

# View alerts

You can use the IDERA SQL Compliance Manager Management Console to view messages for previously generated alerts. To successfully view an alert message, the corresponding alert rule must be set to email the alert message or write the alert message to the application event log. For more information, see [Change the action an alert performs](#).

## To view alert messages:

1. Select **Audited SQL Servers** or an individual SQL Server instance in the **Explore Activity** tree.
2. Select the **Alerts** tab, right-click the alert for which you want to view the alert message, and then select **Alert Message** on the context menu.
3. Review the alert message, and then click **Close**.

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