

# Disable auditing on a SQL Server

You can disable auditing on any registered SQL Server instance and the associated databases. When you disable auditing, IDERA SQL Compliance Manager stops the SQL trace but leaves the trace file directory intact. You can continue reporting on audit data stored in the Repository and archive databases.

Although alert rules that monitor this instance will remain enabled, no alert messages will be generated because no new audit data will be collected.

To disable auditing on a SQL Server instance, select the instance in the **Explore Activity tree**, and then click **Disable Auditing** in the Summary tab. This action disables auditing at the SQL Server instance level for all databases.

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