

Configure how the SQLcompliance Agent manages trace files

You can configure how the SQLcompliance Agent manages trace files. These settings include file size thresholds and how often the SQLcompliance Agent calls the Collection Server with a heartbeat.

If you specify a different location for the trace directory, ensure the SQLcompliance Agent Service account has read and write privileges on that folder. SQL Compliance Manager does not change the security settings on existing folders.

If you are auditing a virtual SQL Server, ensure the specified folder is located on a shared data disk for the specified virtual SQL Server. SQL CM applies this change to the active node in the cluster hosting the virtual SQL Server. SQLcompliance Agent properties are later replicated from the active node to the passive nodes.

To configure how the SQLcompliance Agent manages trace files:

1. Navigate to **Registered SQL Servers** in the **Administration** tree.
2. Select the SQL Server instance that hosts the SQLcompliance Agent you want to check.
3. On the **Agent** menu, click **Agent Properties**.

If you want to ...	Use this tab ...
Change heartbeat interval	General
Change logging level	General
Configure trace collection settings	Trace Options
Limit trace directory size	Trace Options
Review agent status, version, and last heartbeat time	General
Review current trace directory path	Trace Options
Review how the agent was deployed on this SQL Server instance	Deployment
Review which SQL Server instances the agent audits	SQL Servers
Set how long the agent can run unattended	Trace Options
Set how long the agent waits before restarting a SQL trace that has been stopped, modified, paused, or deleted	Trace Options
Verify agent service account	Deployment

4. *If you want to designate a different folder for the SQLcompliance Agent trace directory*, complete the following steps.
 - a. On the **Agent** menu, click **Change Trace Directory**.
 - b. Specify the path for the new agent trace directory location.
5. Click **OK**.

SQL Compliance Manager audits all activity on your server. [Learn more](#) > >

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