

# Installing SQL Sentry

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- Purchase or [download a trial](#) of SQL Sentry.

## Prerequisites

1. Review the [Installation Recommendations](#) article to determine where you should install the [product components](#) and how many [monitoring services](#) you will need.
2. Ensure that your system meets all [System Requirements](#) for installation and using additional features.
  - Have questions about security requirements and options? Check out the [Security Overview](#) article.

## Installation

Each article includes instructions for the full product installation, [SQL Sentry Portal](#), additional [monitoring services](#), or additional [clients](#) (i.e. how to install only the client on workstation computers/laptops).

1. Choose an installation method:
  - **Option 1:** Original [SQL Sentry Installation](#) for smaller environments (i.e. estates with a single monitoring service or client) and those who do not need a command line experience for streamlining the installation or upgrade processes.
  - **Option 2:** [SQL Sentry Enhanced Platform Installer](#) increases the speed and simplicity of installing and upgrading SQL Sentry implementations through a command line interface and is recommended for larger estates that will have more than one [monitoring service](#) or [client](#).
2. Once you've installed SQL Sentry, follow the [Onboarding](#) instructions for a step-by-step guide to completing the wizard and configuring your SQL Sentry environment, including adding your first [target](#).
  - You'll be asked to apply your license during onboarding. See the [License Management](#) article for help with applying and managing licenses.

**Note:** If you need additional help with getting your SQL Sentry installation up-and-running, please reach out to our support team through: [support.sentryone.com](mailto:support.sentryone.com). Our friendly and knowledgeable team is here to guide you!

## What's Next?

1. After onboarding is complete, you may want to [monitor additional targets](#), or jump into using [Performance Analysis](#), setting up [alerts](#), discovering [top SQL queries](#), or using the [calendar view](#).
2. Interested in setting up SQL Sentry Portal on-premises for browser-based access to your SQL Sentry data? See the [Portal Configuration](#) article to enable access.

