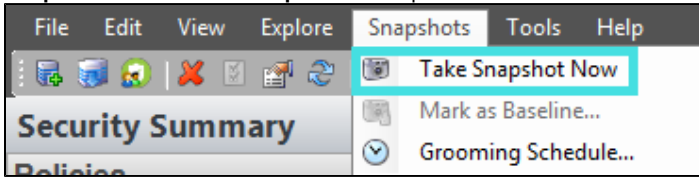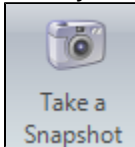# Take snapshot

To immediately collect a data snapshot (audit a SQL Server instance), you can take snapshot from the following locations
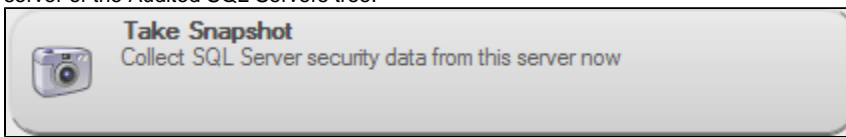
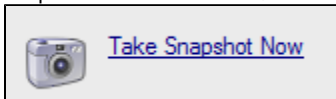- **Snapshots** menu - **Take Snapshot Now** option

- **Security Summary** view - **Take a Snapshot** option in the ribbon menu options from the **Summary**, **Settings,** or **Users** tabs.

- **Explore Permissions** view - **Take Snapshot** option located in the **SQL Server Properties** of the **Server Summary** when you click a server of the Audited SQL Servers tree.

- **Explore Permissions** view - **Take Snapshot Now** option located on top of the **Snapshot Summary** when you click an existing snapshot of the Audited SQL Servers tree.

- Right Click the server to audit, select **Take Snapshot Now** from the context menu. You can right-click a server from the **Security Summary** view (Server in Policy tree) or **Explore Permissions** view (Audited SQL Servers tree).

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