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## Checking the Job Status on Multiple Servers

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Typically a DBA manages multiple SQL server instances. It is an important part of DBA's job to make sure all the jobs are running as intended and scheduled on all servers. With many servers to manage this job is very tedious and time consuming if you have to manually check the jobs on each and every server. It is a management nightmare and every DBA's Achilles-heel.

This article shows how to generate a comprehensive Job Status Report about all the jobs in a multi-server environment. You can use this report to check the status of all the jobs that are running on all servers with ease and make sure important production jobs run on schedule and have not slipped through cracks.

### Job Status

As a DBA or DBA manager you might have to manage the whole SQL server environment or all database environments. There might be multiple instance for you to manage and needless to say there are many SQL Server agent jobs running on all those servers. You might think that all the jobs are running smoothly without any problems. You might have set up an important job that needs to be run once a week. When you happen to check the job, you find that the job has been disabled and has not run for a while. You wish you knew about this before. This is one of the many reasons why you need to check the job status on all servers periodically.

There could be 10, 25, 50 or even more than 100 instances in your environment. It is needless to say how many jobs are there on each of the servers. For SQL server agent jobs you can set up alerts to e-mail or page whenever jobs fail. But this will send you e-mail alerts only when the jobs fail. You would be able to know whether a job has been disabled or if the schedule has been disabled or not. How do you make sure every backup job has run every single day? What if someone has put the job on hold without your knowledge, especially if there are many DBAs in your team managing the environment? This article shows you how to create such a comprehensive "Job Status Report" that reports about the status of all the jobs on multiple servers that meet the following criteria:

1. Failed jobs
2. Disabled jobs
3. Jobs with no schedule
4. Jobs that have not been run in the past 30 days

Armed with this intelligence you will be able better manage your SQL server environment.

There are multiple ways of monitoring and generating a comprehensive job status reports. Either you can have your

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