

# 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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SQL Diagnostic Manager allows you to control access to the information that is collected with Application Security and add custom counters to monitor metrics that are specific to your environment. You can also review configuration changes and actions taken on monitored servers using the Change Log, as well as import or export different types of XML files such as alert templates and custom reports with the Import/Export wizard.

Application Security

Application Security allows you to control how database administrators use SQLDM. You can define the instances users can monitor and the tasks they can perform. By default, users with administrator privileges on the SQLDM Repository are the only users that can enable and modify Application Security.

Custom Counters

Although SQL Diagnostic Manager collects a wide-range of SQL Server and Windows related performance counters, sometimes a need arises to collect additional counters that aren't available in the standard collection set. SQL Diagnostic Manager allows users to define counters that can be customized to monitor the performance of any SQL Server environment.

Change Log

The Change Log allows users to view a list of key actions performed in SQLDM. Keep track of changes made to your SQLDM configuration and actions taken on your monitored servers, such as when a server is added for monitoring, when a user kills a blocking session or when your alert template has been modified.

Import/Export

The Import/Export wizard allows users to import and share XML files. Save time and resources by importing or exporting alert templates, alert responses, custom counters and custom reports

SQL Diagnostic Manager identifies and resolves SQL Server performance problems before they happen. [Learn more > >](#)

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