

# Manage your license

IDERA SQL Secure provides an intuitive, simple-to-use interface for license key management. You can view the status of the license keys and add licenses to audit additional instances.

When you reach the SQL Server limit dictated by your license, SQL Secure will not let you add new servers. Take into account the following scenarios:

- **If your trial period expires** - you will be prompted for a new license when you start the SQL Secure Console.
- **If a valid license is not provided** - then SQL Secure will shut down and no longer be accessible.



SQL Secure requires a license for each instance of SQL Server to be audited.

To view your **License Summary**, go to the **Manage SQL Secure** view, **Repository Status** window. The System Status section lists your Repository name, number of licenses, disk space, and the timestamp for the most recent grooming. In the **License Summary** section, SQL Secure displays bar graphs to help you compare between you number of Server Licenses, Audited Servers, and Remaining Licenses. **If you have Azure SQL Databases**, see [SQL Secure licensing with Azure SQL Database](#) for more information.

To manage your licenses, go to **File** menu, and select **Manage SQL Secure licenses**. In the Manage SQL Secure Licenses window, you can see your actual license key, the number of servers it is for, and the number of days until it expires. In the License details you can also see the type of license you have, the exact date of expiration, and the repository for which is licensed.

Click **Add** to add a new license key.

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