How to manage discovery of new database instances

If you want to get the latest discovered instances, you can trigger the instance discovery job by clicking **Discover** located on the **Discovery** section of the **Administration** view. You have the following available options for discovery.

On-Premises

- **Discover Instances Browser Service** - Lets you discover instances by using "System. Data.Sql.SqlDataSourceEnumerator" which enumerates all available SQL Server instances within the local network.
- **Discover Instances Odbc** - Lets you discover instances using "odbc32.dll" which gets the instances list from the system's registry data.

Cloud

- **Discover Cloud Instances/Databases** - Lets you discover instances/databases hosted on Amazon or Azure.

From the moment you enable one or all of these options, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager begins registering newly discovered instances.

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> # Registration limited by license
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> IDERA SQL Inventory Manager does not register more instances than the number available for your license.

When you enable this option, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager automatically registers newly discovered instances but it does not assign them owner, location, or any other tags; additionally, they are all registered using IDERA SQL Inventory Manager service credentials. You can later add or change this information individually from the Editing properties window or by editing several instances at once from the Instances view, for more information refer to Managed instances.

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