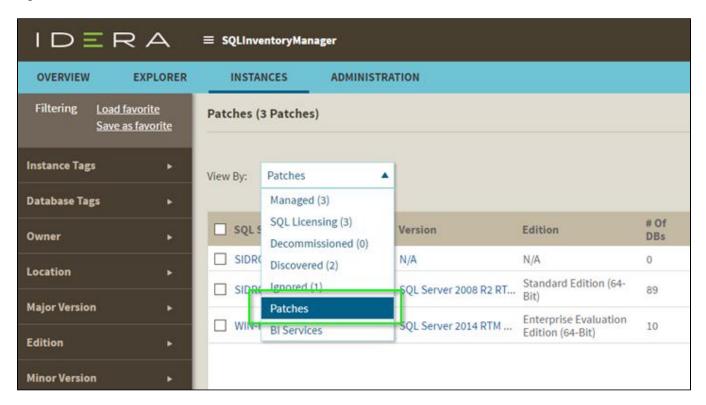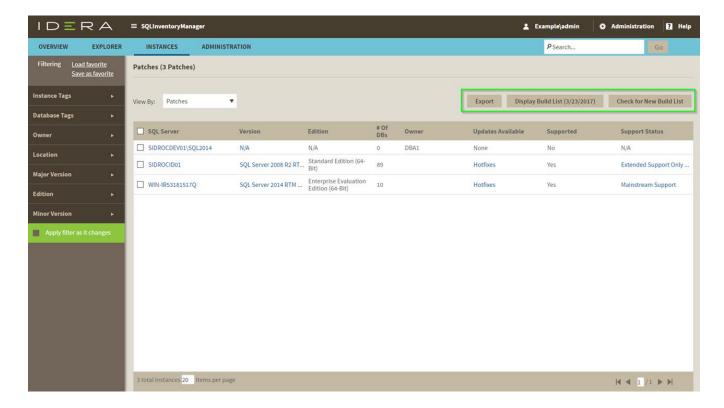# Reviewing SQL Server patches

The IDERA SQL Inventory Manager Patches view helps you manage SQL Server patches and keep your environment properly patched. The Patches view displays a list of your managed SQL Server instances including whether they are running a supported version of SQL Server. In addition, you can get information about the patches running on your SQL Server and whether additional hotfixes are available for your SQL Server level. If your SQL Inventory Manager Installation is behind a proxy click here for instructions on how to update the Build List manually.

Access the Patches view by going to the Instances view, and then clicking the arrow icon to the right of the current view title, such as Database Instances.

The Patches view allows you to:

- Verify that your SQL Servers instances are patched to the same level and/or the appropriate level.
- Identify whether any SQL Server instances are running unsupported versions of SQL Server (or versions whose support is about to expire).
- Use quick links to Microsoft Knowledge Base articles to get more information about applied hotfixes and new hotfixes.
- Keep up with the latest patches by downloading the most recent list compiled by IDERA.
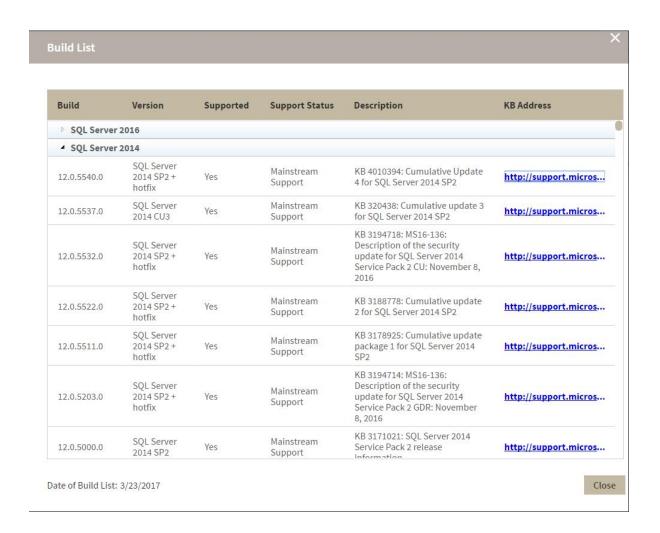
Available actions

Display Build List (mm/dd/yyyy)

Displays the SQL Server build list associated with the date in parentheses. You can expand /contract the content for each SQL Server version by clicking the small arrow icon next to the version name.

You can get additional information about the build by clicking the link for the associated Microsoft Knowledge Base article, if available.
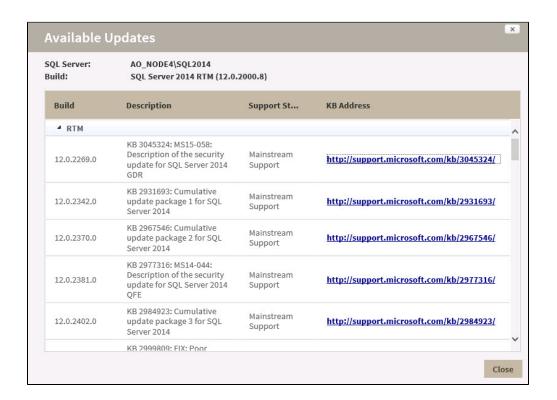
Check for New Build List

Verifies that the build file located on your IDERA SQL Inventory Manager server matches the latest build file located on the IDERA server. If the current build list on your machine is older, your list is updated and the changes are applied to the Patches view for the managed instances. IDERA SQL Inventory Manager displays a message if your list matches the latest list on the IDERA server.

Export

On the action items bar of the Patches view, you can find the **Export** option which allows you to choose your preferred format for exporting the information available on this view. You can export as a **PDF**, **XLS**, or **XML** file. The filters you choose on this view will be taken into account for your exported reports.

View available updates

If a hotfix is available, click the link to view a list of available updates for this SQL Server instance. You can get additional information about the build by clicking the link for the associated Microsoft Knowledge Base article, if available.

View support status

The **Supported** column displays **Yes** or **No** indicating whether the SQL Server version with the specific build is supported by Microsoft.

Support Status

The Supported Status column provides the current status and a link to the Microsoft page for extended support and lifecycle. Options include:

- Mainstream Support
- Retired
- Extended Support Only as of [date]

Update Build List manually

Starting with version 2.4, users can update the Build List manually when SQL Inventory Manager is behind a proxy. Follow these instructions to update the Build List manually:

1. Download the latest Build List file from http://www.idera.com/files/SQLServerVersionList.xml

2. Make sure to rename the downloaded file to SQLServerVersion.xml

3. Go to the folder ~\Idera\SQLInventoryManager\CollectionService

4. Replace SQLServerVersion.xml with the newly downloaded file.

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