

## Link custom counter to monitored instance

The Link Custom Counter window allows you to select the monitored SQL Server instances upon which you want your custom counter to appear. Select [Server tags from the Tags drop-down list](#) or [choose New tag](#) from the list.

Use the **Add** and **Remove** buttons to select the SQL Server instances to link to your custom counter and click **OK** to save your changes.

## Automatically add a custom counter to a new registered SQL Server instance

Yes. By using links and tags, you can set SQL Diagnostic Manager to automatically add any custom counter to a newly-registered SQL Server instance.

**To set SQL Diagnostic Manager to automatically add a customer counter to a new registered SQL Server instance:**

1. [Create a custom counter](#) or [import a custom counter](#) if the appropriate counter does not exist.
2. [Create a tag](#) if the appropriate tag does not exist.
3. Link a custom counter to a tag by selecting the custom counter, and then clicking **Link**. You can include more than one custom counter per tag.
4. Select the tag you want to use, and then click **OK**. The custom counter is now associated with the tag.
5. Select the tag you just linked when adding a new SQL Server instance.

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