

How to discover new instances

SQL Elements continuously searches your network to find new SQL Server instances. To see newly discovered instances, go to the **Discovered** option on the **Instances** tab. SQL Elements shows you a list of those instances not monitored in your environment yet. From this view you can add or ignore instances.



Note

If you have the [auto-registration](#) option enabled, all newly discovered instances will be automatically registered. Those instances that were discovered before this option was enabled will remain on the Discovered view.

Adding instances

If you want to monitor some of these instances, click the respective checkboxes next to the instances you want to add, and then click **Add SQL Server instance** on the top right section of this view.

SQL Elements opens the wizard for adding new SQL Server instances, and automatically adds the names of the instances you selected before. For more information on how to register SQL Server instances, go to [Adding SQL Server instances](#).



Tip

On this view, you can find the Microsoft SQL version next to the instances status to help you decide which instances you want to add or ignore.

Ignoring instances

You can also choose to ignore any of these discovered instances; for this purpose, mark the checkbox next to the instance you wish ignore, and click the **Ignore** option located on the top right section of this window.

SQL Elements no longer shows the ignored instances on the **Discovered** view but adds them to the **Ignored** view.

The screenshot shows the 'INSTANCES' tab in the SQL Elements application. The 'INSTANCES' tab is selected, and the 'Discovered' sub-tab is active. A table lists 419 discovered instances. The first two instances are selected with checkboxes. The table has columns for 'SQL Server', 'Status', and 'Version'. The 'Status' column for all instances is 'Discovered'. The 'Version' column shows various SQL Server versions. On the top right, there are buttons for 'Add SQL Server Instance' and 'Ignore'.

	SQL Server	Status	Version
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AUT-2008R2-001	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 SP1 (10.50.2500.0)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	AUT-SQLDM-002	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 SP1 (10.50.2500.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT-SQLDM-100\SQL2008	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT-TC-WR400	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT-TC-WR400\SHAREPOINT	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT-TC-WR400\SQLDM	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SPA_MB101	Discovered	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SPA_MB101\SQL05	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 SP2 (9.0.3042.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SPA_MB101\SQL08	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SPDM_AL202	Discovered	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SPDM_MB109	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB102	Discovered	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB102\SERVER2008	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 SP3 (10.0.4000.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB102\SQL2008	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 SP3 (10.0.4000.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB104	Discovered	N/A
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB104\MSSQL2000	Discovered	SQL Server 2000 RTM (8.0.194.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB104\MSSQL2005	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 RTM (9.0.1399.6)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB104\MSSQL2008R2	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB105\MSSQL2000	Discovered	SQL Server 2000 RTM (8.0.194.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB105\MSSQL2005	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 RTM (9.0.1399.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUT_SQLDM_MB105\MSSQL2008R2	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUTSQLVDB01\SQL2005SP3	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 SP3 (9.0.4035.0)
<input type="checkbox"/>	AUTSQLVDB01\SQL2008R2	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)



Access from the Dashboard

To access the **Discovered** instances view, you can also do it by clicking **New Instances** on the right sidebar of the dashboard. For more information, go to [Viewing information on the Dashboard](#).