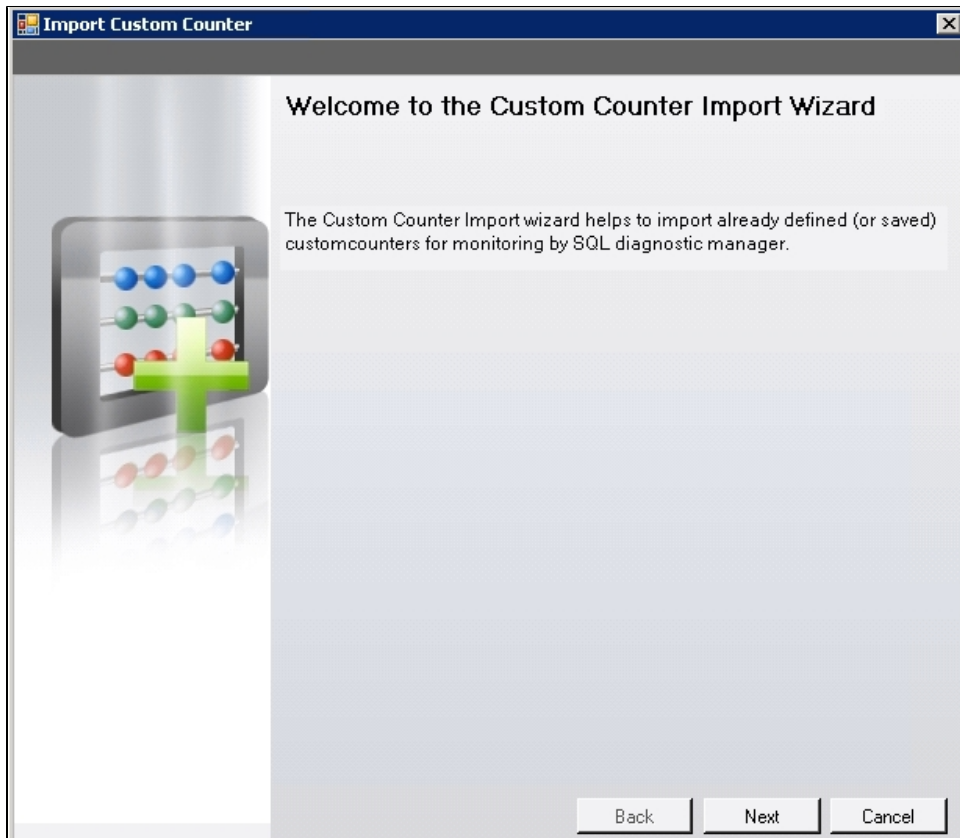# Import a custom counter

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.
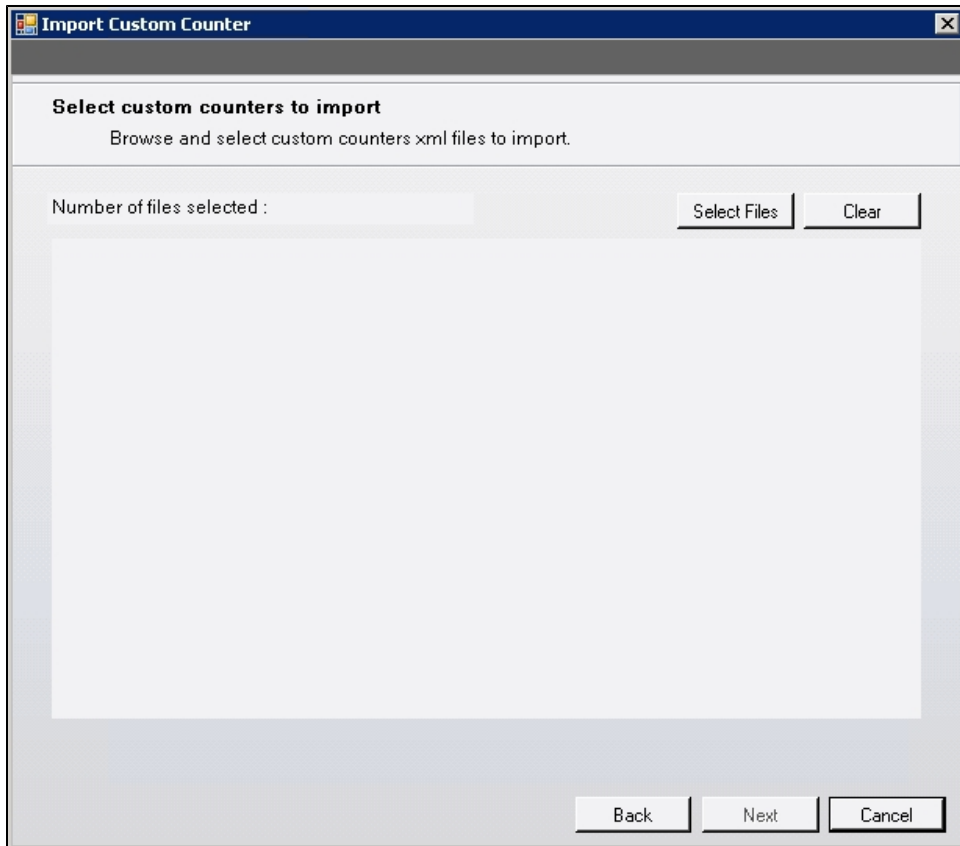
To import a custom counter:

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**.
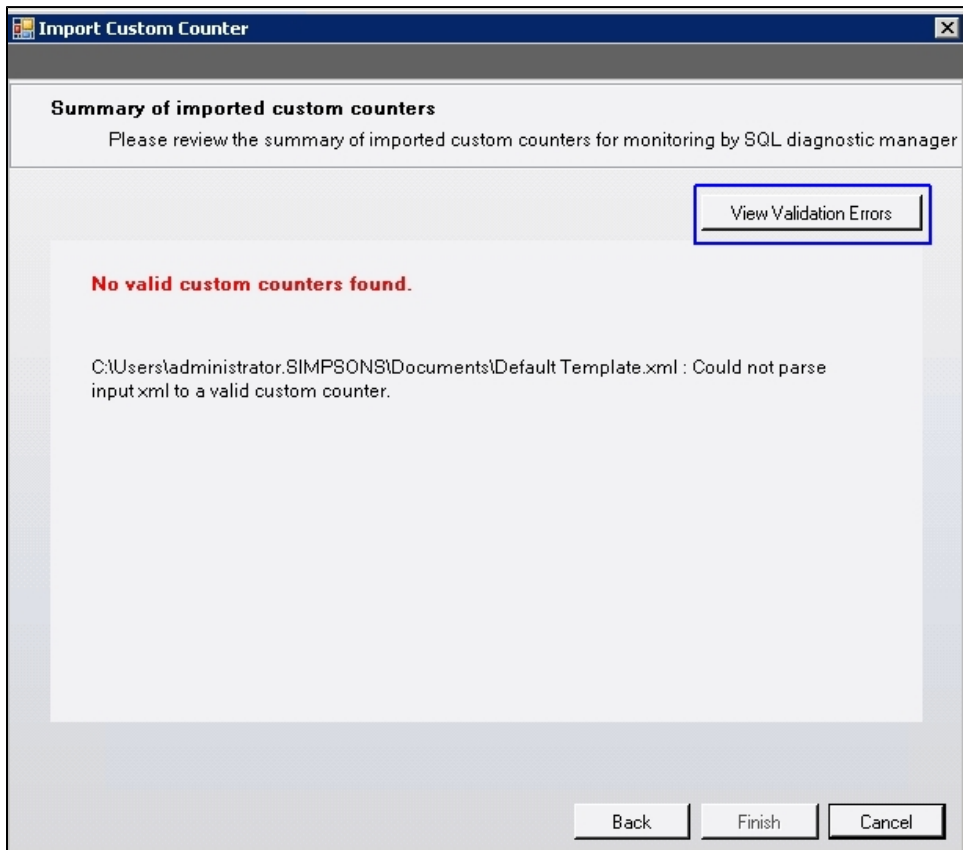

⊘ You can also access the Custom Counter import wizard by clicking **Administration > Import/Export** from the navigation pane and selecting **Custom Counter** in the import column.

3. On the **Select custom counters to import** page, browse for custom counters' XML files to import.

Import Custom Counter

Select custom counters to import
    Browse and select custom counters xml files to import.

Number of files selected :   [Select Files] [Clear]

[Back] [Next] [Cancel]

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**.

Import Custom Counter

Summary of imported custom counters
    Please review the summary of imported custom counters for monitoring by SQL diagnostic manager

[View Validation Errors]

No valid custom counters found.

C:\Users\administrator.SIMPSONS\Documents\Default Template.xml : Could not parse input xml to a valid custom counter.

[Back] [Finish] [Cancel]

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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