

# Use the Management Console to archive events

When you archive events using the Management Console, IDERA SQL Compliance Manager can also perform the following actions:

- Check the integrity of the collected events to ensure you are archiving uncompromised data. ***If the audit data for the selected SQL Server instance fails this integrity check***, SQL Compliance Manager does not archive the data.
- Log the event in the Change Log.

You can also perform an integrity check using the command line interface (CLI), allowing you to schedule and automate your archive workflow.

## To archive events using the Management Console:

1. Set your archive preferences. To set archive preferences, click **Auditing** on the menu bar, and then select **Archive and Retention > Archive Preferences**.
2. Click **Auditing** on the menu bar, and then select **Archive and Retention > Archive Audit Data Now**.
3. Choose whether you want to archive events for all registered instances. You can select a specific SQL Server instance.
4. ***If you want to generate a CLI command that uses your archival preferences***, click **Generate Script**. From the View Script window, you can save the command as a batch file or copy the command to another application.
5. To archive your audit data now, click **OK**.

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