Diagnostic Manager has raised against your SQL Server instances. To see more detail about the health of a specific instance, click that instance and the Server Summary report displays.

When to run this report

You should run the Active Alerts report to view all alerts currently active on your monitored instances. You can sort the alerts by severity level, so you can focus on the most critical alerts first.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

The values on the Active Alerts report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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Mirroring Summary

The Mirroring Summary report allows you to view the current mirroring sessions across all or selected tags or servers.

The data for this report comes from SQL Server system views for database mirroring. The SQL Diagnostic Manager alert thresholds are used to highlight existing issues as defined by your configured alert settings.

When to run this report

You should run the Mirroring Summary report to view a quick overview of the health of your mirrored databases.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

The values on the Mirroring Summary report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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Metric Thresholds

The Metric Thresholds report provides a list of metric thresholds for a monitored SQL Server instance. To successfully monitor OS metrics, enable WMI or OLE automation on the monitored instance.

In the Metric Thresholds report results, notice that the Threshold Instance column displays the name of the database or disk affected by the metric in that row.

When to run this report

You should run the Metric Thresholds report to review your current Informational, Warning, and Critical threshold settings for the selected SQL Server instance. This report also lists whether a metric is enabled, helping you decide what action is necessary for you to get the most out of SQL Diagnostic Manager.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

The values on the Metric Thresholds report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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Availability Group Topology

The Availability Group Topology report allows users to view the current topology of an AlwaysOn availability group's configuration. The report displays all of the availability groups on the server, replicas that participate in the group, and the databases within the group.

You can filter results by availability group only. The report lists detailed information for availability replicas and corresponding databases.

Availability replica table

Provides information on availability replica roles assigned, failover and availability modes selected, and the connection mode type selected in secondaries.

Availability databases table

Provides information on the database failover readiness and synchronization state of the availability databases contained within the selected availability replica.

When to run this report

You should run the Availability Group Topology report to keep track of modifications made to your current AlwaysOn availability groups and avoid any potential setbacks to your high-availability and disaster recovery strategies.

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Virtualization monitor reports

Virtualization monitor reports provide overview information for the virtual machines on which your monitored SQL Server instances are running. Reports are compatible for Hyper-V or VMWare VMs. Click the links below for more information.

Virtualization Monitor Reports

Virtualization Summary

Use the [Virtualization Summary](#) report to view a summary of your virtualized environment.

Virtualization Statistics

Use the [Virtualization Statistics](#) report to view an analysis of your virtualization performance trends for a virtualized machine.

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Virtualization Summary

The Virtualization Summary report provides an overview of the health and performance of the virtualized environment for the selected SQL Server instance. This report includes information about the VM as well as configuration of the host server. Click the appropriate instance and SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Virtualization Summary report.

When to run this report

You can run the Virtualization Summary report to view a quick overview of the health and performance of the virtualized environment for your selected monitored instance. Run this report when you want a quick glance at the VM information for this instance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Virtualization Summary report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Virtualization Statistics

The Virtualization Statistics report provides an analysis of your virtualization performance trends for a virtualized machine monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager. Select the appropriate instance and SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Virtualization Statistics report using your selected chart type.

When to run this report

You can run the Virtualization Statistics report when you are concerned about a virtualized machine and its performance. This report allows you to see the CPU, memory, disk, and network performance metrics for the selected VM and period of time.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Virtualization Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Activity monitor reports

Activity monitor reports provide overview information on all actions and configuration changes performed in SQL Diagnostic Manager. Click the link below for more information.

Activity Monitor Reports

Change Log Summary

Use the [Change Log Summary](#) report to view a summary of key actions performed in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment.

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Change Log Summary

The Change Log Summary report lets you view a list of all actions and configuration changes performed in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment over a specified period of time and through various [filter options](#). The report contains detailed information, such as repository user, action type and time of action among other key data. For example, users are able to view all changes performed by a specific repository user.

When to run this report

You should run the Change Log Summary report to audit overall activity in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment. This report allows you to analyze key changes that might hinder your performance or represent a risk.

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Analysis reports

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Access the Reports view

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Reports view. The first access path is by clicking **Reports** in the Navigation pane. The second access path is by clicking **Go > Reports**. The second path is the only option if you hide your Navigation pane in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.

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Transaction Log Statistics

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Availability Group Statistics

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CPU Statistics

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Disk Details

Use the [Disk Details](#) report to track key disk metrics.

Disk Space Usage

Use the [Disk Space Usage](#) report to obtain an overview of the available disk space across your SQL Server environment.

Disk Space History

Use the [Disk Space History](#) report to view the history of activity for a specific disk.

Disk Statistics

Use the [Disk Statistics](#) report to track key disk performance metrics.

Replication Statistics

Use the [Replication Statistics](#) report to track key replication performance metrics.

Memory Statistics

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Top Servers

The Top Servers report identifies your worst performing SQL Server instances based on the number of active alerts for the current monitored instances, response time, CPU usage, memory usage, and disk usage.

You can further filter your monitored instances by wait time with waits that exceed a defined **Wait Threshold** in milliseconds.

Use this report to compile a list of instances that need immediate attention.



A value of N/A indicates that the Collection service failed to collect data due to disabled OS metrics or a non-responsive WMI server. You must [enable OS metrics monitoring](#) to receive results.

When to run this report

Run the Top Servers report daily to keep ahead of critical issues that can cause an unavailable instance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

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Server Statistics

The Server Statistics report lets you analyze and compare performance trends across two SQL Server instances. You can focus on a single performance statistic, such as memory usage, and track its value on both instances over a specified period of time.

When to run this report

You should run the Server Statistics report when you want to trend key performance metrics over time for one or two specific instances, in response to a known problem or a routine health check. For example, if the same third party application uses two different databases but only one database has reported issues, then comparing their key performance metrics can help you diagnose the issue.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

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Server Inventory

The Server Inventory report lets you compile a list of SQL Server instances that share up to four different properties, such as the SQL Server version and whether you have a clustered instance.

 You can use % as a wildcard in the **Search Value** field.

When to run this report

Run the Server Inventory report when you need to identify which monitored instances require software or hardware upgrades, or simply want to know how many instances of a SQL Server version are deployed.

Deleted SQL Server instances

When you choose to delete a SQL Server instance, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the confirmation message, "Would you like to retain the data collected for the selected instance?" When you click **Yes**, SQL Diagnostic Manager retains data for the instance and includes it in some reports, such as the Server Inventory report.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Server Inventory report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. You can access our [Customer Support Portal](#) for more information about the algorithm used to calculate a specific metric.

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Query Overview

The Query Overview report identifies the worst performing queries run on a specific SQL Server instance over time, including the call volume of each query. This report requires that you enabled Query Monitoring in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console and have collected sufficient query data for the specified time period.

When to run this report

You should run the Query Overview report when you want to determine whether SQL Server queries run through Microsoft SQL Server tools or third-party applications are impacting the performance of your monitored instances. This report can help you further diagnose a known performance issue or proactively identify queries whose resource consumption may cause issues in the future.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

The values on the Query Overview report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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Top Queries

The Top Queries report lets you compile a list of queries based on call frequency, duration of execution, CPU usage, and the number of reads and writes performed on the databases hosted by the specified SQL Server instance. You can define minimum thresholds for each of these performance metrics and then see which queries match or exceed the selected values. This report requires that you enabled Query Monitoring in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console and have collected sufficient query data for the specified time period.

When viewing results, note that you can click the SQL statement to view the [Query Statistics report](#), which provides details on an individual SQL statement or signature as collected by the Query Monitor.

When to run this report

You should run the Top Queries report on a routine basis, such as every week, to proactively identify potential performance issues that may be caused by queries. You can also use this report to track historic performance trends and determine the relationship between query usage and your database performance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Top Queries report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Query Statistics

The Query Statistics report lets you view details for an individual SQL statement or signature as collected by the Query Monitor. This report requires that you enabled Query Monitoring in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console and have collected sufficient query data for the specified time period.

When to run this report

You should run the Query Statistics report to analyze an individual SQL statement or signature for a monitored instance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Query Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Alert History

The Alert History report lets you review the alerts that SQL Diagnostic Manager has raised for the selected SQL Server instance over a specified period of time. You can also review alerts for multiple instances that belong to a tag.

When to run this report

You should run the Alert History report when you want to analyze the historical health of the SQL Server by identifying and tracking critical values for key performance metrics. Each raised alert represents a point in time when a metric reached or exceeded the specified threshold.

By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager alerts on many performance-related SQL Server metrics. You can also [configure alerts](#) and [create custom counters](#) to track specific performance data.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

The values on the Alert History report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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Baseline Statistics

The Baseline Statistics report lets you analyze and compare baselines within a single SQL Server instance and across two instances. When viewing baseline statistics for a monitored SQL Server instance, you can compare the baseline metric values at two different times or two different metrics at the same time. Include another instance and you can compare baselines values occurring at the same time or different times.

When to run this report

You should run the Baseline Statistics report when you want to view trends in the average value of a metric for a SQL Server instance and how this value changes over time to help you in capacity planning. This report also provides insight into the utilization of your different instances by comparing the baselines over time.

Report selections change based on the selected Period

The Baseline Statistics report **Period** indicates the date range for which you want to see results. If you select **Today** or **Custom Range**, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays additional fields that allow you to filter results by the start and end hours.

-  If you select **Custom Range** as the **Period**, and the start and end dates are both for the same day, SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates the selection the same as if you select **Today** as the **Period**.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

The baseline values are the most recent calculations for the selected period. Note that the **Metric Value** is an average of all data for the selected metric. For example, if you select **Hours** from the **Sample** drop-down list, the Baselines Statistics report grid includes 24 rows for a single day, one row for each hour from 00:00 to 23:00. Each row displays a metric value which is the average of the selected metric for that hour, such as 05:00 to 05:59:59, and the baseline values which are calculated for the entire 24-hour day. As a result, SQL Diagnostic Manager displays 24 rows of different metric values but equal baseline values.

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Query Wait Statistics

The Query Wait Statistics report lets you analyze different wait type categories on your SQL Server instance. By analyzing these waits you can better determine where your biggest bottlenecks are occurring and what changes could have the greatest performance impact. You can select from various wait type categories such as Backup, Excluded, I/O, Lock, Memory, Non-I/O Page Latch, Non-Page Latch, Transaction Log, and Other.

This report requires that you enabled Query Monitoring in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console and have collected sufficient query data for the specified time period.

When to run this report

You should run the Query Wait Statistics report on a routine basis, such as every week, to proactively identify potential performance issues that may be caused by queries.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Query Wait Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Top Databases

The Top Databases report identifies your worst performing SQL Server databases based on the size of the database, the growth rate of the database, and the number of reads, writes, and transactions per second performed on the database.

You can further filter your monitored databases by wait time with waits that exceed a defined **Wait Threshold** in milliseconds. Use this report to compile a list of databases that used most often or have the heaviest loads.



You can use % as a wildcard in the **Search Value** field.

When to run this report

You should run the Top Databases report on a routine basis, such as once a week. This report helps you:

- Plan for upcoming maintenance
- Identify issues that may impact third-party application performance even though the host SQL Server instance remains healthy
- Compare database performance across your enterprise

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Top Databases report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Database Statistics

The Database Statistics report lets you analyze and compare performance trends, such as the percentage of growth, across two SQL Server databases. You can also compare performance metrics at different points in time for the same database. This report can also include tempdb database statistics.

When to run this report

You should run the Database Statistics report when attempting to understand performance differences or trouble-shooting database issues.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Database Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Top Database Applications

The Top Database Applications report lets you find the applications that are consuming the highest amount of your system resources, such as CPU usage when running on a specific database. You can define minimum thresholds for each of these performance metrics and then see which applications match or exceed the selected values. This report requires that you enabled Query Monitoring in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console and have collected sufficient query data for the specified time period.



You can use % as a wildcard in the **Search Value** field.

When to run this report

You should run the Top Database Applications report on a routine basis, such as every week, to proactively identify potential performance issues that may be caused by third-party applications. You can also use this report to track historical performance trends and determine the relationship between third-party application usage and your database performance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Top Database Applications report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Mirroring History

The Mirroring History report lets you view the status of select mirroring metrics at the time of each SQL Diagnostic Manager scheduled refresh for the specified period.

You can filter the results by time, tag, server, and database, and also choose to view only problems as defined in your alerts. Fields showing metrics corresponding to alerts are color-coded according to the alert.

When to run this report

You should run the Mirroring History report when you want to analyze the historical health of your mirrored SQL Server databases by identifying and tracking critical values for key performance metrics. Each red or yellow value in the report grid corresponds to a raised alert. These visual warnings represent points in time when the metric reached or exceeded the specified alert threshold.

By default, SQL Diagnostic Manager alerts on many performance-related SQL Server metrics. You can also [configure alerts](#) and [create custom counters](#) to track specific performance data.

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Top Tables by Growth

The Top Tables by Growth report identifies the fastest growing tables in a database. You can select a specific database to analyze or evaluate all databases on a specific SQL Server instance. You can also choose a growth metric and its minimum threshold to see which tables match or exceed the selected value.

When to run this report

You should run the Top Tables by Growth report on a routine basis, depending on how heavily your company uses the host SQL Server instance. Use this report to see how rapidly (or slowly) tables are growing over time. **If database capacity on a given instance becomes limited**, run this report to see a list of tables that are the top contributors and decide whether you want to move them to another database.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Top Tables by Growth report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Top Tables by Fragmentation

The Top Tables by Fragmentation report identifies the most fragmented tables in a database. You can select a specific database to analyze or evaluate all databases on a specific SQL Server instance. You can also choose a fragmentation metric and its minimum threshold to see which tables match or exceed the selected value.

When to run this report

You should run the Top Tables by Fragmentation report on a routine basis, depending on how mission-critical or sensitive the data is and how heavily your company uses the host database. Use this report to identify the tables that you want to optimize for improved performance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Top Tables by Fragmentation report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Tempdb Statistics

The Tempdb Statistics report lets you view space utilization and data throughput statistics over time for your tempdb database. You can focus on a single chart type, such as data file growth, and track its value increase over a specified period of time.



The Tempdb Statistics report is available for users with monitored SQL Server instances on SQL Server 2005 or later.

When to run this report

You should run the Tempdb Statistics report to view different space utilization and data throughput statistics currently occurring on your monitored SQL Server instances. This report allows you to obtain statistics through different metrics or chart types. Below a list of all possible metrics:

- Data File Size MB
- Data File Growth
- Reads Per Second
- Writes Per Second
- Transactions Per Second
- User Objects MB
- Internal Objects MB
- Version Store MB
- Mixed Extents MB

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Tempdb Statistics report are averages of data from the system DMV sys.dm_db_file_space_usage on the monitored SQL Server.

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Transaction Log Statistics

The Transaction Log Statistics report provides data about the database transaction log size and activity on a per-database basis. You can display your results in hours or days, depending on the sample range selected. Note that SQL Diagnostic Manager displays the Cache Reads and Flushes chart types as data per second.

When to run this report

You should run the Transaction Log Statistics report when attempting to troubleshoot performance problems related to transaction logs and to discover what triggered the Long Running Transaction alert, Log Full (Percent) or Log Full (Size) alert, or Log File Autogrow alert.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Transaction Log Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Availability Group Statistics

The Availability Group Statistics report allows users to view the health of their availability groups, availability replicas, and availability databases over a specific time range.

You can filter results by tag, availability group, period, sample, server, and chart type. The report compiles crucial health metrics that include the Redo Rate (KB/sec), Redo Queue Size (KB), Log Send Rate (KB/sec), and Log Send Queue Size (KB).

The Availability Group Statistics report also provides DBAs with a graphical representation of a selected metric and a statistics table with weighted averages for relevant metrics.

For individual details on availability databases per replica, click the expandable command button.

-  Access the Availability Group Topology report by clicking a specific group link while viewing the Availability Group Statistics report.

When to run this report

You should run the Availability Group Statistics report when you want to analyze the historical health of your availability groups and corresponding components. This report helps you to ensure the highest level of availability by identifying and tracking critical health metrics.

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Resource analysis reports

Resource analysis reports provide information that focuses on key performance metrics of your SQL Servers. Click the links below for more information.

Resource Analysis Reports

Session Statistics

Use the [Session Statistics](#) report to track key session and network performance metrics over time.

CPU Statistics

Use the [CPU Statistics](#) report to track key CPU performance metrics.

Disk Details

Use the [Disk Details](#) report to track key disk metrics.

Disk Space Usage

Use the [Disk Space Usage](#) report to view disk space information across your environment.

Disk Space History

Use the [Disk Space History](#) report to view disk activity history across your environment.

Disk Statistics

Use the [Disk Statistics](#) report to track key disk performance metrics.

Replication Statistics

Use the [Replication Statistics](#) report to track key replication performance metrics.

Memory Statistics

Use the [Memory Statistics](#) report to track key memory performance metrics.

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Session Statistics

The Session Statistics report lets you view trends for sessions and network connectivity, such as transactions per minute, on a monitored SQL Server instance over a specified period of time. Check [Show Tabular Data](#) to display results in a single tabular or grid format.

Check [Show Baseline](#) to include baseline data points in the Session Statistics report. For additional information about baseline configuration, see [Configure server baseline options](#).

When to run this report

You should run the Session Statistics report to analyze the sessions and network connectivity for a monitored instance. High logins or transactions per minute may indicate a need for increased resources.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Session Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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CPU Statistics

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Check [Show Baseline](#) to include baseline data points in the CPU Statistics report. For additional information about baseline configuration, see [Configure server baseline options](#).

When to run this report

You should run the CPU Statistics report to analyze contributors to CPU usage for a monitored instance.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

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Disk Details

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When to run this report

You should run the Disk Details report to analyze the six key metrics for disk speed, such as disk time per read or disk reads per second.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Disk Details report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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- How does SQL Diagnostic Manager gather statistics from monitored SQL Servers? - Solution #00000055
- How to customize existing reports used with Reporting Services? - Solution #00000307



Customize your report and use the Chart filter to include either the average or maximum disk details.

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Disk Space Usage

The Disk Space Usage report provides an overview of the available disk space across your SQL Server environment. To access this report, click **Reports** in the Navigation pane, then in the Analyze menu select **Resources > Disk Space Usage**.

When to run this report

You can run the Disk Space Usage report to understand where you have the most and the least disk space available in your environment.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

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Deploy report to Microsoft Reporting Server

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Disk Space History

The Disk Space History report provides the history of activity for a specific disk. To access this report, click **Reports** in the Navigation pane, then select **Resources > Disk Space History** in the Analyze menu.

When to run this report

You can run the Disk Space History report to locate a new database by analyzing available disk space and level of activity.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Disk Space History report correlate with the related SQL Server metric. However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Disk Statistics

The Disk Statistics report lets you view trends for the disk activity of a monitored SQL Server instance over a specified period of time. To successfully monitor OS metrics, make sure that you enable [WMI](#) or [OLE automation](#) on the monitored instance. Check [Show Tabular Data](#) to display results in a single tabular or grid format.

Check [Show Baseline](#) to include baseline data points in the Disk Statistics report. For additional information about baseline configuration, see [Configure server baseline options](#).

When to run this report

You should run the Disk Statistics report to analyze the disk activity such as work files per minute or page read/writes per second.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

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Replication Statistics

The Replication Statistics report lets you view trends for the replicated transactions on a monitored SQL Server instance over a specified period of time. Check [Show Tabular Data](#) to display results in a single tabular or grid format.

Check [Show Baseline](#) to include baseline data points in the Replication Statistics report. For additional information about baseline configuration, see [Configure server baseline options](#).

When to run this report

You should run the Replication Statistics report to analyze the efficiency of replication between databases.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Replication Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Memory Statistics

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Check [Show Baseline](#) to include baseline data points in the Memory Statistics report. For additional information about baseline configuration, see [Configure server baseline options](#).

When to run this report

You should run the Memory Statistics report to analyze the memory needs of a monitored instance. This can help you identify problems with current usage or to plan for future increases in memory.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Memory Statistics report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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Plan reports

Planning reports allow you to plan for future needs based on current trends.

Access the Reports view

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Reports view. The first access path is by clicking **Reports** in the Navigation pane. The second access path is by clicking **Go > Reports**. The second path is the only option if you hide your Navigation pane in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.

Available reports

Disk Space Usage Forecast

Use the [Disk Space Usage Forecast](#) report to forecast disk space needs based on average historical growth rates.

Database Growth Forecast

Use the [Database Growth Forecast](#) report to forecast future database growth based on historical trends.

Table Growth Forecast

Use the [Table Growth Forecast](#) report to forecast future table growth based on historical trends.

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Disk Space Usage Forecast

The Disk Space Usage Forecast report lets you predict how much disk space you need in the future based on current and historical growth rate trends. For more accurate forecasting, select the largest possible period of historical data and the shortest possible projection into the future.

 The Disk Space Usage Forecast report does not display the maximum capacity of the disk. You can use this report to estimate how much space you need, but it does not indicate when existing space runs out.

When to run this report

Run the Disk Space Usage Forecast report to help anticipate your needs and plan for future acquisition of disk space.

Available forecast types

You can choose Linear or Exponential (Aggressive) forecasting types when you run this report.

Linear forecasting follows the trend of the available data and extends the forecast out in a straight line by the number of forecast units.

Exponential forecasting tends to exaggerate the trend that exists in the data. This allows you to more easily see if your data (disk space usage) is trending toward or away from a critical threshold. If the rate of growth is not constant, the exponential forecast type gives a more accurate forecast of future growth.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Disk Space Usage Forecast report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Database Growth Forecast

The Database Growth Forecast report lets you predict how large selected databases may grow based on current and historical growth rate trends. For more accurate forecasting, select the largest possible period of historical data and the shortest possible projection into the future.

When to run this report

You should run the Database Growth Forecast report to help anticipate your needs and plan for future database expansion.

Available forecast types

You can choose Linear or Exponential (Aggressive) forecasting types when you run this report.

Linear forecasting follows the trend of the available data and extends the forecast out in a straight line by the number of forecast units.

Exponential forecasting tends to exaggerate the trend that exists in the data. This allows you to more easily see if your data (database growth) is trending toward or away from a critical threshold. If the rate of growth is not constant, the exponential forecast type gives a more accurate forecast of future growth.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Database Growth Forecast report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

However, some metric values represent averages over time. Likewise, a few metric values are based on performance algorithms that use multiple statistics to calculate a more accurate metric.

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Table Growth Forecast

The Table Growth Forecast report lets you predict how large selected tables may grow based on current and historical growth rate trends. For more accurate forecasting, select the largest possible period of historical data and the shortest possible projection into the future.

When to run this report

You should run the Table Growth Forecast report to help anticipate your needs and plan for future creation of additional tables.

Available forecast types

You can choose Linear or Exponential (Aggressive) forecasting types when you run this report.

Linear forecasting follows the trend of the available data and extends the forecast out in a straight line by the number of forecast units.

Exponential forecasting tends to exaggerate the trend that exists in the data. This allows you to more easily see if your data (table growth) is trending toward or away from a critical threshold. If the rate of growth is not constant, the exponential forecast type gives a more accurate forecast of future growth.

How SQL Diagnostic Manager calculates metric values on this report

Most values on the Table Growth Forecast report correlate with the related SQL Server metric.

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Deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager reports to Reporting Services

In addition to the included reports, SQL Diagnostic Manager also allows you to generate reports using Microsoft Reporting Services. Microsoft Reporting Services allows you to build powerful, [custom reports to deploy](#) for a comprehensive auditing solution.

Access the Reports Deployment wizard

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Reports Deployment wizard where you can select reports to deploy to a Microsoft Reporting Services Server. The first path is by clicking **Deploy them now** at the bottom of the **Reports > Getting Started** view. The second path is by first selecting a specific report in the **Reports > Getting Started** view, and then clicking the **Deploy Report** option from the Navigation Pane.

In order to use this feature, you must have access to a server with Microsoft Reporting Services. For more information about Reporting Services, see the Microsoft document, [Reporting Services Reports](#).



In the case of interlinked reports such as the Availability Group Statistics and Topology reports, users need to make sure to first deploy both reports from SQL Diagnostic Manager or Microsoft Reporting Services displays an error message.

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Select reports to deploy

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes built-in reports that are specially designed to generate commonly-requested metrics reports using the SQL Server data collected in the repository.

Select reports

In the [Reports Deployment](#) wizard check the box for each report you want to deploy to a Microsoft Reporting Services Server, then click **Next**.

Available Reports

You can generate reports from the following report categories:

Server Monitoring Reports

Report Name	Description
Enterprise Summary	View the health of your SQL Servers.
Server Summary	View the health details of a single SQL Server.
Active Alerts	View the active alerts for all monitored SQL Servers.
Mirroring Summary	View the health of your mirrored databases.
Metric Thresholds	View all metric thresholds for a server.
Availability Group Topology	View the current topology of your availability groups configuration.

Virtualization Monitoring Reports

Report Name	Description
Virtualization Summary	View a summary of your virtualized environment.
Virtualization Statistics	Analyze the performance trends of your virtual machines.

Activity Monitoring Reports

Report Name	Description
Change Log Summary	View a summary of all key actions performed in your SQLdm configuration.

Server Analysis Reports

Report Name	Description
Top Servers	Identify your worst performing SQL Servers.
Server Statistics	Analyze and compare performance trends across two SQL Servers.
Server Inventory	Find SQL Servers that share the same properties.
Query Overview	Identify your worst performing queries.
Top Queries	Find queries that are performing poorly or executing frequently.
Alert History	Analyze the alert history for your SQL Servers.
Baseline Statistics	Analyze and compare performance baselines across two SQL Server instances.

Database Analysis Reports

Report Name	Description

Top Databases	Identify your worst performing databases.
Database Statistics	Analyze and compare performance trends across two databases.
Top Database Applications	Find database applications that consume system resources.
Mirroring History	Analyze the event history for a mirrored database.
Top Tables by Growth	Identify the fastest growing tables.
Top Tables by Fragmentation	Identify the most fragmented tables.
Tempdb Statistics	Analyze the performance trends of your tempdb database.
Transaction Log Statistics	Analyze the database transaction log.
Availability Group Statistics	View the historical health of your availability groups, availability replicas, and availability databases. Plus view additional information through the Availability Group Database Statistics sub-report.

Resource Analysis Reports

Report Name	Description
Session Statistics	Track key session and network performance metrics over time.
CPU Statistics	Track key CPU performance metrics.
Disk Details	Track key disk metrics for server.
Disk Statistics	Track key disk performance metrics.
Replication Statistics	Track key replication performance metrics.
Memory Statistics	Track key memory performance metrics.

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Specify a reporting services server and data source

In order to successfully deploy the reports, you must specify a Microsoft Reporting Services Server and a data source for the report.

Type the name of the report server or select it from the drop-down list, and then click **Next**.



You must type the full URL address of the Microsoft Reporting Services Server. For example, <http://<ReportingServer>/reportserver>.

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Configure report email notifications

Enter the email address where you would like SQL Diagnostic Manager to send the report notification, and then click **Next**. For more information on configuring report servers for email delivery, see the Microsoft document, [How to: Configure a Report Server for E-mail Delivery \(Reporting Services Configuration\)](#).

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View the report deployment summary

Review that all the Reporting Services settings are correct and click **Finish** to apply your changes. If you want to make any changes to the settings displayed, click the **Back** button to go back and make your changes.

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Custom reports

The Custom Reports view allows you to create, import or export reports on any counter collected by SQL Diagnostic Manager and on any of your custom counters. You can [create custom reports](#) to view graphs of the counters followed by a grid containing all of the counters graphed over the entered time frame.



Import and export custom reports

You can also [import](#) or [share](#) custom reports in the Idera community site.

Access Custom Reports

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides two paths to access the Reports view where you can access your custom reports. The first access path is by clicking **Reports** in the Navigation pane. The second access path is by clicking **Go > Reports**. The second path is the only option if you hide your Navigation pane in the SQLDM Console.

Once in the Reports view, click **Custom** in the Navigation pane.

Filter your reports

Report filters are available by default. You can select the **Server**, **Time Period**, **Date Range**, and **Sample** type from the drop-down lists at the top of the report. If the filters are not displayed, click the **Show Filters** button.

Deploy reports to Microsoft Reporting Server

You can use the SQLdm Reports Deployment wizard to [deploy](#) specified reports to your Microsoft Reporting Server.

Edit or Delete an existing report

You can edit or delete an existing custom report by selecting the report name from the list displayed in the Reports pane, and then click **Edit** or **Delete**. To edit your report, use the Custom Report wizard.

Import or Export an existing report

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Create a custom report

The Custom Reports wizard allows you to create or edit a custom report. Custom Reports can include any metric collected by SQL Diagnostic Manager. This wizard allows you to choose the counters you want to include in your report, order the way the metrics appear, and specify the aggregation method used on each of your metrics. To open the Custom Reports wizard, click the **New** button in the Custom Report Options tree.

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Add or edit a custom report

On the Add/Select a report page, you can select whether you want to create a new report or edit an existing report.

To create a new report, type a name for the report, and then click **Next**.

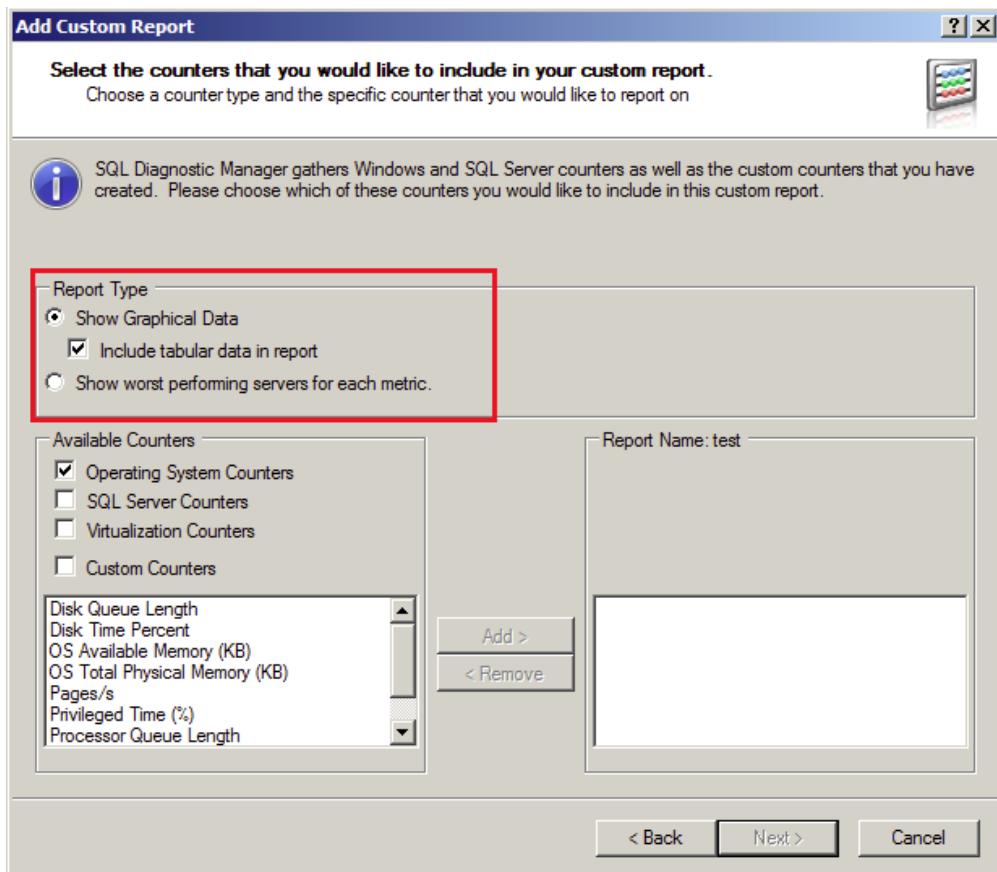
To edit an existing report, select the custom report from the displayed list, and then click **Next**.

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Select report type

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to choose the type of custom report you want to create. You can select the *show graphical data* report or the *show worst performing servers for each metric* report.



If you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to display tabular data, select the **Include tabular data in report** check box.

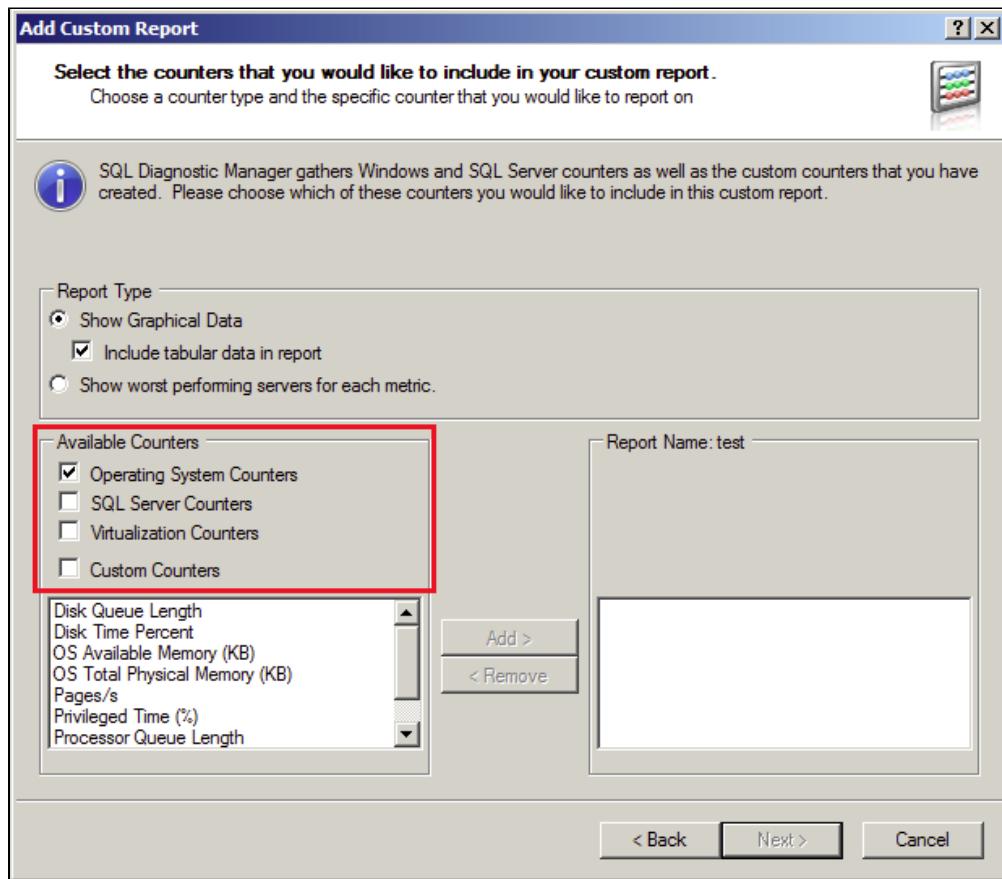
Enable the **Include tabular data in report** check box by clicking the **Show Graphical Data** radio button.

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Select counter type and counters

The Select Counters window allows you to choose the counters you want to include in your report. You can select up to 10 counters from all of the counters that SQL Diagnostic Manager currently collects.



To select the counters you want to include in your custom report:

1. Check the box next to the type of counters you want to include with your report to view an alphabetical list of counters. You can select counters from the following groups:
 - a. Operating System Counters
 - b. SQL Server Counters
 - c. Virtualization Counters for both Hyper-V and VMware server virtualization platforms
 - d. Custom Counters
3. Select one or more counters from the Available Counters list and click **Add** to include it in your report.
4. Click **Next**.

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Top Servers custom report

The Top Servers custom report lists your worst performing monitored SQL Server instances for each selected metric. The Top Servers custom report allows you to filter information by tag, time period, and number of servers.

When to run this report

Run the Top Servers custom report to quickly identify your monitored SQL Server instances that need immediate attention.

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Select counter order

Update the counter order for this report to specify where you want SQL Diagnostic Manager to display the counters included in your custom report and how to aggregate metrics.

SQL Diagnostic Manager offers the following options to change the aggregation for each metric included in your report.

Maximum

Displays the maximum value for the metric since the last collection.

Average

Displays the average per second value since the last collection.

Per Minute

Displays the average per minute value since the last collection.

To rearrange or change the metric aggregation for your counters:

1. **If you want to rearrange a counter in your report**, click the up or down arrow next to the counter you want to move.
2. **If you want to change the aggregation for a metric in your report**, select the appropriate **Aggregation** method.
3. Click **Next**.
4. Complete the Custom Report wizard by clicking **Finish**.

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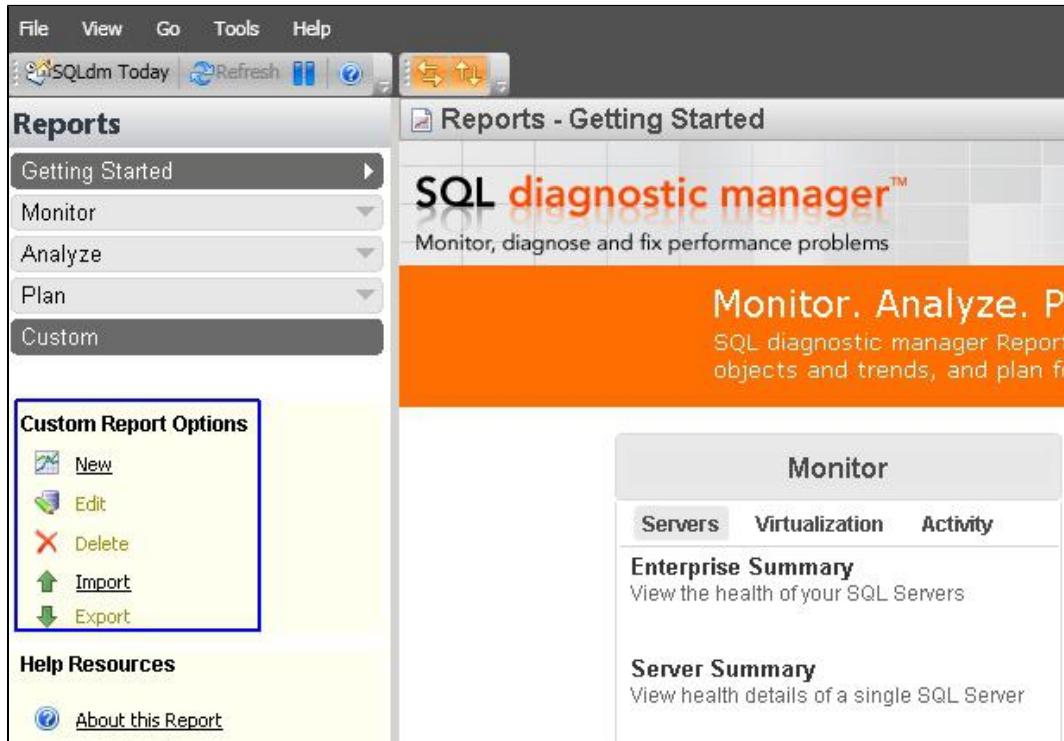
Import a custom report

The Custom Reports Import Wizard allows you to import already defined custom reports from the IDERA Community Site. Custom reports can include any metric collected by SQL Diagnostic Manager.

! The Custom Reports Import and Export functionality applies only to reports created within SQL Diagnostic Manager. Also you can export or import these reports only within SQL Diagnostic Manager environments.

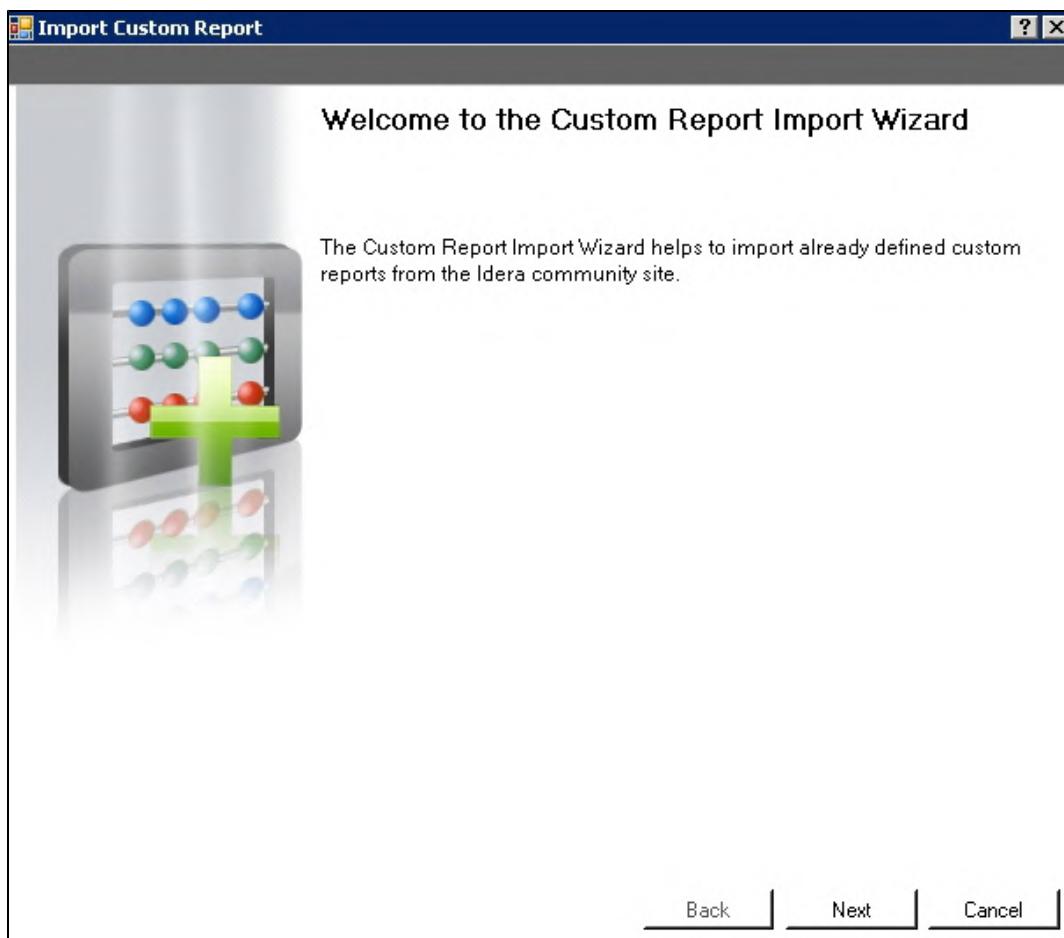
To import a custom report:

1. Open the Custom Reports Import Wizard by clicking the **Import** button in the Custom Report Options tree.

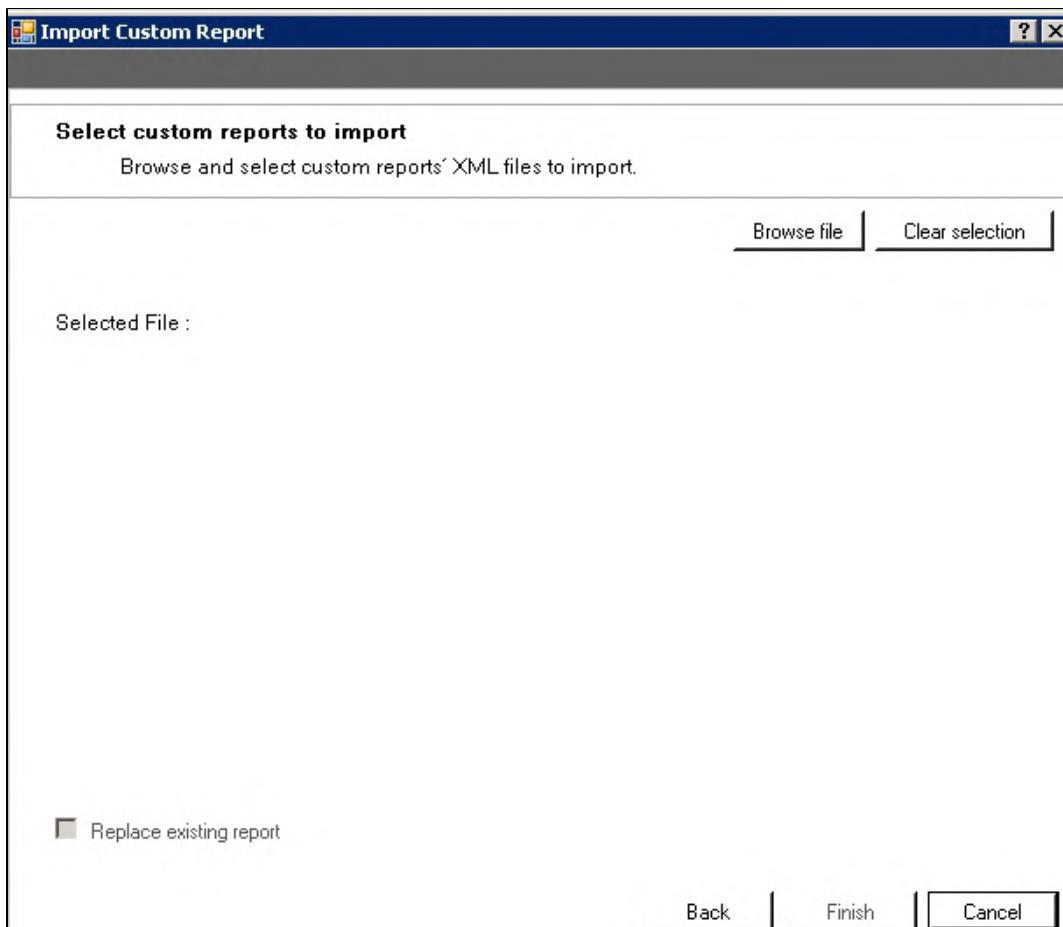


✓ You can also access to the Custom Report import wizard by clicking **Administration > Import/Export** from the navigation pane and selecting **Custom Report** in the import column.

2. On the **Welcome to the Custom Reports Import** page, click **Next**.



3. On the **Select custom reports to import** page, browse for custom reports' XML files to import.



4. If the report name is already in use but you wish to complete the import process, click **Replace existing report**.
5. If the imported custom report is valid. Click **Finish** to complete the import process and exit the Custom Reports Import Wizard.



Export a custom report

For instructions on exporting a custom report, see [Export a custom report](#).

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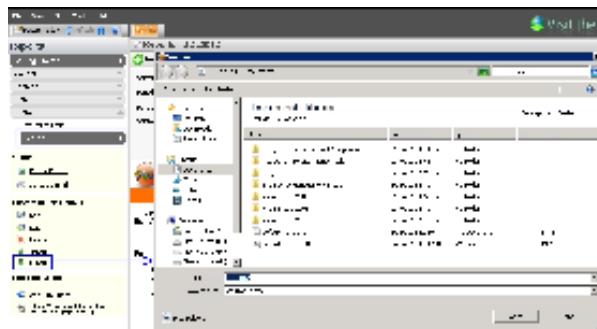
Export a custom report

The Custom Reports Export Wizard allows you to export and share already created custom reports in the IDERA community site. Custom Reports can include any metric collected by SQL Diagnostic Manager.

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To export a custom report:

1. Select **Reports** in the navigation pane.
2. Once in the Reports view, click **Custom** in the Navigation pane.
3. Select the custom report you wish to export from the list and click **Export** in the Custom Report Options. Click image to view full size.



4. In the **Save As** dialog box, indicate in which folder you want to save the custom report XML file.
5. In the "Selected custom report exported successfully" notification, click **OK**.

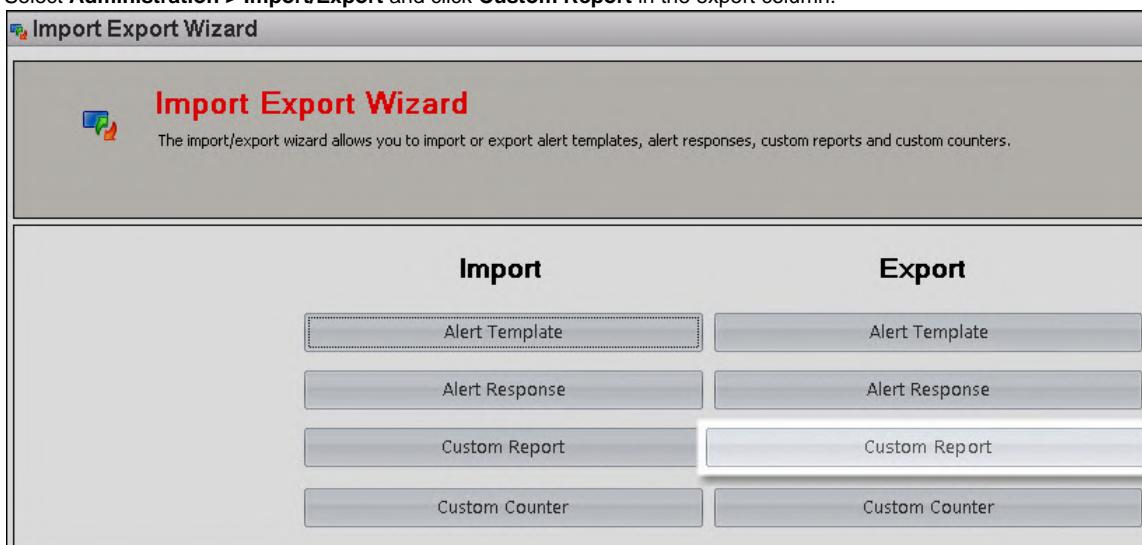


Import a custom report

For instructions on importing a custom report, see [Import a custom report](#).

To export all your custom reports:

1. Select **Administration > Import/Export** and click **Custom Report** in the export column.



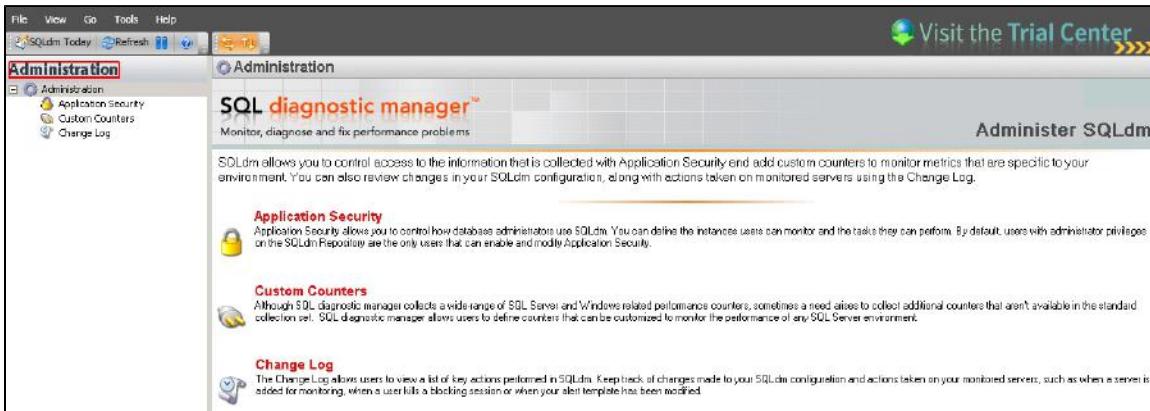
2. In the **Browse For Folder** dialog box, indicate in which folder you want to save the custom reports XML files.
3. Once you receive the notification "Custom reports exported successfully to selected directory", click **OK**.

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Manage SQL Diagnostic Manager

The Administration view of SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to control access to all the information that SQL Diagnostic Manager collects, letting you designate the servers and databases that each of your SQL Diagnostic Manager users can view or edit. In addition to controlling access, you can also add or import custom counters to monitor in SQL Diagnostic Manager and even keep track of key actions performed in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment.



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Use application security to manage SQL Diagnostic Manager

In many SQL Server production environments, there are several different types of users, such as DBAs, Operators, Help Desk Users, Administrators, and Auditors to name a few. Within each of these groups, there may be several sub-groups of responsibility, such as a DBA that manages a certain set of high security databases that other DBAs do not. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to designate the access both individual users and groups of users have within SQL Diagnostic Manager.

 When Application Security is enabled, the only users who have access to SQL Diagnostic Manager are those who belong to the sysadmin role on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. All other users must be added to SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Enable Application Security

Once you enable Application Security, you must add User Permissions for each user you want to give SQL Diagnostic Manager access. Based on the assigned permissions, each user can only access a subset of monitored SQL Server instances. These security settings are enforced in the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console, the IDERA Newsfeed, and SQL Diagnostic Manager Mobile.

Note that users who belong to the sysadmin role on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository always have Administrator powers.

Available actions on the Application Security window

The Application Security window lists each login name and the type of access the login has to SQL Diagnostic Manager. The following actions are available on the Application Security window:

Disable/Enable Application Security

You can toggle Application Security on and off using the associated icon. Disabling Application Security gives all SQL Diagnostic Manager users full access to SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Add SQL Diagnostic Manager Permissions

You can open the Add SQL Diagnostic Manager Permissions wizard by clicking the **Add** button on the Application Security window. This wizard allows you to add SQL Server Logins, Windows Users and Group accounts and assign them SQL Diagnostic Manager view, modify, and administration privileges.

Edit Login Permissions

Once you add SQL Diagnostic Manager Permissions, the Edit Login Permissions window allows you to edit login permissions.

Delete Login Permissions

Click the **Delete** button to remove the previously added login from SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Enable/Disable Permissions

You can toggle non-system, SQL Diagnostic Manager login permissions by checking and clearing the associated box in the **Enabled** column.

Export SQL Diagnostic Manager Permission Settings to Excel

You can export all your SQL Diagnostic Manager Permission settings to Microsoft Excel by right-clicking any user in on the Application Security window and selecting **Export to Excel**.

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Add users to SQL Diagnostic Manager

The Add Permission wizard allows you to give SQL Diagnostic Manager access to a specified login in your environment. By default, all users belonging to the sysadmin role on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository have SQL Diagnostic Manager Administrator privileges and all other users are denied access to any of the monitoring and diagnostic views in SQL Diagnostic Manager.

 Logins belonging to the sysadmin role on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository have SQL Diagnostic Manager Administrator privileges and you cannot edit or delete these accounts.

Each login account can have multiple permissions associated with it. For example, if you want User A to have the ability to view all your SQL Server instances but modify only one of them, you can create two permissions. Include View permissions in the first login to allow the login to view all your SQL Server instances, and enable Modify permissions for the specified SQL Server instance in the second login.

 If a SQL login is entered and it does not already exist, a new login account is created on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository SQL Server instance.

To create a SQLDM login account:

1. Click **Administration > Application Security**.
2. Click the **Add** button on the Application Security window.
3. Click **Next** on the Add Permission wizard Welcome window.
4. Type either the Windows account or SQL login used to connect to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.
5. Select the **Authentication** type and click **Next**.
6. Select the **type of SQL Server instance permissions** to grant to the specified account and click **Next**.
7. Select the tags or SQL Server instances to apply the permissions to and click **Add** to move them to the Selected Servers column and click **Next** (this option is only available for View and Modify permissions only).
8. Review your changes on the Summary window and click **Finish** to add the SQL Diagnostic Manager login.

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Specify user

The Specify User window allows you to enter the login name and authentication type. Enter either the Windows account name or the SQL login used to connect to the SQLdm Repository. If the SQL login entered does not exist, one is created on the SQLDM Repository Server.



If the Windows account entered is not a valid Windows account, an error appears when you exit the Add Permission wizard and the SQLdm login is not created.

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Specify permissions

Select the type of permissions to grant to the specified account. When you add login permissions to SQL Diagnostic Manager, you have the following permission choices:

View Permissions

Logins with View permissions can view the data collected for the assigned SQL Server instances except where noted in the following table.

SQLDM Area	Cannot do the following
File Menu	Manage servers
Tools Menu	Configure default alerts
	Edit notification rules or providers
	Edit grooming options
Help Menu	Manage licenses
Servers pane	Delete servers
	Enter or exit Maintenance Mode
	Configure alerts, but can view alert settings
	Edit SQL Server properties, but can view properties
Today Page > Active Alerts	Configure alerts, but can view alerts
Today Page > Common Tasks	Manage servers
Mini-Monitors grid	Delete mini-monitors
	Edit properties, but can view properties
Server Overview > Dashboard	Enter or exit Maintenance Mode
	Configure alerts, but can view alert settings
Server Overview > Details	Configure alerts, but can view alert settings
Server Overview > Configuration	Edit value
Session > Details	Trace or kill a session
Session > Locks	Trace or kill a session
Session > Blocking	Trace or kill a session
Queries/Non-query activities	Configure Query/Activity Monitor properties, but can view properties
Resources > Procedure Cache	Clear cache
Databases > Tables and Indexes	Update statistics or rebuild indexes
Services > Summary	Start or stop services
Services > SQL Agent Jobs	Start or stop job
Logs	Cycle server log
	Configure
Alerts pane	Configure default alerts
	Edit notification rules and providers
Alerts > Grid	Configure alerts, but can view alerts
	Clear alerts
	Clear alerts of this type for this instance

Administration pane	Access or view Administration
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Modify Permissions

Logins with Modify permissions can edit basic settings for the data collected for assigned SQL Server instances except where noted in the following table.

SQLDM Area	Cannot do the following
File Menu	Manage servers
Tools Menu	Edit alert configuration Edit notification rules or providers Edit grooming options
Help Menu	Manage licenses
Alerts pane	Configure default alerts Edit notification rules or providers
Administration pane	Access or view Administration

Administration Permissions

Logins with Administration permissions can access all monitored SQL Server instances and modify all settings including grooming options, notification rules, and providers, manage SQL Diagnostic Manager licenses, manage application security including the ability to add custom counters, and has the ability to add and remove SQL Server instances in SQL Diagnostic Manager.

 You cannot edit or delete logins belonging to the sysadmin role on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository as they have SQL Diagnostic Manager Administrator privileges.

 The SQLDM Console displays a message when a user with View or Modify permissions attempts to perform an action that requires Administrator (sysadmin) permissions.

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Assign instances to user

The Select SQL Server window allows you to select the SQL Server instances to apply the permissions you set on the Specify User Permissions window. Select **Server** tags from the Tags drop-down list or choose New tag from the list . Select the SQL Server Instances you want the login to have permissions on and click **Add** button to move them to the Selected Servers column. Click **Next** to continue.

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View the Add Permission summary

Review that all the Add Permission settings are correct and click Finish to apply your changes. If you want to make any changes to the settings displayed, click the **Back** button to go back and make your changes.

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Edit user permissions

The Edit Permissions window allows you to change the permissions for the specified login.



Logins belonging to the sysadmin role on the SQLDM Repository have SQLDM Administrator privileges and you cannot edit or delete the login.

To Enable/Disable Login Permissions

You can toggle non-system, SQLDM login permissions by checking and clearing the associated check box in the **Enabled** column.

Edit Permissions

Select the appropriate permission level for the login. You can select **View**, **Modify**, or **Administrator** permissions.

Enter Comments

The **Comments** field allows you to enter additional information about the login. This information appears in the **Comment** column on the Application Security window.

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Edit assigned instances

The Assigned Servers window allows you to change the SQL Server instances on which the login has permissions. To tag a server instance, select **Server tags from the Tags drop-down list** or add a new tag by **choosing New tag from the list**. Select the SQL Server instances on which you want the login to have permissions and click **Add** button to move them to the **Selected Servers** column. Click **Next** to continue.

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Use the Change Log to review changes in your SQL Diagnostic Manager configuration

Granted the number and different types of users in SQL Server production environments, keeping track of changes to your SQL Diagnostic Manager configuration is critical. Through the Change Log you can view a list of key actions performed in your SQL Diagnostic Manager environment, such as when a server is added for monitoring, an alert configuration or grooming configuration is changed. The Change Log view gives thorough and instant information on modifications.

The Change Log view is available by default in SQL Diagnostic Manager version 8.0 and higher versions.

Access the Change Log view

To open the Change Log view, click **Administration > Change Log** from the navigation pane.

Change Log Window Properties

This window allows you to view details about an individual event in the Change Log. You can view the following information:

- Date and time of action
- Type of action
- Object on which the action occurred
- Workstation and workstation user
- Repository user who executed the action
- Description of action

Available actions

Scroll through activities

To scroll from one action to the next, use the up and down arrows.

Copy, export and print action details

To copy action details to another application, export contents to Microsoft Excel or even print, right-click on selected row. This action prompts the aforementioned commands.

Getting more information

You might be interested in obtaining further details about the actions performed in SQL Diagnostic Manager and their possible impacts. The details pane contains in depth action information and automatically displays when a row in the table is highlighted. The split bar is adjustable to your needs.

Filters

Allows you to filter the listed activities by time span, for example, last 30 days or even arrange a custom range.

Enable Groups

Allows you to group actions by a specific header column, such as the workstation from which an action was executed or the date an action occurred. To enable groups, click **Group By Box**. You can as well expand all groups or collapse all groups.

Available columns

Date

Provides date and time when action occurred.

Action

Provides information on the type of action that occurred.

Object Name

Provides the name of the object on which the action was executed.

Workstation

Provides the name of the workstation from which an action was executed.

Workstation User

Provides the name of the user, logged in a specific workstation, from which an action was executed.

Repository User

Provides the name of the user who applied the change. The format displayed, when using Windows authentication, is DomainName\LogonName.

Change Summary

Provides a brief description of action.

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Use the SQL Diagnostic Manager import/export wizard

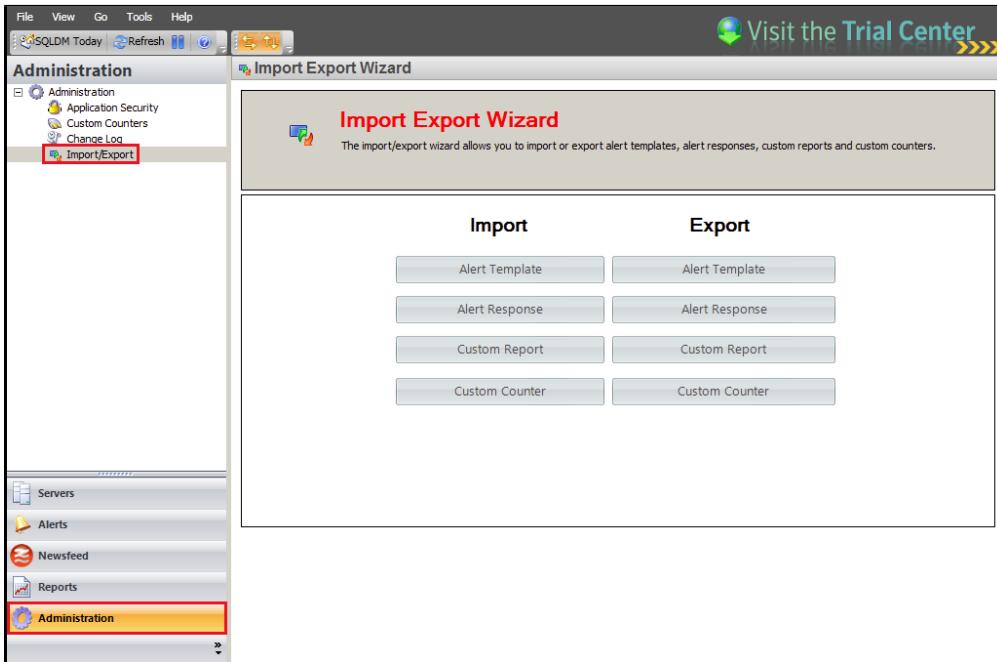
SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a centralized import/export wizard that allows you to import and share existing XML files. Save time and resources by importing or exporting alert templates, alert responses, custom reports, and custom counters files.



The import/export wizard is available by default in SQL Diagnostic Manager 10.0 and higher versions.

Access the import/export wizard

To open the import/export wizard, click **Administration > Import/Export** at the navigation pane. Click image to view full size.



Available options in the import/export wizard

Alert Template

Click **Alert Template** in the appropriate column to **import** or **export** an alert template.

Alert Response

Select **Alert Response** in the appropriate column to **import** or **export** an alert response.

Custom Report

Click **Custom Report** in the appropriate column to **import** or **export** a custom report.

Custom Counters

Select **Custom Counter** in the appropriate column to **import** or **export** a custom counter.

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Use PowerShell to automate SQL Diagnostic Manager functions

SQL Diagnostic Manager PowerShell integration allows you to make mass changes to your SQL Diagnostic Manager configuration across multiple SQL Server instances in a few lines of text, saving you time.

About PowerShell

Microsoft® Windows® PowerShell is a task-based command-line shell and scripting language designed especially for system administration. Built on the .NET Framework, Microsoft® Windows® PowerShell helps IT professionals and power users control and automate the administration of the Windows operating system and applications that run on Windows.

Windows PowerShell furnishes an operating environment for commands that include cmdlets, functions, filters, scripts, aliases, and executables (applications). The main command type used in this environment is the cmdlet, with certain cmdlets made available only through Windows PowerShell providers that allow access to stored data.

Windows PowerShell operates within a hosting application (the default is `powershell.exe`) that exposes a command line to the user, and uses a host interface to communicate with the commands invoked by the command line. You can use a console application, Windows application, or a Web application as the hosting application. In most cases, the hosting application uses its Main function to interact with the Windows PowerShell runtime through the internal host interface; however, a hosting application can optionally support its own custom host by implementing the PSHost class along with one or more related user interface classes. Together, these classes allow direct communication between the application and Windows PowerShell commands.

For more information about Windows PowerShell, see [SQL Server Books Online](#).

Install the SQL Diagnostic Manager provider for PowerShell

The SQLdm Provider is installed automatically with SQL Diagnostic Manager. To use SQL Diagnostic Manager snapin, you have to enable the provider and register the SQLdm drive.

To enable the provider, type the following within PowerShell:

```
add-pssnapin sqldmsnapin
```

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\Administrator.SIMPSONS> add-pssnapin sqldmsnapin
PS C:\Users\Administrator.SIMPSONS>
```

To verify your snapin is registered:

```
get-psprovider
```

Name	Capabilities	Drives
WSMan	Credentials	<WSMan>
Alias	ShouldProcess	<Alias>
Environment	ShouldProcess	<Env>
FileSystem	Filter, ShouldProcess	<C, E, A, D>
Function	ShouldProcess	<Function>
Registry	ShouldProcess, Transactions	<HKLM, HKCU>
Variable	ShouldProcess	<Variable>
Certificate	ShouldProcess	<cert>
SQLdm	Credentials	<>

```
PS C:\Users\Administrator.SIMPSONS>
```

To register the SQLdm drive, type the following within PowerShell:

```
New-SQLdmDrive dm [Server] [Repository]
```

For example:

```
New-SQLdmDrive dm PUL-FF-W2K8X64S\SQL2012_BI SQLdmRepository
```

Creates a new SQL Diagnostic Manager drive called 'dm' that is connected to the SQLdmRepository database on the PUL-FF-W2K8X64S\SQL2012_BI SQL Server using Windows Authentication.

```

Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator.SIMPSONS> New-SQLdmDrive dn PUL-FF-W2K8X64S\SQL2012_BI SQLdmRepository
Name      Used <GB>   Free <GB> Provider      Root          CurrentLocation
dn           0.00     0.00   SQLdm      dn:\

PS C:\Users\Administrator.SIMPSONS> cd dn:\_
PS dn:\_>

```



PowerShell help

To receive general help, type the following within PowerShell:

```
get-help
```

To display a list of cmdlets for the SQL Diagnostic Manager snapin:

```
get-help sqldm
```

Applications available to use with PowerShell

There are several applications that allow you to use PowerShell and enhance its functionality.

PowerShell Plus is a powerful interactive scripting environment designed to help administrators and developers learn and master Windows PowerShell. Unlike most of the basic script editors on the market today, PowerShell Plus features a powerful interactive console, an advanced script editor and a comprehensive learning center. PowerShell Plus is built on the backbone of PowerShellIDE, the first PowerShell application to offer a very rich graphical user interface.

Interactive PowerShell Console

The PowerShellPlus Console allows you to work interactively with PowerShell from a feature rich Windows UI. This integration makes working with PowerShell faster and easier to use than ever before.

Advanced Script Editor

The advanced debugger and script editor lets you build and test complex PowerShell scripts, try one line PowerShell commands from an embedded console window, and sign your script with a security certificate, all from a single workspace.

Comprehensive Learning Center

The Comprehensive Learning Center helps you experience PowerShell by example. Short tutorials guide you through basic concepts at your own pace. The Comprehensive Learning Center also includes dynamically created help topics from currently installed PowerShell CmdLets, Snap-Ins, and WMI objects.

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PowerShell Cmdlets for SQL Diagnostic Manager

The following cmdlets help you automate the administration of your SQL Diagnostic Manager deployment.



To use SQL Diagnostic Manager snapin, you have to enable the provider and register the SQLdm drive.

Cmdlet Name	Description	Examples
Escape-SQLdmName	Allows you to specify server names containing special characters such as \?<>[]:*	<pre>Escape-SQLdmName Server\Instance • Escapes the instance name Server\Instance. Escape-SQLdmName Server\Instance1,Server\Instance2 • Escapes the array of instance names. Escape-SQLdmName Server\Instance Escape-SQLdmName -undo • Escapes the instance name Server\Instance and then undo the operation. Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance (Escape-SQLName Server\Instance1) - WindowsAuthentication • Escapes the instance name for a Windows user.</pre>
Get-SQLServers	Retrieves a list of SQL Servers on the network	<pre>Get-SQLServers • Returns a list of all known SQL Servers. Get-SQLServers -localonly • Returns a list of SQL Servers running on the local machine.</pre>
Grant-SQLdmPermissions	Grants SQL Diagnostic Manager permissions on a server	<pre>Grant-SQLdmPermission -Path dm:\appsecurity\AUser\AServer -Permission View • Grants View permissions to instance 'AServer' to user 'AUser'. Grant-SQLdmPermission -Path("dm:\appsecurity\" + (Escape-SQLdmName -Name MyDomain\AUser)) -Name AServer -Permission Modify • Grants Modify permissions to instance 'AServer' to Windows user 'MyDomain\AUser'. Grant-SQLdmPermission -Path dm:\appsecurity\AUser -Tag Prod -Permission Modify • Grants a user permissions to instances tagged as Prod.</pre>

New-SQLdmDrive	Creates a drive for connecting to the SQLdm Repository	<pre>New-SQLdmDrive dm MYSQLDMSERVER SQLdmRepository</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new SQL Diagnostic Manager drive called 'dm' that is connected to the SQLdmRepository database on the MYSQLDMSERVER SQL Server using Windows Authentication. <pre>New-SQLdmDrive dm MYSQLDMSERVER SQLdmRepository -Credential sa</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new SQL Diagnostic Manager drive called 'dm' that is connected to the SQLdmRepository database on the MYSQLDMSERVER SQL Server using SQL Authentication. Note that Powershell will prompt for the password.
New-SQLdmMonitoredInstance	Adds a SQL Server Instance to monitor in SQL Diagnostic Manager	<pre>New-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path Instance1 -WindowsAuthentication -tags production,finance,critical</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new instance named Instance1 to SQL Diagnostic Manager. <pre>New-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServerA\Instance1) -Credential sa</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adds a new instance named ServerA\Instance1 to SQL Diagnostic Manager.
New-SQLdmUser	Creates a new SQL Diagnostic Manager user	<pre>New-SQLdmUser -Path fred -SQLLogin -Password xxxx -Comment "Fred is an admin"</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new user called fredthat uses SQL Authentication . Note that if the password is not specified, PowerShell will prompt for the password. <pre>New-SQLdmUser (Escape-SQLdmName -Name mydomain\fred) -WindowsUser</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creates a new user called mydomain\fred that uses Windows Authentication.
Remove-SQLdmMonitoredInstance	Removes a SQL Server Instance from SQL Diagnostic Manager monitoring	<pre>Remove-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path \Instances\ServerA</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the instance named ServerA from SQL Diagnostic Manager. <pre>Remove-SQLdmMonitoredInstance (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServerA\Instance1) -retaindata</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removes the instance named ServerA from SQL Diagnostic Manager but retains its data for reporting.

Remove-SQLdmUser	Removes an existing SQL Diagnostic Manager user	<pre>Remove-SQLdmUser -Path /AppSecurity/fred</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes user fredfrom SQL Diagnostic Manager. <pre>Remove-SQLdmUser (Escape-SQLdmName -Name MyDomain\AUser)</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes Windows user MyDomain\AUser from SQL Diagnostic Manager.
Revoke-SQLdmPermission	Revokes SQL Diagnostic Manager permissions on a server	<pre>Revoke-SQLdmPermission -Path \AppSecurity\fred\ServerA</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revokes user fred's permissions to instance ServerA. <pre>Revoke-Permission -Path /AppSecurity/fred -Name ServerA</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revokes user fred's permissions to instance ServerA. <pre>Revoke-Permission -Path /AppSecurity/fred -Tag Prod</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revokes user fred's permissions to instances tagged as Prod. <pre>Revoke-SQLdmPermission -Path ("dm:\AppSecurity\" + (Escape-SQLdmName -Name MyDomain\UserA)) -Name (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServerA\Instance1)</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revokes Windows user MyDomain\UserA permission to ServerA\Instance1.
Set-SQLdmAppSecurity	Enables or disables Application Security for SQL Diagnostic Manager	<pre>Set-SQLdmAppSecurity \AppSecurity -Enabled</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enables SQL Diagnostic Manager Application Security. <pre>Set-SQLdmAppSecurity \AppSecurity -Disabled</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DisablesSQL Diagnostic Manager Application Security.
Set-SQLdmLogging	Sets the logging level of the SQL Diagnostic Manager provider	<p>! Use Set-SQLdmLogging for debugging purposes only. This cmdlet should be used at the request of IDERA Technical Support.</p>

Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance	Configures options on your SQL Server Instance	<pre>Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path Instance1,Instance2,Instance3 -Credential sa</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates the credentials used for Instance1, Instance2, and Instance3 to use SQL Authentication and sets a new login and password. Note that PowerShell will prompt for the password. <pre>Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServerA\Instance1) -WindowsAuthentication</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates the credentials used for ServerA\Instance1 to use Windows Authentication.
Set-SQLdmUser	Set the properties of an existing SQL Diagnostic Manager user	<pre>Set-SQLdmUser -path \AppSecurity\bozo -Disabled -Comment "Bozo is disabled."</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disables the Set SQL Diagnostic Manager user bozo. <pre>Set-SQLdmUser fred -Enabled -Administrator</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables SQL Diagnostic Manager user fred and gives him administrator rights. <pre>Set-SQLdmUser (Escape-SQLdmName -Name mydomain\fred) -Disabled</pre> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disables the SQL Diagnostic Manager user mydomain\fred.

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Customize your Monitored SQL Server properties within PowerShell

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to customize your monitored SQL Server properties within PowerShell.

With PowerShell you can:

- Edit general settings
- Edit query monitor settings
- Edit query waits settings
- Edit activity monitor settings
- Exclude applications, databases, and SQL statements within PowerShell
- Disable replication collection settings
- Customize table statistics collection
- Customize maintenance mode settings



To use SQL Diagnostic Manager snap-in, you have to [enable the provider](#) and register the SQLdm drive.

Edit general settings

Edit the general settings of your monitored SQL Server with the following PowerShell commands:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Examples
-FriendlyServerName	Sets friendly name to an instance.	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -FriendlyServerName stringName
-FriendlyServerNameBlank	Clears the friendly name previously assigned to an instance.	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -FriendlyServerNameBlank
-InputBufferLimiter	Defines an Input Buffer Limiter value.	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -InputBufferLimiter 100
-InputBufferLimiterEnable	Enables the Input Buffer Limiter.	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -InputBufferLimiterEnable
-InputBufferLimiterDisable	Disables the Input Buffer Limiter.	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -InputBufferLimiterDisable
-addtag	Associates tags to a server. Note that any tags that are specified have to already exist.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -addtag NewTag, Tag2
-removetag	Disassociates tags from a server. Note that any tags that are specified have to already exist.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -removetag NewTag, Tag2
-ScheduledCollectionIntervalMinutes	Specifies how often (in minutes) scheduled data collection takes place.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -ScheduledCollectionIntervalMinutes 10
-DatabaseStatisticsIntervalMinutes	Specifies how often (in minutes) database statistics collection takes place.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1)-DatabaseStatisticsIntervalMinutes 120

-ExtendedSessionDataCollection	Enables or disables extended data collection.	<pre>Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -ExtendedSessionDataCollection 1 • • Enables extended data collection. Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -ExtendedSessionDataCollection 0 • • Disables extended data collection.</pre>
-Credential	Sets SQL Authentication credentials.	<pre>Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -Credential sa • • Uses SQL authentication. Note that PowerShell will prompt for the password. Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -WindowsAuthentication • • Uses the credentials of the SQLDM Collection Service to connect to the monitored instance when collecting statistics.</pre>
-EncryptConnection	Enables or disables encrypt connection.	<pre>Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -EncryptConnection 1 • • Enables encrypt connection. Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -EncryptConnection 0 • • Disables encrypt connection.</pre>
-TrustServerCertificates	Enables or disables trust server certificates.	<pre>Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -TrustServerCertificates 1 • • Enables trust server certificates. Note that when specified with the EncryptConnection parameter, SQL Server will not validate the certificates sent from the client but the data will still be encrypted. Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -TrustServerCertificates 0 • • Disables trust server certificates.</pre>

Edit query monitor settings

Customize the query monitor settings of your monitor SQL Server with the following PowerShell commands:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Examples
-QMEnableTraceMonitoring	Enables "Collect Query Data using SQL Trace".	<code>Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnableTraceMonitoring</code>

-QMEnableExtendedEvents	Enables "Collect Query Data using Extended Events".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnableExtendedEvents
-QMEnableCollectQueryPlan	Enables "Collect actual Query Plans".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnableCollectQueryPlan
-QMDisableCollectQueryPlan	Disables "Collect actual Query Plans".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMDisableCollectQueryPlan
-QMEnableCollectEstimatedQueryPlan	Enables "Collect Estimated Query Plans".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnableCollectEstimatedQueryPlan
-QMDisableCollectEstimatedQueryPlan	Disables "Collect Estimated Query Plans".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMDisableCollectEstimatedQueryPlan
-QMEnabled	Enables query monitoring.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnabled
-QMDisabled	Disables query monitoring.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMDisabled
-QMCaptureBatches	Captures SQL batches.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnabled -QMCaptureBatches 1
-QMCaptureStatements	Captures SQL statements.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnabled -QMCaptureStatements 1
-QMCaptureProcs	Captures stored procedure and triggers.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMEnabled -QMCaptureProcs 1
-QMQueryDuration	Sets up threshold Duration (in milliseconds).	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMQueryDuration 20000
-QMLogicalDiskReads	Sets up threshold Logical disk reads.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMLogicalDiskReads 20
-QMCpuUsage	Sets up threshold CPU Usage (in milliseconds).	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMCpuUsage 500
-QMPhysicalDiskWrites	Sets up threshold Physical disk writes.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMPhysicalDiskWrites 20

Edit query waits settings

Customize the query waits settings of your monitor SQL Server with the following PowerShell commands:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Examples
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-QWExtendedEnable	Enables "Use Extended Events (SQL Server 2012 +)".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name INSTANCE_NAME) -QWExtendedEnable
-QWExtendedDisable	Disables "Use Extended Events (SQL Server 2012 +)".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name INSTANCE_NAME) -QWExtendedDisable
-QWStatisticsDisable	Disables "Collect query wait statistics (SQL 2005+ only)".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name INSTANCE_NAME) -QWStatisticsDisable
-QWStatisticsDuration	Enables "Collect query wait statistics at a specified time and duration".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name INSTANCE_NAME) -QWStatisticsStartDate"yyyy-mm-dd-hh:mm" -QWStatisticsDuration mm:ss
-QWStatisticsCollectIndefinite	Enables "Collect query wait statistics with Collect indefinitely option".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name INSTANCE_NAME) -QWStatisticsCollectIndefinite

Edit activity monitor settings

Customize the activity monitor settings of your monitor SQL Server with the following PowerShell commands:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Examples
-NQAEnableSQLTrace	Enables "Use SQL trace".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name SRISHTIPUROHIT\SQLEXPRESS) -NQAEnableSQLTrace
-NQAEnableExtendedEvent	Enables "Use extended event (SQL 2012+)".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name SRISHTIPUROHIT\SQLEXPRESS) -NQAEnableExtendedEvent
-NQADisableAutoGrow	Disables "Capture Autogrow".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name SRISHTIPUROHIT\SQLEXPRESS) -NQADisableAutoGrow
-NQAEnableAutoGrow	Enables "Capture Autogrow".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name SRISHTIPUROHIT\SQLEXPRESS) -NQAEnableAutoGrow
-NQAEnableCaptureBlocking	Enables "Capture Blocking".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name SRISHTIPUROHIT\SQLEXPRESS) -NQAEnableCaptureBlocking
-NQADisableCaptureBlocking	Disable "Capture Blocking".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (EscapeSQLdmName -Name SRISHTIPUROHIT\SQLEXPRESS) -NQADisableCaptureBlocking

-NQACaptureBlocking	Sets "blocking process threshold".	SetSQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name SRISHTIPUROHIT\SQLEXPRESS) -NQACaptureBlocking 100
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Exclude applications, databases and SQL statements within PowerShell

Exclude applications, databases, and SQL statements with the following PowerShell commands:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Examples
-QMExcludedApps	Excludes applications from the query monitor.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMExcludedApps excludedApp1, excludedApp2, excludedApp3
-QMExcludedDatabases	Excludes databases from the query monitor.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMExcludedDatabases DB1, DB2, DB3
-QMExcludedSql	Excludes SQL statements from the query monitor.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QMExcludedSql "Select 1", "Select * from Table where ID=5"

Disable replication collection

Disable replication statistics collection with the following PowerShell command:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Example
-ReplicationStatisticsDataCollection	Disables replication statistics collection.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -ReplicationStatisticsDataCollection 0 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disables replication statistics collection for server named ServerA\Instance1.

Customize table statistics collection

Customize table statistics collection with the following PowerShell commands:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Example
-QTStartTime	Specifies the time of day for quiet time collection to occur.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -QTStartTime 02:30:00
-QTDays	Specifies the days of the week to perform quiet time collection.	-QTDays Monday, Tuesday -QTReorgMinTableSizeK 200 -QTExcludedDatabases Test
-QTReorgMinTableSizeK	Specifies the quiet time minimum table size (in kilobytes) to collect reorganization statistics.	
-QTExcludedDatabases	Specifies the list of databases to exclude from quite time data collection.	

Customize maintenance mode settings

Customize maintenance mode settings with the following PowerShell commands:

Cmdlet Name	Description	Examples
-MMNever	Sets maintenance mode to <i>Never</i> . Note that SQL Diagnostic Manager will collect data according to its normal scheduled collection interval.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -MMNever
-MMAways	Sets maintenance mode to <i>Until further notice</i> . Schedule collection will not occur.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -MMAways
-MMRecurring	Sets maintenance mode to <i>Recurring every week at the specified time</i> .	
-MModeDays	Specifies the days of the week recurring maintenance mode will be effective.	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -MMRecurring -MModeDays Monday,Wednesday,Friday -MModeStartTime 01:35:00 -MModeDuration 01:00
-MModeStartTime	Specifies the start time for recurring maintenance mode.	
-MModeDuration	Specifies the length of time for recurring maintenance mode.	
-MMOnce	Sets maintenance mode to <i>Occurring once at the specified time</i> .	Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name ServeA\Instance1) -MMOnce -MModeStartDate "2013-03-25 15:00" -MModeEndDate "2013-03-25 15:30"
-MModeStartDate	Specifies the start date and time for one-time maintenance mode.	
-MModeEndDate	Specifies the end date and time for one-time maintenance mode.	

Example: Editing several properties at once within PowerShell

PowerShell allows you to set up several properties in one command-line. On the PowerShell window, use Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance followed by the corresponding cmdlets of the properties you want to edit. For example, consider the properties listed below:

- Enable Query Monitoring
- Capture Batches
- No capture procedures
- Set Query duration at 200 (ms)
- Set Logical disk reads at 20
- Set CPU usage at 100
- Set Physical disk writes at 10
- Exclude Application: MyExcludedApp
- Exclude Databases: DB1, DB2, and DB3

You can customize these settings with the following PowerShell command-line:

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Set-SQLdmMonitoredInstance -Path (Escape-SQLdmName -Name QA- Name Server\Instance) -QMEnabled
-QMCaptureBatches 1 -QMCaptureProc 0 -QMQueryDuration 200
-QMLogicalDiskReads 20 -QMCpuUsage 100 -QMPhysicalDiskWrites 10 -QMEcludedApps MyExcludedApp
-QMEcludedDatabases DB1,DB2,DB3
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Manage your SQL Diagnostic Manager license

SQL Diagnostic Manager requires a license key. This key allows you to access all SQL Diagnostic Manager features, including the IDERA Newsfeed and SQL Diagnostic Manager Mobile.

Though you can immediately begin using SQL Diagnostic Manager with the included evaluation key, consider updating the evaluation license as soon as possible. A registered license key allows you to unlock the evaluation time and registered instance limits so you can begin using SQL Diagnostic Manager to the fullest extent.

SQL Diagnostic Manager provides an intuitive interface for license key management. You can view the status of your license keys and add licenses to monitor additional instances. Each license allows you to monitor a predetermined number of SQL Server instances.

When you reach your license limit, SQL Diagnostic Manager does not let you add new instances. When your trial period expires, SQL Diagnostic Manager ceases to run.

To open the License Keys window, select **Help > Manage Licenses** from the Toolbar menu.



If you change the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository to a different instance, make sure to request a new license key from IDERA Sales as this scenario is not supported.

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Use the trial license

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes a limited-time trial account with every installation. Note that IDERA provides separate trial and production installations.

As the end of the trial period nears, SQL Diagnostic Manager warns you each time you start the console that your trial period is ending. At the end of this trial period, if the license is not upgraded, SQL Diagnostic Manager stops functioning.

SQL Diagnostic Manager limits the number of monitored SQL Server instances to 15 when using a trial license.

Upgrade your trial license to a full license

1. Contact IDERA Sales to upgrade your SQL Diagnostic Manager trial license.
2. Select **Help > Manage Licenses**.
3. Enter the new license key in the **New Key** section and click **Enter**. When prompted to type or copy to replace the current key, click **Yes** to continue.



If after upgrading to a full license you desire to move your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository to another instance, make sure to request a new license key from [IDERASales](#) as this scenario is not supported.

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Add a new license

If you would like to monitor additional SQL Server instances beyond the limits of your existing license, contact [IDERA Sales](#) to purchase additional licenses.

Once you receive a new license, open the License Keys window by clicking **Help > Manage Licenses**. Type your license key in the available space, and then click **Enter**. Your new license lists the number of additional SQL Server instances that you can monitor by SQL Diagnostic Manager. Each new license you add to SQL Diagnostic Manager adds to the total number of SQL Server instances that you can monitor.

To get a new license, contact your [IDERA Sales](#) representative.

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Generate a new license key

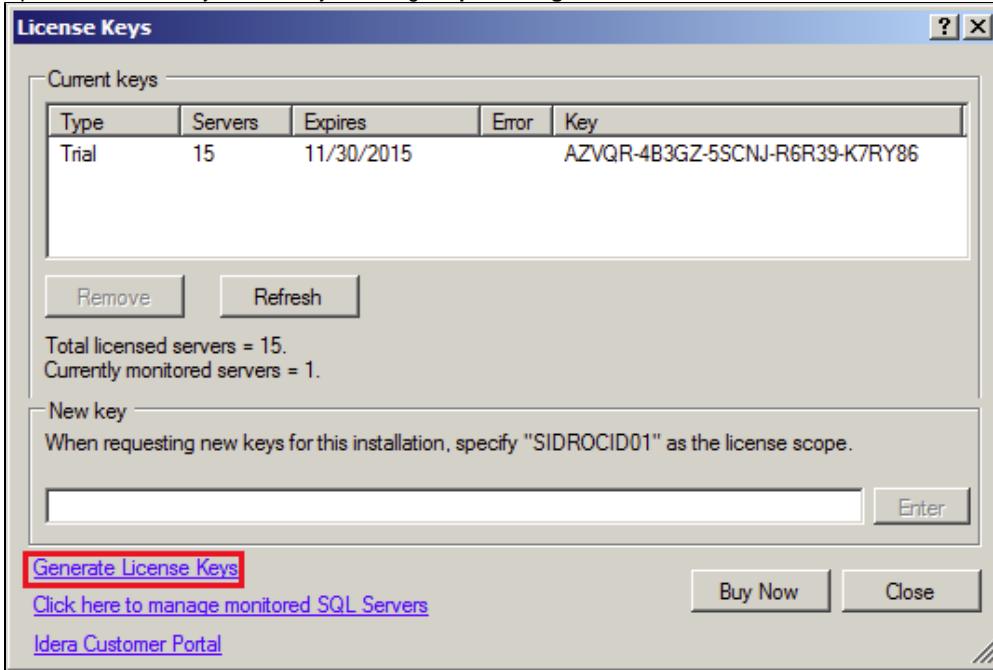
SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a new self-service licensing model that allows you to generate new license keys by logging in to the IDERA Customer Portal or by using the license manager utility.

 To upgrade to SQL Diagnostic Manager 9.0 or higher versions, a new license key is required.

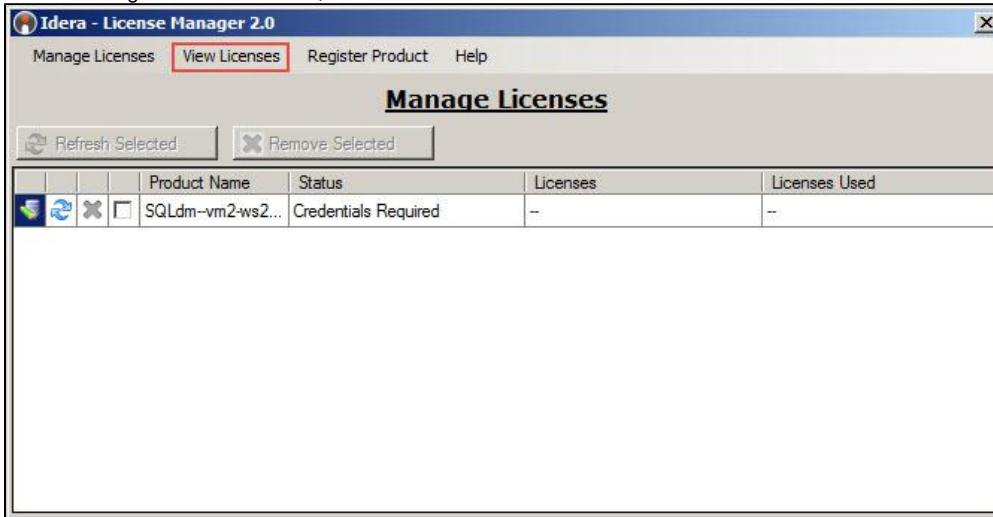
Log in the IDERA Customer portal and generate a new license key

To generate a new license key:

1. Open the License Keys window by selecting **Help > Manage Licenses** from the Toolbar menu, and click **Generate License Keys**.



2. On the Manage Licenses window, click **View Licenses**.



3. On the Login to the IDERA Customer Portal window, type your email address in the corresponding space.
4. Enter your password in the appropriate space.
5. Click **Log in** and follow the instructions in the IDERA Customer Portal.

Use the license manager utility and generate a new license

To generate a new license key:

1. Open the License Keys window by selecting **Help > Manage Licenses** from the Toolbar menu, and click **Generate License Keys**.

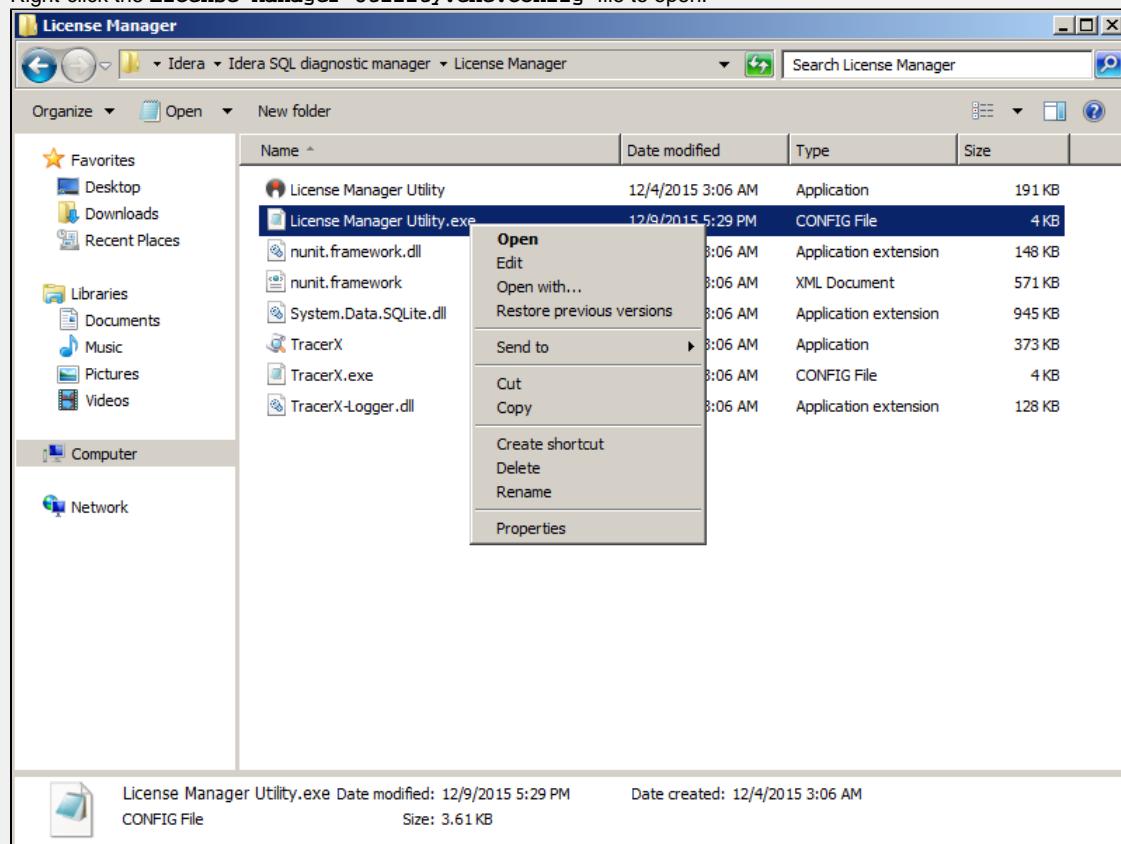
2. On the Manage Licenses window, click the Edit icon ().
3. On the Enter credentials to connect window, type your username in the appropriate space.
4. Enter your password in the corresponding space.
5. Select the authentication method by clicking the **Windows** button or the **SQL** button.
6. Click **Log in** and follow the instructions.

License Manager Workaround

SQL Diagnostic Manager version 10.0 is designed to integrate with License Manager 2.0, allowing for a self-service licensing model. However, an issue in the Generate License Keys link of the License Keys window fails to direct to License Manager. To solve this issue follow the steps below:

To update the License Manager configuration file:

1. Access the configuration file at: C:\Program Files\Idera\Idera SQL diagnostic manager\License Manager.
2. Right-click the **License Manager Utility.exe.config** file to open.



3. Update the tags under appSettings to: <add key="ServiceUrl" value="https://licensemanager.idera.com/LMService/Service.svc/"> and <add key="ForgotPasswordUrl" value="http://idera.force.com/apex/PortalForgotPassword"/>.

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<!-- output generated before this point is preserved when the log wraps. -->
<circularStartSizeKB value="100"/>
<!-- This specifies the number of seconds after opening the log file when circular logging begins if it hasn't already begun. -->
<circularStartDelaySeconds value="400000000"/>
</LogFile>
<!-- This controls the application event logging performed by TracerX. -->
<!-- Events 1-100 are errors (e.g. the file can't be opened). -->
<!-- Events 101-200 are warnings (e.g. max file size reached without starting circular logging). -->
<!-- Events 201-300 are information (e.g. the output file was opened successfully). -->
<!-- Generally, there should be no errors or warnings, so the recommended value is 200. -->
<MaxEventNumber value="200"/>
<!-- Specify a Logger element for each Logger object whose TraceLevel you want to set. -->
<!-- Child loggers whose trace levels aren't explicitly set will inherit their parent's trace level. -->
<!-- Parent-child relationships are determined by the "dotted" substrings of the logger names, -->
<!-- much like C# namespaces. -->
<!-- The "Root" logger is the ultimate ancestor of all loggers. other loggers will inherit the root -->
<!-- trace level unless they are explicitly set here or programmatically. -->
<Logger name="Root">
    <Level value="VERBOSE"/>
</Logger>
</TracerX>
</userSettings>
<Idera.LicenseManager.DesktopUtility.Settings>
    <setting name="RegisteredProducts" serializeAs="String">
        <value/>
    </setting>
</Idera.LicenseManager.Desktoputility.Settings>
</userSettings>
<appSettings>
    <add key="ServiceUrl" value="https://idysqlmaud0142.redhouse.hq/LMService/Service.svc/" />
    <add key="ForgotPasswordUrl" value="http://ben-idera.cs15.force.com/apex/PortalForgotPassword" />
</appSettings>
</configuration>

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4. Save and exit.

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Manage your SQL Server instances

The Manage Servers window (**File > Manage Servers**) allows you to see all the SQL Server instances monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager. You can:

- Add new SQL Server instances to SQL Diagnostic Manager
- Edit the SQL Diagnostic Manager configuration for a particular SQL Server instance
- Remove a SQL Server instance from SQL Diagnostic Manager
- Access the [VM Configuration window](#) to associate your monitored virtual SQL Server instances to a host machine
- Apply an existing alert template to a server or group of servers
- Test the connection status of your SQL Server instances

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Edit your Management Service configuration

The SQLDM Management Service Configuration wizard allows you to change how the SQLDM Management Service interacts with the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

You can edit the SQLDM Management Service settings whenever you change the location of your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository or if you want to change the account or authentication method the SQLDM Management Service uses to connect to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.

Access the Management Service Configuration wizard

You can access the SQLDM Management Service Configuration wizard by running the `SQLdmManagementServiceConsole.exe` file in your root SQL Diagnostic Manager directory.

To use the SQLdm Management Service Configuration wizard:

1. Run `SQLdmManagementServiceConsole.exe` in your root SQL Diagnostic Manager directory.
2. Click **Next** on the Welcome window.
3. Enter your Repository information.
4. Enter the Authentication method that you want the SQLdm Management Service to use to write configuration and collected statistics to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository.
5. Click **Test** to verify the connection.
6. Click **Next**.
7. Verify the changes are correct.
8. Click **Finish** to apply the changes.

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Select a SQL Server instance for the Management Service

The SQLDM Management Service Configuration wizard allows you to select the SQL Server instance for the SQLDM Management Service to connect with the SQLDM Repository. Select the appropriate SQL Server instance from the lists of available local and network instances, and then click **OK**.

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Select a database for the Management Service

The SQLDM Management Service Configuration wizard allows you to select the database for the SQLDM Management Service to connect with the SQLDM Repository. Select the appropriate database from the list of available databases, and then click **OK**.

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Monitored metrics

SQL Diagnostic Manager collects a number of SQL Server and operating system performance metrics to help you monitor, alert, and report on your system health. SQL Diagnostic Manager includes a number of metrics for your use, such as:

- Batches Received (Per Second)
- Blocked Sessions (Count)
- Buffer Cache Hit Ratio (Percent)
- Client Computers
- Compiles (Per Second)
- Data Used (Percent)
- Database Status
- Disk Queue Length
- Disk Time (Percent)
- I/O Waits
- Lock Waits
- Log Flushes
- Log Space Used (Percent)
- Memory Page Faults (Per Second)
- Memory Paging
- Memory Waits
- Other Waits
- Packets Received (Per Second)
- Packets Sent and Received
- Packets Sent (Per Second)
- Page Reads (Per Second)
- Page Writes (Per Second)
- Percent of SQL Server Data Space Used
- Percent of SQL Server Log Space Used
- Physical Page Reads and Writes
- Processor Queue Length
- Re-compiles Per Second
- Signal Waits
- SQL Server Batches Received
- SQL Server CPU Usage
- SQL Server Log Space Used (Percent)
- SQL Server Memory Usage
- SQL Server Response Time
- Total Memory Usage
- Transaction Log Waits
- Transactions (Per Second)
- Wait type category - Backup
- Wait type category - I/O Page Latch
- Wait type category - Lock
- Wait type category - Memory
- Wait type category - Non-I/O Page Latch
- Wait type category - Non-Page Latch
- Wait type category - Other
- Wait type category - Transaction Log

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Batches Received (Per Second)

The Batches Received (Per Second) metric counts the total number of batch requests that the SQL Server computer receives per second. This rate is a measurement of throughput on the processor.

This metric uses the counter `Batch requests/sec` from the SQL Server `SQL Statistics` counter object. On SQL Server 2000 instances, this counter is available through `sysperfinfo`. On SQL Server 2005 or later instances, this counter is available through `sys.dm_os_performance_counters`.

To track this metric, use the [CPU Call Rates chart](#) in the CPU dashboard of the Server Overview tab.

While this counter has no good or bad value, each of these T-SQL batches must be:

1. Transmitted to the server using the network.
2. Parsed by SQL Server to check syntax.
3. Have an execution plan compiled.
4. Executed according to the execution plan.
5. Have the results transmitted back to the client computer or Web site.

Reduce the number and impact of T-SQL batches

In this situation, you should reduce the number of T-SQL batches and the impact of each as much as possible by:

- Reducing the size and complexity of the T-SQL by creating a stored procedure containing the commands you want executed and then simply calling it in the T-SQL batch. This approach reduces the size and complexity of the T-SQL batch, which means less network traffic and less CPU time consumed producing a complex execution plan.
- Once you move most of the T-SQL code into stored procedures, consider grouping as many of those calling T-SQL commands into a single network batch, if possible. Also consider redesigning the application to call only those stored procedures you need to complete an application function all from within one batch rather than sending each `EXECUTE` statement to execute separately in its own batch. This strategy reduces network queues dramatically as better use is made of the default 4 KB network packet size.

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Blocked Sessions (Count)

The Blocked Sessions (Count) metric counts the number of sessions on the SQL Server instance blocked by other sessions holding requested locks.

By default, a blocked session waits forever for a lock. You can change this behavior by adding `SET LOCKTIMEOUT 60000` to the top of the first T-SQL batch after you make a connection.

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Buffer Cache Hit Ratio (Percent)

The Buffer Cache Hit Ratio (Percent) metric calculates the percentage of data pages SQL Server found in memory without reading the data from the disk subsystem. This value is measured by reading the 'buffer cache hit ratio' from `sysperfinfo`. The higher this value is the more efficiently the system is running.

Reduce the percentage of memory used by SQL Server

Once SQL Server is up for at least 30 minutes, use the following solutions if values lower than 85% regularly occur:

- Add more physical memory (RAM) to the computer.
- If your site makes use of extended stored procedures that are infrequently called, then after calling them, issue a `DBCC DLLNAME (FREE)`. Once an extended stored procedure is called, it remains in memory until SQL Server is shut down even if it is never again called, which then wastes available memory. A `DBCC dllname (FREE)` releases that memory for use by both the procedure cache and Data Pages, which has a significant positive effect on both the Procedure Cache Hit Ratio and the Buffer Cache Hit Ratio. Execute `sp_helptextedproc` to view the extended stored procedures currently loaded in memory by SQL Server.
- Allowing SQL Server to consume more of the available memory, making sure that OS Paging does not increase.
- Limit SQL Server computers to performing only SQL Server work. Stop any unnecessary programs, such as allowing the computer to act as either a primary or backup domain controller.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, then consider placing each instance on a separate physical computer.

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Client Computers

The Client Computers metric calculates the number of distinct connected network adapters currently using the SQL Server instance. This value is measured by getting the count of processes from distinct computers in `sysprocesses` table.

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SQL Compilations (Per Second)

This metric calculates the number of SQL compilations per second, including statement-level re-compilations.

This metric uses the counter `SQL Compilations/sec` from the SQL Server `SQL Statistics` counter object. On SQL Server 2000 instances, this counter is available through `sysperfinfo`. On SQL Server 2005 or later instances, this counter is available through `sys.dm_os_performance_counters`.

A high number of compilations (greater than 100 per second) can indicate a high server workload or that there is more recompilation overhead than necessary. Too many compilations can impact a server's performance.

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Data Used (Percent)

The Data Used (Percent) metric calculates the size of all data files used as a percent of the added allocated size of all data files.

In a typical medium-to-large-scale OLTP environment with a data file size of over 50 GB, this value slowly increases over time in a linear fashion with the population of any available history tables.

Reduce the percentage of data used

If your site experiences a sudden sharp increase in this value of over 10% in an hour, investigate the issue to fully understand the underlying causes which often lead to poor performance. Possible causes include:

- A large number of rows were inserted into a table. If so, then make sure that the table is not fragmented due to this operation. To verify, run DBCC SHOWCONTIG.
- An index with very poor cardinality (uniqueness) was added to a large table. Indexes with poor cardinality often exceed the size of the underlying table itself and in almost all cases are not used by any SQL Server query.
- A large number of rows were incorrectly changed by performing an insert of a new row followed by a delete of the old row. Although the net effect of the change is essentially the same number of rows; the database would have grown significantly in size and require you to issue a DBCC SHRINKDATABASE. It is likely that the table is also fragmented because the inserts were done before the deletes so run DB CC SHOWCONTIG. Always delete the old rows out of a table first before inserting the new rows; otherwise the tables are fragmented more quickly, databases increase in size, and the performance of the transactions is degraded due to the large number of page splits the table had to undergo.

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Database Status

The Database Status metric indicates the operational status of the database, such as Normal, Offline, or Suspect. You can select the database status for which you want to receive alerts.

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Disk Queue Length

The Disk Queue Length metric counts the average number of system requests that are waiting for disk access on the computer hosting the SQL Server instance. The Disk view on the Resources tab allows you to track your Disk Queue Length, along with other key disk statistics, over a period of time on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance.

Reasons why this metric has no value

SQL Diagnostic Manager is unable to collect the corresponding counter due to one of the following reasons:

- It usually takes two refreshes to begin populating the Disk Queue metric, which occurs within a few seconds.
- OS Metrics collection is disabled or not working properly. You must enable OS Metrics collection for SQLdm to collect hardware performance metrics.
- Lightweight Pooling is enabled. SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect OS metrics if Lightweight Pooling is enabled on the SQL Server instance.
- The counter does not exist on this SQL Server instance.

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Disk Time (Percent)

The Disk Time (Percent) metric calculates the percentage of elapsed time during which all the disks were busy servicing read and write requests on the SQL Server computer. This counter is measured by subtracting the Disk Idle Time percent from 100. The WMI object `Win32_PerfRawData_PerfDisk_PhysicalDisk` property `PercentIdleTime` is measured to get Disk Idle Time percent.

Reduce disk time

If this metric value regularly exceeds 75%, consider the following solutions:

- Check OS Paging to make sure that paging from/to the swap file is not causing these IOs.
- Distribute the data and logs over more disks.
- Replace disks with faster disks.
- Add more memory if the main cause is Disk Reads.
- Switch from a RAID 5 to RAID 10 solution if Disk Writes make up more than 20% of total disk access.
- Move non-SQL Server applications to another computer.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, consider placing each instance on a separate computer.

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I_O Waits

The I/O Waits metric calculates the length of time that SQL Server processes had to wait for I/O to become available. This rate is a measurement of throughput on the SQL Server computer processor, as determined by the SQL Server workload.

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Lock Waits

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Log Flushes (Per Second)

The Log Flushes (Per Second) metric reads LOG_FLUSHES/SEC from sysperfinfo. Each time data changes, the changes write to the log cache, which resides in memory. Under certain conditions, this log cache is flushed to disk. These situations include:

- A commit or roll back of an explicit or implicit transaction.
- A CHECKPOINT statement execution.
- SQL Server issues an automatic checkpoint.
- The Log Cache is full and needs emptying.

Reduce log flushes

On an OLTP system that runs relatively small transactions (on average, less than 40 rows added, changed, or deleted per transaction), the number of Log Flushes should not exceed SQL Batches by more than 40% during periods of high activity. If you exceed this percentage, then one of the following abnormal conditions exists:

- T-SQL batches sent for execution contain a number of individual data manipulation statements (inserts, deletes, or updates) not enclosed within a transaction.
- Large batch jobs which update significant amounts of data are run during the day.
- Deadlocks or Lock Timeouts are causing a number of transactions to roll back or execute a ROLLBACK TRANSACTION statement.
- Your Recovery Interval parameter is too low. Raise this parameter to 10-15 minutes.
- An explicit CHECKPOINT statement is executed within some transactions.
- If you need to delete the entire contents of a table, use the TRUNCATE TABLE statement instead of DELETE as it produces less log flushes.

If you implement the previously-mentioned measures and the Log Flushes still greatly exceed 140% of SQL Batches, then consider:

- Switching your RAID array from a RAID 5 to a RAID 10 solution. Each write IO results in two writes using RAID 10 vs. 4 for RAID 5 (100% more efficient with writes).
- As long as the RAID controller has some form of battery backup, then switch its cache mode from Write-through to Write-back, as this setting increases the system's ability to handle write IOs by an order of magnitude.
- Adding more cache memory to the RAID controller.

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Memory Page Faults (Per Second)

This metric calculates the page fault rate for all processes on the SQL Server computer. The WMI object Win32_PerfRawData_PerfOS_Memory property PagesPersec is measured to get this value. For optimal performance, the page fault rate should either be either 0 or very low.

Reduce memory page faults

Use the following solutions to reduce the page fault rate if it rises above 100 for a period of time longer than a momentary spike:

- Decrease the memory being used by stopping unnecessary programs such as the Print Spooler from running on the dedicated SQL Server computer. You should also eliminate activities such as the server acting as a PDC or BDC and (as a last resort) reducing the amount of memory SQL Server may consume.
- Add more physical memory on the computer.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, then consider moving each instance to a separate physical computer.

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Memory Paging

The Memory Paging metric counts the number of pages being swapped in and out of memory per second. The **Memory** view on the **Resources** tab allows you to track paging and other key memory statistics over a period of time.

Reasons why this metric has no value

SQL Diagnostic Manager is unable to collect the corresponding counter due to one of the following reasons:

- It usually takes two refreshes to begin populating the Memory Paging metric, which occurs within a few seconds.
- OS Metrics collection is disabled or not working properly. You must enable OS Metrics collection for SQLdm to collect hardware performance metrics.
- Lightweight Pooling is enabled. SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect OS metrics if Lightweight Pooling is enabled on the SQL Server instance.
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Memory Waits

This metric calculates the length of time that SQL Server processes had to wait for SQL Server memory to become available. This rate is a measurement of throughput on the SQL Server computer processor, as determined by the SQL Server workload.

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Other Waits

This metric includes any additional waits occurring on this SQL Server outside of the following wait categories:

- I/O
- Locks
- Memory
- Signal

Waits are a measurement of throughput on the SQL Server computer processor, as determined by the SQL Server workload. To get more details about monitored wait statistics, see the [Server Waits view](#), and review the Microsoft Best Practice Article [SQL Server Waits and Queues](#).

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Packets Received (Per Second)

This metric is calculated as a rate between two refreshes of the value of the system statistical function @@pack_received. If this value is consistently high, consider changing the packet size.

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Packets Sent and Received

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Packets Sent (Per Second)

This metric is calculated as a rate between two refreshes of the value of the system statistical function @@pack_sent. If this value is consistently high, consider changing the packet size.

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Page Reads (Per Second)

This metric counts the number of physical reads the disk sub-system performs to bring SQL Server database pages into the data (buffer) cache. For the first few minutes after you start or restart SQL Server, almost any request for data is retrieved from disk. As the data cache fills, these requests are reduced. This value is measured by reading 'PAGE READS/SEC' from sysperfinfo.

Currently, even the fastest disks can support a maximum sustained rate of around only 85 random IOs per second. To determine if your IO subsystem is "flooded," perform the following calculation:

On RAID 10: $((\text{Page reads} + \text{read ahead pages} + (\text{page writes} + \text{checkpoint pages} + \text{lazy writes} + \text{log flushes}) \times 2)) / \text{number of disk spindles in RAID array}$ must be < 65.

Reduce page reads

If the page reads rate exceeds 65 for more than five seconds every 20 minutes, then consider these solutions:

- Add more physical memory (RAM) to the computer.
- If your site makes use of extended stored procedures that are not called very often, then after calling them, issue a DBCC DLLNAME (FREE). Once an extended stored procedure is called, it remains in memory until SQL Server is shut down even if it is never called again. This is tremendously wasteful in terms of available memory and a DBCC DLLNAME (FREE) releases that memory for use by both the procedure cache as well as the Data Pages which have a significant positive effect on both the Procedure Cache Hit Ratio as well as the Buffer Cache Hit Ratio. In order to view the extended stored procedures currently loaded in memory by SQL Server, execute SP_HELPXENDEDPROC.
- Allow SQL Server to consume more of the available memory (making sure that OS Paging does not increase).
- If you are running large, batch-style reporting queries on the OLTP server, then large numbers of data pages are flushed from cache causing much additional IO overhead. In this situation, set up a separate SQL Server Reports computer to service all but the smallest reports. You can feed this Reports Server via backups and Log Shipping from the OLTP server.
- Stop unnecessary programs (such as the Print Spooler or activities such as the database server acting as either a BDC or PDC) from running.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, then consider placing each instance on a separate physical computer.

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Page Writes (Per Second)

This metric counts the number of physical database writes the disk sub-system performs. This value is measured by reading PAGE READS/SEC from sysperfinfo.

Currently, even the fastest disks can support a maximum sustained rate of around only 85 random IOs per second. To determine if your IO subsystem is "flooded," perform the following calculation:

- On RAID 5: $((\text{Page reads} + \text{read ahead pages} + (\text{page writes} + \text{checkpoint pages} + \text{lazy writes} + \text{log flushes}) \times 4)) / \text{number of disk spindles in RAID array}$ must be < 65.
- On RAID 10: $((\text{Page reads} + \text{read ahead pages} + (\text{page writes} + \text{checkpoint pages} + \text{lazy writes} + \text{log flushes}) \times 2)) / \text{number of disk spindles in RAID array}$ must be < 65.

Reduce page writes

If the page writes rate exceeds 65 for more than five seconds every 20 minutes, then consider the following:

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Percent of SQL Server Data Space Used

This metric calculates the percentage of the allocated disk space for databases that is being used by the SQL Server instance. The total size allocated to the databases is the sum of unused space, data space, and index space. Data space includes leaf level clustered index pages, since these pages are the data pages. Index space excludes the leaf pages of clustered indexes. The Files view on the Databases tab allows you to view detailed data file information including the data size and the percentage of allocated file size being used on each of your databases.

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Percent of SQL Server Log Space Used

This metric calculates the percentage of the allocated space for logs that is currently being used. The Files view on the Databases tab allows you to view detailed log information including the log size and the percentage of allocated file size being used on each of your databases.

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Physical Page Reads and Writes

This metric counts the number of physical page reads and writes to disk from the SQL Server instance.

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Processor Queue Length

This metric counts the number of ready threads in the processor queue on the computer that hosts the SQL Server instance. The WMI object `Win32_PerfRawData_PerfOS_System` property `ProcessorQueueLength` is measured to get processor queue length count.

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Re-compiles (Per Second)

The Re-compiles (Per Second) metric calculates the rate of re-compiles on your monitored instance, using the counter SQL Re-Compilations/sec from the SQL Server SQL Statistics counter object.

On SQL Server 2000 instances, this counter is available through `sysperfinfo` and represents the rate of batch re-compilations per second.

On SQL Server 2005 or later instances, this counter is available through `sys.dm_os_performance_counters` and represents the rate of statement-level re-compilations per second.

Typically, this metric value is low. A high re-compilation rate may be a sign of excessive re-compilation overhead. Causes of re-compiles include various events including schema changes, statistics updates, and explicit calls to `WITH RECOMPILE`. Excessive re-compilation impacts your server performance.

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Signal waits

This metric calculates the length of time that SQL Server processes had to wait for CPU time after the associated resources became available for processing. This rate is a measurement of throughput on the SQL Server computer processor, as determined by the SQL Server workload.

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SQL Server Batches Received (Per Second)

The SQL Server Batches Received (Per Second) metric counts the number of T-SQL batches that SQL Server receives for execution every second. This value is measured by reading 'batch requests/sec' from sysperfinfo. While this counter has no good or bad value, each of these T-SQL batches must:

1. Be transmitted to the server using the network.
2. Be parsed by SQL Server to check syntax.
3. Include a compiled execution plan.
4. Include an executed execution plan.
5. Transmit the results back to the client computer or Web.

You must minimize the number and reduce the impact of these T-SQL batches as much as possible by:

- Reducing the size and complexity of the T-SQL by creating a stored procedure containing the commands you want executed, and then simply calling it in the T-SQL batch. This action reduces the size and complexity of the T-SQL batch, resulting in less network traffic and CPU time consumed producing a complex execution plan.
- Grouping as many calling T-SQL commands into a single network batch after you move most of the T-SQL code into stored procedures. Redesign the application to call whatever stored procedures you need to complete an application function all from within one batch rather than sending each EXECUTE statement to execute separately in its own batch. This action dramatically reduces network queues as you make better use of the default network packet size of 4 KB.

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SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)

The SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent) metric calculates the percentage of CPU time used by the SQL Server instance. This value is calculated by the percentage of time in a query spent by the I/O, idle, and CPU times on the computer that hosts the SQL Server instance.

To track this metric, use the [CPU Usage chart](#) in the CPU dashboard of the Server Overview tab.

Lower SQL Server CPU usage

If this value regularly exceeds 75%, consider taking the following actions:

- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations, as they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled. You can remove most of these reasons by careful coding.
- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a Stored Procedure, Trigger, or Ad Hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced.

For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.

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Log Space Used (Percent)

The Log Space Used (Percent) metric calculates the added size all log files used as a percent of summed allocated size of all data files.

A transaction log continues to grow until its inactive portion is truncated. Transaction log truncation occurs because either:

- the BACKUP LOG statement successfully concluded, or
- if the database is using the Simple Recovery Model, then a CHECKPOINT T-SQL statement executes or SQL Server performed an internal automatic CHECKPOINT. SQL Server performs this action if the log reaches 70% full or when SQL Server determines the length of time to recover from the log, in the event of a failure, exceeds the Recovery Interval option.

Only the inactive portion of the log is ever removed. The inactive portion of the log is the portion of the log up to but not including the start date/time of the oldest open transaction. No matter which method is used to truncate the log, if there is a perpetually open transaction then the log continues to grow in size until it consumes all available disk space.

Reduce the percentage of the log used

If your transaction log size continues to grow despite issuing BACKUP LOG or CHECKPOINT statements, check for a rogue transaction. Begin your research by sorting the Last Batch column on the SQL Processes grid into ascending mode such that the processes containing the oldest batches appear first. Scroll down the list until you find the first user process with a non-zero number of transactions in its Trans column, and then kill this process. Once this is done, perform a CHECKPOINT or BACKUP LOG to reduce the Log File Used Size.

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SQL Server Memory Usage

This metric calculates the percentage total memory being used on the computer hosting the selected instance by SQL Server. The Memory view on the Resources tab allows you to track the SQL Server memory usage, along with other key memory statistics, on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance.

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SQL Server Response Time (ms)

This metric calculates the time (in milliseconds) that SQL Diagnostic Manager currently needs to send a simple SQL command to the SQL Server instance, have it processed, and receive the returned result set.

Typically, this value should average below 2000 ms for a well tuned network and server. Average values in excess of 2000 ms indicate either an excessively busy network segment or a stressed SQL Server.

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Total Memory Usage

This metric calculates the percentage of physical memory and virtual memory Windows is using. The Memory view on the Resources tab allows you to track the Total Memory usage along with other key memory statistics on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance.

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Transaction Log Waits

This metric calculates the length of time that SQL Server processes had to wait for the transaction log to become available. This rate is a measurement of throughput on the SQL Server computer processor, as determined by the SQL Server workload.

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Transactions (Per Second)

This metric calculates the total number of transactions per second across all databases on the monitored instance.

This metric uses the counter `Transactions/sec` from the SQL Server Databases counter object and `_Total` instance. On SQL Server 2000 instances, this counter is available through `sysperfinfo`. On SQL Server 2005 or later instances, this counter is available through `sys.dm_os_performance_counters`.

This rate is a measurement of throughput on the processor, as determined by the SQL Server workload. Although this rate measures activity within a transaction, and a higher transaction rate indicates a higher risk of resource issues, it does not account for all activity on the SQL Server computer.

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Wait type category - Backup

The Backup wait type category includes all the waits that are associated with bottlenecks caused during a backup process, including the following:

- BACKUP
- BACKUP_CLIENTLOCK
- BACKUP_OPERATOR
- BACKUPBUFFER
- BACKUPIO
- BACKUPTHREAD
- DISKIO_SUSPEND

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Wait type category - I/O Page Latch

The I/O Page Latch wait type category includes all the waits that are associated with non-I/O page latch bottlenecks, including the following:

- ASYNC_IO_COMPLETION
- IO_COMPLETION
- PAGEIOLATCH_DT
- PAGEIOLATCH_EX
- PAGEIOLATCH_KP
- PAGEIOLATCH_NL
- PAGEIOLATCH_SH
- PAGEIOLATCH_UP

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Wait type category - Lock

The Lock wait type category includes all the waits that are caused when a task is waiting to acquire a lock, including the following:

- LCK_M_BU
- LCK_M_IS
- LCK_M_IU
- LCK_M_IX
- LCK_M_RIn_NL
- LCK_M_RIn_S
- LCK_M_RIn_U
- LCK_M_RIn_X
- LCK_M_RS_S
- LCK_M_RS_U
- LCK_M_RX_S
- LCK_M_RX_U
- LCK_M_RX_X
- LCK_M_S
- LCK_M_SCH_M
- LCK_M_SCH_S
- LCK_M_SIU
- LCK_M_SIX
- LCK_M_U
- LCK_M_UIX
- LCK_M_X
- XACTLOCKINFO

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Wait type category - Memory

The Memory wait type category includes all the waits that are associated with memory bottlenecks, including the following:

- CMEMTHREAD
- RESOURCE_SEMAPHORE
- RESOURCE_SEMAPHORE_MUTEX
- RESOURCE_SEMAPHORE_QUERY_COMPILE
- RESOURCE_SEMAPHORE_SMALL_QUERY
- SOS_RESERVEDMEMBLOCKLIST

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Wait type category - Non-I/O Page Latch

The Non-I/O Page Latch wait type category includes all the waits that are associated with non-I/O page latch bottlenecks, including the following:

- PAGELATCH_DT
- PAGELATCH_EX
- PAGELATCH_KP
- PAGELATCH_NL
- PAGELATCH_SH
- PAGELATCH_UP

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Wait type category - Non-Page Latch

The Non-Page Latch wait type category includes all the waits that are caused when a task is waiting for a latch that is not related to paging, including the following:

- LATCH_DT
- LATCH_EX
- LATCH_KP
- LATCH_NL
- LATCH_SH
- LATCH_UP
- TRAN_MARKLATCH_DT
- TRAN_MARKLATCH_EX
- TRAN_MARKLATCH_KP
- TRAN_MARKLATCH_NL
- TRAN_MARKLATCH_SH
- TRAN_MARKLATCH_UP

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Wait type category - Other

This wait type category includes all the waits that do not belong to the Memory, I/O, Lock, Transaction Log, Non-I/O Page Latch, Non-Page Latch, or Backup categories.

The following waits are associated with the Other category:

- ABR
- ASSEMBLY_LOAD
- AUDIT_GROUPCACHE_LOCK
- AUDIT_LOGINCACHE_LOCK
- AUDIT_ON_DEMAND_TARGET_LOCK
- AUDIT_XE_SESSION_MGR
- BUILTIN_HASHKEY_MUTEX
- CHECK_PRINT_RECORD
- CLEAR_DB
- CLR_AUTO_EVENT
- CLR_CRST
- CLR_JOIN
- CLR_MANUAL_EVENT
- CLR_MEMORY_SPY
- CLR_MONITOR
- CLR_RWLOCK_READER
- CLR_RWLOCK_WRITER
- CLR_TASK_START
- CLRHOST_STATE_ACCESS
- COMMIT_TABLE
- CURSOR_ASYNC
- CXROWSET_SYNC
- DAC_INIT
- DBMIRROR_DBM_EVENT
- DBMIRROR_DBM_MUTEX
- DBMIRROR_SEND
- DBMIRROR_WORKER_QUEUE
- DBMIRRORING_CMD
- DBTABLE
- DEADLOCK_ENUM_MUTEX
- DEADLOCK_TASK_SEARCH
- DEBUG
- DISABLE_VERSIONING
- DISPATCHER_QUEUE_SEMAPHORE
- DLL_LOADING_MUTEX
- DROPTEMP
- DTC
- DTC_ABORT_REQUEST
- DTC_RESOLVE
- DTC_STATE
- DTC_TMDOWN_REQUEST
- DTC_WAITFOR_OUTCOME
- DUMP_LOG_COORDINATOR
- DUMP_LOG_COORDINATOR_QUEUE
- DUMPTRIGGER
- EC
- EE_PMOLOCK
- EE_SPECPROC_MAP_INIT
- ENABLE_VERSIONING
- ERROR_REPORTING_MANAGER
- EXECSYNC
- EXECUTION_PIPE_EVENT_INTERNAL
- FAILPOINT
- FCB_REPLICA_READ
- FCB_REPLICA_START
- FCB_REPLICA_WRITE
- FS_FC_RWLOCK
- FS_GARBAGE_COLLECTOR_SHUTDOWN
- FS_HEADER_RWLOCK
- FS_LOGTRUNC_RWLOCK
- FSA_FORCE_OWN_XACT
- FSAGENT
- FSTR_CONFIG_MUTEX
- FSTR_CONFIG_RWLOCK
- FT_COMPROWSET_RWLOCK

- FT_IFTS_RWLOCK
- FT_IFTSHC_MUTEX
- FT_IFTSIM_MUTEX
- FT_MASTER_MERGE
- FT_METADATA_MUTEX
- FT_RESTART_CRAWL
- FT_RESUME_CRAWL
- FULLTEXT_GATHERER
- GUARDIAN
- HTTP_ENDPOINT_COLLCREATE
- HTTP_ENUMERATION
- HTTP_START
- IMP_IMPORT_MUTEX
- IMPPROV_IOWAIT
- INDEX_USAGE_STATS_MUTEX
- INTERNAL_TESTING
- IO_AUDIT_MUTEX
- IO_RETRY
- IOAFF_RANGE_QUEUE
- KTM_ENLISTMENT
- KTM_RECOVERY_MANAGER
- KTM_RECOVERY_RESOLUTION
- LOGGENERATION
- LOGMGR
- LOGMGR_FLUSH
- LOGMGR_QUEUE
- LOGMGR_reserve_APPEND
- LOWFAIL_MEMMGR_QUEUE
- METADATA_LAZYCACHE_RWLOCK
- MIRROR_SEND_MESSAGE
- MSQL_DQ
- MSQL_SYNC_PIPE
- MSQL_XACT_MGR_MUTEX
- MSQL_XACT_MUTEX
- MSQL_XP
- MSSEARCH
- NET_WAITFOR_PACKET
- NODE_CACHE_MUTEX
- OLEDB
- PARALLEL_BACKUP_QUEUE
- PERFORMANCE_COUNTERS_RWLOCK
- PLACEHOLDER1
- PLACEHOLDER2
- PRINT_ROLLBACK_PROGRESS
- QNMANAGER_ACQUIRE
- QPJOB_KILL
- QPJOB_WAITFOR_ABORT
- QRY_MEM_GRANT_INFO_MUTEX
- QUERY_ERRHDL_SERVICE_DONE
- QUERY_EXECUTION_INDEX_SORT_EVENT_OPEN
- QUERY_NOTIFICATION_MGR_MUTEX
- QUERY_NOTIFICATION_SUBSCRIPTION_MUTEX
- QUERY_NOTIFICATION_TABLE_MGR_MUTEX
- QUERY_NOTIFICATION_UNITTEST_MUTEX
- QUERY_OPTIMIZER_PRINT_MUTEX
- QUERY_TRACEOUT
- QUERY_WAIT_ERRHDL_SERVICE
- RECOVER_CHANGEDB
- REPL_CACHE_ACCESS
- REPL_HISTORYCACHE_ACCESS
- REPL_SCHEMA_ACCESS
- REPL_TRANHASHTABLE_ACCESS
- REPLICA_WRITES
- REQUEST_DISPENSER_PAUSE
- RESMGR_THROTTLED
- RFS_MSGPUMP
- RFS_NOTIFYTHREAD
- RFS_STARTUP
- RG_RECONFIG
- SEC_DROP_TEMP_KEY
- SECURITY_MUTEX
- SEQUENTIAL_GUID

- SERVER_IDLE_CHECK
- SHUTDOWN
- SNI_CRITICAL_SECTION
- SNI_HTTP_ACCEPT
- SNI_HTTP_WAITFOR_0_DISCON
- SNI_LISTENER_ACCESS
- SNI_TASK_COMPLETION
- SOAP_READ
- SOAP_WRITE
- SOS_CALLBACK_REMOVAL
- SOS_DISPATCHER_MUTEX
- SOS_LOCALALLOCATORLIST
- SOS_MEMORY_USAGE_ADJUSTMENT
- SOS_OBJECT_STORE_DESTROY_MUTEX
- SOS_PROCESS_AFFINITY_MUTEX
- SOS_SMALL_PAGE_ALLOC
- SOS_STACKSTORE_INIT_MUTEX
- SOS_SYNC_TASK_ENQUEUE_EVENT
- SOS_VIRTUALMEMORY_LOW
- SOSHOST_EVENT
- SOSHOST_INTERNAL
- SOSHOST_MUTEX
- SOSHOST_RWLOCK
- SOSHOST_SEMAPHORE
- SOSHOST_SLEEP
- SOSHOST_TRACELOCK
- SOSHOST_WAITFORDONE
- SQLCLR_APPDOMAIN
- SQLCLR_ASSEMBLY
- SQLCLR_DEADLOCK_DETECTION
- SQLCLR_QUANTUM_PUNISHMENT
- SQLSORT_NORMMUTEX
- SQLSORT_SORTMUTEX
- SQLTRACE_LOCK
- SQLTRACE_SHUTDOWN
- SQLTRACE_WAIT_ENTRIES
- SRVPROC_SHUTDOWN
- TIMEPRIV_TIMEPERIOD
- TRACE_EVTNOTIF
- TRACEWRITE
- TRANSACTION_MUTEX
- UTIL_PAGE_ALLOC
- VIA_ACCEPT
- VIEW_DEFINITION_MUTEX
- WAIT_FOR_RESULTS
- WAITFOR
- WAITFOR_TASKSHUTDOWN
- WAITSTAT_MUTEX
- WCC
- WORKTBL_DROP
- WRITE_COMPLETION
- XACT_OWN_TRANSACTION
- XACT_RECLAIM_SESSION
- XACTLOCKINFO
- XACTWORKSPACE_MUTEX

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Wait type category - Transaction Log

The Transaction Log wait type category includes all the waits that are associated with transaction log bottlenecks, including the following:

- LOGBUFFER
- LOGMGR
- WRITELOG

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Metric alerts

SQL Diagnostic Manager offers numerous alerts to successfully monitor and warn you about your SQL Server instances and availability groups. Proper configuration is key to making sure you receive alerts only on those metrics that actually fall outside the typical performance of your environment. SQL Diagnostic Manager includes the following metric alerts for your use:

- Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds)
- Availability Group Estimated Recovery time (Seconds)
- Availability Group Log Send Queue Size (KB)
- Availability Group Preferred Replica
- Availability Group Redo Queue Size (KB)
- Availability Group Redo Rate (KB/sec)
- Availability Group Role Change
- Availability Group Synchronization Health
- Availability Group Synchronization Performance (Seconds)
- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Read
- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Transfer
- Average Disk Milliseconds Per Write
- Blocked Sessions
- Blocked Sessions Wait Time (Seconds)
- Client Computers
- CLR Enabled
- Cluster Active Node
- Cluster Failover
- Data File Autogrow
- Database Full (Percent)
- Database Full (Size)
- Database Read/Write Error Occurred
- Database Status
- Days since last backup
- Deadlock
- Disk Reads Per Second
- Disk Transfers Per Second
- Disk Writes Per Second
- Distribution Latency (Seconds)
- DTC Status
- Filegroup Space Full (Percent)
- Filegroup Space Full (Size)
- Full-Text Search Status
- Host CPU Usage (Percent)
- Host Memory Swap Detected
- Host Memory Usage (Percent)
- Host Power State
- Index Row Hits (Percent)
- Last Full-Text Catalog Update (Hours)
- Log File Autogrow
- Log Full (Percent)
- Log Full (Size)
- Longest Running Version Store Transaction (Minutes)
- Maintenance Mode Enabled
- Mirror Commit Overhead (Milliseconds)
- Mirrored Server Role Change
- Mirroring Oldest Unsent Transactions
- Mirroring Preferred Configuration
- Mirroring Status
- Mirroring Unrestored Log (KB)
- Mirroring Unsent Log (KB)
- Mirroring Witness Connection
- Non-Distributed Transactions (Count)
- Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes)
- OLE Automation Disabled
- OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count)
- OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count)
- OS Disk Free Space (Size)
- OS Disk Full (Percent)
- OS Disk Time (Percent)
- OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent)
- OS Memory Usage (Percent)
- OS Metrics Collection Status
- OS Paging (Per Second)
- OS Privileged Time (Percent)

- OS Processor Queue Length (Count)
- OS Processor Time (Percent)
- OS User Time (Percent)
- Page Life Expectancy
- Procedure Cache Hit Ratio
- Query Monitor Events (Counts)
- Session CPU Time (Seconds)
- Session Tempdb Space Usage (MB)
- SQL Server Active Directory Helper Service Status
- SQL Server Agent Job Completion
- SQL Server Agent Job Failure
- SQL Server Agent Log
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)
- SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent)
- SQL Server Agent Status
- SQL Server Agent XPs Disabled
- SQL Server Browser Service Status
- SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)
- SQL Server Data Used (Percent)
- SQL Server Error Log
- SQL Server Log Space Used (Percent)
- SQL Server Memory Usage
- SQL Server Response Time (Milliseconds)
- SQL Server Status
- SQLdm Service Status
- SQLdm Repository Grooming Timed Out
- Table Fragmentation (Percent)
- Tempdb Contention (ms)
- Unsubscribed Transactions (Count)
- Unsubscribed Transactions (Seconds)
- User Connections (Percent)
- Version Store Generation Ratio
- Version Store Size (MB)
- VM CPU Ready Wait Time (ms)
- VM CPU Usage (Percent)
- VM Host Server Change
- VM Memory Swap Delay Detected
- VM Memory Usage (Percent)
- VM Power State
- VM Reclaimed/Ballooned Memory (KB)
- VM Resource Configuration Change
- VM Resource Limits Detected
- WMI Service Unavailable

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Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds) alert

The Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds) alert tracks the time period in seconds that data is not synchronized to the secondary replica. This value reflects the time difference of the last commit between the primary and secondary replicas. Alert includes affected databases.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Availability Group Estimated Recovery time (Seconds) alert

The Availability Group Estimated Recovery time (Seconds) alert provides the required time in seconds that the secondary replica needs to catch up with the primary replica. Alert includes affected databases.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

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Availability Group Log Send Queue Size (KB) alert

The Availability Group Log Send Queue Size (KB) alert indicates the amount of log records in KB needed to ship to the secondary replica to complete synchronization. Alert includes affected databases.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Log Send Queue Size (KB) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Availability Group Preferred Replica alert

The Availability Group Preferred Replica alert triggers when the preferred replica defined for a database changes to a different replica in a set period of time.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Preferred Replica alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Availability Group Redo Queue Size (KB) alert

The Availability Group Redo Queue Size (KB) alert indicates the amount of log records from log files in KB that need redoing in the secondary replica to complete synchronization. Alert includes affected databases.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Redo Queue Size (KB) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Availability Group Redo Rate (KB\sec) alert

The Availability Group Redo Rate (KB\sec) alert provides the rate in KB per second at which log records are redone in the secondary database to complete synchronization. Alert includes affected databases.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Redo Rate (KB\sec) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Availability Group Role Change alert

The Availability Group Role Change alert indicates when the primary role changes to a secondary replica. Alert includes affected databases for the entire availability group.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Role Change alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Availability Group Synchronization Health alert

The Availability Group Synchronization Health alert provides the database synchronization state in the availability group. Possible values include: not healthy, partially healthy, and healthy.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Synchronization Health alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Availability Group Synchronization Performance (Seconds) alert

The Availability Group Synchronization Performance (Seconds) alert indicates the time required in seconds to complete synchronization between the primary and secondary replicas.

For more information on configuring alerts and setting thresholds, see [Configure alerts](#).



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the Availability Group Synchronization Performance (Seconds) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Average Disk Milliseconds Per Read alert

The Average Disk Milliseconds Per Read alert provides the average time (in milliseconds) that a read operation uses data from the disk.

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Average Disk Milliseconds Per Transfer alert

The Average Disk Milliseconds Per Transfer alert provides the average time (in milliseconds) used by a disk transfer operation.

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Average Disk Milliseconds Per Write alert

The Average Disk Milliseconds Per Write alert provides the average time (in milliseconds) used by an operation writing data to the disk.

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Blocked Sessions (Count) alert

The Blocked Sessions (Count) alert provides the number of sessions on the SQL Server instance blocked by other sessions holding requested locks. For this alert to display, enable monitoring of non-query activities with capturing of blocking events.

By default, blocked sessions wait for a lock wait forever, which is not optimum behavior. You can change this default behavior by making a connection, and then adding `SET LOCKTIMEOUT 60000` to the top of the first T-SQL batch.

Reduce the number of blocked sessions

If you experience more than one blocked session on an average day, your site may experience one of the following issues:

- T-SQL batches submitted containing a `BEGIN TRANSACTION` statement with no corresponding `COMMIT TRANSACTION` statement. You must correct the T-SQL.
- T-SQL batches submitted containing a `BEGIN TRANSACTION` statement but where the `COMMIT TRANSACTION` statement is in a following T-SQL batch that is only executed once the end-user confirms the transaction. You must correct the T-SQL.
- The site includes some long-running transactions processing at peak times.

When your transactions run longer than they should and clash, consider drastically reducing the time that a lock is held by:

- Doing as much work as possible (for example, `SELECT` statements that may be needed) before the transaction performs its first update, delete, or insert.
- Group all `UPDATES`, `DELETES`, and `INSERTS` as closely as possible together within a transaction with as few selects as possible separating them.
- Commit the transaction as soon as possible after the last DML statement.
- Once the transaction has begun do not have any stops for user input. Gather all user inputs before the transaction starts.
- Avoid the use of server side cursors during a transaction as they slow execution considerably.
- If a stored procedure and/or trigger are invoked inside a transaction minimize or eliminate the number of SQL re-compilations made to that object. See the SQL Re-compilations counter for ways to dramatically reduce recompiles.
- Increase the speed of transaction throughput such that it becomes less likely that one transaction waits for the preceding one by:
 - Adding more disks to your RAID solution.
 - Replacing your disks with faster disks.
 - Switching your RAID array from a RAID 5 to a RAID 10 solution as each write IO results in two writes using RAID 10 vs. four for RAID 5 (100% more efficient with writes).
 - So long as the RAID controller has some form of battery backup, then switch its cache mode from Write-through to Write-back as this increases the system's ability to handle write IOs by an order of magnitude.
 - Adding more cache memory to the RAID controller.
 - Adding more RAM to the server.
 - Adding another CPU to a SMP computer.
 - Upgrading the CPU, memory and motherboard with faster models.
 - Minimize the number of Context Switches by turning on Use NT Fibers in SQL Server.
 - Switch the Boost SQL Server Priority on.



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the Blocked Sessions (Count) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Blocking Session Wait Time (Seconds) alert

The Blocking Session Wait Time (Seconds) alert provides the time in seconds that a SQL Server session blocks other sessions.

By default, locked sessions waiting for a lock wait forever, which is not optimum behavior from an end-user point of view. You can change this default behavior by adding `SET LOCKTIMEOUT 60000` to the top of the first T-SQL batch after making a connection.

The [Active Alerts](#) view provides additional information on the Blocking Session Wait Time (Seconds) alert. To access this information, refer to the right-click context menu after having organized your alert view by metric. This menu grants access to real time alert information, historical view, block details, and online help specific to the alert.

-  To access similar information on the [Blocking view](#), select a specific SQL Server instance, point to Sessions, and then select the Blocking ribbon.

Blocking Sessions Report

The Blocking Sessions Report displays blocking and blocked sessions' information. To access the Blocking Sessions Report in the Alert view, select the **Show Block Details** option in the right-click context menu.

Key information provided for blocking and blocked sessions includes:

Blocking Process Details:

- Session ID
- Hostname
- User Name
- Application
- Database
- Last Batch Started
- Transaction ID
- Open Transactions

Blocked Process Details:

- Session ID
- Hostname
- User Name
- Application
- Database
- Last Batch Started
- Transaction ID
- Open Transactions
- Wait Time (ms)
- Wait Resource

-  To retrieve the blocking sessions report for SQL Diagnostic Manager, select the "**Non-Query activities>Capture Blocking (SQL 2005+)**" check box in the Activity Monitor Tab.

Reduce blocked sessions wait time

If you experience more than one blocked session on an average day, your site may experience one of the following issues:

- T-SQL batches submitted containing a `BEGIN TRANSACTION` statement with no corresponding `COMMIT TRANSACTION` statement. You must correct the T-SQL.
- T-SQL batches submitted containing a `BEGIN TRANSACTION` statement but where the `COMMIT TRANSACTION` statement is in a following T-SQL batch that is only executed once the end-user confirms the transaction. You must correct the T-SQL.
- The site includes some long-running transactions processing at peak times.

Where your transactions run longer than they should and clash, consider drastically reducing the time that a lock is held by:

- Performing as much work as possible before the transaction performs its first update, delete, or insert. For example, add any necessary `SELECT` statements.
- Grouping all `UPDATES`, `DELETES`, and `INSERTS` as closely as possible within a transaction with as few `SELECTS` as possible separating them.
- Committing the transaction as soon as possible after the final DML statement.
- Avoiding any stops for user input once the transaction begins. Be sure to gather all user inputs before the transaction starts.
- Avoiding the use of server-side cursors during a transaction as they slow execution considerably.
- Minimizing or eliminating the number of SQL re-compilations made to the object if a stored procedure and/or trigger is invoked inside a transaction. See the SQL RE-compilations counter for steps to dramatically reduce recompiles.

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 - Adding more disks to your RAID solution.
 - Replacing your disks with faster disks.
 - Switching your RAID array from a RAID 5 to a RAID 10 solution. Note that each write IO results in two writes using RAID 10 vs. four for RAID 5 (100% more efficient with writes).
 - Switching the RAID controller cache mode from Write-through to Write-back so long as the RAID controller has some form of battery backup. This change increases the system's ability to handle write IOs by an order of magnitude.
 - Adding more cache memory to the RAID controller.
 - Adding more RAM to the server.
 - Adding another CPU to the SMP computer.
 - Upgrading the CPU, memory, and motherboard with faster models.
 - Minimizing the number of Context Switches by turning on Use NT Fibers in SQL Server.
- **Switching on the Boost SQL Server Priority.**



Create an alert response bundle

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Client Computers (Count) alert

The Client Computers (Count) alert provides the number of unique client computers connected to the SQL Server instance. SQL Diagnostic Manager measures this value by getting the count of processes from distinct computers in `sysprocesses` table.

-  To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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CLR Enabled alert

The CLR Enabled alert indicates that the Common Language Runtime (CLR) configuration option is enabled for the SQL Server instance. You can run managed code in the .NET Framework. Use the Server Configuration view to reconfigure this option on SQL Server 2005 instances.

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Cluster Active Node alert

The Cluster Active Node alert indicates that the active node of the cluster is non-preferred. The active cluster node changes when a failover event occurs. If the original preferred node is offline for an extended period of time, you can change the preferred node setting by right-clicking the instance in the **Servers** tree and selecting **Properties > Cluster Settings**. By default, the preferred node is first node encountered when monitoring began.

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Cluster Failover alert

The Cluster Failover alert indicates a change in the active node. This alert remains active for the amount of time specified in the alert's advanced settings.

To edit these settings, right-click the server in the Servers tree and select Configure Alerts. Click the **Advanced** button on the Cluster Failover Alert and edit the time.

Prevent cluster failover alerts when you have a scheduled failover

You can temporarily put the server into maintenance mode by right-clicking the server in the Servers tree and selecting Maintenance mode. When the scheduled failover is over, right-click the instance in the **Servers** tree and select **Disable Maintenance Mode**.

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Data File Autogrow alert

The Data File Autogrow alert indicates that a data file autogrow occurred on the specified database. For this alert to display, enable monitoring of non-query activities with capturing of autogrow events. Note that you can avoid unnecessarily long reads and poor response time from SQL Server by minimizing the number of autogrow events occurring in your environment.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

To learn more about how autogrow works and related best-practices, see [Microsoft Support Article 315512](#), "Considerations for the 'autogrow' and 'autoshrink' settings in SQL Server."

-  Create an alert response bundle with the Data File Autogrow alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Database Full (Percent) alert

The Database Full (Percent) alert provides the percentage of the allowable disk space for the database currently used by the sum of data, text, and indexes. Allowable disk space for the database is calculated by taking into account the current allocated space, SQL Diagnostic Manager auto-growth settings and available disk space. If this value exceeds 80%, consider replacing disks with bigger disks.

This alert is raised based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

Calculate the database full percentage using the autogrow settings

When setting the thresholds for your Database Full (Percent) alert, click **Advanced > Autogrow Settings** and SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a choice for you to calculate your displayed percentage. Select **Yes, alert on the current used size divided by the maximum possible size** to take possible autogrowth into consideration when calculating the database full percentage. Select **No, alert on the current used size divided by the current file size** to calculate the database full percentage based only on the current size of the database disk file.

-  Create an alert response bundle with the Database Full (Percent) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Database Full (Size) alert

The Database Full (Size) alert provides the amount of disk space, in megabytes, currently used by the database as the sum of data, text, and indexes. This value represents the actual amount of used data within the database file and does not represent the size of the database file itself.

SQL Diagnostic Manager raises this alert based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).



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Database Read/Write Error Occurred alert

The Database Read/Write Error Occurred alert indicates that an I/O error occurred while attempting to read from or write to a database file. If this error persists consider the following solutions:

- Replace the disks.
- File may be corrupted, see if you can restore from a backup.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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Database Status alert

The Database Status alert indicates that the [Database Status metric](#) reached an alert status. This status results when the database:

- Is inaccessible
- Has an issue with loading, crashed while loading, has not recovered, in recovery, suspect, or in emergency mode
- Contains databases sizes in the error threshold
- Contains logs with sizes in the error threshold
- Contains tables with reorganization needs in the error threshold
- Is transitioning, loading, being check pointed, set as DBO use only, or in single-user mode

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data and database metrics collection intervals specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

Reduce the number of database status issues

Navigate to the **Summary** view on the **Database** tab of the SQLdm Console. Look for databases that have a critical or warning status and review what the issue is (the problem is highlighted either in yellow or red). You may need to rebuild an index, increase allocated file size, or turn on the autogrowth feature for your database or logs.

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Days since last backup alerts

The Days since last backup alerts indicate the number of days that databases ([per-database](#) or [at the instance level](#)) have not been backed up.

Days since last backup at the instance-level

The Days since last backup alert applies to any database at the instance level. This alert is enabled by default.

To configure thresholds and employ alert filters such as excluding specific databases, follow these steps:

To configure an instance-level alert:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the Days since last backup metric in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. Click **Edit** to modify default threshold (number of days).
5. Check the boxes next to **Informational**, **Warning**, and **Critical** to include alerts for these states.
6. Change the alert thresholds by moving the arrows to the appropriate levels or by double-clicking the value and typing a new threshold level.
7. Click **Advanced** to apply advanced settings such as [alert suppression](#) or alert filters ([excluding a database from alerts](#)).
8. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

Days since last backup per-database

The Days since last backup alert applies to a specific database in your monitored SQL Server instance. This alert is disabled by default.

To configure thresholds and employ alert filters such as excluding specific databases, follow these steps:

To configure a per-database alert:

1. Right-click a SQL Server instance in the Servers tree.
2. Select **Configure Alerts**.
3. Select the Days since last backup metric in the **Alert Configuration** window.
4. **If the metric features a per-database**, on the Configuration tab of the Alert Configuration window, click **Add**. Use the drop-down list to select the database to which you want to apply these settings.
5. Check the boxes next to **Informational**, **Warning**, and **Critical** to include alerts for these states.
6. Change the alert thresholds by moving the arrows to the appropriate levels or by double-clicking the value and typing a new threshold level.
7. Click **Advanced** to apply [alert suppression](#).
8. Click **OK** to accept your changes.

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Deadlock alert

The Deadlock alert indicates that a deadlock occurred on the monitored server. For this alert to display, enable monitoring of non-query activities with capturing of deadlock events.

Deadlocks occur when a process or several processes attempt to access a resource that the other holds a lock on. Neither task can complete because both processes are attempting to lock the same resource.

SQL Server chooses one or more deadlock to terminate so that processing can continue.

Resolve deadlocks

When a Deadlock Alert occurs, check the Alerts view in SQL Diagnostic Manager and select a deadlock alert. The SPID, Hostname, Login Name, Client Application, and Database are listed.

For more information, select **Show Deadlock Details**. This information helps with diagnosing the problem application and includes the option to export deadlock data to view in SQL Server Management Studio or SQL Server Profiler.

-  Create an alert response bundle with the Deadlock alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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Disk Reads Per Second alert

The Disk Reads Per Second alert provides the rate of read operations on the disk. A high number of disk reads may indicate that SQL server is executing poorly performing queries. Note that this alert is disk specific.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in [Server Properties](#). Note that you need to enable this alert first in the Alert Configuration window to rise.



The Disk throughput chart provides a graphical analysis of the number of disk reads and writes over time.

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Disk Transfers Per Second alert

Comprised of both Disk Reads/sec and Disk Writes/sec, the Disk Transfers Per Second alert provides the rate of transfer operations on the disk and helps to determine if a drive does not have enough supporting disks. Note that this alert is disk specific.

A large increase in disk transfers per second may signal a change in workload or a developing I/O or memory pressure issue.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in [Server Properties](#). Note that you need to enable this alert first in the Alert Configuration window to rise.



For additional information on the Disk Transfers/sec counter, see [Monitoring Disk Usage](#).

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Disk Writes Per Second alert

The Disk Writes Per Second alert provides the rate of write operations on the disk. Note that this alert is disk specific.

A high number of disk writes per second may indicate that the SQL Server is running low on allocated memory due to large amounts of data being written. It may also point to a situation of memory pressure that occurs when data is not able to remain in cache and has to be flushed to disk frequently.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in [Server Properties](#). Note that you need to enable this alert first in the Alert Configuration window to rise.



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Distribution Latency (Seconds) alert

The Distribution Latency (Seconds) alert tracks the amount of time, in seconds, that a replication transaction is at the Publisher waiting for a Distributor to receive it, and has exceeded the warning threshold.

Causes of high distribution latency

The most common cause of high distribution latency is when a transaction has a large amount of commands. Once the transaction is complete, distribution latency decreases.

The **Replication** view on the **Services** tab displays a graph with the non-distributed count and the non-distributed time. Graphs that trend upward may indicate a problem that needs resolution.

Reduce distribution latency

You can reduce distribution latency by:

- Reducing traffic on the publisher
- Limiting non-replication related work by the publisher
- Increasing the network bandwidth available to the publisher

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DTC Status alert

The DTC Status alert provides the status of the Distributed Transaction Coordinator service.

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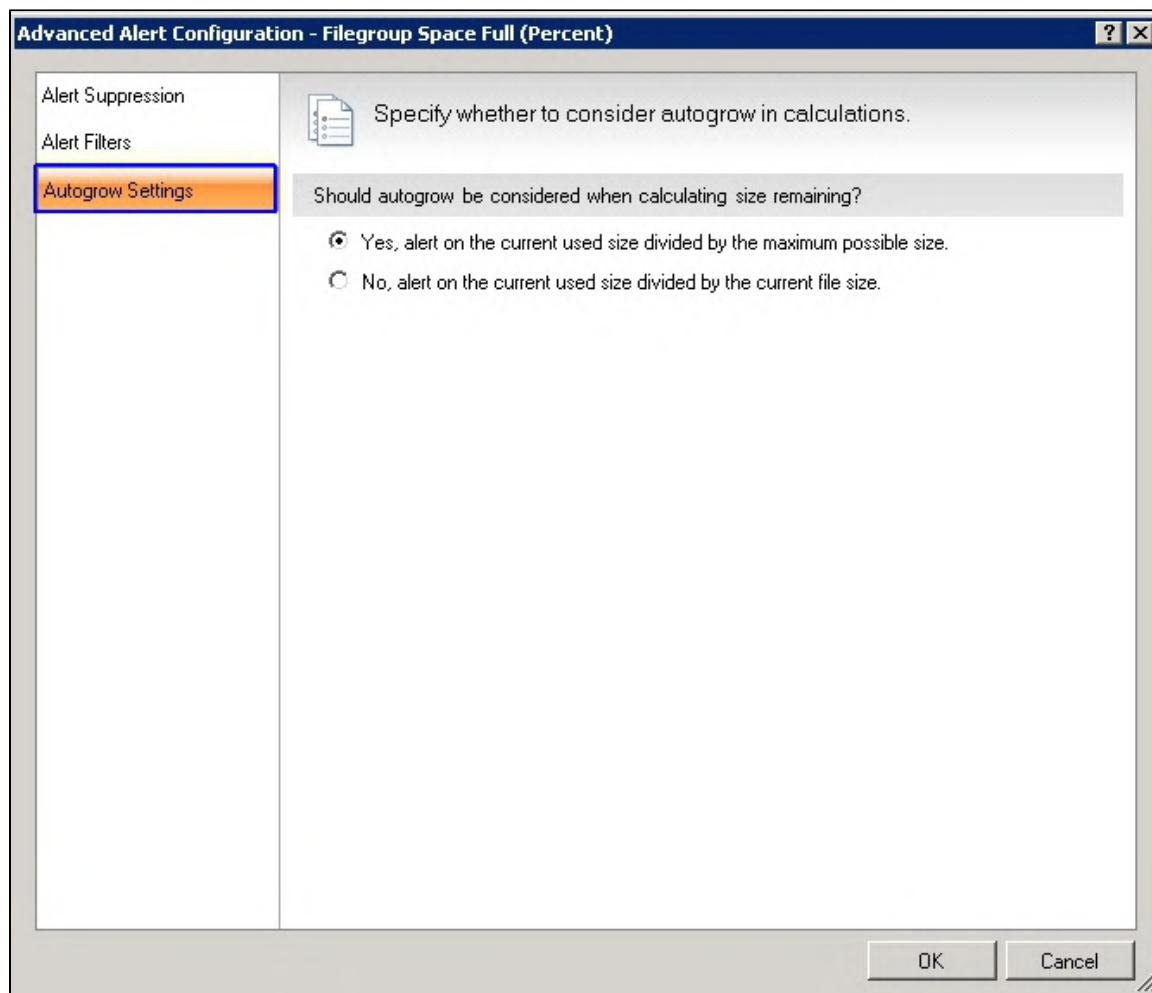
Filegroup Space Full (Percent) alert

The Filegroup Space Full (Percent) alert provides the percentage of the allowable filegroup space for the database currently used by all files within the filegroup. Allowable disk space for the database is calculated by taking into account the current allocated space, SQLdm auto-growth settings, and available disk space.

This alert is raised based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

Calculate the filegroup space full percentage using the autogrow settings

When setting the thresholds for your Filegroup Space Full (Percent) alert, click **Advanced > Autogrow Settings** (see image below) and SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a choice for you to calculate your displayed percentage. Select **Yes, alert on the current used size divided by the maximum possible size** to take possible autogrowth into consideration when calculating the filegroup space full percentage. Select **No, alert on the current used size divided by the current file size** to calculate the filegroup space full percentage based only on the current size of the data base disk file.



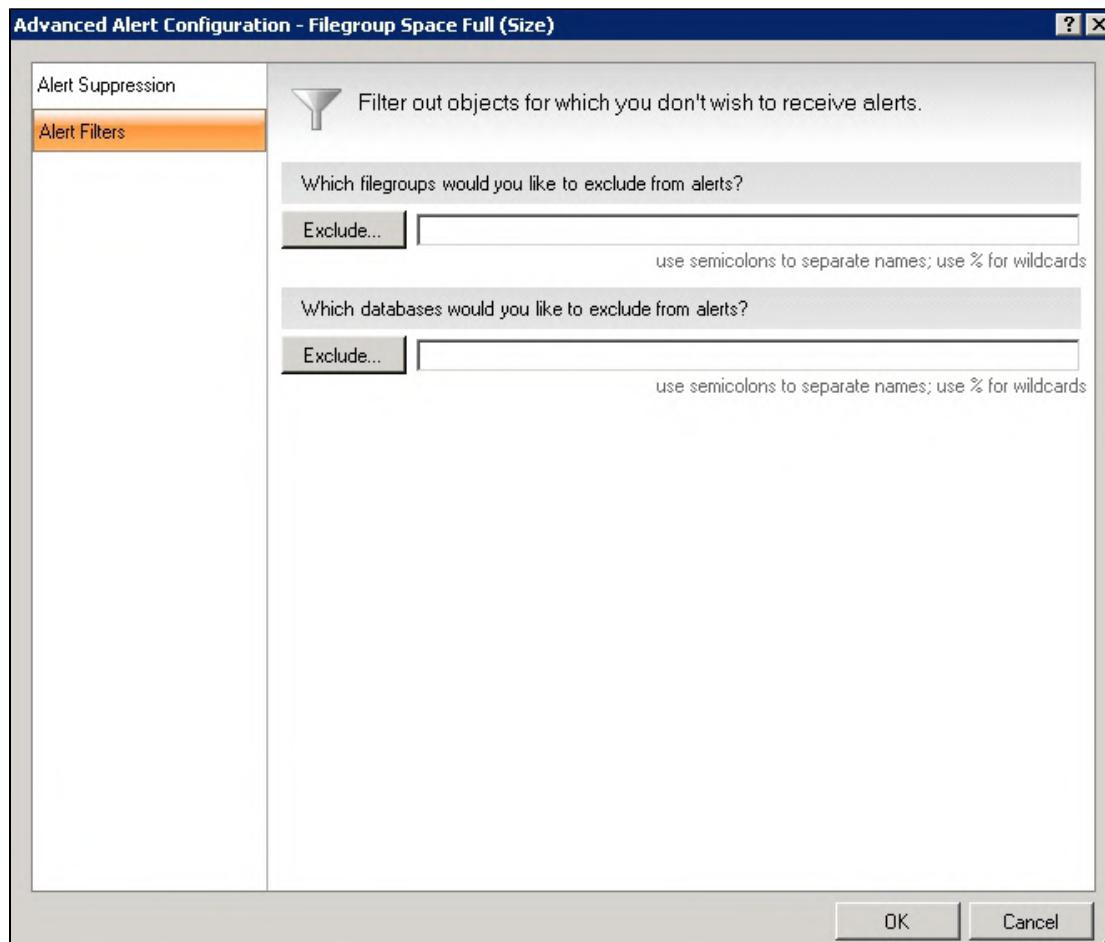
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Filegroup Space Full (Size) alert

The Filegroup Space Full (Size) alert provides the amount of disk space, in megabytes, currently used by the database as the sum of all the files within the filegroup.

SQL Diagnostic Manager raises this alert based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. You can also use advanced alert options such as filters to exclude specific filegroups or databases from alerting results.



You can access advanced filters by clicking **Advanced > Alert Filters** when setting the thresholds for your Filegroup Space Full (Size) alert.



The Filegroup Space Full (Size) alert is disabled by default.

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Full-Text Search Status alert

The Full-Text Search Status alert provides the status of the Full-Text Search service.

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Host CPU Usage (Percent) alert

The Host CPU Usage (Percent) alert indicates an unusually high amount of CPU usage by the VMWare or Hyper-V host server hosting the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server instance resides. The percentage of host server processor usage is listed under the control. A high host server percentage could indicate a large number of active client sessions. This alert is enabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring.

Reduce your host CPU usage

Consistently high host server processor usage could indicate the need to:

- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations as they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled and you can remove most of these reasons by careful coding.
- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a stored procedure, trigger or ad hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced.

For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo_Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.

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Host Memory Swap Detected alert

The Host Memory Swap Detected alert indicates that memory is swapped to disk for the host server hosting the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server resides. This may be an indication of memory pressure on the host. This alert is disabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter which have been enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.

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Host Memory Usage (Percent) alert

The Host Memory Usage (Percent) alert provides the percent of available memory used by the host server hosting the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server resides. This alert is enabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring.

Reduce your host memory usage

If this value is regularly over 80%, SQL Server needs more memory or needs to use the memory it has more efficiently. Consider implementing one or more of the following solutions:

- If your site makes use of extended stored procedures that are infrequently called, then after calling them, issue a `DBCC DLLNAME (FREE)`. Once an extended stored procedure is called, it remains in memory until SQL Server is shut down even if it is never again called, which then wastes available memory. A `DBCC dllname (FREE)` releases that memory for use by both the procedure cache and Data Pages, which has a significant positive effect on both the Procedure Cache Hit Ratio and the Buffer Cache Hit Ratio. Execute `sp_helptextedproc` to view the extended stored procedures currently loaded in memory by SQL Server.
- As each SQL Server lock requires 96 bytes of memory, the granting of lock space is done at the expense of Data Pages and Procedure Cache Pages. To maintain proper system performance and throughput, keep the number of locks to a minimum by:
 - Wherever possible, using the `(NOLOCK)` optimizer hint or `SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED` on select statements as this neither issues any shared locks on the data it reads nor honors any exclusive locks set by other transactions.
 - When updating all rows in a table with more than 50 rows, using the `TABLOCKX` table hint. This table hint prevents SQL Server from initially taking exclusive row locks, granting many of these locks, and then escalating them to an exclusive table lock.
 - When deleting all rows in any table, using the `TRUNCATE TABLE` statement instead of the `DELETE` statement as fewer locks and other system resources are consumed in the process.
 - Reducing the time that a lock is held by:
 - Performing as much work as possible before the transaction performs its first update, delete, or insert. For example, add any necessary `SELECT` statements.
 - Grouping all `UPDATES`, `DELETES`, and `INSERTS` as closely as possible within a transaction with as few `SELECTS` as possible separating them.
 - Committing the transaction as soon as possible after the final DML statement.
 - Avoiding any stops for user input once the transaction begins. Be sure to gather all user inputs before the transaction starts.
 - Allowing SQL Server to consume more of the available memory, making sure that OS Paging does not increase.
- Add more physical memory (RAM) to the computer.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, then consider placing each instance on a separate physical computer.
- If the computer is running other memory-intensive applications, such as IIS or Exchange, then consider moving each instance to a separate physical computer.
- Limit SQL Server computers to performing only SQL Server work. Stop any unnecessary programs, such as allowing the computer to act as either a primary or backup domain controller.

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Host Power State alert

The Host Power State alert provides the power state of the host as reported by the vCenter or Hyper-V host servers. This alert is enabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines that are enabled for VM monitoring.

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Index Row Hits (Percent) alert

The Index Row Hits (Percent) alert provides the percentage of the density of an index as used by the SQL Query Optimizer to determine index effectiveness. A high density indicates the existence of many duplicates and an inefficient index. A low density indicates high selectivity and an effective index.

This alert is raised based on the database metrics collection interval specified in [Server Properties](#).



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Last Full-Text Catalog Update (Hours) alert

The Last Full-Text Catalog Update (Hours) alert provides the time, in hours, since the last Full-Text Catalog update was performed and beyond which the statistics data is considered outdated.

Since full-text indexes are contained in full-text catalogs, when you create new content or change existing content in a catalog, you must regenerate the full text index. This, along with [inefficient indexes](#) can impact your monitored SQL Server performance.

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows users to optimize full-text catalogs, for details see [Monitor Your Full-Text Searches](#).

Note that this alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in [Server Properties](#).



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Log File Autogrow alert

The Log File Autogrow alert indicates that a log file autogrow occurred on the specified database. For this alert to display, enable monitoring of non-query activities with capturing of autogrow events. Note that you can avoid unnecessarily long reads and poor response time from SQL Server by minimizing the number of Autogrow events occurring in your environment.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

To learn more about how autogrow works and related best-practices, see [Microsoft Support Article 315512](#), "Considerations for the 'autogrow' and 'autoshrink' settings in SQL Server".

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Log Full (Percent) alert

The Log Full (Percent) alert provides the percentage of the allowable disk space for the database currently used by the transaction log. Allowable disk space for the database is calculated by taking into account the current allocated space, auto-growth settings and available disk space. If this value exceeds 80%, consider replacing disks with bigger disks.

This alert is raised based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

Calculate the log full percentage using the autogrow settings

When setting the thresholds for your Log Full (Percent) alert, click **Advanced > Autogrow Settings** and SQL Diagnostic Manager provides a choice for you to calculate your displayed percentage. Select **Yes, alert on the current used size divided by the maximum possible size** to take possible autogrowth into consideration when calculating the log full percentage. Select **No, alert on the current used size divided by the current file size** to calculate the log full percentage based only on the current size of the database disk file.

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Log Full (Size) alert

The Log Full (Size) alert provides the amount of disk space, in megabytes, currently used by the transaction log for the database. This value represents the actual amount of data within the log and does not represent the size of the database log file itself.

This alert is raised based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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Longest Running Version Store Transaction (Minutes) alert

The Longest Running Version Store Transaction (Minutes) alert provides the time in minutes that the longest version store transaction is open and preventing version store cleanup. This alert occurs only on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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Maintenance Mode Enabled alert

The Maintenance Mode Enabled alert indicates that the SQLdm Maintenance Mode is enabled. Maintenance Mode allows you to temporarily stop alert generation and the collection of performance metrics for the time period that this SQL Server instance is offline. You cannot configure this alert.

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Mirror Commit Overhead (Milliseconds) alert

The Mirror Commit Overhead (Milliseconds) alert indicates that the commit overhead (in MS) of the mirrored database reached or exceeded an alert threshold. Specifies the number of milliseconds of average delay per transaction that are tolerated before a warning is generated on the principal server. This delay is the amount of overhead incurred while the principal server instance waits for the mirror server instance to write the transaction's log record into the redo queue. This value is relevant only in high-safety mode.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

For more information about mirror commit overhead, see the Microsoft document, [Use Warning Thresholds and Alerts on Mirroring Performance Metrics \(SQL Server\)](#).

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Mirrored Server Role Change alert

The Mirrored Server Role Change alert indicates when the role of a mirrored database changes.

When you configure this alert, you can set the time at which the alert resets. Reset this alert when the role of the mirrored database has no impact.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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Mirroring Oldest Unsent Transactions (Minutes) alert

The Mirroring Oldest Unsent Transactions (Minutes) alert provides the age of unsent transactions queued on the processor and reached an alert threshold.

This alert specifies the number of minutes worth of transactions that can accumulate in the send queue before a warning is generated on the principal server instance. This warning helps measure the potential for data loss in terms of time and is especially relevant for high-performance mode. However, the warning is also relevant for high-safety mode when mirroring is paused or suspended because the partners become disconnected.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

For more information about oldest unsent transactions, see the Microsoft document, [Use Warning Thresholds and Alerts on Mirroring Performance Metrics \(SQL Server\)](#).

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Mirroring Preferred Configuration alert

The Mirroring Preferred Configuration alert indicates that a database mirror partner took on a non-preferred role. This event means the roles in the mirroring relationship do not conform to the roles specified as Normal. This alert does not reset over time and remains until you restore the roles or you change the Normal state. You can restore the roles or modify the Normal definition in the **Mirroring** view of the Databases tab.

SQL Diagnostic Manager triggers this alert based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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Mirroring Status alert

The Mirroring Status alert provides the status of the mirrored database based on the current databases status other than OK. By default, the values Synchronizing and Synchronized equal an OK state. A Suspended database triggers a Warning alert, and a Disconnected or Pending Failover database status triggers the Critical alert.

You can change the status for the mirrored databases in the **Mirroring** view of the **Databases** tab.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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Mirroring Unrestored Log (KB) alert

The Mirroring Unrestored Log (KB) alert indicates that the amount of unrestored logs (in KB) queued on the mirrored database reached or exceeded an alert threshold.

This warning helps measure failover time. Failover time consists mainly of the time that the mirror server requires to roll forward any log remaining in its redo queue, plus a short additional time.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

For more information about unrestored logs, see the Microsoft document, [Use Warning Thresholds and Alerts on Mirroring Performance Metrics \(SQL Server\)](#).

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Mirroring Unsent Log (KB) alert

The Mirroring Unsent Log (KB) alert indicates that the amount of unsent logs (in KB) queued on the mirrored database reached or exceeded an alert threshold.

This alert specifies how many kilobytes (KB) of unsent logs generate a warning on the principal server instance. This warning helps measure the potential for data loss in terms of KB and is especially relevant for high-performance mode. However, the warning is also relevant for high-safety mode when mirroring is paused or suspended because the partners become disconnected.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

For more information about unsent logs, see the Microsoft document, [Use Warning Thresholds and Alerts on Mirroring Performance Metrics \(SQL Server\)](#).

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Mirroring Witness Connection alert

The Mirroring Witness Connection alert indicates that the connection to the mirror is lost.

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Non-Distributed Transactions (Count) alert

The Non-Distributed Transactions (Count) alert provides the number of replication transactions published by the Publisher but not received by the Distributor.

-  To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes) alert

The Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes) alert provides the time (in minutes) that the longest running transaction in the database has used since issuing the BEGIN TRANSACTION statement.

-  To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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OLE Automation Disabled alert

The OLE Automation Disabled alert indicates that the OLE automation configuration option is disabled in SQL Server 2005 or the procedures are dropped in SQL Server 2000 for the SQL Server instance. SQL Diagnostic Manager does not collect data such as OS metrics and service details using OLE automation. Use the OS Metrics tab of the server Properties dialog to reconfigure this option. For additional information about OS metrics collection, see [Configure OS metrics monitoring](#).

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OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count) alert

The OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count) alert provides the average number of both read and write requests queued for all the disks on the SQL Server computer.

Reduce queue length

If this queue often remains above six per physical disk for more than 10 seconds at a time, then your disk subsystem is overloaded. In this case consider the following:

- Check OS Paging to make sure that paging from/to the swap file is not causing these IOs.
- Replacing disks with faster disks.
- Add more disks to your RAID array.
- Switch your RAID array from RAID 5 to RAID 10 solution as each write IO results in two writes using RAID 10 vs. 4 for RAID 5.
- Move other applications to another computer.
- So long as the RAID controller has some form of battery backup then switch its cache mode from Write-through to Write-back as this increases the system ability to handle write IOs by an order of magnitude.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, then consider placing each instance on a separate physical computer.



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count) alert

The OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count) alert provides the average number of both read and write requests queued for each disk on the SQL Server computer.

Reduce queue length

If this queue often remains above six per physical disk for more than 10 seconds at a time then your disk subsystem is overloaded. In this case consider the following:

- Check OS Paging to make sure that paging from/to the swap file is not causing these IOs.
- Replacing disks with faster disks.
- Add more disks to your RAID array.
- Switch your RAID array from RAID 5 to RAID 10 solution as each write IO results in two writes using RAID 10 vs. 4 for RAID 5.
- Move other applications to another computer.
- So long as the RAID controller has some form of battery backup then switch its cache mode from Write-through to Write-back as this increases the system ability to handle write IOs by an order of magnitude.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, then consider placing each instance on a separate physical computer.



Create an alert response bundle with the OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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OS Disk Free Space (Size) alert

The OS Disk Free Space (Size) alert provides the amount of available disk space, in megabytes, on the SQL Server computer. This alert triggers separately for each disk on a server.



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OS Disk Full (Percent) alert

The OS Disk Full (Percent) alert provides the percentage of space used on a logical disk on the SQL Server computer. This alert is triggered separately for each disk on a server.

-  You can access the Disk Size view of the Resources tab by double-clicking the OS Disk Full (Percent) alert in the Alerts view.



Create an alert response bundle

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OS Disk Time (Percent) alert

The OS Disk Time (Percent) alert provides the percentage of elapsed time that all disks are busy servicing read and write requests on the SQL Server computer.

Reduce OS processor time

If this value regularly exceeds 75%, you should take action such as:

- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations since they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled and you can remove most of these reasons by careful coding. See the SQL Re-compilations counter for ways to dramatically reduce recompiles.
- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a stored procedure, trigger, or ad hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced. For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.
- Stop unnecessary programs (such as the Print Spooler or activities such as the database server acting as either a BDC or PDC) from running.



Enable baseline thresholds

To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.



Create an alert response bundle

Create an alert response bundle with the OS Disk Time (Percent) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent) alert

The OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent) alert provides the percentage of elapsed time that an individual disk is busy servicing read and write requests on the SQL Server computer. This alert triggers separately for each disk on a server.

Reduce OS processor time

If this value regularly exceeds 75%, you should take action such as:

- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations since they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled and you can remove most of these reasons by careful coding. See the SQL Re-compilations counter for ways to dramatically reduce recomiles.
- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a stored procedure, trigger, or ad hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced. For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.
- Stop unnecessary programs (such as the Print Spooler or activities such as the database server acting as either a BDC or PDC) from running.



Create an alert response bundle with the OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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OS Memory Usage (Percent) alert

The OS Memory Usage (Percent) alert provides the percentage of physical and virtual memory. Consistently high Total Memory Usage could indicate either:

- A memory leak in a program in use.
- A need to increase the amount of total memory.

The Memory view on the Resources tab allows you to track the Total Memory usage along with other key memory statistics on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance.

Reduce OS memory usage

A high percentage of Total Memory Usage indicates a memory bottleneck. To investigate this issue, open the Memory view on the Resources tab to view how memory is utilized on your SQL Server instance. You may need to allocate more memory to SQL Server to increase your SQL Server performance, or limit the usage of other applications on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance.

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OS Metrics Collection Status alert

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OS Paging (Per Second) alert

The OS Paging (Per Second) alert indicates that a memory threshold meets or exceeds the setting, due to one of the following causes:

- The OS Memory Paging is high
- The OS Memory Usage is high
- The SQL Server Memory Usage is high

Consistently high memory usage could cause system performance problems because of heavy disk usage and CPU load.

Reduce memory paging

A high number of memory paging indicates a memory bottleneck. You should open the **Memory** view on the **Resources** tab to see how memory is being utilized on your SQL Server instance. You may need to allocate more memory to SQL Server to increase your SQL Server performance.



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OS Privileged Time (Percent) alert

The OS Privileged Time (Percent) alert provides the percentage of CPU time spent by all processes executing in privileged mode on the SQL Server computer.

-  To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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OS Processor Queue Length (Count) alert

The OS Processor Queue Length (Count) alert indicates that the number of threads waiting on the processor reached an alert threshold. A consistently high processor queue length can indicate processor congestion. If your system has multiple processors, you may need to increase your alert thresholds.

Reduce your OS processor queue length

If the Processor Queue Length is often high, consider making one of the following changes:

- Upgrade to faster CPU(s).
- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations as they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled, and you can remove most of these reasons by careful coding. See the SQL re-compilations counter for ways to dramatically reduce recompiles.
- Stop unnecessary programs from running (such as the Print Spooler or activities such as the database server acting as either a BDC or PDC).



To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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OS Processor Time (Percent) alert

The OS Processor Time (Percent) alert provides the percentage of CPU time used by all processes on the computer hosting your SQL Server instance. The WMI object `Win32_PerfRawData_PerfOS_Processor` property `PercentProcessorTime` is measured to get percent processor time.

Reduce OS processor time

If this value regularly exceeds 75%, you should take action such as:

- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations since they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled and you can remove most of these reasons by careful coding. See the SQL Re-compilations counter for ways to dramatically reduce recompiles.
- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a stored procedure, trigger, or ad hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced. For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.
- Stop unnecessary programs (such as the Print Spooler or activities such as the database server acting as either a BDC or PDC) from running.

Reasons why the CPU Usage metric has no value

SQL Diagnostic Manager is unable to collect the corresponding counter due to one of the following reasons:

- It usually takes two refreshes to begin populating the CPU Usage metric, which occurs within a few seconds.
- OS Metrics collection is disabled or not working properly. You must enable OS Metrics collection for SQL Diagnostic Manager to collect hardware performance metrics.
- Lightweight Pooling is enabled. SQL Diagnostic Manager cannot collect OS metrics if Lightweight Pooling is enabled on the SQL Server instance.
- Alerts are disabled. SQL Diagnostic Manager displays an alert status when at least one of the three alerts is enabled.
- The counter does not exist on this SQL Server instance.



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OS User Time (Percent) alert

The OS User Time (Percent) alert provides the percentage of CPU time spent by all processes executing in user mode on the SQL Server computer.

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Page Life Expectancy alert

The Page Life Expectancy alert is triggered when the number of seconds a page stays in the buffer pool without references is below the warning level. A decrease in page life expectancy can indicate an increase in the physical I/O requirements for a user database. The rate decrease could likely indicate that the memory taken away from the buffer pool is forcing database pages to exit the buffer pool prematurely.

Diagnose problems with your SQL Server instance

Microsoft recommends a minimum target for page life expectancy of 300 seconds. This means that any given page in memory is kept in the buffer for five minutes before the buffer flushes the page to disk. A page life expectancy value of less than 300 seconds is indicative of either a memory problem or inefficient query plans.



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Procedure Cache Hit Ratio (Percent) alert

The Procedure Cache Hit Ratio (Percent) alert provides the ratio of procedure cache hits to procedure cache lookups. This value indicates the reuse of an execution plan from memory as opposed to a compilation from disk.

Manage your Procedure Cache Hit Ratio

If you regularly encounter values below 80% once SQL Server is actively running for at least 30 minutes, then consider one of the following remedies:

- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a stored procedure, trigger or ad hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced. For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo_Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.
- Add more physical memory (RAM) to the computer.
- If your site makes use of extended stored procedures that are not called very often, then after calling them, issue a `DBCC DLLNAME (FREE)`. Once an extended stored procedure is called, it remains in memory until SQL Server is shut down even if it is never called again! This is tremendously wasteful in terms of available memory and a `DBCC DLLNAME (FREE)` releases that memory for use by both the procedure cache as well as the Data Pages which has a significant positive effect on both the Procedure Cache Hit Ratio, as well as the Buffer Cache Hit Ratio. In order to view the extended stored procedures currently loaded in memory by SQL Server, execute `SP_HELP_EXTENDEDPROC`.
- Allow SQL Server to consume more of the available memory (making sure that OS Paging does not increase).
- Stop unnecessary programs (such as the Print Spooler or activities such as the database server acting as either a BDC or PDC) from running.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, consider placing each instance on a separate physical computer.



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Query Monitor Events (Count) alert

The Query Monitor Events (Count) alert provides the number of queries captured by the Query Monitor on the SQL Server instance during the last scheduled refresh. A warning is generated if a query matches the criteria specified for a poorly performing query.

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Session CPU Time (Seconds) alert

The Session CPU Time (Seconds) alert provides the CPU Time (in seconds) used by the SQL Server session since the last scheduled refresh.

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Session Tempdb Space Usage (MB) alert

The Session Tempdb Space Usage (MB) alert provides the amount of tempdb space being used by a running session. This alert occurs only on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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SQLdm Repository Timed Out alert

The 'SQLdm Repository Grooming Timed Out' alert is triggered when the grooming process of your SQLDM Repository has reached the time out period (180 minutes).

The time out period is typically exceeded when the repository database becomes very large in size. Running a complete reindex of the database should help improve the performance of the grooming process and prevent SQL DM from raising this alert.



To review your grooming settings, go to **Tools > Grooming Options**.

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SQL Server Active Directory Helper Service Status alert

This alert provides the status of the SQL Server Active Directory Helper service.

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SQL Server Agent Job Completion alert

The SQL Server Agent Job Completion alert provides the status of the Agent Job Completion metric. Values for this alert include **Succeeded**, **Retry**, **Canceled**, **Failed**, and **Unknown**.

-  Create an alert response bundle with the SQL Server Agent Job Completion alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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SQL Server Agent Job Failure alert

The SQL Server Agent Job Failure alert indicates that the scheduled SQL Server Agent job ended with a Failed status.

-  Create an alert response bundle with the SQL Server Agent Job Failure alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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SQL Server Agent Log alert

The SQL Server Agent Log alert indicates that specific text appeared in the SQL Server Agent error log. You can customize which text triggers this alert by using the Alert Filters tab on the Advanced Alert Configuration window. This tab also allows you to customize the severity of the alert based on the frequency of occurrence.

The default settings are:

- 2 - Warning
- 1 - Critical

Use a size limit on your SQL Server Agent log

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to limit the size of your SQL Server Agent log to help improve response time and avoid using unnecessary space on your server. For additional information and steps on setting this limit, see [Configure text and expression alerts](#).

 Create an alert response bundle with the SQL Server Agent log alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes) alert

The SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes) alert provides the maximum number of minutes used to complete a scheduled SQL Server Agent job.

-  Create an alert response bundle with the SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent) alert

The SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent) alert provides the percentage of time that a scheduled SQL Server Agent job uses over the average successful completion time for this job in the current job history.

-  Create an alert response bundle with the SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Percent) alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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SQL Server Agent Status alert

The SQL Server Agent Status alert provides the status of the SQL Server Agent Service.

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SQL Server Agent XPs Disabled alert

The SQL Server Agent XPs Disabled alert indicates that the Agent XPs configuration option is disabled in SQL Server 2005 or later versions. The alert may also signal that procedures are dropped in SQL Server 2000 for the SQL Server instance. Note that SQL Diagnostic Manager does not collect SQL Agent job details.

Agent XPs are disabled when SQL Server Agent is stopped. You can re-enable Agent XPs through the Server Configuration view and allow viewing of agent job histories even when the agent is not running.

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SQL Server Browser Service Status alert

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SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent) alert

The SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent) alert indicates an unusually high amount of CPU usage by SQL Server. The percentage of SQL Server processor usage is listed under the control. A high SQL Server percentage could indicate a large number of active client sessions.

Reduce your SQL Server CPU usage

Consistently high SQL Server processor usage could indicate the need to:

- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations as they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled and you can remove most of these reasons by careful coding.
- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a stored procedure, trigger or ad hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced.

For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo_Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.



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SQL Server Data Used (Percent) alert

The SQL Server Data Used (Percent) alert indicates that you have a high percentage of allocated database space in use.

This alert is raised based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

Reduce your SQL Server database space used

- You may need to increase the amount of space allocated to databases, add disks to the computer hosting the instance, or move databases to another host computer.
- If you have autogrowth turned off, this alert indicates that you need to either allocate more space for databases or add more disk space.
- If you have autogrowth turned on and this alert is triggered often, you may need to adjust your autogrowth settings to a higher percentage to improve performance. Constant growth adjustments can degrade performance.
- For SQL Server 2000 users, SQLdm may incorrectly report the file size. This issue occurs when certain columns in the sysindexes table become inaccurate and provide SQL Diagnostic Manager with incorrect information regarding the number of rows and table size. To correct this problem, use the following T-SQL syntax:

```
DBCC UPDATEUSAGE ('database_name') GO
```

We recommend that you execute this command during non-peak hours as it is server intensive.



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SQL Server Error Log alert

The SQL Server Error Log alert indicates that specific text appeared in the SQL Server log. You can customize which text triggers the alert. You can also customize the severity of the alert based on the frequency of occurrence.

The default settings are:

- 11 - Warning
- 18 - Critical

Use a size limit on your SQL Server Error log

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to limit the size of your SQL Server Error log to help improve response time and avoid using unnecessary space on your server. For additional information and steps on setting this limit, see [Configure text and expression alerts](#).



Create an alert response bundle with the SQL Server Error Log alert and related alerts. For additional information, see [Create alert response bundles](#).

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SQL Server Log Used (Percent) alert

The SQL Server Log Used (Percent) alert provides the percentage of allocated disk space used by logs on the SQL Server instance reached an alert threshold. Once the log space is completely filled, all updates to the event log fail.

This alert is raised based on the database metrics collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

Reduce your SQL Server log space used

- You can allocate more disk space to the event log, turn on the auto-growth feature for your SQL Server log, or add additional disk space to the computer hosting your SQL Server instance.
- If autogrowth is turned off for your logs, this alert may indicate the need to either increase the allocated space for logs and/or add disk space to your SQL Server environment.
- If autogrowth is turned on and you are seeing this alert often, you may need to adjust your autogrowth settings to a higher percentage to improve degraded performance resulting from constant growth adjustments.
- In certain cases, SQL Diagnostic Manager may incorrectly report the file size. This issue occurs when certain columns in the 'sysindexes' table in SQL Server 2000 become inaccurate and provide SQL Diagnostic Manager with incorrect information regarding the number of rows and table size.
- Use the following T-SQL syntax to correct this issue:

```
DBCC UPDATEUSAGE ('database_name') GO
```

We recommend that you execute this command during non-peak hours as it is server intensive.



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SQL Server Memory Usage (Percent) alert

The SQL Server Memory Usage (Percent) alert provides the total server memory (Total Server Memory per `sysperfinfo`) as a percent of total physical memory from WMI.

Reduce the percentage of memory used by SQL Server

If this value is regularly over 80%, SQL Server needs more memory or needs to use the memory it has more efficiently. Consider implementing one or more of the following solutions:

- If your site makes use of extended stored procedures that are infrequently called, then after calling them, issue a `DBCC DLLNAME (FREE)`. Once an extended stored procedure is called, it remains in memory until SQL Server is shut down even if it is never again called, which then wastes available memory. A `DBCC dllname (FREE)` releases that memory for use by both the procedure cache and Data Pages, which has a significant positive effect on both the Procedure Cache Hit Ratio and the Buffer Cache Hit Ratio. Execute `sp_h elpxtendedproc` to view the extended stored procedures currently loaded in memory by SQL Server.
- As each SQL Server lock requires 96 bytes of memory, the granting of lock space is done at the expense of Data Pages and Procedure Cache Pages. To maintain proper system performance and throughput, keep the number of locks to a minimum by:
 - Wherever possible, using the `(NOLOCK)` optimizer hint or `SET TRANSACTION ISOLATION LEVEL READ UNCOMMITTED` on select statements as this neither issues any shared locks on the data it reads nor honors any exclusive locks set by other transactions.
 - When updating all rows in a table with more than 50 rows, using the `TABLOCKX` table hint. This table hint prevents SQL Server from initially taking exclusive row locks, granting many of these locks, and then escalating them to an exclusive table lock.
 - When deleting all rows in any table, using the `TRUNCATE TABLE` statement instead of the `DELETE` statement as fewer locks and other system resources are consumed in the process.
 - Reducing the time that a lock is held by:
 - Performing as much work as possible before the transaction performs its first update, delete, or insert. For example, add any necessary `SELECT` statements.
 - Grouping all `UPDATES`, `DELETES`, and `INSERTS` as closely as possible within a transaction with as few `SELECTS` as possible separating them.
 - Committing the transaction as soon as possible after the final DML statement.
 - Avoiding any stops for user input once the transaction begins. Be sure to gather all user inputs before the transaction starts.
 - Allowing SQL Server to consume more of the available memory, making sure that OS Paging does not increase.
- Add more physical memory (RAM) to the computer.
- If the computer is running multiple instances of SQL Server, then consider placing each instance on a separate physical computer.
- If the computer is running other memory-intensive applications, such as IIS or Exchange, then consider moving each instance to a separate physical computer.
- Limit SQL Server computers to performing only SQL Server work. Stop any unnecessary programs, such as allowing the computer to act as either a primary or backup domain controller.



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SQL Server Response Time (Milliseconds) alert

The SQL Server Response Time (Millisecond) alert provides the time (in milliseconds) SQL Diagnostic Manager currently needs to send a simple SQL command to the SQL Server instance, have it processed, and receive the returned result set.

High response times generally occur when sessions are blocked or when either there is heavy network traffic or network problems or when either the computer the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository or the computer the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console is hosted on is running slow due to various problems.

Typically, this value should average below 2000 ms for a well tuned network and server. Average values in excess of 2000 ms indicate either an excessively busy network segment or a stressed SQL Server.

Reduce your SQL Server response time

A common cause to high response times is when sessions are being blocked. To fix this problem, go to the **Sessions** tab and select the **Blocking** view to see if any sessions are blocking. You can then select the session and click either **Trace Session** to see what queries the session is creating and to see what is causing the block, or **Kill Session** to stop it.

-  To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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SQL Server Status alert

The SQL Server Status alert provides the status of the SQL Server service.

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SQLdm Service Status alert

The SQLdm Service Status alert provides the status of the SQLdm Manager Service. The possible statuses include **Running**, **Stopped**, or **Unknown**. You cannot configure this alert.

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Table Fragmentation (Percent) alert

The Table Fragmentation (Percent) alert provides the percentage of fragmented pages in a table. It is the scan density from `dbcc showcontig` on a clustered index of a table. If the table does not have a clustered index, table fragmentation is not collected. If this value exceeds 80%, consider the following remedies:

- Drop and re-create the clustered index.
- Reorder the leaf-level pages of the index in a logical order.
- Rebuild the index online.

This alert is raised based on the diagnostic data collection interval specified in Server Properties. For more information, see [Set general server options](#).

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Tempdb Contention (ms) alert

The Tempdb Contention (ms) alert provides the latch wait time (in milliseconds) for tempdb allocation maps. The three tracked allocation page types are:

- Page free space (PFS)
- Global allocation map (GAM)
- Shared global allocation map (SGAM)

Latch contention of this sort is usually an indication that you need to create more tempdb data files. In some situation, using Trace Flag 1118 may also alleviate tempdb contention. This alert occurs only on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.

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Unsubscribed Transactions (Count) alert

The Unsubscribed Transactions (Count) alert provides the number of replication transactions received by the Distributor but not received by a Subscriber.

-  To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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Unsubscribed Transactions (Seconds) alert

The Unsubscribed Transactions (Seconds) alert provides the time (in seconds) that a replication transaction is holding at the Distributor and waiting for a Subscriber to receive it.

-  To enable alerting when this metric is outside its established baseline, click the **Baseline Thresholds Enabled (as percentage of baseline)** check box in the Alert Configuration window.

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User Connections (Percent) alert

The User Connections (Percent) alert provides the percentage of currently-used user connections allowed by the SQL Server instance. A high percentage indicates a load on the SQL Server. Note that the higher this value, the more SQL Server reserves for connections.

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Version Store Generation Ratio alert

The Version Store Generation Ratio alert provides the percentage by which the tempdb version store generation rate exceeds the cleanup rate. This alert is disabled by default and occurs only on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.



You can raise this alert only when at least one minute elapses between alert refreshes as version store cleanup occurs once per minute.

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Version Store Size (MB) alert

The Version Store Size (MB) alert provides the size of the tempdb version store in megabytes. This alert is disabled by default and occurs only on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.

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VM CPU Ready Wait Time (ms) alert

The VM CPU Ready Wait Time (MS) alert provides the time (in milliseconds) that a virtual CPU is waiting for a physical CPU to become available for processing for the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server resides. A spike in this value may indicate CPU pressure on the host server. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.

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VM CPU Usage (Percent) alert

The VM CPU Usage (Percent) alert provides the percentage of available virtual CPU time used by the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server. This may differ from the processor utilization percentage reported by the guest OS. The percentage of processor usage is listed under the control. A high percentage could indicate a large number of active client sessions. This alert is disabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines that are enabled for VM monitoring.

Reduce the percentage of available virtual CPU time used by your VM

Consistently high SQL Server processor usage could indicate the need to:

- Reduce the number of SQL re-compilations as they are CPU intensive. There are many reasons that an object such as a stored procedure is recompiled and you can remove most of these reasons by careful coding.
- Make sure that all T-SQL statements (whether in a stored procedure, trigger or ad hoc statement) that reference objects fully qualify the object referenced.

For example: `SELECT * FROM Northwind.dbo Employees` is a fully-qualified object reference whereas `SELECT * FROM Employees` is a poorly-qualified object. You can reuse the execution plans of fully-qualified objects "as is," whereas plans where you either cannot reuse the not fully-qualified objects or, if they are reused, then they are subject to a highly restrictive `COMPILE` lock while SQL Server determines if all of the objects referenced in the T-SQL code have the same owners as the execution plan currently in cache. Both of these situations consume a significant amount of CPU time.



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VM Host Server Change alert

The VM Host Server Change alert indicates that the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server instance moved to a different host. This alert is disabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter which have been enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.

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VM Memory Swap Delay Detected alert

The VM Memory Swap Delay Detected alert indicates that the memory being swapped to disk is causing a performance delay on the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server instance is running. This alert is enabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines that are enabled for VM monitoring.

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VM Memory Usage (Percent) alert

The VM Memory Usage (Percent) alert provides the percentage of available memory used by the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server. This result may vary from the memory usage percentage reported by the guest operating system. This alert is disabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines that are enabled for VM monitoring.

Reduce the percentage of memory used by SQL Server

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- As each SQL Server lock requires 96 bytes of memory, the granting of lock space is done at the expense of Data Pages and Procedure Cache Pages. To maintain proper system performance and throughput, keep the number of locks to a minimum by:
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VM Power State alert

The VM Power State alert provides the power state of the VM as reported by the vCenter or Hyper-V host servers. This alert is enabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines that are enabled for VM monitoring.

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VM Reclaimed/Ballooned Memory (KB) alert

The VM Reclaimed/Ballooned Memory (KB) alert provides the amount of memory that is reclaimed by the host server and is no longer available to the virtual machine on which the SQL Server instance is running. This may be a sign of memory pressure on the host. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.

Reduce the percentage of memory used by SQL Server

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VM Resource Configuration Change alert

The VM Resource Configuration Change alert indicates that a resource configuration change occurred for the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server instance. This alert is enabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines that are enabled for VM monitoring.

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VM Resource Limits Detected alert

The VM Resource Limits Detected alert indicates that CPU or memory resource limits are set for the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server instance. Resource limits are set by the VM administrator on the total amount of resources that a VM is allowed to consume. This alert is disabled by default and is available only on instances hosted on virtual machines that are enabled for VM monitoring.

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WMI Service Unavailable alert

The WMI Service Unavailable alert indicates that the WMI service is unavailable on the SQL Server computer. SQL Diagnostic Manager does not collect OS metrics.

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Advanced solutions

SQL Diagnostic Manager includes functionality aimed at the more advanced user who wants to manage these features without contacting Idera Support for assistance. Please do not attempt to perform these actions if you are unsure of what you are doing or why you would want to take such steps. These more advanced topics include how to:

- migrate or recover your installation
- deploy the Idera Newsfeed in a clustered environment
- deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment
- understand default alert IDs
- troubleshoot WMI connectivity issues
- integrate SQL Diagnostic Manager with SCOM

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Migrate or Recover Your Installation

Establishing a migration or disaster recovery strategy for your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository and Services allows you to preserve historical data and existing configuration settings. You can also continue monitoring your SQL Server environment to meet your auditing requirements.



SQL Diagnostic Manager Application security is not maintained when your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation is migrated to a new server.

This process helps you execute a migration or disaster recovery strategy that addresses one of the following situations:

- The computer hosting SQL Diagnostic Manager requires maintenance, such as new hardware or a software upgrade (Microsoft Windows or SQL Server Service Pack)
- The computer hosting SQL Diagnostic Manager becomes permanently unavailable
- You decommission and replace the computer hosting SQL Diagnostic Manager

Refer to the following when migrating your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation:

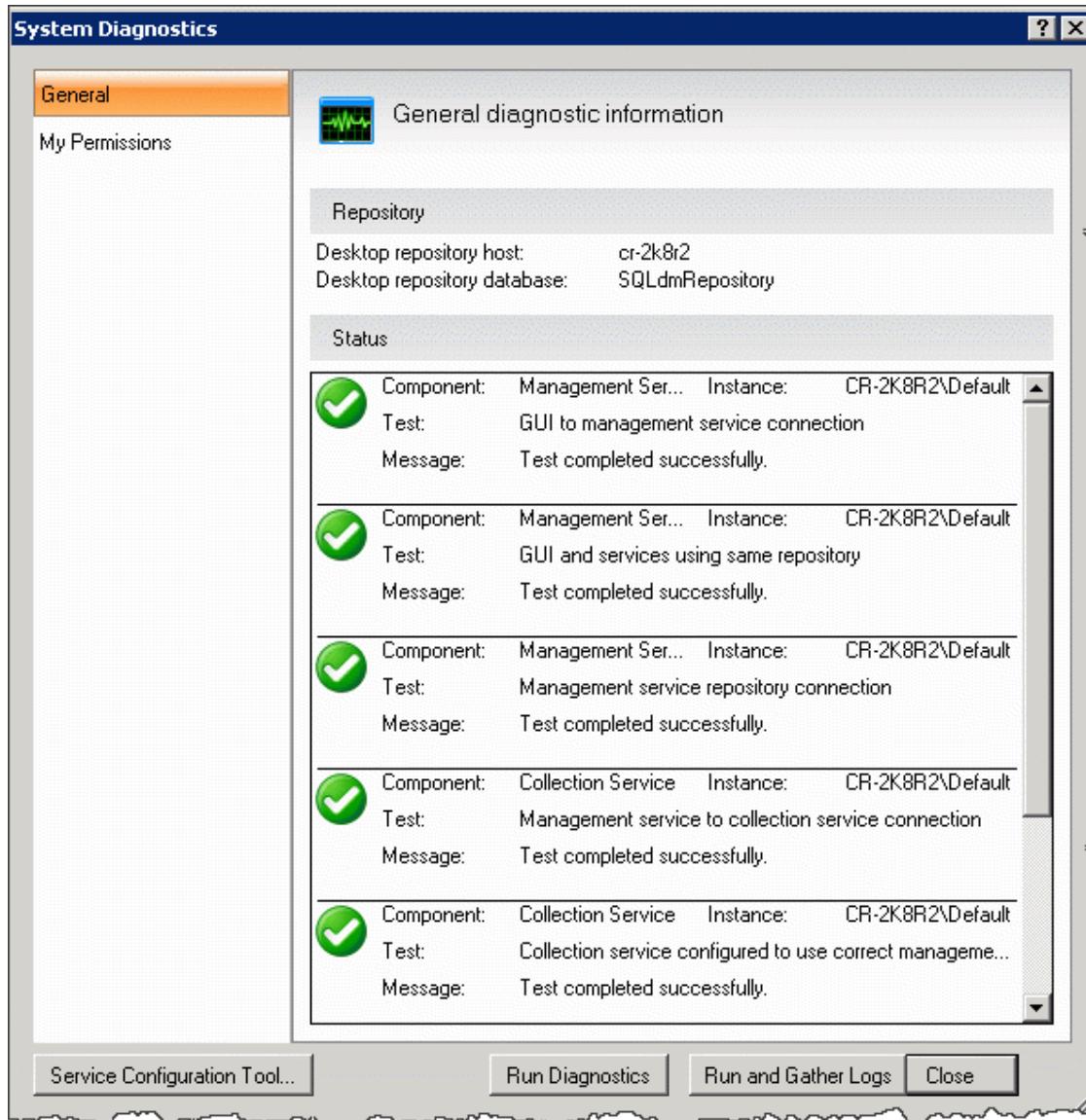
- Choosing to migrate or recover SQL Diagnostic Manager
- Creating your migration or recovery plan
- Recovering your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation
- Migrating your complete SQL Diagnostic Manager installation
- Migrating the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository only
- Migrating the SQL Diagnostic Manager services only

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System diagnostics

The System Diagnostics window allows you to test the connections between the SQL Diagnostic Manager services and other SQL Diagnostic Manager components, as well as collect service and desktop client logs. This connection test is designed to assist you when the location of SQL Diagnostic Manager components changes due to a migration.



You can perform the following tests using system diagnostics:

Management Service Tests

- GUI to management service connection
- GUI and SQL Diagnostic Manager services using the same repository
- Management service repository connection

Collection Service Tests

- Management service to collection service connection
- Connection service configured to use correct management service
- Collection service can connect to management service
- Collection service heartbeat status

One-click System Diagnostics button:

You can run system diagnostics plus collect service and desktop client logs by clicking on the **Run and Gather Logs** button. This feature also

saves the status of each collected log in a text file.

 In a SQL Diagnostic Manager distributed environment, the **Run and Gather Logs** command, gathers only local logs. To collect all product logs, run this option from the machine where your SQL Diagnostic Manager services are installed.

Access the System Diagnostics window:

To open the System Diagnostics window, select **Help > System diagnostics** from the Toolbar menu.

 In a console-only installation the **Service Configuration Tool** button is not available since the SQLdm Management Service Configuration Wizard is installed in the machine where all the SQL Diagnostic Manager services reside.

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Choose to migrate or recover SQL Diagnostic Manager

When choosing whether a migration or disaster recovery strategy is best for your environment, consider if you want to permanently move the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository or Services to another computer.

You can also choose to have the Repository and Console components located on computers that belong to different domains. This deployment option is advantageous during disaster recovery, especially if the only available computer is in another domain. Verify that a two-way trust exists between the target domains to support full communication between the Repository and consoles.

Goal	Action
Replace the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository or Services computer	Migration
Repair the original Repository or Services computer	Recovery

In both cases, first back up and then restore the Repository database.

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Create your migration or recovery plan

Once you decide whether a SQL Diagnostic Manager Migration or Recovery is best for your environment, create a plan so that when the time comes, you are prepared and get SQL Diagnostic Manager up and running as quickly as possible.

Creating a Migration Plan

A migration plan details moving the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository and Services to another SQL Server instance, thereby replacing the original components. You can use a migration plan to respond to an immediate maintenance need. Use the procedures and guidelines in this document to implement or modify your migration plan.

Creating a Recovery Plan

A disaster recovery plan details the steps to remedy unexpected outages to make sure you can continue monitoring SQL Server activity and performance metrics. This document addresses disaster recovery best-practices for establishing a new Repository.

When you implement SQL Diagnostic Manager in your production SQL Server environment, consider preparing a disaster recovery plan to minimize audit data loss should the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository become unavailable. Use the procedures and guidelines covered in this document to implement or modify your disaster recovery plan.

Understanding the Repository Database

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository consists of a SQL Server database named, by default, SQLdmRepository. This database contains the following information:

- Performance metrics and statistics collected from your monitored SQL Server instances
- Configuration settings such as the connection information for the SQL Diagnostic Manager services and alert notification rules
- Alert messages

By default, the Repository database uses the simple recovery model. When this setting is enabled, SQL Server does not maintain the transaction logs for the database. Likewise, any existing transaction logs are not included in backup data. If your corporate policies require transaction log backups, consider changing the recovery model to full so that transaction logs are maintained and archived.

Understanding SQL Diagnostic Manager services

SQL Diagnostic Manager has two centralized services, the Management Service and the Collection Service. These two services reside on the same computer.

The Management Service performs the following primary functions:

- Provides real-time data to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console
- Receives historical data from the Collection Service for storage in the Repository
- Raises alerts and sends alert notifications

The Collection Service performs on-demand and scheduled collection from the monitored SQL Server instances.

Recovery and Migration Best Practices

Verify the Configuration of the Target SQL Server

When identifying the new SQL Server instance that you want to host the Repository and Services, make sure this instance meets or exceeds the product requirements as well as these specific requirements.

- You can dedicate the target instance to hosting the SQL Diagnostic Manager only
- The target instance runs the same version of SQL Server software that is currently running on the existing SQL Diagnostic Manager computer

Back up the Repository Database

Use a tool such as IDERA SQLsafe to perform a full backup of the Repository database. If you changed the default recovery model to full, make sure your backup includes all transaction logs.

Identify how often to backup the Repository database

The frequency at which you backup the Repository database depends on the following factors:

- How often your alert settings change
- How often your SQL Server environment changes as you add new servers and databases or remove older servers and database
- How much performance data you collect in a given time period
- How much risk you are willing to incur

The backup frequency should reflect your maintenance needs and allow you to meet future monitoring requirements.

Schedule routine backups of the Repository database

After you identify the appropriate backup frequency for your monitoring needs, use a tool such as IDERA SQLsafe to schedule routine backups of the Repository database. If you changed the default recovery model to full, make sure your backup includes all transaction logs.

Review disaster recovery guidelines

Make sure your recovery strategy includes plans to reinstate the original computer once it is repaired. Consider the following guidelines:

- To minimize data loss, plan to back up the Repository database on the temporary Repository computer immediately before reinstating the original computer.
- Use the procedures in this Technical Solution to reinstate the Repository on the original computer and configure the Management Service.
- To verify all components were reinstated correctly, test your implementation.
- Uninstall the components you previously implemented on the temporary computer.

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Migrate your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation

The procedures in this section detail the migration steps for moving both the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository and the Services to a new computer. Follow each section in order for a successful migration.



SQL Diagnostic Manager Application security is not maintained when your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation is migrated to a new server. For more information, see [Use application security to manage SQL Diagnostic Manager](#).

Get a New SQL Diagnostic Manager License Key

Because you are migrating the Repository database to a different SQL Server instance, SQL Diagnostic Manager requires a new license key. You can easily request a new license key by sending an email to: licensing@idera.com.

To complete the request, make sure you have the name of the SQL Server instance where you plan to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database.

Restore the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on the Target Computer

For best results, use the following guidelines migrate your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository to the target computer:

- Perform a full restore
- Schedule the restore during off-hours, or times when you expect the least collection activity

To restore the Repository database:

1. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to close any open connections to the Repository database.
2. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to take the Repository database offline. If you cannot take the Repository database offline, stop the Collection Service.
3. Use a tool such as IDERA SQLsafe to restore the Repository database on the target server using the appropriate backup archive file.

Disable or Uninstall the SQL Diagnostic Manager Services on the Current Computer

SQL Diagnostic Manager services must be uninstalled to avoid conflict with the restored SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. For best results, use the following procedure:

If you do not want to keep the SQL Diagnostic Manager console on the current computer, perform the following steps:

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > Uninstall a Program** on your current computer.
2. Uninstall SQL Diagnostic Manager completely.

If you want to keep the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console on the current computer, perform the following steps:

1. Select **Start > Administrative Tools > Services** on the current computer.
2. Scroll down and right-click SQLdm Collection Service in the list, and select **Properties**.
3. In the Startup Type drop-down list, select **Disabled**.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Scroll down and right click SQLdm Management Services in the list, and select **Properties**.
6. In the Startup Type drop-down list, select **Disabled**.
7. Click **OK**.

Perform a Full SQL Diagnostic Manager Install on the New Computer

A full install of SQL Diagnostic Manager installs the new SQL Diagnostic Manager services, link them to the restored SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository, and install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console. For best results, use the following procedure for installing SQL Diagnostic Manager:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager services.
2. Run **Setup.exe** in the root of the installation kit.
3. Click **SQL diagnostic manager** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking I accept the terms in the license agreement, and then click **Next**.
6. Accept the default folder for your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation, or click **Change** to specify a different folder, and then click **Next**.
7. Select your setup type and then click **Next**.
8. Browse and select the SQL Server instance your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository was restored to and click **Next**.
9. Enter your service account credentials and click **Next**.
10. Click **Install** to begin installing SQL Diagnostic Manager with the options you have selected.

Verify that the Migration was Successful

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Console includes a system diagnostics test that allows you to test the connections of all the SQL Diagnostic

Manager components.

1. Open the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.
2. Enter your new SQL Diagnostic Manager license key.
3. Add the SQL Server instances you want to monitor.
4. Open the System Diagnostics utility by selecting **Help > System Diagnostics**.
5. Click **Test**.
6. Verify that all the tests are successful.

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Recovering your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation

In the event that your existing SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository is no longer available, you can recover your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation back to the last point a backup occurred.

Recovering the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository

To recover lost or damaged data, restore the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database using the following guidelines:

- Perform a full restore
- Schedule the restore during off-hours, or times when you expect the least collection activity

To restore the Repository database:

1. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to close any open connections to the Repository database.
2. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to take the Repository database offline. If you cannot take the Repository database offline, stop the Collection Service.
3. Use a tool such as IDERA SQLsafe to restore the Repository database using the appropriate backup archive file.
4. On the computer hosting the SQL Diagnostic Manager services, restart the SQLdm Collection and Management services.
5. On all existing SQL Diagnostic Manager consoles, reconnect to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository by selecting **File >Connect to SQLdm Repository**.

Recovering the SQL Diagnostic Manager services

To install the SQL Diagnostic Manager services:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager services.
2. Run **Setup.exe** in the root of the installation kit.
3. Click **SQL diagnostic manager** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Accept the default folder for your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation, or click **Change** to specify a different folder, and then click **Next**.
7. Select the **Custom Install** setup type, and then click **Next**.
8. Select **SQLdm Services** (also select the **Desktop Client** if you want to run it on the same computer), and then click **Next**.
9. Specify which SQL Server instance is hosting the Repository database, verify that the displayed database name is correct, and then click **Next**.
10. Specify the account credentials that you want the SQL Diagnostic Manager services to use to connect to the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository and the monitored SQL Server instances, and then click **Next**. This account must belong to the sysadmin role on the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database and each instance you plan to monitor.
11. Click **Install** to begin your installation.
12. Click **Finish** to exit the setup program.

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Migrate the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository

The procedures in this section detail the migration steps for moving the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository to a new computer while leaving the SQL Diagnostic Manager services. Follow each section in order for a successful migration.

Get a New SQL Diagnostic Manager License Key

Because you are migrating the Repository database to a different SQL Server instance, SQL Diagnostic Manager requires a new license key. You can easily request a new license key by sending an email to: licensing@idera.com.

To complete the request, you need the name of the SQL Server instance where you plan to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository database.

Restore the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository on the Target Computer

To recover lost or damaged data, restore the Repository database. For best results, use the following guidelines:

- Perform a full restore
- Schedule the restore during off-hours, or times when you expect the least collection activity

To restore the Repository database:

1. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to close any open connections to the Repository database.
2. Use SQL Server Enterprise Manager or Management Studio to take the Repository database offline. If you cannot take the Repository database offline, stop the Collection Service.
3. Use a tool such as IDERA SQLsafe to restore the Repository database using the appropriate backup archive file.

Configure the Management Service

Configure the Management Service so that it can communicate with the new Repository.

To configure the SQLdm Management Service:

1. Start the Management Service Configuration wizard by selecting **Start > All Programs > Idera > Idera SQL diagnostic manager > Tools > Management Service Configuration Wizard** on the computer that hosts the SQL Diagnostic Manager services.
2. Read the Welcome window, and then click **Next**.
3. Verify that the following settings are correct, and then click **Next**.
 - The name of the SQL Server instance hosting the Repository database
 - The name of the Repository database
 - The type of authentication the Management Service should use to connect to the Repository database
4. Click **Test** to validate your settings.
5. Click **Finish** to exit the wizard.

Configure the SQLdm Desktop Client

Any previously deployed SQLdm Desktop Client has to be reconfigured to connect to the new Repository.

To reconfigure the SQLdm Desktop Client:

1. Launch the SQLdm Desktop Client by selecting **Start > All Programs > Idera > Idera SQL diagnostic manager > SQL diagnostic manager**.
2. Click **File > Connect to SQLDM Repository**
3. Verify that the following settings are correct, and then click **Next**.
 - The name of the SQL Server instance hosting the Repository database
 - The name of the Repository database
 - The type of authentication the Management Service should use to connect to the Repository database
4. Click **Connect** to save the changes.
5. Upon connecting to the Repository database, SQL Diagnostic Manager will generate a prompt indicating that a valid license does not exist. Click **Manage Licenses**.
6. In the **New Key** section, enter the new license key that was generated for the migration and click **Enter**.
7. Once the key has been added successfully, click the **Close** button.

Verify that the Migration was Successful

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Console includes a system diagnostics test that allows you to test the connections of all the SQL Diagnostic

Manager components.

1. Open the SQL Diagnostic Manager console.
2. Enter your new SQL Diagnostic Manager license key.
3. Add the SQL Server instances you want to monitor.
4. Open the System Diagnostics utility by selecting **Help > System Diagnostics**.
5. Click **Test**.
6. Verify that all the tests are successful.

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Migrate the SQL Diagnostic Manager services

The procedures in this section detail the migration steps for moving the SQL Diagnostic Manager services to a new computer while leaving the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. Follow each section in order for a successful migration.

Uninstall SQL Diagnostic Manager on the Original Computer

Uninstalling SQL Diagnostic Manager on the original computer via Add or Remove Programs, removes all the SQLdm components from the original computer except for the SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository. For best results, use the following procedure for uninstalling SQL Diagnostic Manager on the original computer:

1. Select **Start > Control Panel > Add or Remove Programs**.
2. Scroll down to SQL Diagnostic Manager and select **Remove**.
3. Click **Yes** to the prompt asking if you want to completely remove SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Perform a Full SQL Diagnostic Manager Install on the New Computer

A full install of SQL Diagnostic Manager installs the new SQL Diagnostic Manager services, link them to the restored SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository, and install the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console. For best results, use the following procedure for installing SQL Diagnostic Manager:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install the SQL Diagnostic Manager services.
2. Run **Setup.exe** in the root of the installation kit.
3. Click **SQL diagnostic manager** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking I accept the terms in the license agreement, and then click **Next**.
6. Accept the default folder for your SQL Diagnostic Manager installation, or click **Change** to specify a different folder, and then click **Next**.
7. Select your setup type and then click **Next**.
8. Browse and select the SQL Server instance on the original computer that contains your SQL Diagnostic Manager Repository, and click **Next**.
9. Enter your service account credentials and click **Next**.
10. Click **Install** to begin installing SQL Diagnostic Manager with the options you have selected.

Verify that the Migration was successful

The SQL Diagnostic Manager Console includes a system diagnostics test that allows you to test the connections of all the SQL Diagnostic Manager components.

1. Open the SQL Diagnostic Manager Console.
2. Enter your new SQL Diagnostic Manager license key.
3. Add the SQL Server instances you want to monitor.
4. Open the System Diagnostics utility by selecting **Help > System Diagnostics**.
5. Click **Test**.
6. Verify that all the tests are successful.

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Deploy SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment

SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to monitor your clustered SQL Server environment. See the following topics for installation and configuration instructions for Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008, and Windows Server 2012 environments.

- Installing in a Windows Server 2003 Clustered Environment
- Installing in a Windows Server 2008 Clustered Environment
- Installing in a Windows Server 2012 Clustered Environment
- Configure alerts for important cluster events

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Windows Server 2003 clustered environment

The following instructions guide you through the installation of SQL Diagnostic Manager in a Windows Server 2003 based clustered environment.

Things to consider before you install SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment

- Create a separate cluster resource group to host SQLDM services. A separate group allows the SQLDM services to fail without causing other resources in the group to failover.
- Before you create this separate cluster resource group, gather a dedicated IP, NetBIOS name, and a dedicated disk for the cluster resource group.
- SQLdm Collection, Management, and Predictive Analytics services can run as generic services on your newly-created cluster resource group.
- The system may request the network Name and network IP as part of cluster configuration.

Install SQLdm Services on Cluster Nodes

You must install the SQLDM services on each cluster node for the services to work correctly when a failure occurs on the primary cluster node hosting the SQLDM services.

To install SQLDM services on cluster nodes:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install SQLDM.
2. Run Setup.exe in the root of the SQLDM installation kit on the first cluster node.
3. Click **SQL Diagnostic Manager** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Accept the default installation folder, or click **Change** to specify a different folder, and click **Next**.
7. Select the **Typical setup** type and click **Next**.
8. Select the SQL Server instance and enter a database name.
9. Enter the service account information and click **Next**.
10. Click **Install**.
11. In Windows Services, stop the SQLDM Management service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.
12. In Windows Services, stop the SQLDM Collection service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.
13. In Windows Services, stop the SQLDM Predictive Analytics service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.



You cannot perform the installations concurrently, as the installers collide when checking the repository. You must perform the installations sequentially.

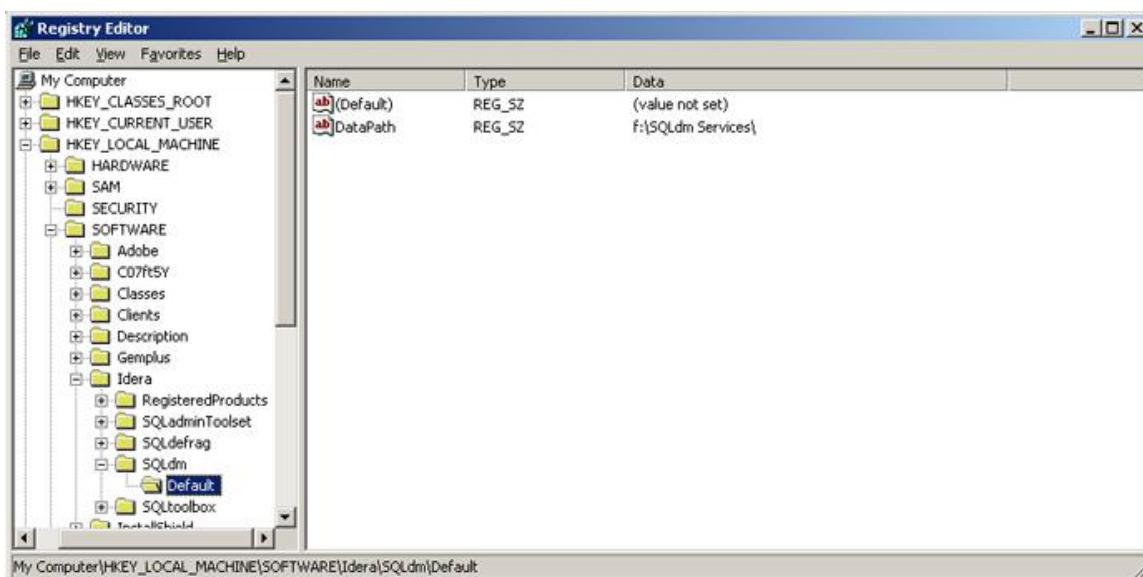
Configure the Cluster Resource Group

Cluster Resource Group settings must be modified to allow SQL Diagnostic Manager to recognize the cluster nodes.

To configure the Cluster Resource Group:

1. In the Cluster Administrator tool, create the Cluster Resource Group:
 - Select **File > New > Group** and give the group and description.
 - Add the nodes and click **Finish**.
2. In the Cluster Administrator tool, add a disk to the Cluster Resource Group:
 - Right-click the group you just created, select **New > Resource** and give it a name and description.
 - For the Resource Type, select **Physical Disk**.
 - Select the SQLdm group.
 - Click **Next** until you get to the last window and click **Finish**.
3. In the Cluster Administrator tool, add an IP address for the Cluster Resource Group:
 - Right-click the group and select **New > Resource** and give it a name and description.
 - Select the Resource type **IP Address**.
 - Enter the IP address that you acquired for your new Cluster Resource Group.
 - Click **Finish**.
4. In the Cluster Administrator tool, add the Network Name resource to the Cluster Resource Group:
 - Right-click the group and **New > Resource** and give it a name.
 - Select the Resource type **Network Name**.
 - Add the dependency for the IP address resource.
 - Specify the name and click **Finish**.
5. Select a **Disk** that is in a Cluster Resource Group and create a directory on that disk used to hold local data for the services.
6. On the primary node, create the default registry key and add the full data path value under
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLdm\Default.
7. Create the DataPath value.
8. Select a **Cluster Resource Group** in which you want to define the SQLdm resources.
9. Create an IP Address resource for the SQLDM Services. If there is already an existing Network Name in the Cluster Resource Group, then you can skip this step.
 - Create an Network Name resource that maps to the IP Address

- Create the Network Name resource and add the IP Address as a dependency
10. Create a Generic Service resource for the SQLdm Management Service.
- Add the **Disk** for the shared data as a dependency
 - Add the **Network Name** as a dependency
 - Specify SQLdmManagementService\$Default as the name of the service to start
11. After the service is added, right-click it and select **Properties**.
- Select the Parameters tab and check the **Use network name for computer name** box
 - Select the Registry Replication tab and add SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLdm\Default
 - Click **OK**
12. Create a Generic Service resource for the SQLDM Collection Service.
- Add the **Disk** for the shared data as a dependency
 - Add the **Network Name** as a dependency
 - Specify SQLdmCollectionService\$Default as the name of the service to start
13. After the service is added, right-click it and select **Properties**.
- Select the Parameters tab and check the **Use network name for computer name** box
 - Select the Registry Replication tab and add SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLdm\Default
 - Click **OK**
14. Create a Generic Service resource for the SQLdm Predictive Analytics Service.
- Add the **Disk** for the shared data as a dependency
 - Add the **Network Name** as a dependency
 - Specify SQLdmPredictiveAnalyticsService\$Default as the name of the service to start
15. After the service is added, right-click it and select **Properties**.
- Select the Parameters tab and check the **Use network name for computer name** box
 - Select the Registry Replication tab and add SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLdm\Default
 - Click **OK**
16. In Windows Services, bring the SQLDM Management service resource online.
17. In Windows Services, bring the SQLDM Collection service resource online.
18. In Windows Services, bring the SQLDM Predictive Analytics service resource online.



Complete the Cluster Configuration in SQL Diagnostic Manager

1. Use the Management Service Configuration wizard to force the services to re-register.
2. Start the SQLDM Desktop Client and select SQLDM Repository. If the SQLDM Repository is clustered make sure to use the virtual server name for the SQL Server hosting the SQLDM Repository.
3. Verify that your configuration displays correctly in the SQLDM Desktop Client.

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Windows Server 2008 clustered environment

The following instructions guide you through the installation of SQL Diagnostic Manager in a Windows Server 2008 based clustered environment.

Things to consider before you install SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment

- Create a separate cluster resource group to host SQLdm services. A separate group allows the SQLdm services to fail without causing other resources in the group to failover.
- Before you create this separate cluster resource group, gather a dedicated IP, NetBIOS name, and a dedicated disk for the cluster resource group.
- SQLdm Collection, Management, and Predictive Analytics services can run as generic services on your newly-created cluster resource group.
- The system may request the network Name and network IP as part of cluster configuration.

Install SQLdm Services on Cluster Nodes

You must install the SQLdm services on each cluster node for the services to work correctly when a failure occurs on the primary cluster node hosting the SQLdm services.

To install SQLdm services on cluster nodes:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install SQLdm.
2. Run Setup.exe in the root of the SQLdm installation kit on the first cluster node.
3. Click **SQL diagnostic manager** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Accept the default installation folder, or click **Change** to specify a different folder, and click **Next**.
7. Select the **Typical setup** type and click **Next**.
8. Select the SQL Server instance and enter a database name.
9. Enter the service account information and click **Next**.
10. Click **Install**.
11. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Management service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.
12. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Collection service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.
13. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Predictive Analytics service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.

Repeat the previous steps on each cluster node. Point to the SQLdm Repository installed on the first node.



You cannot perform the installations concurrently, as the installers collide when checking the repository. You must perform the installations sequentially.

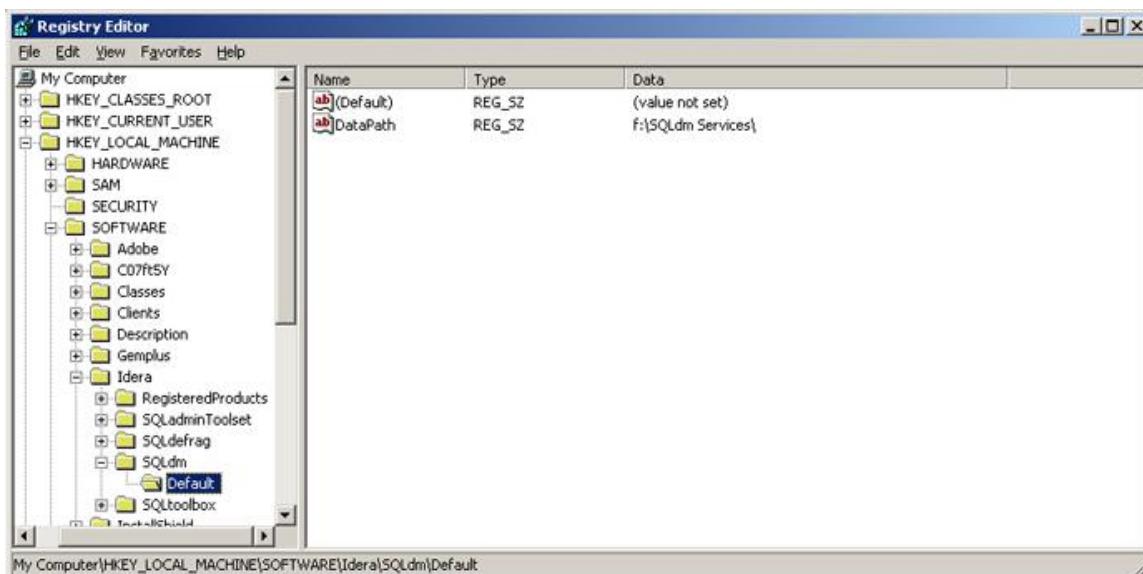
Configure the Cluster Resource Group

Cluster Resource Group settings must be modified to allow SQL Diagnostic Manager to recognize the cluster nodes.

To configure the Cluster Resource Group:

1. Select a disk that is configured in the Cluster Resource Group and create a directory on that disk that you want to use to hold local data for the services.
2. On the primary node, edit the registry and add a new key named Default to the key \Software\idera\SQLdm. In this key add a string value called DataPath. Set its value to the full path to the data directory created in step 1 (as shown in the image at the end of the steps).
3. In the Failover Cluster Management tool, right-click on **Services and Applications** and select **Configure a Service or Application**.
 - Provide a name for the service
 - Select **Generic Service**
 - Select the SQLdm Management Service
 - Enter the network name and IP address for the services
 - Select the clustered storage that hosts the path defined in step 1
 - Skip the Registry Replication
 - Verify the settings and click **Next** to complete the wizard
4. In Services and Applications, click the newly created service name in the Other Resources section and then on the SQLdm Management service and take it offline.
5. In Services and Applications, right-click on the newly created service and then on the SQLdm Management Service and select Properties.
 - On the General tab, select **Use Network Name** for computer name
 - On the Dependencies tab, add the name of service and disk, and then click **Apply**
 - On the Registry Replication tab, if blank, add SOFTWARE\idera\SQLdm\Default\DataPath
6. In Services and Applications, right-click the newly created service and select **Add a Resource and Generic Service**.
7. Select the SQLdm Collection Service.
8. Select **Next** and finish out the wizard.
9. In **Services and Applications**, right-click on the newly created service and then on the **SQLdm Collection Service** and select **Properties**.

- On the General tab, select **Use Network Name** for computer name
 - On the Dependencies tab, add name of service and disk, and then click **Apply**
 - On the Registry Replication tab, add SOFTWARE\idera\SQLdm\Default\ImagePath
10. In Services and Applications, right-click the newly created service and select **Add a Resource and Generic Service**.
11. Select the Predictive Analytics service from the list of resources.
12. Select **Next** and then **Finish** to exit the wizard.
13. In Services and Applications, click the newly-created service and then on the **SQLdm Predictive Analytics** service and select **Properties**.
- On the General tab, select **Use Network Name** for computer name
 - On the Dependencies tab, add the name of the service and disk, and then click **Apply**
 - On the Registry Replication tab, if blank, add SOFTWARE\idera\SQLdm\Default\ImagePath
14. In Windows Services, bring the SQLdm Management service resource online.
15. In Windows Services, bring the SQLdm Collection service resource online.
16. In Windows Services, bring the SQLdm Predictive Analytics service resource online.
17. On the active node on which you installed the SQLdm services, use the Management Service Configuration wizard (**Start > All Programs > Idera > SQL diagnostic manager > Tools > Management Service Configuration Wizard**) to force the services to re-register.
18. Test the configuration from the Management Service Configuration wizard before finishing the wizard.



Complete the Cluster Configuration in SQL Diagnostic Manager

Start the SQLdm Desktop Client and select SQLdm Repository. If the SQLdm Repository is clustered make sure to use the virtual server name for the SQL Server hosting the SQLdm Repository.

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Windows Server 2012 clustered environment

The following instructions guide you through the installation of SQL Diagnostic Manager in a Windows Server 2012 based clustered environment.

Things to consider before you install SQL Diagnostic Manager in a clustered environment

- Create a separate cluster resource group to host SQLdm services. A separate group allows the SQLdm services to fail without causing other resources in the group to failover.
- Before you create this separate cluster resource group, gather a dedicated IP, NetBIOS name, and a dedicated disk for the cluster resource group.
- SQLdm Collection, Management, and Predictive Analytics services can run as generic services on your newly-created cluster resource group.
- The system may request the network Name and network IP as part of cluster configuration.

Install SQLdm Services on Cluster Nodes

You must install the SQLdm services on each cluster node for the services to work correctly when a failure occurs on the primary cluster node hosting the SQLdm services.

To install SQLdm services on cluster nodes:

1. Log on with an administrator account to the computer on which you want to install SQLdm.
2. Run Setup.exe in the root of the SQLdm installation kit on the first cluster node.
3. Click **SQL diagnostic manager** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Accept the default installation folder, or click **Change** to specify a different folder, and click **Next**.
7. Select the **Typical setup** type and click **Next**.
8. Select the SQL Server instance and enter a database name.
9. Enter the service account information and click **Next**.
10. Click **Install**.
11. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Management service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.
12. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Collection service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.
13. In Windows Services, stop the SQLdm Predictive Analytics service and set the Startup type to **Manual**.

Repeat the previous steps on each cluster node. Point to the SQLdm Repository installed on the first node.



You cannot perform the installations concurrently, as the installers collide when checking the repository. You must perform the installations sequentially.

Configure the Cluster Resource Group

Cluster Resource Group settings must be modified to allow SQL Diagnostic Manager to recognize the cluster nodes. Note that in certain versions of 2012, the Registry Replication tab is missing. A PowerShell command, provided in the instructions below constitutes a workaround for this issue.

To configure the Cluster Resource Group:

1. Select a disk that is configured in the Cluster Resource Group and create a directory on that disk that you want to use to hold local data for the services.
2. On the primary node, edit the registry and add a new key named Default to the key \Software\Idera\SQLdm. In this key add a string value called DataPath. Set its value to the full path to the data directory created in step 1 (as shown in the image at the end of the steps).
3. In the Failover Cluster Management tool, right-click on **Roles> Configure Role...**
4. Click **Next** in the Before You Begin tab of the **High Availability** wizard.
 - In the Select Role tab, select Generic Service
 - In the Select Service tab, select the SQLdm Management Service
 - Enter the network name and IP address for the SQLdm services
 - Select the clustered storage that hosts the path defined in step 1
 - Provide the Registry Replication defined in step 2
 - Verify the settings and click **Next** to complete the wizard
5. In Roles, click the newly created service name and stop Role
6. In Roles, select the newly created service name and select the **Resources** tab found in the bottom
7. Right-click on the SQLdm Management Service and select Properties
 - On the Dependencies tab, add the name of service and disk, and then click Apply
 - On the General tab, select Use Network Name for computer name, and click OK
 - To configure the Registry Replication entry, open PowerShell with administrator rights and execute the following command:

```
Add-ClusterCheckpoint -ResourceName "SQLdm Management Service (Default)"
-RegistryCheckpoint "SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLdm\Default\DataPath"
```

8. In Roles, right-click the newly created service and select Add a Resource and then select **Generic Service**
9. Select the SQLdm Collection Service.
10. Select **Next** and finish out the wizard.
11. Right-click on the **SQLdm Collection Service** and select **Properties**.

- On the Dependencies tab, add the name of service and disk, and then click **Apply**
- On the General tab, select Use Network Name for computer name, and click **OK**
- To configure the Registry Replication entry, open PowerShell with administrator rights and execute the following command:

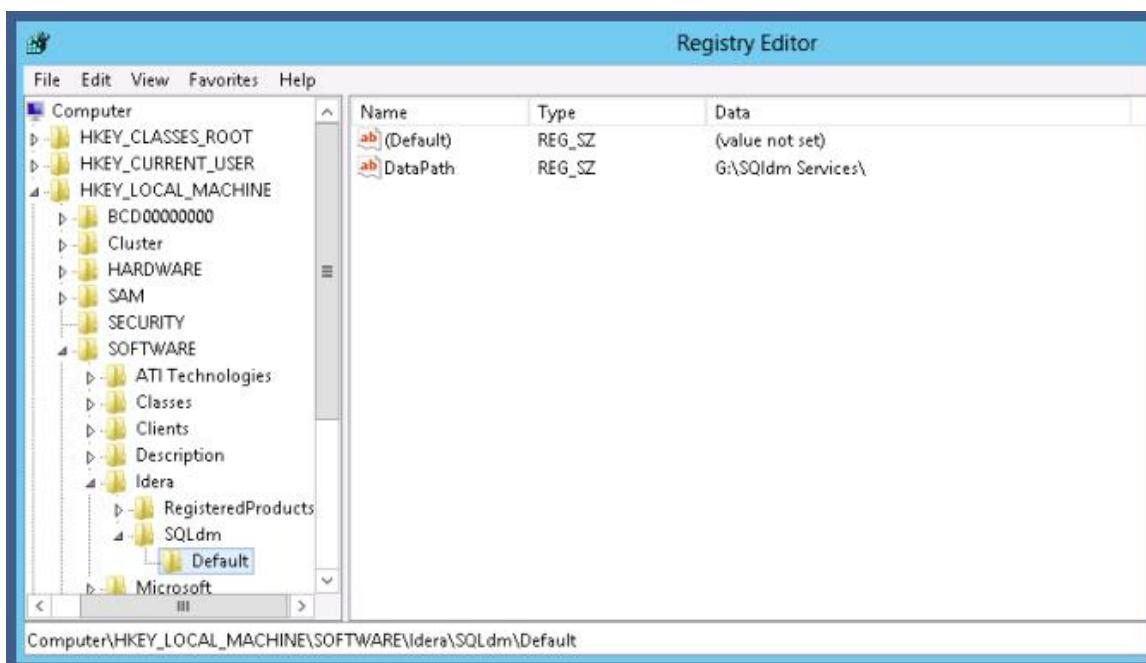
```
Add-ClusterCheckpoint -ResourceName "SQLdm Collection Service (Default)"
-RegistryCheckpoint "SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLdm\Default\DataPath"
```

12. In **Roles**, right-click the newly created service and select **Add Resource** and then select **Generic Service**
13. Select the Predictive Analytics service from the list of resources
14. Select **Next** and then **Finish** to exit the wizard
15. Right-click on the SQLdm Predictive Analytics Service and select **Properties**

- On the Dependencies tab, add the name of service and disk, and then click **Apply**
- On the General tab, select Use Network Name for computer name, and click **OK**
- To configure the Registry Replication entry, open PowerShell with administrator rights and execute the following command:

```
Add-ClusterCheckpoint -ResourceName "SQLdm Predictive Analytics Service(Default)"
-RegistryCheckpoint "SOFTWARE\Idera\SQLdm\Default\DataPath"
```

16. In Windows Services, bring the SQLdm Management service resource online.
17. In Windows Services, bring the SQLdm Collection service resource online.
18. In Windows Services, bring the SQLdm Predictive Analytics service resource online.
19. On the active node on which you installed the SQLdm services, use the Management Service Configuration wizard (**Start > All Programs > Idera > SQL diagnostic manager > Tools > Management Service Configuration Wizard**) to force the services to re-register.
20. Test the configuration from the Management Service Configuration wizard before finishing the wizard.



Complete the Cluster Configuration in SQL Diagnostic Manager

Start the SQLdm Desktop Client and select SQLdm Repository. If the SQLdm Repository is clustered make sure to use the virtual server name for the SQL Server hosting the SQLdm Repository.

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Deploy IDERA Newsfeed in a clustered environment

You can deploy the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to a clustered environment for continuous remote alerting. See the following topics for installation and configuration instructions for Windows Server 2003, Windows Server 2008, and Windows Server 2012 environments.

- [Installing in a Windows Server 2003 Clustered Environment](#)
- [Installing in a Windows Server 2008 Clustered Environment](#)
- [Installing in a Windows Server 2012 Clustered Environment](#)

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Deploy the IDERA Newsfeed to a Windows 2003 cluster

Use the following instructions to deploy the IDERA Newsfeed Platform in a Windows Server 2003 clustered environment.

Things to consider before you install the IDERA Newsfeed Platform in a clustered environment

- Assign the IDERA Newsfeed Platform to a new or existing cluster resource group. You may want to create a separate cluster resource group to host the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service.
 - Creating a new cluster resource group for this deployment allows the service to fail without causing other resources in the cluster to fail over. However, this configuration also requires a new dedicated IP, a new NetBIOS name, and a new dedicated drive.
 - Adding the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to your existing SQLdm Services resource cluster group makes sure that all four services fail over together, and does not require additional resources.
- The SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service runs as a generic service on the assigned cluster resource group.
- You may need to provide a Network Name and Network IP during the cluster configuration.
- When you install the IDERA News Platform, you need to provide credentials for the service account and the name of a SQL Server instance that can host the SQLdm Mobile Repository database. Make sure these components meet the [requirements](#).
- Install or upgrade your clustered SQLdm Services to the latest version of SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Install the IDERA Newsfeed Platform on each cluster node

Install the platform on each cluster node to set up the IDERA Newsfeed Platform to work correctly when the primary cluster node fails.

To install IDERA Newsfeed Platform:

1. Log on using an administrator account.
2. Run **Setup.exe** in the root of the SQLdm installation kit.
3. Click **SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Select the **Mobile & Newsfeed components**, and then click **Next**.
7. Specify the appropriate credentials for the service account, and then click **Next**.
8. Select which SQL Server instance should host the Repository database, and then click **Next**.
9. Specify the account that you want the setup program to use to create the Repository database, test the connection, and then click **Next**.
10. Indicate which credentials you want the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service account to use to connect to the Repository database, and then click **Next**
11. Specify which computer hosts your SQLdm Repository, and then click **Next**.
12. Click **Install**.
13. In Windows Services, stop the following services, and set their **Startup type** to Manual.
 - SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service
 - SQLdm Management Service
 - SQLdm Collector Service
 - SQLdm Predictive Analytics

Create the cluster resource group (optional)

For more granular failover control, you can create a dedicated cluster resource group for the IDERA Newsfeed Platform.

To create a cluster resource group for the IDERA Newsfeed Platform:

1. In the Cluster Administrator tool, create the cluster resource group:
 - a. Select **File > New > Group**, and then specify a name and description.
 - b. Add the nodes that belong to this cluster, and then click **Finish**.
2. Add a disk to the cluster resource group:
 - a. Right-click the group you just created, select **New > Resource**, and then specify a name and description.
 - b. For the Resource Type, select **Physical Disk**.
 - c. Select the IDERA Newsfeed Platform group.
 - d. Click **Next** until you get to the last window and click **Finish**.
3. Add an IP address for the cluster resource group:
 - a. Right-click the group, select **New > Resource**, and then specify a name and description.
 - b. Select the Resource type **IP Address**.
 - c. Type the IP address that you acquired for your new cluster resource group.
 - d. Click **Finish**.
4. Add the Network Name resource to the cluster resource group:
 - a. Right-click the group, select **New > Resource**, and then specify a name and description.
 - b. Select the resource type **Network Name**.
 - c. Add the IP address as a dependency for this release.
 - d. Specify a name, and then click **Finish**.

Add the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to the appropriate cluster resource group

On each cluster node, modify the cluster resource group settings to allow the IDERA Newsfeed to recognize the cluster nodes.

To add the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to your resource cluster group:

1. In the Cluster Administrator tool, navigate to the cluster resource group to which you want to add the IDERA Newsfeed Service as a resource. You can use the new cluster resource group you previously created, or the cluster resource group you configured for your SQLdm Services.
2. Select the disk you created for this cluster resource group, and then create a directory on that disk. The SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service uses this folder to store data.
3. Create an IP Address resource for the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service. **If a Network Name is already specified for this cluster resource group**, skip this step.
 - Create a Network Name resource (it maps to the IP Address)
 - Add the IP Address as a dependency
4. Create a Generic Service resource for the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service.
 - Add the **Disk** for the shared data as a dependency
 - Add the **Network Name** as a dependency
 - Specify SQLdmMobileandNewsService\$Default as the name of the service to start
5. After the service is successfully added, update its properties.
 - a. On the Parameters tab, check the **Use network name for computer name** option.
 - b. On the Registry Replication tab, add the SOFTWARE\IDERA\IDERA Newsfeed & Mobile\DataPath key.
 - c. Click **OK**.
6. In Windows Services, bring the following services online:
 - SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service
 - SQLdm Management Service
 - SQLdm Collector Service
 - SQLdm Predictive Analytics

Test your cluster configuration using the SQLdm Console

Make sure the SQLdm services can communicate with each other and the Repository databases.

1. On the active node of the cluster, use the Management Service Configuration wizard to re-register the services and test your configuration. You can start this tool from the **Programs** menu.
2. Verify that you are able to create a Newsfeed account and monitor your virtual SQL Server instances using the News Feed interface in the SQLdm Console.

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Deploy the IDERA Newsfeed to a Windows 2008 cluster

Use the following instructions to deploy the IDERA Newsfeed Platform in a Windows Server 2008 clustered environment.

Things to consider before you install the IDERA Newsfeed Platform in a clustered environment

- Assign the IDERA Newsfeed Platform to a new or existing clustered service. You may want to create a separate clustered service to host the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service.
 - Creating a new clustered service for this deployment allows the service to fail without causing other resources in the cluster to failover. However, this configuration also requires a new dedicated IP, a new NetBIOS name, and a new dedicated drive.
 - Adding the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to your existing SQLdm Services clustered service makes sure that all four services failover together, and does not require additional resources.
- The SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service runs as a generic service on the assigned clustered service.
- You may need to provide a Network Name and Network IP during the cluster configuration.
- When you install the IDERA News Platform, you need to provide credentials for the service account and the name of a SQL Server instance that can host the SQLdm Mobile Repository database. Make sure these components meet the [requirements](#).
- Install or upgrade your clustered SQLdm Services to the latest version of SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Install the IDERA Newsfeed Platform on each cluster node

To set up IDERA Newsfeed Platform to work correctly when the primary cluster node fails, you need to install the platform on each cluster node.

To install IDERA Newsfeed Platform:

1. Log on using an administrator account.
2. Run Setup.exe in the root of the SQLdm installation kit.
3. Click **SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Select the **Mobile & Newsfeed components**, and then click **Next**.
7. Specify the appropriate credentials for the service account, and then click **Next**.
8. Select which SQL Server instance should host the Repository database, and then click **Next**.
9. Specify the account that the setup program should use to create the Repository database, test the connection, and then click **Next**.
10. Indicate which credentials the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service account should use to connect to the Repository database, and then click **Next**.
11. Specify which computer hosts your SQLdm Repository, and then click **Next**.
12. Click **Install**.
13. In Windows Services, stop the following services, and set their **Startup type** to Manual.
 - SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service
 - SQLdm Management Service
 - SQLdm Collection Service
 - SQLdm Predictive Analytics

Create the clustered service (optional)

For more granular failover control, you can create a dedicated clustered service for the IDERA Newsfeed Platform.

To configure the clustered service:

1. Start the Registry Editor and navigate to the ...\\IDERA\\SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed\\ key. For this key, add a **String Value** named **DataPath** and set it to directory path for the new folder.
2. In the Failover Cluster Management tool, right-click the **Services and Applications** node, and then click **Configure a Service or Application**.
 - a. Provide a name for the new clustered service.
 - b. Select **Generic Service**.
 - c. Select the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service.
 - d. Enter the network name and IP address for the services.
 - e. Select the clustered storage that you want to host the data folder path.
 - f. Skip the Registry Replication.
 - g. Verify your selections, and then click **Next** to complete the wizard.
3. Under **Other Resources** in the Services and Applications view, right-click on your new clustered service, and then take the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service offline.

Add the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to the appropriate clustered service

On each cluster node, modify the clustered service settings to allow the IDERA Newsfeed Platform to recognize the cluster nodes.

1. Select a disk that is configured for the target clustered service, and create a folder on that disk to store data for the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service. You can choose your new clustered service or the existing clustered service already used for the SQLdm Services.
2. Expand **Services and Applications**, right-click the newly created service, and then click **SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service > Properties**.

- On the **General** tab, select **Use Network Name** for the computer name.
 - On the **Dependencies** tab, specify the **Disk** and **Name** used by the service.
 - On the **Registry Replication** tab, add HKLM\SOFTWARE\IDERA\IDERA Newsfeed & Mobile\DataPath.
3. Right-click the new clustered service node, then select **Add a Resource > Generic Service**.
 4. Select the **SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service** from the list of services.
 5. Click **Next** to finish the wizard.
 6. In Windows Services, bring the following services online:
 - SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service
 - SQLdm Management Service
 - SQLdm Collection Service
 - SQLdm Predictive Analytics

Test your cluster configuration using the SQLdm Console

Make sure the SQL Diagnostic Manager services can communicate with each other and the Repository databases.

1. On the active node of the cluster, use the Management Service Configuration wizard to re-register the services and test your configuration. You can start this tool from the **Programs** menu.
2. Verify that you are able to create a Newsfeed account and monitor your virtual SQL Server instances using the News Feed interface in the SQLdm Console.

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Deploy the IDERA Newsfeed to a Windows 2012 cluster

Use the following instructions to deploy the IDERA Newsfeed Platform in a Windows Server 2012 clustered environment.

Things to consider before you install the IDERA Newsfeed Platform in a clustered environment

- Assign the IDERA Newsfeed Platform to a new or existing clustered service. You may want to create a separate clustered service to host the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service.
 - Creating a new clustered service for this deployment allows the service to fail without causing other resources in the cluster to failover. However, this configuration also requires a new dedicated IP, a new NetBIOS name, and a new dedicated drive.
 - Adding the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to your existing SQLdm Services clustered service makes sure that all four services failover together, and does not require additional resources.
- The SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service runs as a generic service on the assigned clustered service.
- You may need to provide a Network Name and Network IP during the cluster configuration.
- When you install the IDERA News Platform, you need to provide credentials for the service account and the name of a SQL Server instance that can host the SQLdm Mobile Repository database. Make sure these components meet the [requirements](#).
- Install or upgrade your clustered SQLdm Services to the latest version of SQL Diagnostic Manager.

Install the IDERA Newsfeed Platform on each cluster node

To set up IDERA Newsfeed Platform to work correctly when the primary cluster node fails, you need to install the platform on each cluster node.

To install IDERA Newsfeed Platform:

1. Log on using an administrator account.
2. Run Setup.exe in the root of the SQLdm installation kit.
3. Click **SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed** on the **Quick Start** window.
4. On the **Welcome** window of the setup program, click **Next**.
5. Review and accept the license agreement by clicking **I accept the terms in the license agreement**, and then click **Next**.
6. Select the **Mobile & Newsfeed components**, and then click **Next**.
7. Specify the appropriate credentials for the service account, and then click **Next**.
8. Select which SQL Server instance should host the Repository database, and then click **Next**.
9. Specify the account that the setup program should use to create the Repository database, test the connection, and then click **Next**.
10. Indicate which credentials the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service account should use to connect to the Repository database, and then click **Next**.
11. Specify which computer hosts your SQLdm Services, and then click **Next**.
12. Click **Install**.
13. In Windows Services, stop the following services, and set their **Startup type** to **Manual**.
 - SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service

Create the clustered service (optional)

For more granular failover control, you can create a dedicated clustered service for the IDERA Newsfeed Platform.

To configure the clustered service:

1. Start the Registry Editor and navigate to the . . . \IDERA\SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed\ key. For this key, add a **String Value** named **DataPath** and set it to directory path for the new folder.
2. In the Failover Cluster Management tool, right-click **Roles**, and then click **Configure Role**.
 - a. Provide a name for the new clustered service.
 - b. Select **Generic Service**.
 - c. Select the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service.
 - d. Enter the network name and IP address for the services.
 - e. Select the clustered storage that you want to host the data folder path.
 - f. Skip the Registry Replication.
 - g. Verify your selections, and then click **Next** to complete the wizard.
3. Under **Other Resources** in the Services and Applications view, right-click on your new clustered service, and then take the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service offline.
4. To configure the Registry Replication entry, open PowerShell with administrator rights and execute the following command:
`Add-ClusterCheckpoint -ResourceName "(Newsfeed Role Name)" -RegistryCheckpoint "SOFTWARE\IDERA\SQLdm Mobile and Newsfeed\Default\DataPath"`

Add the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service to the appropriate clustered service

On each cluster node, modify the clustered service settings to allow the IDERA Newsfeed Platform to recognize the cluster nodes.

1. Select a disk that is configured for the target clustered service, and create a folder on that disk to store data for the SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service. You can choose your new clustered service or the existing clustered service already used for the SQLdm Services.
2. Expand **Services and Applications**, right-click the newly created service, and then click **SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service > Properties**.
 - On the **General** tab, select **Use Network Name** for the computer name.

- On the **Dependencies** tab, specify the **Disk** and **Name** used by the service.
 - On the **Registry Replication** tab, add HKLM\SOFTWARE\IDERA\IDERA Newsfeed & Mobile\ImagePath.
3. Right-click the new clustered service node, then select **Add a Resource > Generic Service**.
 4. Select the **SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service** from the list of services.
 5. Click **Next** to finish the wizard.
 6. In Windows Services, bring the following services online:
 - SQLdm Mobile & Newsfeed Service
 - SQLdm Management Service
 - SQLdm Collection Service
 - SQLdm Predictive Analytics

Test your cluster configuration using the SQLdm Console

Make sure the SQLdm services can communicate with each other and the Repository databases.

1. On the active node of the cluster, use the Management Service Configuration wizard to re-register the services and test your configuration. You can start this tool from the **Programs** menu.
2. Verify that you are able to create a Newsfeed account and monitor your virtual SQL Server instances using the News Feed interface in the SQLdm Console.

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Default alert IDs

Repository ID	Windows Event ID	Category	Metric Name	Metric Description
0	101	Resources	SQL Server CPU Usage (Percent)	Percentage of CPU Time used by the SQL Server instance out of the total on the SQL Server computer.
1	202	Sessions	User Connections (Percent)	Percentage of the user connections allowed by the currently used SQL Server instances.
4	708	Services	Non-distributed Transactions (Count)	Number of replication transactions published by the Publisher but not received by the Distributor.
5	809	Services	Unsubscribed Transactions (Count)	Number of replication transactions received by the Distributor but not received by a Subscriber.
6	910	Queries	Oldest Open Transaction (Minutes)	Time in minutes that the longest running transaction in the database used since issuing the BEGIN TRANSACTION statement.
7	1011	Databases	Table Fragmentation (Percent)	Percentage of pages in the table that are fragmented.
8	1112	Databases	Database Full (Percent)	Percentage of the allowable disk space for the database currently used by the sum of data, text, and indexes. Allowable disk space for the database is calculated by taking into account the current allocated space, auto-growth settings, and available disk space.
9	1213	Databases	Log Full (Percent)	Percentage of the allowable disk space for the database currently used by the transaction log. Allowable disk space for the database is calculated by taking into account the current allocated space, auto-growth settings and available disk space.
10	1314 - Running 1315 - Stopped 1316 - Other	Services	SQL Server Agent Status	Status of the SQL Server Agent service.
11	1417	Databases	Database Read/Write Error Occurred	An I/O error occurred while attempting to read from or write to a database file.

12	1518 - Running 1519 - Stopped 1520 - Paused 1521 - Not Admin 1522 Not Accessible 1523 - Other	Services	SQL Server Status	Status of the SQL Server service.
13	1624	Resources	SQL Server Memory Usage (Percent)	Percentage of memory used by the SQL Server instance out of the total memory on the SQL Server computer.
14	1725	Databases	Database Status	Operational status of the database, such as Normal, Offline, or Suspect.
17	2028	Services	Unsubscribed Transactions (Seconds)	Time in seconds that a replication transaction is holding at the Distributor and waiting for a Subscriber to receive it. This alert is for visual indicators in the Desktop Client only. No notifications are sent.
18	2129 - Running 2130 - Stopped 2131 - Other	Services	DTC Status	Status of the Distributed Transaction Coordinator service.
19	2232 - Running 2233 - Other	Services	Full-Text Search Status	Status of the Full-Text Search service.
20	N/A	Databases	Index Row hits (Percent)	Percentage of density of an index as used by the SQL Query Optimizer to determine index effectiveness. A high density indicates many duplicates and an inefficient index while a low density indicates high selectivity and an effective index. This alert is for visual indicators in the Desktop Client only. No notifications are sent.
21	N/A	Services	Last Full-Text Catalog Update (Hours)	Time (in hours) since the last Full-Text Catalog update was performed and beyond which the statistics data is considered outdated. This alert is for visual indicators in the Desktop Client only. No notifications are sent.
22	2534	Sessions	SQL Server Response Time (Milliseconds)	Time (in milliseconds) SQL diagnostic manager currently needs to send a simple SQL command to the SQL Server instance, have it processed, and receive the returned result set.

23	4010 - Available 4011 - Other 4012 - Disabled 4013 - Unavailable	Operational	OS Metrics Collection Status	Status of SQL diagnostic manager OS Metrics Collection.
24	4020	Resources	OS Used Memory (Percent)	Percentage of total memory used on the SQL Server computer.
25	4030	Resources	OS Paging (Per Second)	Page fault rate for all processes on the SQL Server computer.
26	4040	Resources	OS Processor Time (Percent)	Percentage of CPU time used by all processes on the SQL Server computer.
27	4050	Resources	OS Privileged Time (Percent)	Percentage of CPU time spent by all processes executing in privileged mode on the SQL Server computer.
28	4060	Resources	OS User Time (Percent)	Percentage of CPU time spent by all processes executing in user mode on the SQL Server computer.
29	4070	Resources	OS Processor Queue Length (Count)	Number of ready threads in the processor queue on the SQL Server Computer.
30	4080	Resources	OS Disk Time (Percent)	Percentage of elapsed time that all the disks were busy servicing read and write requests on the SQL Server computer.
31	4090	Resources	OS Average Disk Queue Length (Count)	Average number of both read and write requests queued for all the disks on the SQL Server computer.
32	2737	Sessions	Session CPU Time (Seconds)	CPU Time in seconds used by the SQL Server session since the last scheduled refresh.
33	2838	Sessions	Session CPU Time (Seconds)	Time in seconds that the SQL Server session is blocking other sessions.
34	2940	Services	SQL Server Agent Long Running Job	Percentage of time a scheduled SQL Server Agent job is taking over the average successful completion time for this job in the current job history.
35	3039	Services	SQL Server Agent Job Failure	The scheduled SQL Server Agent job ended with a Failed status.
48	4001 - Enabled 4002 - Disabled	Operational	Maintenance Mode Enabled	Maintenance Mode is enabled for the SQL Server instance. SQL diagnostic manager does not collect scheduled data or process alerts.

49	4200	Operational	CLR Enabled	The Common Language Runtime (CLR) configuration option is enabled for the SQL Server instance. You can run managed code in the .NET Framework.
50	4210	Operational	OLE Automation Disabled	The OLE Automation Procedures configuration option is disabled (2005) or the procedures were dropped (2000) for the SQL Server instance. SQL diagnostic manager does not use OLE automation to collect data such as OS metrics and service details.
51	4220	Queries	Query Monitor Events (Count)	The number of queries captured by the Query Monitor on the SQL Server instance during the last scheduled refresh.
52	4230	Operational	SQL diagnostic manager Collection Service Status	Status of the SQL diagnostic manager Collection Service.
53	4240	Operational	SQL Server Agent XPs Disabled	The Agent XPs configuration option is disabled (2005) or the procedures were dropped (2000) for the SQL Server instance. SQL diagnostic manager does not collect SQL Agent job details.
54	4250	Operational	WMI Service Unavailable	The WMI service is unavailable on the SQL Server computer. SQL diagnostic manager does not collect OS metrics.
57	4310	Sessions	Client Computers (Count)	Number of unique client computers connected to the SQL Server instance.
58	4320	Sessions	Blocked Sessions (Count)	Number of sessions on the SQL Server instance blocked by other sessions holding requested locks.
59	4330	Operational	SQL Server Data Used (Percent)	Percentage of allocated data space used across all data files on the SQL Server instance.
60	4340	Operational	SQL Server Log Used (Percent)	Percentage of allocated log space used across all log files on the SQL Server instance.
62	4110	Resources	OS Disk Time Per Disk (Percent)	Percentage of elapsed time that an individual disk was busy servicing read and write requests on the SQL Server computer. This event alerts separately for each disk on a server.

63	4120	Resources	OS Average Disk Queue Length Per Disk (Count)	Average number of both read and write requests queued for an individual disk on the SQL Server computer. This event alerts separately for each disk on a server.
64	4100	Resources	OS Disk Full (Percent)	Percentage of space used on a logical disk on the SQL Server computer. This event alerts separately for each disk on a server.
65	2940	Services	SQL Server Agent Long Running Job (Minutes)	Maximum number of minutes a scheduled SQL Server Agent job should take to complete.
66	4400	Logs	SQL Server Error Log	The number of error log events requiring attention based on either message severity or specified text.
67	4410	Logs	SQL Server Agent Log	The number of agent log events requiring attention based on either message severity or specified text. When configuring this alert, use the indicator or grid to specify which log message severity corresponds to warning or critical. Use the advanced options to specify additional filters.
68	5105	Databases	Mirroring Unsent Log (KB)	Size of the unsent log in the send queue on the principal in kilobytes.
69	5106	Databases	Mirroring Unrestored Log (KB)	Size of the redo queue on the mirror in kilobytes.
70	5107	Databases	Mirroring Oldest Unsent Transaction (Minutes)	The age of the oldest unsent transaction in minutes on the principal. This is only meaningful on the principal server instance.
71	5108	Databases	Mirror Commit Overhead (Milliseconds)	Average delay (in milliseconds) on the principal server instance for each transaction because of database mirroring.
72	5109	Databases	Mirroring Status	Status of the mirrored database such as synchronized suspended or disconnected.
73	5110	Databases	Mirroring Preferred Configuration	This operational configuration of this mirroring session changed.
74	5111	Databases	Mirrored Server Role Change	A mirrored database role changed.

75	5112	Databases	Mirroring Witness Connection	The mirroring witness is not connected.
76	4130	Resources	Page Life Expectancy	The number of seconds a page stays in the buffer pool without references.
77	4500	Services	Cluster Failover	A cluster failover has occurred.
78	4510	Services	Cluster Active Node	The active node of the cluster is a non-preferred node. The preferred node may be configured under Server Properties>Cluster Settings.
79	5120	Services	Distribution Latency (Seconds)	Time in seconds that a replication transaction has been holding at the Publisher and waiting to be received by a Distributor.
80	2840	Sessions	Deadlock	A deadlock occurred on the monitored server. Note that the Activity Monitor >Capture deadlocks (SQL 2005+) check box must be enabled for this alert to function.
81	4140	Resources	Procedure Cache Hit Ratio	The percentage of procedure cache hits to cache lookups.
82	4150	Resources	Average Disk Milliseconds Per Read	Average time in milliseconds of a read operation of data from the disk. This is a per-disk metric.
83	4160	Resources	Average Disk Milliseconds Per Transfer	Average time in milliseconds of a disk transfer operation. This is a per-disk metric.
84	4170	Resources	Average Disk Milliseconds Per Write	Average time in milliseconds of a write operation of data to the disk. This is a per-disk metric.
85	4180	Resources	Disk Reads Per Second	Rate of read operations on the disk. This is a per-disk metric.
86	4185	Resources	Disk Transfers Per Second	Rate of transfer operations on the disk. This is a per-disk metric.
87	4190	Resources	Disk Writes Per Second	Rate of write operations on the disk. This is a per-disk metric.
88	3140	Services	SQL Server Agent Job Completion	The SQL Server Agent job/step has completed.

89	5130	Databases	Version Store Generation Ratio	Amount in percent by which the tempdb version store generation rate exceeds the cleanup rate. This alert is only raised on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.
90	5131	Databases	Version Store Size (MB)	Size in megabytes of the tempdb version. This alert is only raised on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.
91	5135	Databases	Longest Running Version Store Transaction (Minutes)	Time in minutes that the longest version store transaction has been opened and preventing version store cleanup. This alert may only be raised on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.
92	5136	Databases	Session Tempdb Space Usage (MB)	Amount of tempdb space being used by a running session. This alert is only raised on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.
93	5132	Databases	Tempdb Contention (ms)	Current wait time for tempdb allocation maps (GAM SGAM and PFS) in milliseconds. This alert is only raised on instances running SQL Server 2005 or above.
94	1115	Databases	Log File Autogrow	Log file autogrow occurred on the specified database. Enable the "Activity Monitor>Capture Autogrow check box for this alert to function.
95	1116	Databases	Data File Autogrow	Data file autogrow occurred on the specified database. Enable the Activity Monitor>Capture Autogrow check box for this alert to function.
96	5200	Virtualization	VM Resource Configuration Change	A resource configuration change occurred for the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server instance. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.

97	5201	Virtualization	VM Host Server Change	The virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server instance moved to a different host. This alert is disabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter which have been enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
98	5202	Virtualization	VM CPU Usage (Percent)	The percentage of available virtual CPU time used by the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server. This may differ from the processor utilization percentage reported by the guest OS. A high percentage may indicate a large number of active client sessions. This alert is disabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
99	5250	Virtualization	Host CPU Usage (Percent)	The percentage of available CPU time used by the host server hosting the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server is currently running. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
100	5203	Virtualization	VM Memory Usage (Percent)	The percentage of available memory used by the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server. This may differ from the memory usage percentage reported by the guest OS. This alert is disabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.

101	5251	Virtualization	Host Memory Usage (Percent)	The percentage of available memory used by the host server hosting the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server is currently running. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
102	5204	Virtualization	VM CPU Ready Wait Time	The time in milliseconds that a virtual CPU has been waiting for a physical CPU to become available for processing for the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server is currently running. A spike in this value may indicate CPU pressure on the host server. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
103	5205	Virtualization	VM Reclaimed/Ballooned Memory (KB)	The amount of memory that has been reclaimed by host and is no longer available to the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server instance is running. A spike in this value may be a sign of memory pressure on the host. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
104	5206	Virtualization	VM Memory Swap Delay Detected	Memory being swapped to disk is causing a performance delay on the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server instance is running. This is triggered if the Memory Swap In Rate (KB/s) or CPU Swap Rate (ms) counters are non-zero. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.

105	5252	Virtualization	Host Memory Swap Detected	Memory is being swapped to disk for the host server hosting the virtual machine on which the monitored SQL Server is currently running. This may be an indication of memory pressure on the host. This alert is disabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter which have been enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
106	5207	Virtualization	VM Resource Limits Detected	Either CPU or memory resource limits are set for the virtual machine hosting the monitored SQL Server instance. Resource limits are soft limits set by the VM Administrator on the total amount of resources that a VM is allowed to consume. This alert is disabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on VMWare vCenter virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
107	5208	Virtualization	VM Power State	This is the state of the VM as reported by the vCenter or Hyper-V host servers. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
108	5253	Virtualization	Host Power State	This is the state of the host as reported by the vCenter or Hyper-V host servers. This alert is enabled by default and is only relevant to instances hosted on virtual machines enabled for VM monitoring in the SQLdm VM Configuration window.
109	1113	Databases	Database Full (Size)	The amount of disk space (in MB) currently used by the database as the sum of data text and indexes. This value is the actual amount of used data within the database file not the size of the database file itself.

110	1214	Databases	Log Full (Size)	The amount of disk space (in MB) currently used by the transaction log for this database. This value is the actual amount of data within the log not the size of the database log file itself.
111	4101	Resources	OS Disk Free Space (Size)	Amount of space (in MB) available on a logical disk on the SQL Server computer.
116	5301	Databases	Availability Group Role Change	Primary role changed to a secondary replica. Alert includes affected database(s) for the entire availability group.
117	5302	Databases	Availability Group Estimated Data Loss (Seconds)	The time period in seconds that data is not synchronized to the secondary replica. Value reflects the time difference of the last commit between the primary and secondary replicas. Alert includes affected database(s).
118	5303	Databases	Availability Group Synchronization Health	Reflects database synchronization state in the availability group. Possible values include: not healthy partially healthy and healthy.
119	5304	Databases	Availability Group Estimated Recovery Time (Seconds)	The required time in seconds that the secondary replica needs to catch up with the primary replica. Alert includes affected database(s).
120	5305	Databases	Availability Group Synchronization Performance (Seconds)	The time required in seconds to complete synchronization between the primary and secondary replicas.
121	5306	Databases	Availability Group Log Send Queue Size (KB)	Amount of log records in KB needed to ship to the secondary replica to complete synchronization. Alert includes affected database(s).
122	5307	Databases	Availability Group Redo Queue Size (KB)	Amount of log records from log files in KB that need redoing in the secondary replica to complete synchronization. Alert includes affected database(s).

123	5308	Databases	Availability Group Redo Rate (KB/s)	Rate in KB per second at which log records are redone in the secondary database to complete synchronization. Alert includes affected database(s).
124	5320	Databases	Availability Group Preferred Replica	Alert is raised when the database is no longer on the preferred replica.
125	5324	Operational	SQLdm Repository Grooming Timed Out	Grooming timed out on your SQL Server Repository. SQL diagnostic manager no longer deletes stored metrics in the SQLdm Repository at the set schedule. To review your grooming settings access Tools > Grooming Options.
126	5328	Databases	Filegroup Space Full (Percent)	TBD
127	5330	Databases	Filegroup Space Full (Size)	TBD
128	5332	Services	SQL Server Browser Service Status	Status of the SQL Server Browser service.
129	5342	Services	SQL Server Active Directory Helper Service Status	Status of the SQL Server Active Directory Helper service.
130	1115	Backup	Days since last backup	Days since the database has not been backed up.

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Troubleshoot WMI connectivity issues

In order to use WMI, the user account under which the Collection Service runs must have administrator permissions on the remote server. The most frequently encountered problems with WMI relate to RPC traffic failing to get through to the remote computer. Another issue involves DCOM/WMI permissions.

The following links provide additional information about how to troubleshoot WMI connectivity issues:

- [Securing a remote WMI connection](#)
- [Help with Scripts](#)

Using WbemTest (Windows Management Instrumentation Tester)

You can use the WbemTest tool to connect to a server and issue WMI queries. Download this tool from Microsoft TechNet to help you test and troubleshoot WMI issues.

To use WbemTest:

1. Run `wbemtest.exe`.
2. Click **Connect**.
3. In the **NameSpace** text box, enter `\server\root\cimv2` where `server` is the name of the server to which you want to connect.
4. Click **Connect**.
5. Click **Query**.
6. Enter `select* from win32_process`.
7. Click **Apply**.

If WbemTest connects to the remote server and issues the query using WMI, you should see a query result with output. In this case, WMI to the required server is working and no further action is needed. For more information on the Windows Management Instrumentation Tester, refer to the Microsoft document, [Windows Management Instrumentation Tester overview](#).

If you receive an error message, use the following processes to help identify and resolve the issue.

Error: The RPC Server Is Unavailable

This error usually indicates that the RPC traffic is not getting to the remote server, or there is no RPC listener on the remote server.

To troubleshoot this RPC error:

1. Make sure that the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) service is running on the remote server.
2. Verify that there is a TCP listener on the remote server by running the `netstat -nao` command and verifying that there is the following entry: `TCP 0.0.0.0:135 0.0.0.0:0 LISTENING 1304`
3. In the Tools subdirectory, run `rpcping /s <servername> /t ncacn_ip_tcp` where `<servername>` is the name of the remote server. This command verifies that RPC can communicate with the remote server and output similar to:
`Completed 1 calls in 15 ms
66 T/S or 15.000 ms/T`
4. Make sure that local or internal network firewalls do not block traffic by either disabling the firewall or configuring the Windows firewall to allow incoming RPC traffic.
5. Try to use the remote server IP address instead of the server name. If the IP address works, you may have a DNS issue.
6. If the remote server resides in a different domain, the two domains may not trust each other, or the user account does not have administrator permissions on the remote server/domain.
7. If both computers are in the same domain, and the user account has administrator permissions, try rejoining both computers to the domain.

Error: Access Denied

This error can indicate permission issues.

To troubleshoot this access error:

1. If the remote computer is running Windows XP, make sure it is not set to Force Guest. This setting forces impersonation of any connection as Guest.
 - a. Open the Local Security Policy console from Administrative Tools.
 - b. Browse to **Security Settings > Local Policies > Security Options**.
 - c. Double-click Network Access: Sharing And Security Model For LocalAccounts.
 - d. Change the settings from `Guest Only` to `Classic`.
2. Make sure DCOM is enabled on the remote server:
 - a. Run `DcomCnfg` on the remote server.
 - b. Click **Component Services**.
 - c. Expand **Computers**.
 - d. Right click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.
 - e. Click the **Default Properties** tab.

- f. Make sure **Enable Distributed COM** on this computer is checked.
- 3. Verify the configuration of the correct DCOM remote launch and activation permissions:
 - a. Run **DcomCnfg** on the remote server.
 - b. Click **Component Services**.
 - c. Expand **Computers**.
 - d. Right click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.
 - e. Make sure **Enable Distributed COM** on this computer is checked.
 - f. Click the **Com Security** tab.
 - g. Under **Launch and Activation Permissions**, click **Edit Limits**.
 - h. In the Launch Permissions dialog box, make sure your user account or group is listed in the Groups or user names list. If your user account or group is not listed, click **Add** and add it to the list.
 - i. In the Launch Permission dialog box, select your user account or group in the Group or user names list. In the Allow column under Permissions for User, select **Remote Launch** and **Remote Activation**, and then click **OK**.
- 4. Make sure the correct DCOM remote access permissions are configured:
 - a. Run **DcomCnfg** on the remote server.
 - b. Click **Component Services**.
 - c. Expand **Computers**.
 - d. Right click **My Computer** and select **Properties**.
 - e. Make sure **Enable Distributed COM** on this computer is checked.
 - f. Click the **Com Security** tab.
 - g. Under **Access Permissions**, click **Edit Limits**.
 - h. In the Access Permission dialog box, select **ANONYMOUS LOGON** name in the Group or user names list. In the Allow column under Permissions for User, select **Remote Access**, and then click **OK**.
- 5. Make sure the correct WMI namespace permissions are configured.
 - a. On the target machine, run **wmimgmt.msc**.
 - b. Right-click **WMI Control**, and then select **Properties**.
 - c. In the Security tab, select the CIMV2 namespace, and then click **Security**.
 - d. Locate the appropriate account, and then check **Remote Enable** in the Permissions list.

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Integrate SQL Diagnostic Manager with SCOM

The IDERA SQLDM Management Pack (SQLDM MP) integrates and extends the Microsoft System Center Operations Manager (SCOM) monitoring capabilities by providing database administrators and IT operators with additional insight into the availability and performance of their SQL Server interfaces, all from one console.

SQLDM MP includes automatic discovery of SQLDM installations and of the SQL Server instances managed from those installations. Once discovered, SQLDM MP propagates the current status, health, and events of monitored instances up to SCOM.

SQLDM uses [Alert Actions and Responses](#) to control which alerts are escalated to SCOM and whether they go into SCOM as an Event or an Alert. For additional information, go to [SCOM Event Action](#) or [SCOM Alert Action](#).

For additional information about SQLDM Management Pack, click [Product Documentation](#), select the SQL Diagnostic Manager version you need, and click View. A dialog box opens with documentation options for SQL Diagnostic Manager plug-ins, click System Center Management Pack option, and download the SQLDM MP file.



Note that the IDERA SQLDM Management Pack for integration with SCOM is designed for System Center Operations Manager 2007 R2 and above.

Understanding the SQLDM Management Pack health model

The SQLDM Management Pack reports the health of each SQL Server instance monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager, as well as the server health of SQL Diagnostic Manager itself. The following main characteristics help define the SQL Diagnostic Manager health model:

SQLDM Server

The health of SQL Diagnostic Manager is tracked by monitoring the state of three underlying services, using the following three service monitors:

- Collection Service Monitor
- Management Service Monitor
- Predictive Service Monitor

The automatically discovered Object ID for the SQLDM Service is Idera.SQLDM.Service.

SQLDM Instance

The health of each SQL server instance being monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager is rolled up by reflecting the Alerts counts opened for that instance within SQL Diagnostic Manager.

If a SQL server instance currently has one or more Critical alerts open, then the Health of that instance is recorded as Critical. If one or more Warning alerts are open, but no Critical alerts show, then the health of the instance is recorded as Warning.

In Health Explorer the Diagnostic Manager Alert status which drove a specific Health state change is recorded and displayed in the State Change Events tab.

The automatically discovered Object ID for a SQL Instance is Idera.SQLDM.SqlInstance.

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Install and configure the SQLDM Management Pack for SCOM

Before importing the SQLDM Management Pack for SCOM, you must import the relevant Microsoft Windows management packs for your current operating system. For example, if SQL Diagnostic Manager is installed on Windows Server 2008 R2, then you must install the management pack for that OS before continuing.

You can find the SQLDM MP (Idera.SQLDM.mp) in the root of the installation kit.

Configuring your installation to support SCOM

The SQLDM Management Pack requires that the SCOM agent has at least read access to the SQLdm Repository. Grant this access before installing the SQLdm MP and enabling discovery of any SQL Diagnostic Manager installed instances.

SQLDM MP also requires that a SCOM agent (version 2007 or above) be installed locally on each server where an instance of SQL Diagnostic Manager is present. If an agent is not already installed, then use the Discovery Wizard in the SCOM Console to push the agent installation.

Importing the SQLDM Management Pack for SCOM

The SQLDM Management Pack import process loads into the SCOM database the SQLDM MP settings, classes, and rules necessary for monitoring SQL Diagnostic Manager. The import replicates the relevant rules and objects to all systems where SQL Diagnostic Manager is installed.

The following steps help you import the SQLDM Management Pack when it is downloaded to a hard drive local to the SCOM Console. For more information about other methods of importing the Management Pack, see [How to Import a Management Pack in Operations Manager 2007](#).

To import the SQLDM Management Pack:

1. Open the Operations Console for Operations Manager, and then click the Administration button.
2. In the Actions pane or from Actions Actions menu option, click Import Management Packs.
3. Click **Add**, and then click **Add from disk**.
4. In the Online Catalog Connection dialog, click **No**. **If you did not preload the required OS Management Packs and you have a current Internet connection**, click **Yes**.
5. Browse for and then select the Idera SQL Diagnostic Manager Management Pack.
6. Click **Install**. Discovery of SQL Diagnostic Manager servers and monitored SQL Server instances begins automatically as the Management Pack is deployed to the relevant agents across the network.

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View SQL Diagnostic Manager details in SCOM

With the SQLDM Management Pack, all the key monitors employed by SQL DBAs are now fully visible to System Center Operations Manager operators, synchronizing IT operations and DBA functions and identifying situations that could impact SQL Server availability and performance.

The following table lists the SQL Diagnostic Manager views available within SCOM:

View Name	Description
SQL DM Server Health	This Health view lists all discovered SQL Diagnostic Manager servers in the environment. The health state of each instance is displayed, together with information about the specific SQL Server instance.
SQL Instance Alerts	Displays a list of current Alerts generated when a specific SQL Server instance monitored by SQL Diagnostic Manager has entered an unhealthy state.
SQL Instance Events	This view offers a list of all Alert transitions recorded by SQL Diagnostic Manager for each SQL Server instance which is being monitored. This view provides a complete history of the status of all monitored SQL Server instances.
SQL Instance Health	The Health view displays the current health state of each SQL Server instance monitored by a SQL Diagnostic Manager server.
Dashboard	This view combines the SQL DM Server Health, SQL Instance Health and the SQL Server instance events views into a single pane.

To access the SQL Diagnostic Manager views available in SCOM:

1. In the Monitoring pane of the System Center Operations Manager Console, locate the Idera SQLDM folder.
2. Expand the tree view by clicking + sign next to **SQLDM**.

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This page contains a direct link to the SQL Diagnostic Manager help in PDF format. This format is suitable for printing and for saving on your local PC for further reference. The PDF includes all pages from the relevant help published on wiki.idera.com.

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