Upgrade SQL Server on the Collection Server

You can upgrade the SQL Server software running on the existing Collection Server when you use your current IDERA SQL Compliance Manager installation to audit instances running on multiple versions of SQL Server at the same time in a single environment. Use the following checklist and instructions to successfully upgrade the SQL Server software.

Upgrade checklist

☑	**Follow these steps ...**
☐	Determine whether you want to upgrade to the latest version of SQL Compliance Manager. To verify whether you are running the latest version, click **Check for Updates** on the Help menu.
☐	Choose the appropriate upgrade strategy for your environment and your auditing needs.
☐	Ensure your Windows logon account has administrator permissions on the Collection Server computer and sysadmin rights on the SQL Server instance hosting the Repository.
☐	Back up your trace directories, especially the Collection Server Trace Directory.
☐	Run the Microsoft SQL Server Upgrade Advisor utility on the target instance. For example, for more information about upgrading to SQL Server 2008, see **Upgrade** on the Microsoft Solutions web site at http://www.microsoft.com/sqlserver/2008/en/us/solutions.aspx.

Upgrade instructions

1. ***If you want to use the latest version of SQL Compliance Manager***, Upgrade to this build.
2. Disable auditing on a SQL Server at the server level.
3. Stop the SQL Compliance Manager Agent service. Use the Microsoft Services administrative tool to stop the SQL Compliance Manager Agent service (SQL Compliance Manager Agent) running on the Collection Server computer.
4. Stop the Collection Server service. Use the Microsoft Services administrative tool to stop the Collection Server service (SQL Compliance Manager Collection Service) running on the Collection Server computer.
5. Upgrade SQL Server on the Collection Server computer.
6. Restart the Collection Server service. Use the Microsoft Services administrative tool to restart the Collection Server service (SQLcompliance Collection Service) running on the Collection Server computer.
7. Restart the SQL Compliance Manager Agent service. Use the Microsoft Services administrative tool to restart the SQL Compliance Manager Agent service (SQL Compliance Manager Agent) running on the Collection Server computer.
8. ***If you upgraded SQL Compliance Manager to the latest version***, also upgrade the SQL Compliance Manager Agent remotely.
9. Upgrade the SQL Server software on the computers hosting your audited instances.
10. Begin auditing any new SQL Server instances.

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