

Enterprise and Standard Feature Compare

SQL Server 2008 Enterprise

SQL Server 2008 Enterprise is a comprehensive data platform for running **mission critical** online transaction processing (OLTP), data warehousing (DW) and business intelligence (BI) applications. SQL Server 2008 Enterprise provides enterprise class **scalability**, **high availability** and **security** to meet the high demands of these applications.

Enterprise is ideally suited for the following usage scenarios:

- Mission critical deployments requiring high availability and uptime
- Existing large scale OLTP deployments
- OLTP deployments that expect to grow rapidly in the future
- Large scale reporting and analysis deployments
- Data Warehousing
- Server Consolidation

SQL Server 2008 Standard

SQL Server 2008 Standard is a full featured data platform for running **departmental** online transaction processing (OLTP) and business intelligence (BI) applications. SQL Server 2008 Standard provides best-in-class **ease of use** and **manageability** for running departmental applications.

Standard is ideally suited for the following usage scenarios:

- Departmental deployments
- Small to medium scale OLTP deployments
- OLTP deployments that are not expected to rapidly grow in the future
- Reporting and analysis deployments

The table below provides a high level comparison of the key capabilities between SQL Server 2008 Enterprise and Standard:

High-Level Feature Comparison	SQL Server 2008 Enterprise	SQL Server 2008 Standard
Number of CPUs	OS Maximum	4
Scalability & Performance	✓	©
High Availability (Always On)	✓	(
Security	✓	(
Data Warehousing	✓	
Business Intelligence	✓	0
Enterprise Manageability	✓	
Programmability	▽	♡

The table below provides a more detailed comparison of the key capabilities between SQL Server 2008 Enterprise and Standard:

Detailed Feature Comparison	SQL Server 2008 Enterprise	SQL Server 2008 Standard
Number of CPUs	OS Maximum	4
Scalability & Performance		
x32 hardware support	©	©
x64 hardware support	©	©
l64 hardware support	©	
Multi-instance support	50 instances	16 instances
Hypervisor support	©	•
Dynamic address windows extensions memory management	©	
Table and index partitioning	©	
Parallel index operations	©	
Parallel consistency checks (DBCC)	©	
Database snapshots	©	
Scalable shared databases	©	
Indexed views	©	
Enhanced read-ahead and scan	©	
High Availability (Always On)		
Log Stream Compression	©	⊙
Clustering	16-node failover	2-node failover
	clustering	clustering
Database mirroring	Full	Single-thread
Online operations	•	
Resource governor	•	
Backup compression	•	
Hot-add memory and CPU support	•	
Database snapshots	©	
Fast recovery	©	
Online page and file restore	©	
Parallel index operations	©	
Updated distributed partioned views	©	
Table and index partitioning	©	

Enterprise Security		
Data encryption	Transparent Data Encryption	Limited
Data encryption	Advanced third-party key management	Limited
Auditing	Security auditing	C2 compliant tracing
Data Warehousing		
Partitioned table parallelism	⊘	
Data compression	⊘	
Star join query optimizations	⊘	
Change data capture (CDC)	©	
Business Intelligence		
Analysis Services		
Analysis Services backup	⊘	•
Dimension, Attribute Relationship, Aggregate & Cube Design	©	•
Personalization extensions	©	©
Analysis Services scalable shared databases	©	
Account intelligence	©	
Linked measures and dimensions	⊘	
Perspectives	©	
Semi-additive measures	©	
Writeback dimensions	©	
Proactive caching	©	
Auto parallel partition processing	⊘	
Partitioned cubes and distributed partitioned cubes	©	
Data Mining		
Comprehensive set of DM algorithms	©	©
Integrated Data Mining Tools (Wizards, Editors, Model Viewers, Query Builder)	©	•
Excel 2007 and Visio 2007 Add-in Support	©	•
Parallel model processing	©	
Support for Plug-in Algorithms	©	

Advanced configuration and tuning options for Data Mining algorithms	©	
Support for Pipeline Data Mining and Text Mining with Integration Services	©	
Integration Services		
SQL Server import and export wizard	©	©
SSIS run-time	©	©
Basic data profiling tools	©	©
SSIS Package Designer & Service	©	©
Data Mining query transformation	©	
Data Mining model training destination adapter	•	
Fuzzy grouping transformation	©	
Fuzzy lookup transformation	©	
Term extraction transformation	©	
Term lookup transformation	©	
Dimension processing destination adapter	©	
Partition processing destination adapter	©	
Reporting Services		
Microsoft Office integration	©	©
Built-in forms authentication	©	©
Report server application embedding	©	©
Ad-hoc reporting (Report Builder)	©	©
Scale-out operational report configuration	©	
Data-driven report subscriptions	©	
Report scale-out deployment	©	
Infinite click-through in ad-hoc reports	©	

Enterprise Manageability		
Policy-Based Management	©	©
Plan Freezing	©	•
Streamlined Installation	©	•
Performance Data Collection	©	•
Standard Performance Reports	©	•
SQL Server Management Studio Tools	©	•
Auto server group management	©	
Mirrored backup media	©	
Multi-server administration	©	
VIA protocol support	©	
Unlimited virtualization	©	
Programmability		
Common Language Runtime (CLR) Integration	•	©
Native XML Support	©	©
XML Indexing	©	©
Spatial Support	©	©
Filestream Support	©	©

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For more information about Microsoft SQL Server 2008, visit http://www.microsoft.com/sqlserver

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