


How to manage instance discovery

SQL Inventory Manager automatically discovers instances on your network. You can trigger instance discovery manually using the options in the Discovery section of the Administration view. You can also configure SQL Inventory Manager to automatically monitor all newly-discovered instances and specify what credentials to use when attempting to connect to an instance.

**Note**

SQL Inventory Manager does not discover instances hosted on Amazon Web Services or Azure. You must manually add these instances.

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Users

Give users permission to use SQL Inventory Manager. Grant access to individual servers and subscribe to alerts using the Manage Users action.

Manage Users

Instances

SQL Inventory Manager monitors SQL Server instances and their host computers. Add instances to be monitored using the Add SQL Server Instance action.

Add SQL Server Instances

Import SQL Servers

Alert Emails

SQL Inventory Manager can send email alerts to inform users about critical issues such as availability problems. To receive alert emails, you must configure alerting to use an email server available on your network and sign up to receive alert emails.

Configure email (SMTP) settings

Subscribe to alerts

Manage Subscriptions For All Users

Health Checks

SQL Inventory Manager performs health checks against your monitored instances. You can control at a global level whether health checks are performed. Note that disabling a health check will also stop alert emails from being sent for the health check.

Manage Health Checks

Licensing

A license is required to access SQL Inventory Manager features. View license status and add a license key using the Manage License action.

Manage License

Tags

Tags are used in SQL Inventory Manager to group SQL Servers and help you organize your managed instances. Create, view, edit and delete tags and their associated instances using the Manage Tags action.

Manage Tags

Discovery

SQL Inventory Manager automatically discovers instances on your network. You can trigger instance discovery manually below. You can also configure SQL Inventory Manager to automatically monitor all newly discovered instances.

Manage Discovery Options

Auto Registration Options

Discover Instances

Manage Discovery Credentials

Discovery Status

Custom Inventory Fields

Add, remove, or edit custom fields to be attached to Servers, Instances, and Databases in your environment.

Manage Custom Inventory Fields

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