

# Getting started

Use the following checklist to get started using IDERA SQL Compliance Manager. For more information about how to best configure auditing for your environment, see the [Auditing checklist](#).

✓	<b>Get started with these steps ...</b>
✓	Learn how auditing works.
✓	Learn about the <a href="#">SQL Server events</a> that you can audit.
✓	Register the <a href="#">SQL Server instances</a> you want to audit, and set your server and database settings.
✓	Apply regulation guidelines to the audited databases on your registered SQL Server instances.
✓	Track the collected <a href="#">SQL Server events</a> over time and fine tune your audit settings as needed.
✓	Configure <a href="#">Event Alerts</a> to notify you when suspicious events occur in your environment.
✓	Configure <a href="#">Status Alerts</a> to notify you when SQL Compliance Manager experiences an issue.

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