Discovering new instances

IDERA SQL Inventory Manager continuously searches your network to find new SQL Server instances. To see newly discovered instances, go to the **Disco vered** option on the **Instances** tab. IDERA SQL Inventory Manager shows you a list of those instances not monitored in your environment yet. From this view you can add, ignore instances, access the auto registration options, launch the discovery job, and export reports.

What actions can you perform on the Discovered Instances view?

Ignoring instances

You can choose to ignore any of the discovered instances; for this purpose, mark the checkbox next to the instance you want to ignore, and click the **Ignore** option located on the action items bar of this window.

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

Auto registration options

Use this option so that SQL Inventory Manager enables the automatic registration of newly discovered SQL Server instances. By clicking this option, SQL Inventory Manager opens a dialog window that allows you to specify which SQL Server editions you want to be excluded from auto registration.

Auto registration only applies to newly discovered instances and will not affect instances that were discovered before the option was enabled. SQL Inventory Manager will not register more instances than you have available licenses.

Discover instances

Use this option to start the discovering instances job, take into account that this process may take some time to complete.
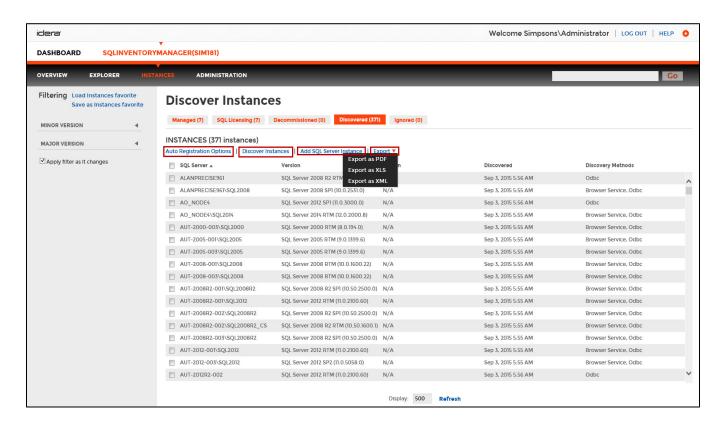
Adding instances

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 actions bar options.

SQL Inventory Manager 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.
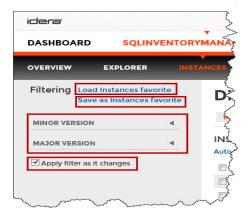
Export reports

If you want to export the information displayed on the Discovered Instances view, go to the **Export** option, located on the action items bar, and select your preferred format (**PDF**, **XLS** or **XML**) for exporting.

What filter options are available on this view?

On the left side of the Discovered Instances view, you have a number of filtering options.

If you want to filter by specific minor or major versions, click the down arrow to expand your options. Check the box(es) or the version(s) you want to view. Enable or disable the option **Apply filter as it changes** depending if you want to see the changes as you apply the filters or if you prefer to select your filters first and see the results when you finish.

Other available filtering options include:

- **Load Instances favorite**.
- **Save as Instances favorite**.

> ✅ **Tip**
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> SQL Inventory Manager displays the filters you select on the top section of the Discovered Instances view under **Filtered by**. You can deselect filters from this section too.

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> **ⓘ Access from the Overview**
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> To access the Discovered Instances view, you can also click **New Instances** on the right sidebar of the overview. For more information, go to Viewing information on the SQL Inventory Manager Overview.

Manage your Discovery Options

If you want to configure the discovery job, go to the **Administration** tab and click **Manage Discovery Options** on the Discovery section. On this dialog window you can specify not only those computers where you want SQL Inventory Manager to perform the discovery job but also you can choose which methods you want to use to search in each computer. You can schedule your discovery jobs, add IP address ranges and those domains that SQL Inventory Manager will use for discovery.

For more information on how to configure your manage discovery options, click here.

SQL Inventory Manager lets you discover and visualize your SQL Server environment. Learn more > >

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