

How to manage auto registration options

If you want to register all SQL Server instances every time new ones are discovered, SQL Inventory Manager allows you to automatically register them as they are continuously discovered. This option also lets you to choose which SQL Server editions you want to exclude from auto registration.

To turn on this option, go to the **Administration** tab, and click the option **Auto Registration Options** located on the **Discovery** section.



SQL Inventory Manager does not register instances that were discovered before turning on this option and does not register more instances than the number available for your license.

The screenshot shows the SQL Inventory Manager web interface. The top navigation bar includes 'DASHBOARD', 'SQLINVENTORYMANAGER(SIM181)', and a user welcome message. The 'ADMINISTRATION' tab is selected. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains sections for 'Users', 'Instances', 'Alert Emails', and 'Health Checks'. The right column contains sections for 'Licensing', 'Tags', 'Discovery', and 'Custom Inventory Fields'. In the 'Discovery' section, the 'Auto Registration Options' link is highlighted with a red box.

The Auto Registration Options window opens. Select **Enable Automatic Registration of newly discovered SQL Server instances**. On this window SQL Inventory Manager allows you to exclude the following editions:

- Enterprise
- Business Intelligence
- Standard
- Web
- Developer
- Express

Additionally, you can select **Any other version** when you only want the previous options to be taken into account for registration and you want to exclude any other editions.

Choose **Unknown editions** to exclude registering those SQL Server instances that SQL Inventory Manager cannot connect to.

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Auto Registration Options

☐ Enable Automatic Registration of newly discovered SQL Server instances

Exclude instances running the following editions from auto registration

☐ Enterprise

☐ Business Intelligence

☐ Standard

☐ Web

☐ Developer

☐ Express

☐ Any other version

☐ Unknown editions (usually means we couldn't connect to SQL Server)

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CANCEL

When you enable Auto Registration, SQL Inventory Manager automatically registers newly discovered instances but it does not assign them owner, location, or any other tags; additionally, they are all registered using SQL Inventory Manager service credentials. You can later add or change this information individually from the [Editing properties](#) window or by editing several instances at once from the **Instances** view (Managed and SQL Licensing views), for more information refer to [Managed instances](#).



Warning

Take into account that unsupported SQL Server versions will not be auto registered.



Tip

If you want to get the latest discovered instances, you can trigger the instance discovery job by clicking **Discover instances** on the same section.

You can also find the Auto Registration Options from the following sections:

- **Overview** - Click **Auto-Registration** on the Status sidebar.
- **Instances > Discovered** view - Click **Auto Registration Options** on the actions items bar.

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