

Summary: Limitations of Native Auditing Tools

NetWrix Event Log Manager vs Built-in Tools

Feature	Event Log Manager	Event Viewer
Audit data consolidation	+	Ability to analyze events only on one machine at a time (no centralized audit data archive).
Filters for monitoring events	+	+
Prevents the loss of audit data caused by event log overwrites	+	No, defined by maximum log size and generally can hold no more than a week of audit records. Can enable automatic archiving of event logs when they are full, but need to clean them or otherwise they will fill up all available disk space.
Real-time alerts	+	×
Predefined compliance reports	+	×
Subscriptions to reports	Yes. Integration with Microsoft SQL Server Standard or Enterprise Edition is required.	*
Long-term archiving	Yes, saves events to highly compressed file-based storage that can hold multiple years of audit data without performance issues.	Practically No. Requires large amount of disk space (no compression). Also need to clean archived logs or otherwise they will fill up all available dsk space (no automatical retention rules).