

# How to manage discovery credentials

SQL Inventory Manager allows you to specify alternate credentials to use during the discovery process in case the original credentials are not valid. **Manage Discovery Credentials** lets you enter multiple discovery credentials and specify the order in which you want SQL Inventory Manager to attempt to use when connecting to a server.

To configure these options, go to **Manage Discovery Credentials** on the **Administration** tab.

The screenshot shows the SQL Inventory Manager Administration dashboard. The top navigation bar includes 'DASHBOARD', 'SQLINVENTORYMANAGER(SIM181)', and 'ADMINISTRATION'. The 'ADMINISTRATION' tab is active, and the 'Manage Discovery Credentials' link is highlighted with a red box. Other links in the dashboard include 'Users', 'Instances', 'Alert Emails', 'Health Checks', 'Licensing', 'Tags', 'Discovery', and 'Custom Inventory Fields'.

The **Manage Discovery Credentials** window opens and displays a list of credentials that SQL Inventory Manager should use during discovery when attempting to connect to an instance. Credentials are used in the order in which they display, so make sure that the credentials appear in the proper order. To move a set of credentials, check that line, and then click **Move Up** or **Move Down** from the action menu.

The screenshot shows the 'Manage Discovery Credentials' dialog box. On the left, there is a 'Tips' sidebar with the following text: 'You may specify multiple credentials to attempt during discovery.', 'Use "Move Up" and "Move Down" to adjust the order in which the credentials will be attempted.', and 'Specify "Multiple Credentials" in Manage Discovery Options to use this list.' The main area of the dialog box has a title bar with a question mark and a close button. Below the title bar, there are action buttons: 'Add | Change Password | Remove | Move Up | Move Down'. The list of credentials is as follows:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Login Name
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Simpsons\Administrator
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPT\Administrator

At the bottom right of the dialog box, there are 'SAVE' and 'CLOSE' buttons.

## Add credentials for discovery

The Manage Discovery Credentials window allows you to add credentials for discovering SQL Server instances. Click **Add** and SQL Inventory Manager displays the Add Discovery Credentials dialog box. Type the user name and password, confirm the password, and then click **Save**.

**Add Discovery Credentials**

User Name:

Password:

Confirm Password:

**SAVE** **CANCEL**

### Change credentials password

Select one or more sets of credentials when you need to change a password. SQL Inventory Manager changes the password for all checked credentials. Click **Change Password** in the action menu, and SQL Inventory Manager displays the Change Password dialog box. Make the appropriate changes, and then click **Save**.

### Remove credentials

If you want to remove a set of credentials from SQL Inventory Manager, select the appropriate set or sets of credentials, and then click **Remove**. Verify that the correct credentials are displayed in the confirmation message, and then click **Yes**.

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