

# View your SQL Server alerts

The Alerts tab of the single instance dashboard displays a color-coded alerts timeline view and an active alerts panel for the selected instance.

## Color-coded alerts timeline view

The color-coded alerts timeline view allows you to easily identify the highest alert for your monitored SQL Server instance and the highest alert for a specific category. Each color in the alert timeline represents a different alert type. See the following table for more details:

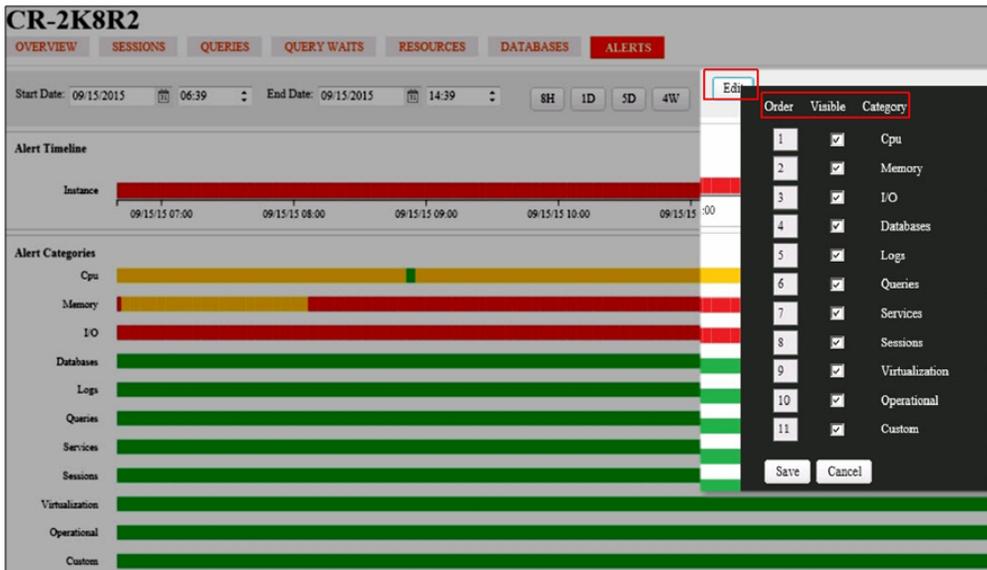
| Alert type | Color  | Meaning                                  |
|------------|--------|--|
| OK         | Green  | The alert is in an acceptable threshold. |
| Warning    | Yellow | The alert reaches a Warning threshold.   |
| Critical   | Red    | The alert reaches a Critical threshold.  |

Filter your alert results in the Alerts tab by specifying a timeframe or by selecting default timeframes of 8 hours, 1 day, 5 days, or 4 weeks. Click image to display in full size view.

The screenshot shows the SQL Server Alerts dashboard for instance QA-2K8R2\SEN. The top navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'TOP X LISTS', 'ALERTS', and 'CUSTOM DASHBOARDS'. The 'ALERTS' tab is selected, and the 'ALERTS' sub-tab is active. The dashboard displays a color-coded alerts timeline for the instance, with a time range from 11/16/2015 05:49 to 11/17/2015 05:49. The timeline shows various alert categories such as CPU, Memory, I/O, Databases, Logs, Queries, Services, Sessions, Virtualization, Operational, and Custom. Below the timeline, there is a section for 'ACTIVE ALERTS (374)' with a table listing the alerts.

| Time             | Summary   | Instance     | Category    |
|------------------|---|--------------|-------------|
| 11/16/15 5:52 AM | Query monitor data could not be collected.                    | QA-2K8R2\SEN | Operational |
| 11/16/15 5:57 AM | SQL Agent job 'Groom SQLdmRepository_2008' running 1060% long | QA-2K8R2\SEN | Services    |

You can also filter your alert results by alert category or categories' order. Click **Edit** to order and select the categories you want to display in the Alerts timeline view.



## Active alerts panel

The Alerts tab also lists all the active alerts of your monitored SQL Server instance over a period of time. The active alerts panel provides the following information:

### Alert type

Shows alert type icon: (  ) for OK alerts, (  ) for Warning alerts, and (  ) for Critical alerts.

### Time

Indicates date and time of alert inception.

### Summary

Displays alert description.

### Instance

Displays the name of the monitored SQL Server instance.

### Database

Displays the database name.

### Category

Indicates alert category.

## Additional options

In the Active alerts panel of the single instance dashboard, you can select the following additional options:

### Show alert details

View [additional information](#) of a specific active alert by clicking **Show Details**.

### Export

Export your alerts information in PDF, XLS, and XML.

### Show/Hide Alerts

Choose to show or hide active alerts.

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