

# Summary: Limitations of Native File Server Auditing Tools

## Netwrix Auditor vs. Built-in Tools

Need	Netwrix Auditor	Native File Server Auditing
Reporting of <b>who, what, when</b> and <b>where</b> information for all File Server changes	<b>Yes</b>	Yes, but difficult to analyze because event logs contain a lot of low-level information and noise.
Automatically delivered daily e-mail reports showing all changes made in the last day	<b>Yes</b>	No. Administrators must manually analyze security logs on each domain controller
Consolidation of audit data	<b>Yes</b>	Ability to analyze events only on one file server at a time (no centralized audit data archive).
Prevention of audit data loss as a result of security log overwrites	<b>Yes</b>	No, defined by maximum log size and generally can hold no more than a week of audit records. Can enable automatic archiving of event logs when they are full, but need to clean them or otherwise they will fill up all available disk space.
Reports on previous and current values of file system objects properties, include detailed reports on permission changes, showing what permissions were added, deleted or modified	<b>Yes</b>	No.
Predefined compliance reports	<b>Yes</b>	No
Report subscription capabilities	<b>Yes</b>	No
Long-term archiving capabilities	<b>Yes.</b> Saves required information on events to a compressed file-based storage that can support up to 7 years or more of audit data	No. Requires large amounts of disk space (no compression) to store logs. Logs require maintenance to avoid filling disk space. No retention rules.
Advanced reporting capabilities with filtering for users and file paths	<b>Yes</b>	No
Audit non-Windows file servers, such as NetApp Filer and EMC Celerra	<b>Yes</b>	No.

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