

How to manage auto registration options

If you want to register all SQL Server instances every time new ones are discovered, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager allows you to automatically register them as they are continuously discovered. This option also lets you to choose which SQL Server editions you want to exclude from auto registration.

To turn on this option, go to the **Administration** tab, and click the option **Auto Registration Options** located on the **Discovery** section.



IDERA SQL Inventory Manager does not register instances that were discovered before turning on this option and does not register more instances than the number available for your license.

The screenshot shows the IDERA SQL Inventory Manager (IM) Administration interface. The top navigation bar includes 'DASHBOARD', 'SQLINVENTORYMANAGER(IM)', and 'ADMINISTRATION'. The 'ADMINISTRATION' section is active, showing a sidebar with 'OVERVIEW', 'EXPLORER', 'INSTANCES', and 'ADMINISTRATION'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains sections for 'Users', 'Instances', 'Alert Emails', 'MS SQL Server Licensing - Core Factor Tables', and 'Health Checks'. The right column contains sections for 'Licensing', 'Tags', 'Discovery', and 'Custom Inventory Fields'. In the 'Discovery' section, the 'Auto Registration Options' link is highlighted with a red box. Other links in the 'Discovery' section include 'Manage Discovery Options', 'Discover Instances', 'Manage Discovery Credentials', and 'Discovery Status'.

The Auto Registration Options window opens. Select **Enable Automatic Registration of newly discovered SQL Server instances**. On this window IDERA SQL Inventory Manager allows you to exclude the following editions:

- Enterprise
- Business Intelligence
- Standard
- Web
- Developer
- Express

Additionally, you can select **Any other version** when you only want the previous options to be taken into account for registration and you want to exclude any other editions.

Choose **Unknown editions** to exclude registering those SQL Server instances that IDERA SQL Inventory Manager cannot connect to.

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Auto Registration Options

☐ Enable Automatic Registration of newly discovered SQL Server instances

Exclude Instances running the following editions from auto registration

☐ Enterprise
 ☐ Business Intelligence
 ☐ Standard

☐ Web
 ☐ Developer
 ☐ Express

☐ Any other version

☐ Unknown editions (usually means we couldn't connect to SQL Server)

SAVE

CANCEL

When you enable Auto Registration, IDERA SQL Inventory Manager automatically registers newly discovered instances but it does not assign them owner, location, or any other tags; additionally, they are all registered using IDERA SQL Inventory Manager service credentials. You can later add or change this information individually from the [Editing properties](#) window or by editing several instances at once from the **Instances** view (Managed and SQL Licensing views), for more information refer to [Managed instances](#).



Warning

Take into account that unsupported SQL Server versions are not auto registered.



Tip

If you want to get the latest discovered instances, you can trigger the instance discovery job by clicking **Discover instances** on the same section.

You can also find the Auto Registration Options from the following sections:

- **Overview** - Click **Auto-Registration** on the Status sidebar.
- **Instances > Discovered** view - Click **Auto Registration Options** on the actions items bar.

SQL Inventory Manager lets you discover and visualize your SQL Server environment. [Learn more > >](#)

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