

What options do you have when you first install SQL Inventory Manager?

When you first install the product and log into the product for the first time, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager displays a welcome screen that guides you through some initial steps that help you to:

- Enter an email for receiving notification alerts
- Choose if you want to have automatic registration enabled
- Select the first place from where you will select the instances you want to register

Welcome

On the Welcome section click **Next** to start with the Alerts section.

Alerts

The **Alerts** section allows you to configure your email settings and enter an email address for subscribing to alerts. When you subscribe to alerts, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager sends you alert emails for critical issues on your environment. These alerts are a result of a set of health checks performed by IDERA SQL Inventory Manager on your SQL Server instances.

If you want to configure alert emails, this section requires that you follow two steps:

Step 1 lets you configure your email (SMTP) settings. You must go through this step first if you want to receive alerts. For more information about configuring your email settings, refer to [Configure email \(SMTP\) settings](#).

Step 2 lets you decide if you want to receive alert notifications and specify the email address where you would like to receive these alerts.

The screenshot shows the 'Alerts' section of the 'IDERA SQL Inventory Manager Setup Wizard'. On the left, a sidebar lists five steps: 1. Alerts (selected with a blue checkmark), 2. Discovery, 3. Manage Discovery, 4. Add Instance, and 5. Finish. The main content area is titled 'Alert Emails' and contains the following text: 'IDERA SQL Inventory Manager performs health checks on your environment. Based on the results of these checks, SQL Inventory Manager will provide recommendations and send alert emails for critical issues such as an unavailable instance or a drive running low on space.' Below this, there are two steps: 'Step 1: Configure SQL Inventory Manager to send emails.' with a link 'Configure email (SMTP) settings', and 'Step 2: Choose whether you want to receive alert emails.' which includes an unchecked checkbox 'I would like to receive email notifications for critical issues in my environment.' and a text input field labeled 'Send the emails to:'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Back', 'Cancel', and 'Next'.

Discovery

On the **Discovery** section, you can choose if you want to enable or disable automatic registration for your instances.

IDERA SQL Inventory Manager continuously scans your environment to discover SQL Server instances and keeps you informed of newly installed instances.

When you enable the auto-registration option, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager automatically registers instances as it finds them. Note that IDERA SQL Inventory Manager performs first an initial scan of your environment, then auto-registration will begin for future discovered instances.

You can later change these settings on the **Administration** tab and access the **Auto registration options** for specifying which SQL Server versions you want to exclude from auto registration. For more information about making changes to auto registration, see [Auto registration options](#).

The screenshot shows the 'IDERA SQL Inventory Manager Setup Wizard' window. On the left is a vertical sidebar with five steps: 1 Alerts, 2 Discovery (highlighted with a blue checkmark), 3 Manage Discovery, 4 Add Instance, and 5 Finish. The main area is titled 'Discovery and Auto-Registration' and contains a paragraph explaining that the manager scans the environment for SQL Server instances and can auto-register them. Below this text are two radio button options: 'No, I will manually enter the instances I want to manage with SQL Inventory Manager.' (which is selected) and 'Yes, automatically register future discovered instances.' At the bottom right are three buttons: 'Back' (blue), 'Cancel' (grey), and 'Next' (grey).

IDERA SQL Inventory Manager Setup Wizard

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2 **Discovery**

3 Manage Discovery

4 Add Instance

5 Finish

Discovery and Auto-Registration

SQL Inventory Manager scans your environment to discover SQL Server instances to help keep you informed of newly installed instances. When you enable the auto-registration option, SQL Inventory Manager automatically registers new instances as it finds them. Note that SQL Inventory Manager performs an initial scan of your environment, then auto-registration will begin for future discovered instances.

☒ No, I will manually enter the instances I want to manage with SQL Inventory Manager.

☐ Yes, automatically register future discovered instances.

Back Cancel Next

Manage Discovery

The next section, **Manage Discovery**, allows you to configure options for discovering instances. You can specify those computers where you want IDERA SQL Inventory Manager to discover SQL Server instances and choose which methods you want to use to search in each computer. To find more information about these settings, go to [How to Manage Discovery Options](#).

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2 Discovery

3 **Manage Discovery**

4 Add Instance

5 Finish

Discovery Center Options

Run Browser Service Scan

Daily

▼

at

8PM

▼

Run Computer Scan

Off

▼

IP Address Ranges

Add

Edit

Remove

Run Scan

IP Range	User

0 Total

4

per page

1

/ 1

Domains

Add

Edit

Remove

Run Scan

Domain	User	Discovery Scan Type	Excluded

0 Total

4

per page

1

/ 1

Check computers using the following scans

☒ SQL Server Resolution Service
☒ TCP Probe ⓘ

1433,2433

☐ Service Control Manager

☒ WMI

☐ Windows Registry

Configure RI Services

Configure BI Services

☒ Include Discovery of BI Services in Scans *i*

FQDN

☐ Enabled FQDN comparison for Discovered Instances *i*

Discovered Instances Options

☒ Log into SQL Instances *i*

☐ Only show instances whose SQL Server version can be validated.

☐ Only show instances discovered by at least two methods.

Back Cancel Next

Add Instances

The next section, **Add Instances**, allows you to determine how you would like to initially choose the instances you want to monitor. You need to register SQL Server instances in order to monitor them with IDERA SQL Inventory Manager.

This section lets you choose to:

- use the **Add Instance wizard**, which takes you to a wizard where you can manually pick those instances you want to monitor, specify which connection credentials IDERA SQL Inventory Manager will use to connect to them, add owner, location, comments, and tags. For more information about the Add Instance wizard, see [Add SQL Server instances](#).
- select from a list of discovered instances. This option takes you directly to the **Discovered** section on the **Instances** view. From this section, you can pick which instances you wish to monitor and which ones you wish to ignore. For more information about selecting instances from the Instances view, see [Discovered instances](#).
- monitor all discovered instances. This option lets you easily register all discovered instances.

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Add SQL Server Instances

To get started managing your SQL Server environment, you need to register with SQL Inventory Manager. You can manually browse the instances to manage, select the from a list of discovered instances, or choose to register them all.

☒ Use the Add Instance wizard to specify the instances you want to monitor.

☐ Select the instances you want to monitor from the list of discovered instances.

☐ Monitor all discovered instances.

Back **Cancel** **Next**

Finish

Finally, the last section provides you with a summary of other key features available on IDERA SQL Inventory Manager such as:

- **Run Initial Discovery Now.** Select this option to start the discovery process after you close the dialog. The discovery process runs by the set schedule and/or run on demand by the user.
- **Tags.** You can use tags to organize or group your instances for better management. Tags also help you filter views and explore your instances.
- **Health Check Recommendations.** IDERA SQL Inventory Manager performs a set of health checks on you environment to alert you from critical issues. These health checks also ensure that basic configuration and disaster recovery recommendations are followed. You can access knowledge base articles in each health check recommendation to get more information.
- **Invite other users.** You can grant other users access to IDERA SQL Inventory Manager or enter their email addresses to receive alert notifications.

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Finish

Initial Discovery

☒ Run Initial Discovery Now

Other Product Features

Once you have completed registering your instances, don't forget to check out the following product features:

Tags

You can use tags to organize your instances. For example, you could use tags to differentiate Production and Test instances. SQL Inventory Manager lets you use these tags later to filter views and explore your instances.

Health Check Recommendations

SQL Inventory Manager performs various health checks against your managed instances to ensure there are no critical issues in your environment and that basic configuration and disaster recovery recommendations are followed. Take into account the health recommendations raised against your environment, and read the associated knowledge base articles to learn more about the recommendations.

Invite Other Users

From the Administration page, you can grant other users access to SQL Inventory Manager or enter their emails to receive SQL Inventory Manager alerts.

Back

Cancel

Submit

You can change any of these initial settings by clicking **Back**. When you complete this process, click **FINISH**.

Click **CANCEL** at any point to skip these initial settings.

IDERA [SQL Inventory Manager](#) lets you discover and visualize your SQL Server environment. [Learn more](#) > >

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