

# Manage audited instances

The IDERA SQL Compliance Manager Instances view displays the status of audit activity across your SQL Server environment. Use the statistics and graphs on this view to quickly and easily identify issues so you can continue to ensure the correct level of compliance. Be sure to review the associated topics about managing properties for the registered SQL Server instance and the Agent:

- [Manage instance properties](#)
- [Manage Agent properties](#)

The screenshot shows the IDERA SQL Compliance Manager interface. At the top, it says 'Welcome simpsons\administrator' with 'LOG OUT' and 'HELP' links. The main navigation bar includes 'HOME', 'INSTANCES', 'ALERTS', 'AUDIT EVENT FILTERS', 'LOGS', 'AUDIT REPORTS', and 'ADMINISTRATION'. The 'INSTANCES' tab is active, showing a 'Filtering' sidebar on the left with dropdowns for STATUS, INSTANCE NAME, STATUS TEXT, NUMBER OF AUDITED DBS, SQL SERVER VERSION, AUDIT STATUS, and LAST AGENT CONTACT. A checkbox 'Apply filter as it changes' is checked. The main area is titled 'Audited Instances' and contains a table with columns: Instance name, Status Text, Number of Audited DBs, SQL Server version, Audit Status, Last agent contact, and Options. One instance is listed: 'QA-LOVEJOY\SQL2012' with status 'Agent not deployed', 0 audited DBs, and 'Enabled' audit status. A context menu is open over the 'Options' column for this instance, listing actions: Enable Auditing, Disable Auditing, Update Audit Settings, Remove, Refresh, Upgrade Agent, Check Agent Status, Agent Properties, Properties (instance), and Permissions Check.

## Available actions

### Filtering

Allows you to filter the listed instances by status, instance name, status text, number of audited databases, SQL Server version, audit status, and timestamp for the last time the agent was contacted.

### Add SQL Server Instance

Starts the Server Configuration wizard, allowing you to enable and configure auditing on another SQL Server instance.

### Export

Allows you to export the list of audited SQL Server instances to a PDF, XLS, or XML file.

### Enable Auditing / Disable Auditing

Allows you to enable or disable auditing on the selected SQL Server instance. When auditing is enabled, the SQLcompliance Agent collects new event data and stores the data in a protected subdirectory of the Agent installation directory. When you disable auditing, the SQLcompliance Agent stops collecting event data, and stops the corresponding SQL trace. You can continue to view and report on previously audited events or archived events.

### Update Audit Settings

Allows you to change the audit settings for the selected SQL Server instance.

### Remove

Allows you to unregister the selected SQL Server instance. When you remove a SQL Server instance, SQL Compliance Manager disables all auditing at the server and database levels on the SQL Server instance. **If the selected instance is the last instance to be audited on this SQL Server**, SQL Compliance Manager also uninstalls the SQLcompliance Agent. **If you manually deployed the SQLcompliance Agent**, you must manually uninstall it from the SQL Server computer.

### Refresh

Allows you to update the Audited Instances list with current data.

#### **Upgrade Agent**

Allows you to upgrade the SQLcompliance Agent on the selected SQL Server instance to the current version. This option is available if the agent was remotely deployed through the Management Console. To upgrade an agent that was manually deployed, run setup.exe from the SQL compliance manager installation kit on the target SQL Server computer.

#### **Check Agent Status**

Allows you to check the status of the SQLcompliance Agent on the selected SQL Server instance, such as whether the agent is active.

#### **Agent Properties**

Allows you to manage the properties for the Agent associated with the selected SQL Server instance. This action launches the SQL Compliance Agent Properties window. For more information about using this window, see [Manage Agent properties](#).

#### **Properties (instance)**

Allows you to manage the properties for the selected SQL Server instance. This action launches the New Event Filter wizard, each window populated with event criteria from the selected filter. For more information about using this window, see [Manage instance properties](#).

#### **Permissions Check**

SQL Compliance Manager audits all activity on your server. [Learn more >>](#)

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