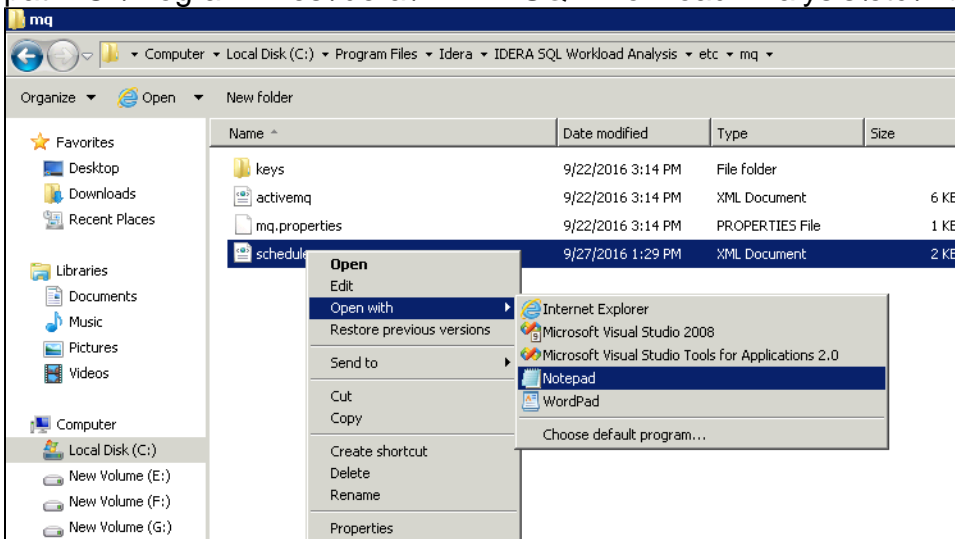# Set your SQL Workload Analysis grooming schedule

Grooming is the process of deleting metrics stored in the repository that are older than a given date and time. This process is important because it optimizes the performance of processes such as data collection.

> ⚠ When running an upgrade from SQLWA 1.6.3 version and above, the installer runs a clean-up routine before restarting the services.

In SQL Workload Analysis you can set your grooming schedule by following these steps:

1. Open the **schedule** file in a text editor such as Notepad, this file is located in the following path: C:\Program Files\Idera\IDERA SQL Workload Analysis\etc\mq
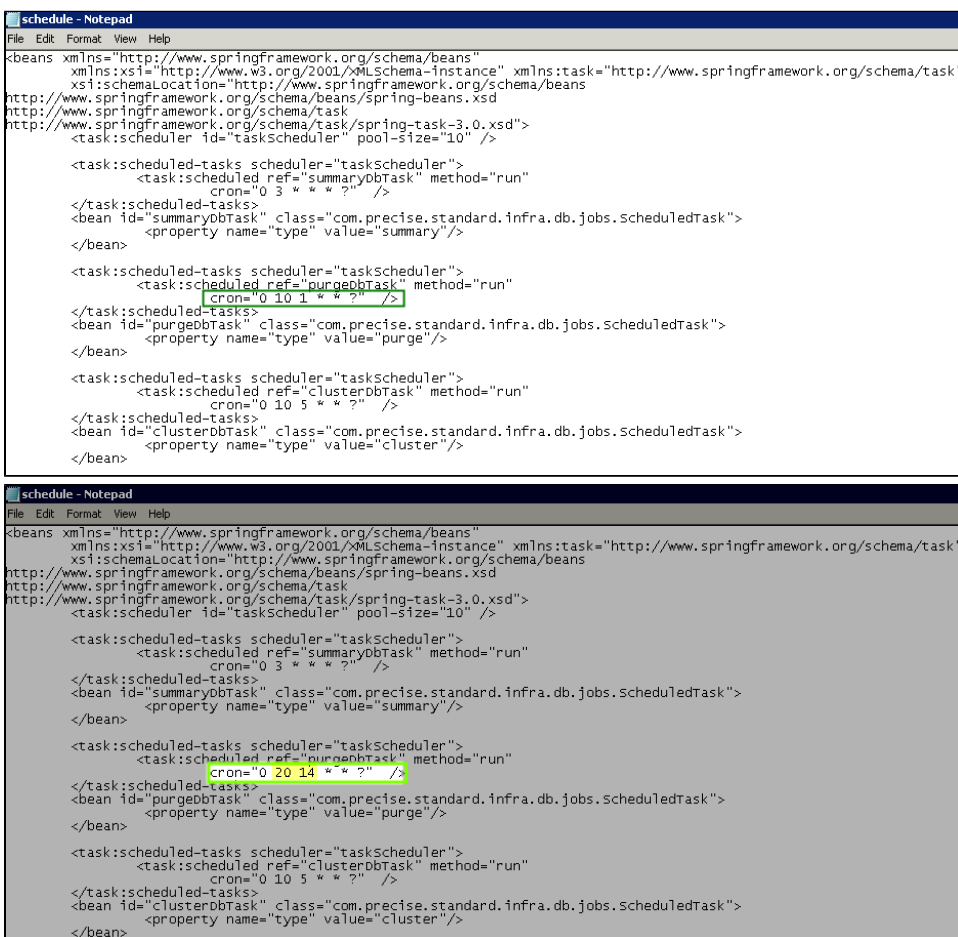

2. Search for the line that specifies the purge schedule in a standard cron format and edit the time value in a 24-hour format. For example, if you want to set your grooming for 8:00 PM of the 14th day of the month, the cron should be set at: **0 20 14 * *** in a standard cron format. Check the images below.

> ⊘ # Default grooming time
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> By default, the grooming schedule time is set at 10:00 AM on the 1st day of the month.

3. Restart the SQL Workload Analysis services (IDERA Collector Service and IDERA Framework service).

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