

# Using Auto Discovery

It can be time consuming to individually add a large number of systems and network devices to up.time using the Add System/Network Device window, especially if you do not know their exact names or IP addresses. Auto Discovery is an effective way to quickly populate up.time's monitored inventory.

Although Auto Discovery can be used at any time to refresh inventories, it is a logical next step after installing the Monitoring Station for the first time.

You can access Auto Discovery from the My Infrastructure panel. When initiated, you can indicate whether the auto-discovery process will be focused on your physical network, VMware virtual inventory, or HMC-managed virtual servers. See the following for more information:

- [Auto Discovery for Servers and Network Devices](#)
- [Auto Discovery for VMware vCenter Inventories](#)
- [Auto Discovery for HMC-Managed pSeries Servers](#)