

# Deploy second Collection Server

Deploy a second Collection Server when you need to audit separate homogeneous environments of SQL Server instances, such as a SQL Server 2008 environment and a SQL Server 2012 environment. For example, you could deploy one Collection Server to dedicated SQL Server 2008 instance in one environment and a second Collection Server to a dedicated SQL Server 2012 instance in another environment. Use the following checklist and instructions to successfully deploy a second Collection Server.

## Deployment checklist

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Follow these steps ...
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine whether you want to upgrade to the latest version of IDERA SQL Compliance Manager. To verify whether you are running the latest version, click <b>Check for Updates</b> on the Help menu.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Choose the appropriate <a href="#">upgrade strategy</a> for your environment and your auditing needs.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure the computer that will host the new Collection Server: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Has trusted access to the computers hosting the SQL Server instances you want to audit.</li><li>• Hosts the same version of SQL Server as the upgraded instances. For example, if some instances were recently upgraded to SQL Server 2012, install the Collection Server on computer hosting SQL Server 2012.</li><li>• Meets the product <a href="#">hardware</a>, <a href="#">software</a>, and <a href="#">permissions</a> requirements.</li></ul>

## Deploy new Collection Server after the SQL Server on an audited instance is upgraded

### To deploy a new Collection Server to an upgraded SQL Server on an audited instance:

1. *If you want to use the latest version of SQL Compliance Manager*, [upgrade your deployment](#).
2. Use Custom install in the SQL Compliance Manager setup program to install the new Collection Server.
3. *If you upgraded SQL Compliance Manager to the latest version*, also [upgrade the compliance Agents](#) deployed to the upgraded instances you are auditing.
4. [Configure the SQLCompliance Agent](#) to communicate with the new Collection Server.

## Deploy new Collection Server to audit new instances

### To deploy a new Collection Server to audit new SQL Server instances:

1. *If you want to use the latest version of SQL Compliance Manager*, [upgrade your deployment](#).
2. Use the Custom install in the SQL Compliance Manager setup program to install the new Collection Server.
3. [Register the instances](#) you want to audit.
4. [Begin auditing](#) your new SQL Server instances.

SQL Compliance Manager audits all activity on your server. [Learn more](#) > >

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