

What options do you have when you first install SQL Inventory Manager?

When you first install the product and log into the product for the first time, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager displays a welcome screen that guides you through some initial steps that help you to:

- Enter an email for receiving notification alerts
- Choose if you want to have automatic registration enabled
- Select the first place from where you will select the instances you want to register

Welcome

On the Welcome section click **Next** to start with the Alerts section.

Alerts

The **Alerts** section allows you to configure your email settings and enter an email address for subscribing to alerts. When you subscribe to alerts, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager sends you alert emails for critical issues on your environment. These alerts are a result of a set of health checks performed by IDERA SQL Inventory Manager on your SQL Server instances.

If you want to configure alert emails, this section requires that you follow two steps:

Step 1 lets you configure your email (SMTP) settings. You must go through this step first if you want to receive alerts. For more information about configuring your email settings, refer to [Configure email \(SMTP\) settings](#).

Step 2 lets you decide if you want to receive alert notifications and specify the email address where you would like to receive these alerts.

The screenshot shows the 'Alerts' configuration screen in the IDERA SQL Inventory Manager. At the top, there is a progress bar with six steps: 1. WELCOME, 2. ALERTS (current step), 3. DISCOVERY, 4. MANAGE DISCOVERY, 5. ADD INSTANCES, and 6. FINISH. The main heading is 'Alert Emails'. Below it, a paragraph explains that the tool performs health checks and sends alert emails for critical issues. The screen is divided into two steps: Step 1, 'Configure SQL Inventory Manager to send emails', which includes a link to 'Configure email (SMTP) settings'; and Step 2, 'Choose whether you want to receive alert emails', which contains an unchecked checkbox for receiving email notifications for critical issues and a text input field labeled 'Send the emails to:'. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: 'Back', 'Next', and 'Cancel'.

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WELCOME	ALERTS	DISCOVERY	MANAGE DISCOVERY	ADD INSTANCES	FINISH

Alert Emails

Idera SQL Inventory Manager performs health checks on your environment. Based on the results of these checks, SQL Inventory Manager will provide recommendations and send alert emails for critical issues such as an unavailable instance or a drive running low on space.

Step 1: Configure SQL Inventory Manager to send emails.

[Configure email \(SMTP\) settings](#)

Step 2: Choose whether you want to receive alert emails.

☐ I would like to receive email notifications for critical issues in my environment.

Send the emails to:

Back Next Cancel

Discovery

On the **Discovery** section, you can choose if you want to enable or disable automatic registration for your instances.

IDERA SQL Inventory Manager continuously scans your environment to discover SQL Server instances and keeps you informed of newly installed instances.

When you enable the auto-registration option, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager automatically registers instances as it finds them. Note that IDERA SQL Inventory Manager performs first an initial scan of your environment, then auto-registration will begin for future discovered instances.

You can later change these settings on the **Administration** tab and access the **Auto registration options** for specifying which SQL Server versions you want to exclude from auto registration. For more information about making changes to auto registration, see [Auto registration options](#).

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Discovery and Auto-Registration

SQL Inventory Manager scans your environment to discover SQL Server instances to help keep you informed of newly installed instances. When you enable the auto-registration option, SQL Inventory Manager automatically registers new instances as it finds them. Note that SQL Inventory Manager performs an initial scan of your environment, then auto-registration will begin for future discovered instances.

☒ No, I will manually enter the instances I want to manage with SQL Inventory Manager.

☐ Yes, automatically register future discovered instances.

BackNextCancel

Manage Discovery

The next section, **Manage Discovery**, allows you to configure options for discovering instances. You can specify those computers where you want IDERA SQL Inventory Manager to discover SQL Server instances and choose which methods you want to use to search in each computer. To find more information about these settings, go to [How to Manage Discovery Options](#).

Discovery Center Options

Browser service scan

Run at

Computer Scan

Run

IP Address Ranges

[Add](#)[Edit](#)[Remove](#)[Run scan now](#)

IP Range	User

Domains

[Add](#)[Edit](#)[Remove](#)[Run scan now](#)

Domain	User	Discovery Scan Type	Excluded

Check computers using the following scans

☒ SQL Server Resolution Service

☐ Service Control Manager

☒ WMI

☐ Windows Registry

☒ TCP Probe

Ports to use during TCP Probes (for SQL Discovery Only - does not include BI)

Configure BI Services

☒ Include Discovery of BI Services in Scans

Discovered instances display options

- ☐ Only show instances discovered by at least two methods.
- ☐ Only show instances whose SQL Server version can be validated.

Back

Next

Cancel

Add Instances

The next section, **Add Instances**, allows you to determine how you would like to initially choose the instances you want to monitor. You need to register SQL Server instances in order to monitor them with IDERA SQL Inventory Manager.

This section lets you choose to:

- use the **Add Instance wizard**, which takes you to a wizard where you can manually pick those instances you want to monitor, specify which connection credentials IDERA SQL Inventory Manager will use to connect to them, add owner, location, comments, and tags. For more information about the Add Instance wizard, see [Add SQL Server instances](#).
- select from a list of discovered instances. This option takes you directly to the **Discovered** section on the **Instances** view. From this section, you can pick which instances you wish to monitor and which ones you wish to ignore. For more information about selecting instances from the Instances view, see [Discovered instances](#).
- monitor all discovered instances. This option lets you easily register all discovered instances.

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Add SQL Server Instances

To get started managing your SQL Server environment, you need to register instances with SQL Inventory Manager. You can manually browse which instances to manage, select them from a list of discovered instances, or choose to register them all.

- ☒ Use the Add Instance wizard to specify the instances you want to monitor.
- ☐ Select the instances you want to monitor from the list of discovered instances.
- ☐ Monitor all discovered instances.

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Next

Cancel

Finish

Finally, the last section provides you with a summary of other key features available on IDERA SQL Inventory Manager such as:

- **Tags.** You can use tags to organize or group your instances for better management. Tags also help you filter views and explore your instances.
- **Health Check Recommendations.** IDERA SQL Inventory Manager performs a set of health checks on your environment to alert you from critical issues. These health checks also ensure that basic configuration and disaster recovery recommendations are followed. You can access knowledge base articles in each health check recommendation to get more information.

- **Invite other users.** You can grant other users access to IDERA SQL Inventory Manager or enter their email addresses to receive alert notifications.

You can change any of these initial settings by clicking **Back**. When you complete this process, click **FINISH**.

Click **CANCEL** at any point to skip these initial settings.

IDERA [SQL Inventory Manager](#) lets you discover and visualize your SQL Server environment. [Learn more](#) > >

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