## Import a custom counter

Custom counters are Windows Operating System or SQL Server metrics that are not monitored, by default, by SQL diagnostic manager. You can import already created custom counters from the Idera community site through the Custom Counter Import Wizard. Once added to the SQLdm interface, you can monitor the results, view historical trending of the metric, configure alerts and receive notifications on them, and generate reports based on collected data.

## To import a custom counter:

- Open the Custom Counter Import Wizard by clicking Administration > Custom Counters, and then clicking Import in the Custom Counters view.
- 2. On the Welcome to the Custom Counter Import page, click Next.

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	Welcome to the Custom Counter Import Wizard			
	The Custom Counter Import wizard helps to import already defined (or saved) customcounters for monitoring by SQL diagnostic manager.			
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	Back Next Cancel			

3. On the Select custom counters to import page, browse for custom counters' XML files to import.

Select custom counters to import			
Browse and select custom counters xml file	es to import.		
Number of files selected :		Select Files	Clear
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4. On the **Summary of imported custom counters** page, you can verify that the selected counters were imported correctly or if there are any errors you can view details by clicking **View validation errors** or review any steps by clicking **Back**.

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Summary of imported custom counters Please review the summary of imported custom counters for monitoring by SQL diagnostic manager				
View Validation Errors				
No valid custom counters found.				
C:\Users\administrator.SIMPSONS\Documents\Default Template.xml : Could not parse input xml to a valid custom counter.				
Back Finish Cancel				

5. Click **Finish** to import the valid custom counters and exit the wizard.

Export a custom counter

For instructions on exporting a custom counter, see Export a custom counter.

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