



INTEGRATION WITH THIRD PARTY SIEM SYSTEMS

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

If your organization is already using a third-party Security Information and Event Management (SIEM) solution, NetWrix products composing the NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter pack can help protect these investments by integrating with major SIEM systems and letting you manage audit data in your usual way, but with improved performance and increased reliability of the collected audit data.

NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter, NetWrix Group Policy Change Reporter, and NetWrix Exchange Change Reporter can integrate with all major SIEM solutions, including Microsoft System Center Operations Manager (SCOM), RSA enVision®, ArcSight® Logger™, Novell® Sentinel™, NetIQ® Security Manager™, IBM Tivoli® Security Information and Event Manager™, and many others.

When integration with SIEM products is enabled, a custom Windows event log is created called NetWrix Change Reporter. This event log will generate events for each detected change. You can configure custom processing rules, alerts and reports in your SIEM solution to track these events.

This article contains the NetWrix Change Reporter events specification and explains how to enable the integration.

1.2 How This Guide is Organized

This section explains how this guide is organized and provides a brief overview of each chapter.

- Chapter [1 Introduction](#) the current chapter. The chapter explains the purpose of this document, defines its audience and explains its structure.
- Chapter [2 Enabling Integration](#) explains how to enable integration with third-party SIEM solutions.
- Chapter [3 Event Types](#) provides a description of event types and their properties.
- Chapter [4 Sample Events Descriptions](#) provides descriptions of sample events.
- [Appendix: Related Documentation](#) provides a list of documents available to support integration with Third Party SIEM solutions.

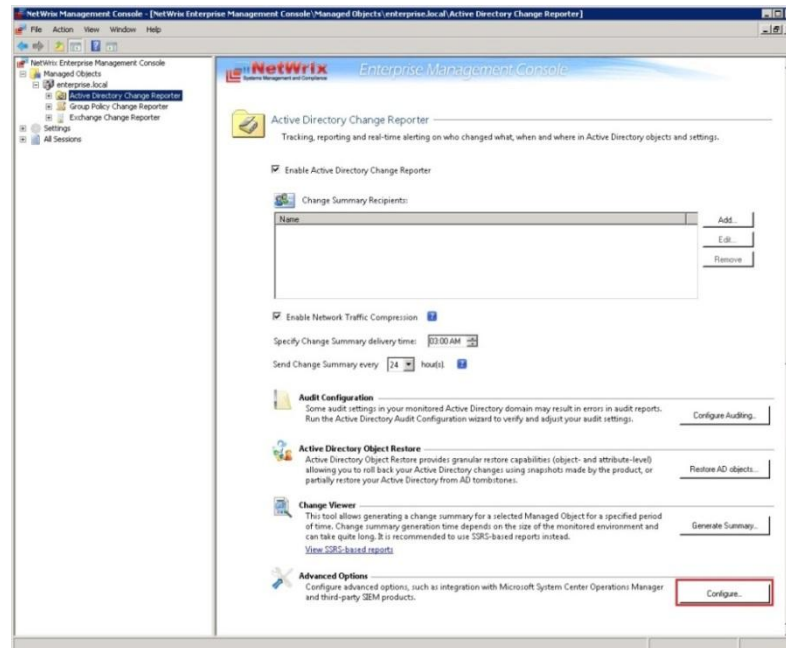
2. ENABLING INTEGRATION

The procedure below provides instructions on how to enable integration with third-party SIEM solutions by the example of NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter.

Procedure 1. To enable integration with third-party SIEM solutions

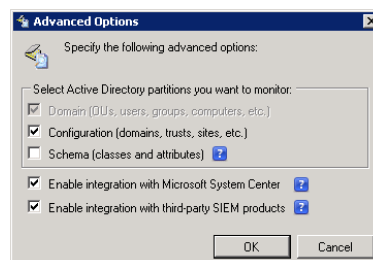
1. In NetWrix Enterprise Management Console, navigate to **Managed Objects** → **<Managed_Object_name>** → **<NetWrix module>**.
2. In the right pane, click the **Configure** button next to **Advanced Options**:

Figure 1: The Product Settings Page



3. In the Advanced Options dialog, select the **Enable integration with Microsoft System Center** option to integrate the product with Microsoft SCOM, or the **Enable integration with third-party SIEM products** option to integrate the product with a different SIEM solution, and click **OK** to save the changes:

Figure 2: Advanced Options Dialog



Note: To integrate the product with Microsoft SCOM, you need to install [NetWrix SCOM Management Pack for Change Reporter Suite](#). This solution allows SCOM to capture events written by NetWrix products into a dedicated event log and generate corresponding reports and alerts. For a detailed description of the alerts triggered by SCOM alerting rules, refer to the following specifications: [NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter SCOM Alerts Specifications](#) and [NetWrix Exchange Change Reporter SCOM Alerts Specifications](#).

3. EVENT TYPES

There are two categories of the NetWrix Change Reporter events:

- *Audit Events*: contain the information on data collection.
- *General Events*: contain the information on errors that occurred during data collection, messages on successful data collection, and other general data.

Table 1: Event Properties

| Property | Audit Event | General Event |
|----------|--|-------------------------------|
| Source | Product name: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter • NetWrix Group Policy Change Reporter • NetWrix Exchange Change Reporter | |
| Category | Audit (id=1) | General (id=2) |
| Level | Success Audit / Failure Audit | Information / Warning / Error |
| ID | 1001 - 1008 | 2001 - 2013 |

3.1 Audit Events

The table below provides a description of the audit events sorted by their ID.

Table 2: Events Description

| ID | Name | Description | Change type string in description | Change detail string in description | Source | |
|------|------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | | | Active Directory Change Reporter | Group Policy Change Reporter |
| 1001 | Add | Object added | Added | - | + | + |
| 1002 | Remove | Object removed | Removed | - | + | + |
| 1003 | Modify | Single-valued string was modified. Empty values reported as empty quoted strings in description templates | Modified | < attribute > changed from "<old value>" to "<new value>" | + | + |
| 1004 | Modify by Events | Information extracted from Windows Event Log. (e.g. user account enabled/disabled, account locked/unlocked) | Modified | < attribute > | + | |

| | | | | | | |
|------|----------------------------|---|----------|---|---|--|
| 1005 | Value Added | Value was added to the multi-valued attribute (e. g. a new member was added to a group) | Modified | <attribute>: Added: “<new value>” | + | |
| 1006 | Value Removed | Value was removed from the multi-valued attribute, (e. g. a member was removed from a group) | Modified | < attribute > : Removed: “<old value>” | + | |
| 1007 | Modified and Reverted Back | Attribute was modified and then rolled back to its previous value. Intermediate values are unknown. | Modified | < attribute > : Modified and Reverted back | + | |
| 1008 | Access | Access to file system objects (e.g. successful or failure file reads; failure attempts to access a folder or share) | Read | - | | |

The insertion strings, described in [Table 3](#): below, are displayed in the **Details** tab of the **Event Properties** dialog box:

Figure 3: Event Properties

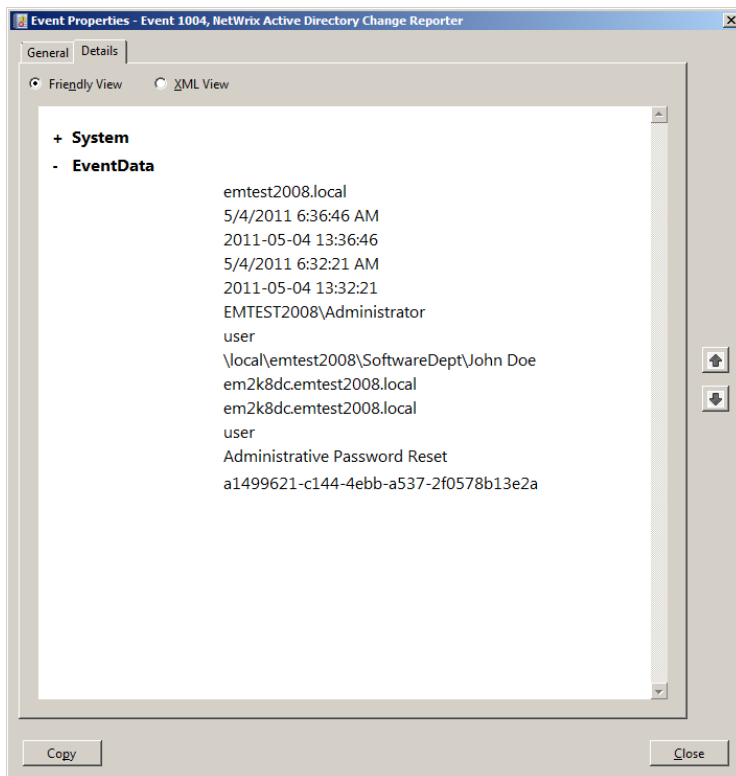


Table 3: Insertion Strings Details

| String number | Generic Content | Event Source Specific | | |
|-------------------|---|--|--|---|
| | | ADCR | ECR | GPCR |
| Event Source Name | Product name | NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter | NetWrix Exchange Change Reporter | NetWrix Group Policy Change Reporter |
| 1 | Managed Object | Domain | Domain | Domain |
| 2 | When detected (local) ¹ | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 3 | When detected (UTC) ² | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 4 | When changed (local) | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 5 | When changed (UTC) | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 6 | The name of the user who made the change (DOMAIN\user) | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 7 | Object type | AD object type (computer/user/group, etc.) | AD object type (computer/user/group, etc.) | "Policy" |
| 8 | Object path | AD path: \local\amdom\ Users\testUser1 | AD path: \local\amdom\ Users\testUser1 | \zone\domain\ GPO Display Name\Path |
| 9 | The name of the server where NetWrix software that detected the change is installed | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 10 | The server where the change was made (DC, file server, etc.) | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 11 | Custom field | Depends on type (see below) | Schema-based name, e.g. msExchExchange Server, msExchRpcHttpVirtualDirectory | GPO Display Name |
| 12 | Internal name of the attribute that was changed | -/- | -/- | GPO setting attribute name (currently is equivalent to [13], but should be changed to a real internal name when Group Policy Change Reporter provides this information) |
| 13 | Display name of the attribute that was changed | -/- | -/- | Friendly attribute name (GPO setting attribute) |

| | | | | |
|----|--|----------------|----------------|---|
| | | | | name) |
| 14 | The previous value of the attribute (or removed values if a multi-valued attribute). Can be empty. | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 15 | The current value of the attribute (or added values if a multi-valued attribute). Can be empty. | -/- | -/- | -/- |
| 16 | Object GUID | AD object GUID | AD object GUID | Group Policy object GUID |
| 17 | Custom field | n/a | n/a | Group Policy Change Type: 1 - policy added 2 - policy removed 3- policy modified |

¹ Local time written using the default locale format (for example 03/16/2011 6:37:43 PM)

² UTC value written using the SQL date format (MM-DD-YYYY hh:mm:ss)

3.1 1. Reporter Specific Information

This section provides detailed information on the Audit Events specific to each NetWrix change reporter.

The following Audit Events information is product-specific:

- **Active Directory Change Reporter**
Custom field (insertion string #11) values:

| Object Type | Value |
|-------------|--|
| group | The complete group type name, such as: - Distribution Domain Local Group - Distribution Global Group - Distribution Universal Group - Security Domain Local Group - Security Global Group - Universal Security Group |

- **Group Policy Change Reporter**
The Add/Remove events (Event ID 1001 or 1002) are generated only when a Group Policy object is added or removed. Changes to policy settings are always displayed as the Modified event (ID 1003).

3.2 General Events

The following table provides a description of the general events sorted by their ID.

Table 4: Events Description

| ID | Name | Description |
|------|-------------|--|
| 2001 | Error | Error while processing Managed Object. |
| 2002 | Warning | Warning while processing Managed Object. |
| 2010 | Information | Audit data collection started. |
| 2011 | Information | Audit data collection completed successfully. |
| 2012 | Warning | Audit data collection completed with warnings. |
| 2013 | Error | Audit data collection completed with errors. |

The following table describes the insertion strings displayed on the Details tab of the Event Properties dialog:

Table 5: Insertion Strings Details

| String number | Description | Event ID |
|---------------|--|-----------|
| 1 | Managed Object name (e.g. domain, computer collection, etc.) | All |
| 2 | The name of the server where NetWrix software is installed | All |
| 3 | User account used for data collection | All |
| 4 | The error location (e.g. DC, server name, domain) | 2001/2002 |
| 5 | The error or warning message text | 2001/2002 |

General events are recorded to the NetWrix Change Reporter event log to reflect the progress of a Managed Object processing. The following table explains the event recording sequence:

Table 6: Event Recording Sequence

| Step Name | Generated Events |
|---------------------------|---|
| Data collection start | Event 2010, one for each Managed Object. |
| Data processing | Events 2001 and 2002, if some errors or warnings occurred during data processing. |
| Data collection completed | One of the following events: 2011/2012/2013, representing the status of the data collection operation - e.g. <i>successful</i> , <i>with warnings</i> or <i>with errors</i> . |

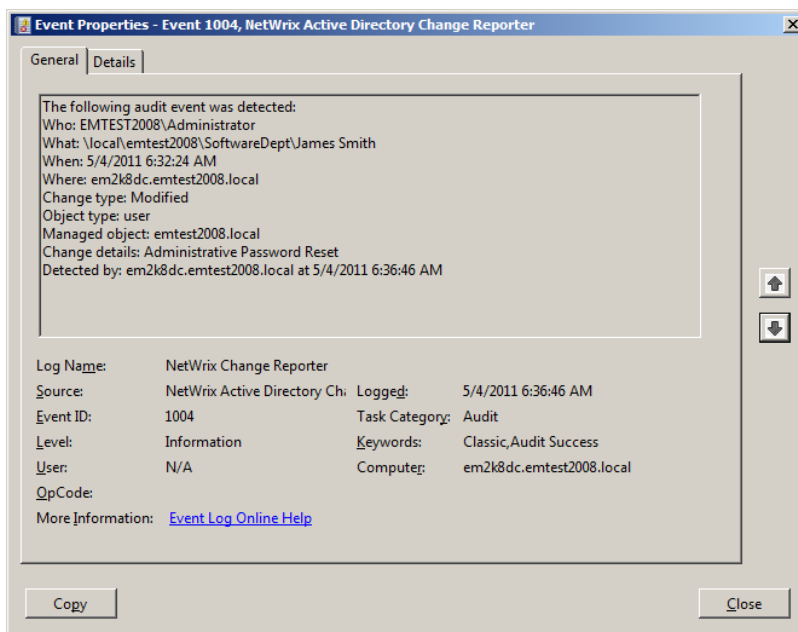
4. SAMPLE EVENTS DESCRIPTIONS

4.1 Audit Events

General Tab

The Event Properties General tab shows the event description in the upper grid and the general properties information below the grid:

Figure 4: General Tab



The sample descriptions for the NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter events are as follows:

Event ID: 1001

Who: system
 What: \\local\amdom\Configuration\Sites\Default-First-Site-Name\Servers\MINV2\NTDS Settings\a8f9388b-89ff-41f7-83e8-cb1fdbd856bc
 When: 03/17/2011 7:17:26 PM
 Where: unknown
 Change type: Added
 Object type: nTDSConnection
 Managed object: amdom.local
 Detected by: amik.amdom.local at 03/17/2011 10:56:26 PM

Event ID: 1002

Who: system
 What: \\local\amdom\Users\state.local\$
 When: 03/17/2011 2:16:16 PM
 Where: Agrig.amdom.local
 Change type: Removed
 Object type: user
 Managed object: amdom.local
 Detected by: amik.amdom.local at 03/17/2011 10:56:26 PM

Event ID: 1003

Who: EXCH2003B\Administrator
 What: \\LOCAL\EXC\EXCH2003\Users\Administrator

When: 03/17/2011 7:40:06 PM
Where: EXCH2003.EXCH2003.BYTSENKO.LOCAL
Change type: Modified
Object type: user
Change details: 'Storage Limits/Prohibit send at (Bytes)' changed from 'empty' to '124'
Managed object: exch2003.bytsenko.local
Detected by: amik.amdom.local at 03/17/2011 10:56:26 PM

Event ID: 1004

Who: AMDOM\Administrator
What: \local\amdom\amiks\TestUser4
When: 03/17/2011 7:17:06 PM
Where: Agrig.amdom.local
Change type: Modified
Object type: user
Managed object: amdom.local
Change details: User Account Disabled
Detected by: amik.amdom.local at 03/17/2011 10:56:26 PM

Event ID: 1005

Who: AMDOM\Admin
What: \local\amdom\OUAdmin
When: 03/17/2011 7:17:06 PM
Where: Agrig.amdom.local
Change type: Modified
Object type: organizationalUnit
Managed object: amdom.local
Change details: Object Security: Added: 'Permissions: Print Operators (Allow: Read permissions, Read all properties, List contents)'
Detected by: amik.amdom.local at 03/17/2011 10:56:26 PM

Event ID: 1006

Who: AMDOM\Administrator
What: \local\amdom\Users\test
When: 03/18/2011 7:17:06 PM
Where: Agrig.amdom.local
Change type: Modified
Object type: group
Managed object: amdom.local
Change details: Security Global Group Member: Removed: 'amdom.local/Users/newuser'
Detected by: amik.amdom.local at 03/18/2011 10:56:26 PM

Event ID: 1007

Who: system
What: \local\amdom\Configuration\Sites\Default-First-Site-Name\NTDS Site Settings
When: 03/17/2011 7:17:06 PM
Where: unknown
Change type: Modified
Object type: nTDSSiteSettings
Managed object: amdom.local
Change details: interSiteTopologyGenerator: modified and reverted back
Detected by: amik.amdom.local at 03/18/2011 6:56:26 AM

The sample descriptions for the NetWrix Group Policy Change Reporter events are as follows:

Event ID: 1001

The following audit event was detected:
Who: RABBIT\Administrator

What: \local\rabbit\New Group Policy Object
 When: 06.04.2011 18:56:03
 Where: DR-DC.rabbit.local
 Change type: Added
 Object type: Policy
 Managed object: rabbit.local
 Detected by: wks165.rabbit.local at 06.04.2011 18:57:52

Event ID: 1002

The following audit event was detected:
 Who: RABBIT\Administrator
 What: \local\rabbit\New Group Policy Object
 When: 06.04.2011 19:00:49
 Where: DR-DC.rabbit.local
 Change type: Removed
 Object type: Policy
 Managed object: rabbit.local
 Detected by: wks165.rabbit.local at 06.04.2011 19:02:24

Event ID: 1003

The following audit event was detected:
 Who: RABBIT\Administrator
 What: \local\rabbit\New Group Policy Object\General\Details
 When: 06.04.2011 18:56:03
 Where: DR-DC.rabbit.local
 Change type: Modified
 Object type: Policy
 Change details: 'GPO Status' changed from '' to 'Enabled'
 Managed object: rabbit.local
 Detected by: wks165.rabbit.local at 06.04.2011 18:57:52

The table below contains sample values of the general properties:

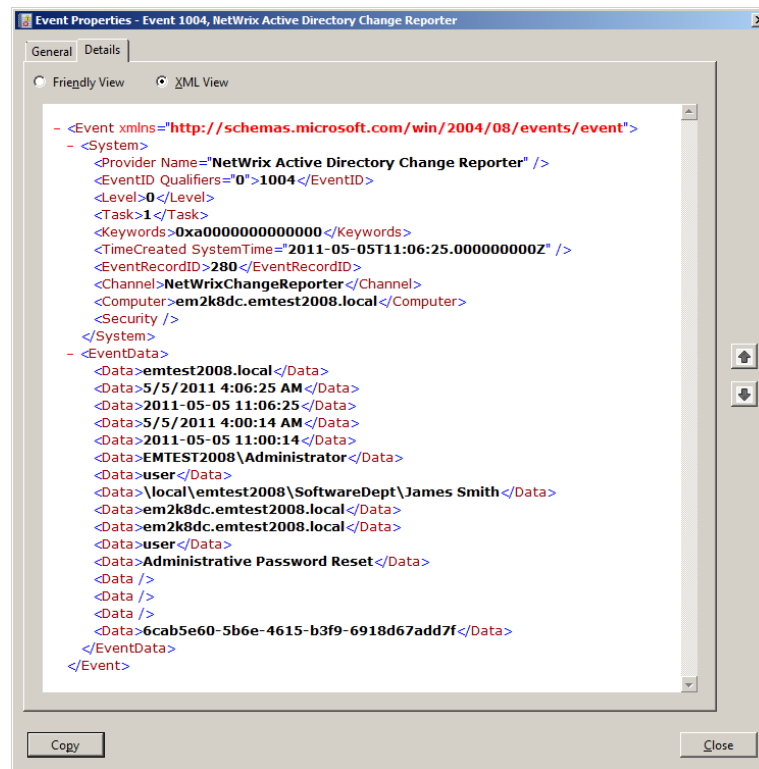
Table 7: General Properties

| Field Name | Sample Value |
|---------------|--|
| Log Name | NetWrix Change Reporter |
| Source | NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter |
| Event ID | 1004 |
| Level | Information |
| User | N/A (this field is used by .NET Framework. Its value for the NetWrix Change Reporter events is always N/A) |
| Logged | 5/4/2011 6:36:46 AM (date and time) |
| Task Category | Audit |
| Keywords | Classic, Audit Success |
| Computer | em2k8dc.emtest2008.local |
| OpCode | <not used> |

Details Tab

The Details tab supports data display in both Friendly and XML View modes. To set a mode, select the corresponding radio button:

Figure 5: Details Tab



In the XML View mode, you can see the following insertion strings between the `<EventData>` and `</EventData>` tags (for details, refer to [Table 3: Insertion Strings](#)):

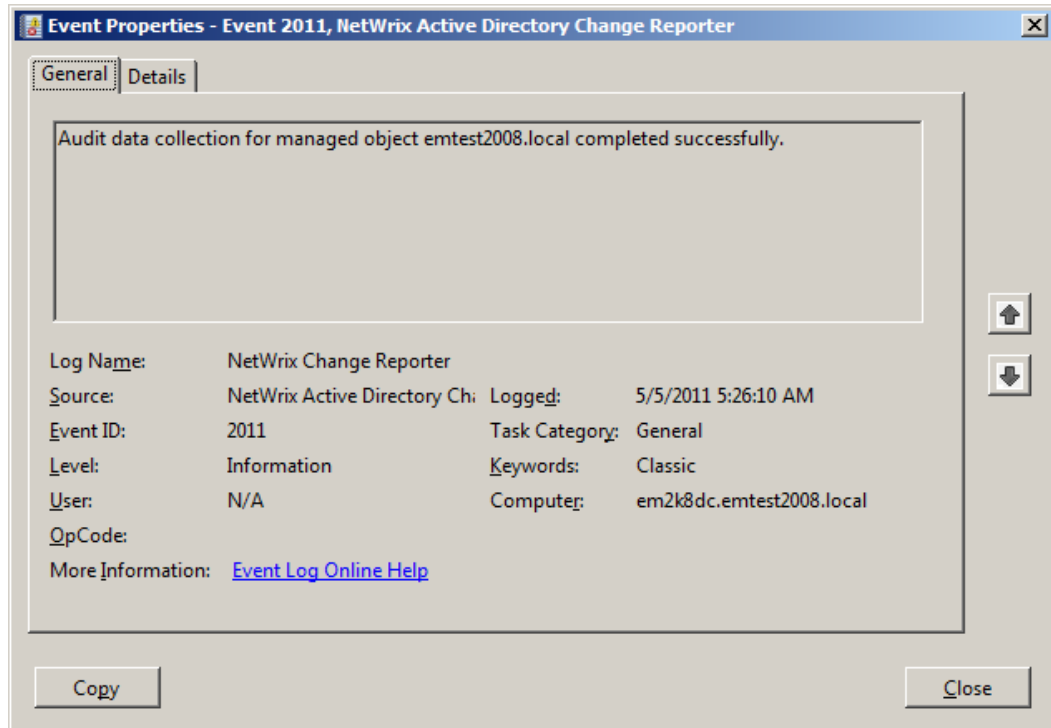
- [1] "emtest2008.local"
- [2] "5/4/2011 6:36:46 AM"
- [3] "2011-05-04 13:36:46"
- [4] "5/4/2011 6:32:21 AM"
- [5] "2011-05-04 13:32:21"
- [6] "EMTEST2008\Administrator"
- [7] "user"
- [8] "\\local\emtest2008\SoftwareDept\John Doe"
- [9] "em2k8dc.emtest2008.local"
- [10] " em2k8dc.emtest2008.local "
- [11] "user"
- [12] "Administrative Password Reset"
- [13] <empty>
- [14] <empty>
- [15] <empty>
- [16] "a1499621-c144-4ebb-a537-2f0578b13e2a"

4.2 General Events

General Tab

The Event Properties General tab shows the event description in the upper grid and the general properties information below the grid:

Figure 6: General Tab



The sample descriptions for the NetWrix Change Reporter events are as follows:

Event ID: 2001

The following warning has occurred on %Computer name% while processing %Object%: <warning text>

Event ID: 2002

The following error has occurred on %Computer name% while processing %Object%: <error text>

Event ID: 2010

Audit data collection for managed object %Object% started under user %User name%.

Example: Audit data collection for managed object emtest2008.local started under user EMTEST2008\Administrator.

Event ID: 2011

Audit data collection for managed object %Object% completed successfully.

Event ID: 2012

Audit data collection for managed object %Object% completed with warnings. For details, see previous events.

Event ID: 2013

Audit data collection for managed object %Object% completed with errors. For details, see previous events.

The table below contains sample values of the general properties:

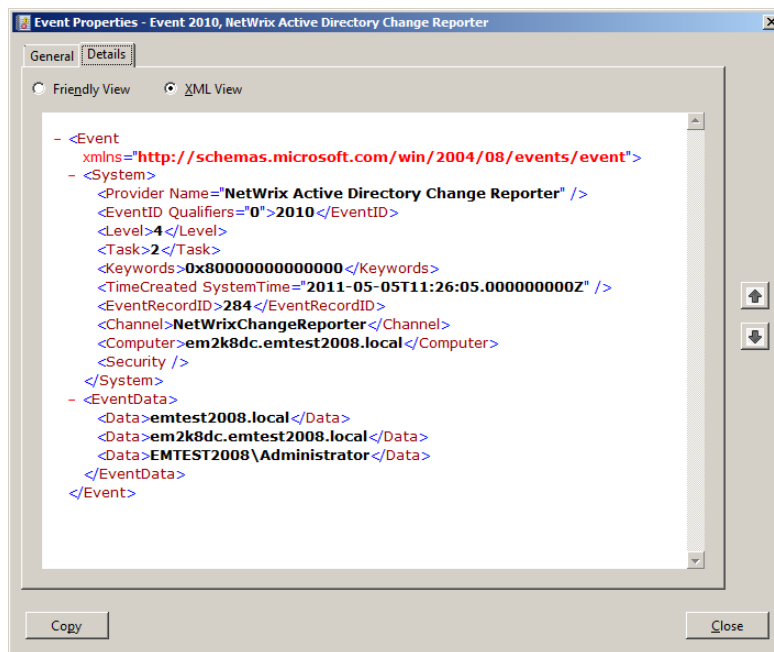
Table 8: General Properties

| Field Name | Sample Value |
|---------------|--|
| Log Name | NetWrix Change Reporter |
| Source | NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter |
| Event ID | 2011 |
| Level | Information |
| User | N/A (this field is used by .NET Framework. Its value for the NetWrix Change Reporter events is always N/A) |
| Logged | 5/5/2011 5:26:10 AM (date and time) |
| Task Category | General |
| Keywords | Classic |
| Computer | em2k8dc.emtest2008.local |
| OpCode | <not used> |

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Figure 7: Details Tab



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- [1] "emtest2008.local"
- [2] "em2k8dc.emtest2008.local"
- [3] "EMTEST2008\Administrator"

A APPENDIX: RELATED DOCUMENTATION

The table below lists all documents available to support integration with Third Party SIEM solutions:

Table 9: Related Documentation

| Document Name | Overview |
|--|--|
| Integration with Third Party SIEM Systems | The current document contains the NetWrix Change Reporter events specification and explains how to enable integration with Third Party SIEM Systems. |
| NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter SCOM Alerts Specification | The technical article contains specification of alerts generated by SCOM Management Pack for NetWrix Active Directory Change Reporter. |
| NetWrix Exchange Change Reporter SCOM Alerts Specification | The technical article contains specification of alerts generated by SCOM Management Pack for NetWrix Exchange Change Reporter. |