## Use a dedicated computer

Install the Collection Server on a dedicated physical computer running SQL Server. For optimal performance, implement the following recommended configurations:

- Configure the trace directory to use a different disk than what the operating system uses
- Run 64-bit versions of the Windows operating system and the SQL Server software
- Ensure the Repository databases are the only databases hosted on this SQL Server
- Set the default database file locations so these files are stored on a different disk than what the operating system uses

This configuration also helps you ensure minimal access to the SQL Server instance and your audit data. For more information, see Product components and architecture.

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