

How to discover new instances

SQL Elements continuously searches your network to find new SQL Server instances. To see newly discovered instances, go to the **Discovered** option on the **Instances** tab. SQL Elements shows you a list of those instances not monitored in your environment yet. From this view you can add or ignore instances.

Note

If you have the [auto-registration](#) option enabled, all newly discovered instances will be automatically registered. Those instances that were discovered before this option was enabled will remain on the Discovered view.

Adding instances

If you want to monitor some of these instances, click the respective checkboxes next to the instances you want to add, and then click **Add SQL Server instance** on the top right section of this view.

SQL Elements opens the wizard for adding new SQL Server instances, and automatically adds the names of the instances you selected before. For more information on how to register SQL Server instances, go to [Adding SQL Server instances](#).

Tip

On this view, you can find the Microsoft SQL version next to the instances status to help you decide which instances you want to add or ignore.

Ignoring instances

You can also choose to ignore any of these discovered instances; for this purpose, mark the checkbox next to the instance you wish ignore, and click the **Ignore** option located on the top right section of this window.

SQL Elements no longer shows the ignored instances on the **Discovered** view but adds them to the **Ignored** view.

The screenshot shows the 'INSTANCES' tab in the SQL Elements application. The top navigation bar includes 'DASHBOARD', 'EXPLORER', 'INSTANCES' (highlighted), and 'ADMINISTRATION'. Below the navigation bar, there are three tabs: 'Managed', 'Discovered' (selected), and 'Ignored'. On the right side of the 'Discovered' tab, there are two buttons: 'Add SQL Server Instance' and 'Ignore'. The main content area is titled 'DISCOVERED INSTANCES (419 instances)'. It contains a table with three columns: 'SQL Server', 'Status', and 'Version'. The first two rows of the table have their checkboxes selected. The table lists various SQL Server instances, including their names, status (all 'Discovered'), and versions (ranging from SQL Server 2000 to SQL Server 2008 R2).

SQL Server	Status	Version
AUT-2008R2-001	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 SP1 (10.50.2500.0)
AUT-SQLDM-002	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 SP1 (10.50.2500.0)
AUT-SQLDM-100\SQL2008	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
AUT-TC-WR400	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
AUT-TC-WR400\SHAREPOINT	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
AUT-TC-WR400\SQLDM	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
AUT_SPA_MB101	Discovered	N/A
AUT_SPA_MB101\SQL05	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 SP2 (9.0.3042.0)
AUT_SPA_MB101\SQL08	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.1)
AUT_SPDM_AL202	Discovered	N/A
AUT_SPDM_MB109	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
AUT_SQLDM_MB102	Discovered	N/A
AUT_SQLDM_MB102\SERVER2008	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 SP3 (10.0.4000.0)
AUT_SQLDM_MB102\SQL2008	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 SP3 (10.0.4000.0)
AUT_SQLDM_MB104	Discovered	N/A
AUT_SQLDM_MB104\MSSQL2000	Discovered	SQL Server 2000 RTM (8.0.194.0)
AUT_SQLDM_MB104\MSSQL2005	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 RTM (9.0.1399.6)
AUT_SQLDM_MB104\MSSQL2008R2	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.1)
AUT_SQLDM_MB105\MSSQL2000	Discovered	SQL Server 2000 RTM (8.0.194.0)
AUT_SQLDM_MB105\MSSQL2005	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 RTM (9.0.1399.0)
AUT_SQLDM_MB105\MSSQL2008R2	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)
AUTSQLVDB01\SQL2005SP3	Discovered	SQL Server 2005 SP3 (9.0.4035.0)
AUTSQLVDB01\SQL2008R2	Discovered	SQL Server 2008 R2 RTM (10.50.1600.0)



Access from the Dashboard

To access the **Discovered** instances view, you can also do it by clicking **New Instances** on the right sidebar of the dashboard. For more information, go to [Viewing information on the Dashboard](#).