

Change Auditor Cyberattack Mitigation Best Practices

Searches | Protection Templates

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Change Auditor Suggested Alerts / Searches

- ❖ Irregular Domain Controller Registration Events (DCShadow)
- ❖ Irregular Domain Replication Activity Events (DCSync)
- ❖ NTLMv1 & NTLM v2 (Needs Logon Activity Module)
- ❖ Kerberos user ticket events that exceed the maximum ticket lifetime (Golden Ticket) (Needs Logon Activity Module)
- ❖ Changes by Human vs. IAM
- ❖ Service account used out of band
- ❖ Changes to Membership of local “administrators” group
- ❖ DACL changes on Domain container
- ❖ SPN added
- ❖ Searches for unconstrained and constrained delegation
- ❖ Searches for changes to Protected objects
- ❖ ALL Protection templates discussed in next section

How to use the “Searches” Tab



Searches: Grid View – Find those hidden alerts

- The best practice is to keep alerts organized but in some cases they will be stored in multiple containers. Finding them all can be difficult.
 - Sort by 'Type' then 'Alert' while using the 'Grid View' to find alerts, what container they live in and who's getting the alerts.

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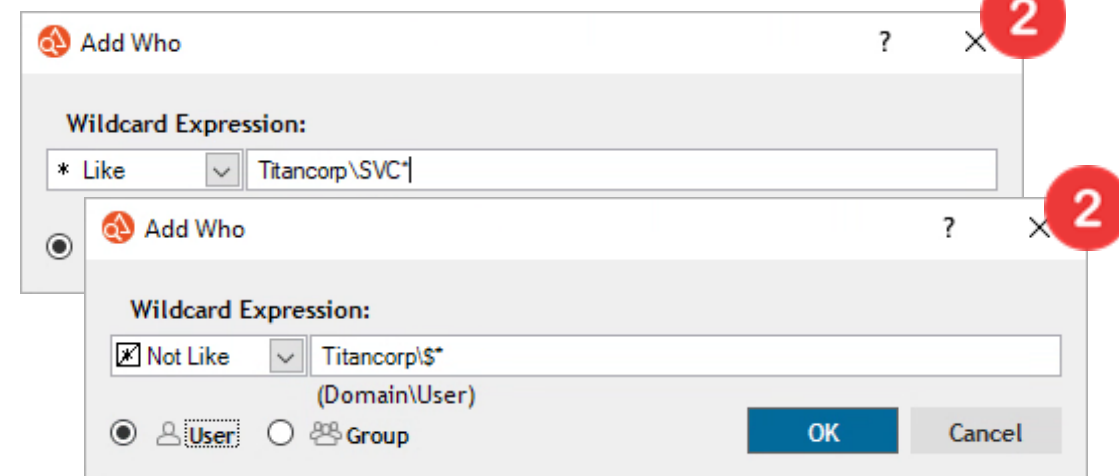
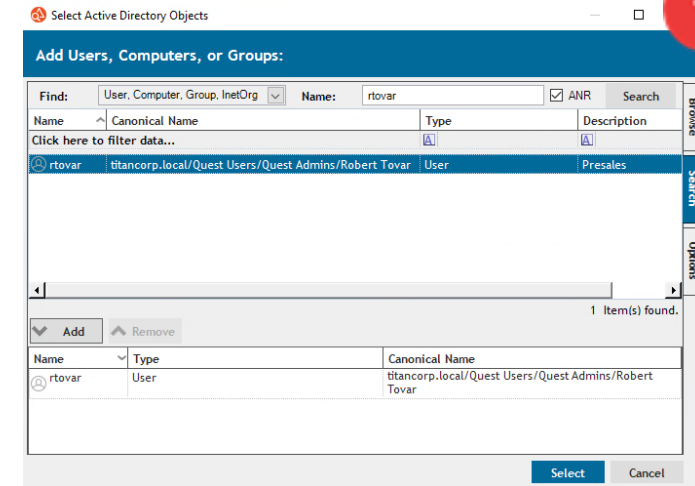
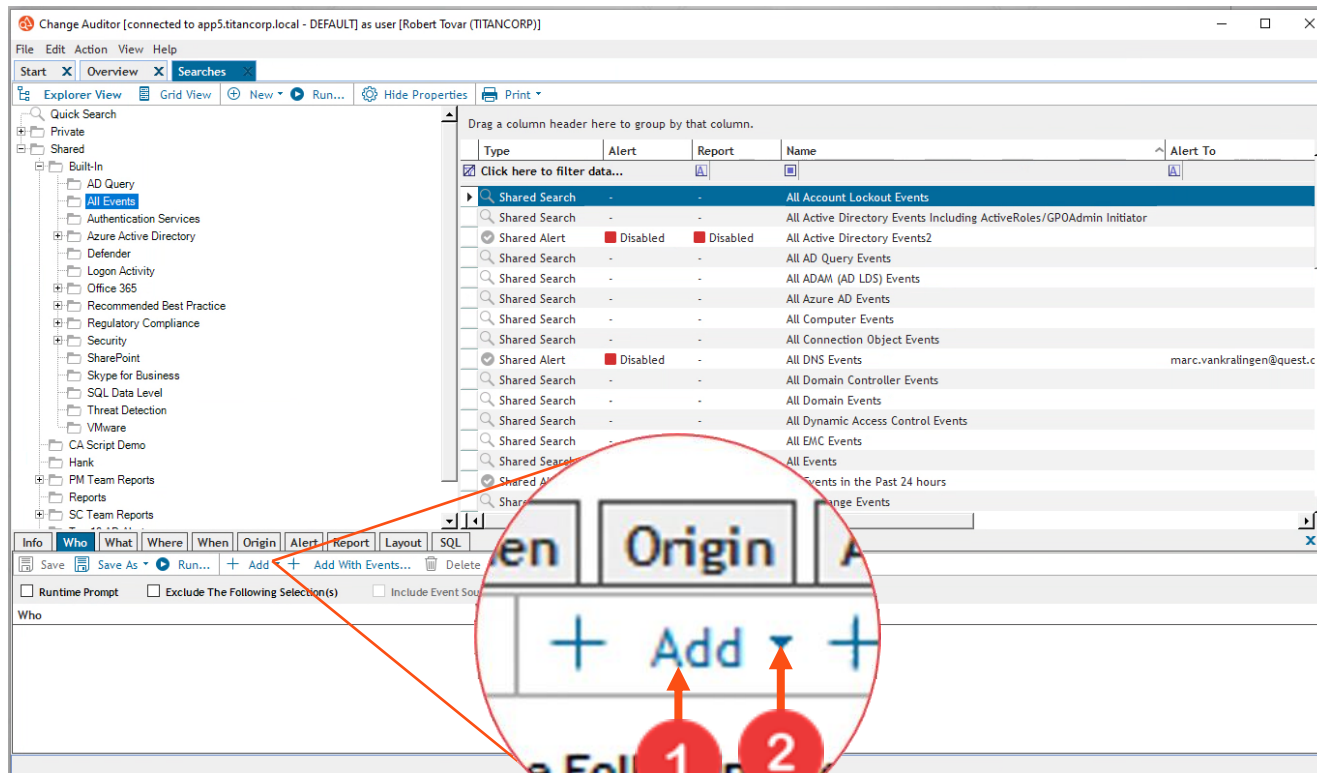
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All Shared Alerts Enabled and Disabled

Type	Alert	Report	Name	Folder	Alert To	Alert Cc	Alert Bcc	Report To	Report Cc	Report Bcc
Shared Folder	-	-	Shared							
Shared Folder	-	-	Built-In							
Shared Folder	-	-	CA Script D							
Private Folder	-	-	Exchange							
Private Folder	-	-	Hank							
Shared Folder	-	-	PM Team R							
Shared Folder	-	-	Reports							
Shared Folder	-	-	SC Team R							
Shared Folder	-	-	Top 10 AD							
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Private Search	-	-	All Interact							
Type : Shared Alert (2 items)										
Alert : Disabled (52 items)										
Alert : Enabled (20 items)										
Enabled	(Executive Summary) DS04 - Ensure Continuous Service	Company X	rtovar@titancorp.local...							
Enabled	Admin Group Change	ACME	tmera@titancorp.local					tmera@tita...		
-	Alert when someone accesses the CEO's Mailbox	Alerts	rtovar@titancorp.local							
-	All Account Lockout Events	Alerts	RTovar@titancorp.net;...							
-	Authentication performed outside of normal working ho...	Pass-the-hash mitig...	bpatton@titancorp.local							
-	Brute Force Attacks in the last 7 days	ACME	%WHO%							
-	Folder change	BPatton	%WHO%							
Enabled	Fouad OU Group Events	Fouad	fhamdi@titancorp.net;...					C:\CA Demo...		
-	GPO Alert	Alerts	rtovar@titancorp.local							
-	GPO Policy Events - Compliance	ACME	%WHO%							
-	GPOAdmin service account used out of Band	Hank	bpatton@titancorp.local							
-	GPOAdmin service account used out of Band	Hank	bpatton@titancorp.local							
-	Hammer Temp Folder Search	KHammer	khammer@titancorp.net							

Searches: Who Tab – There are 2 parts to the ‘Add’ button

- ‘Add’ vs the tiny arrow button next to the ‘Add’ button, what’s the difference?
 1. ‘Add’ allows you to ‘Browse’ or ‘Search’ for the user, users or group/s.
 2. The arrow button next to the word ‘Add’ is a separate button that allows to add a ‘Wildcard Expression’



Searches: Who Tab – Add group/s to the who tab

- You can add groups to the 'Who' tab to add all members of a group
 1. Add group or groups to the who tab

The screenshot shows the Change Auditor interface with the 'Who' tab selected. A dialog box titled 'Select Active Directory Objects' is open, displaying a list of groups. Two red circles with the number '1' are placed over the 'Who' tab and the 'Add' button in the dialog box, indicating the steps to add a group to the 'Who' tab.

Select Active Directory Objects Dialog:

Find: User, Computer, Group, InetOrg | Name: domain admin | ANR | Search

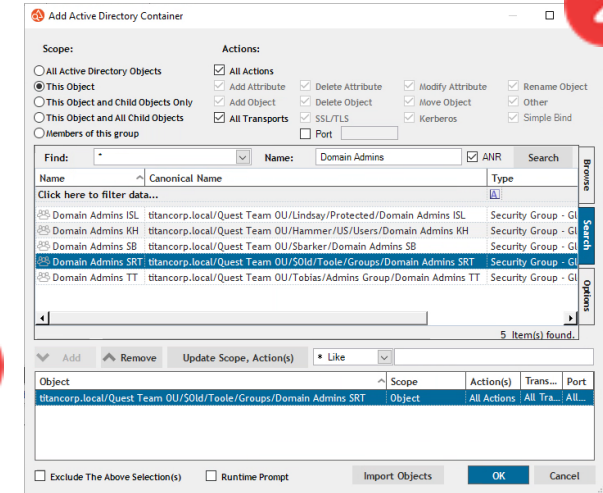
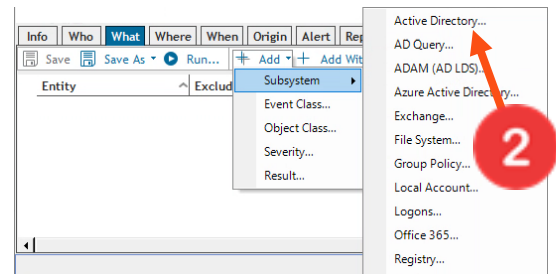
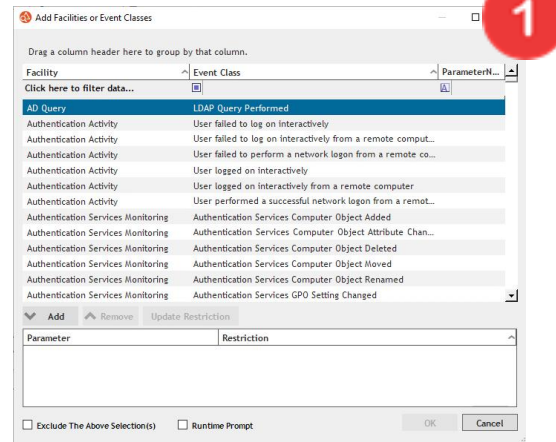
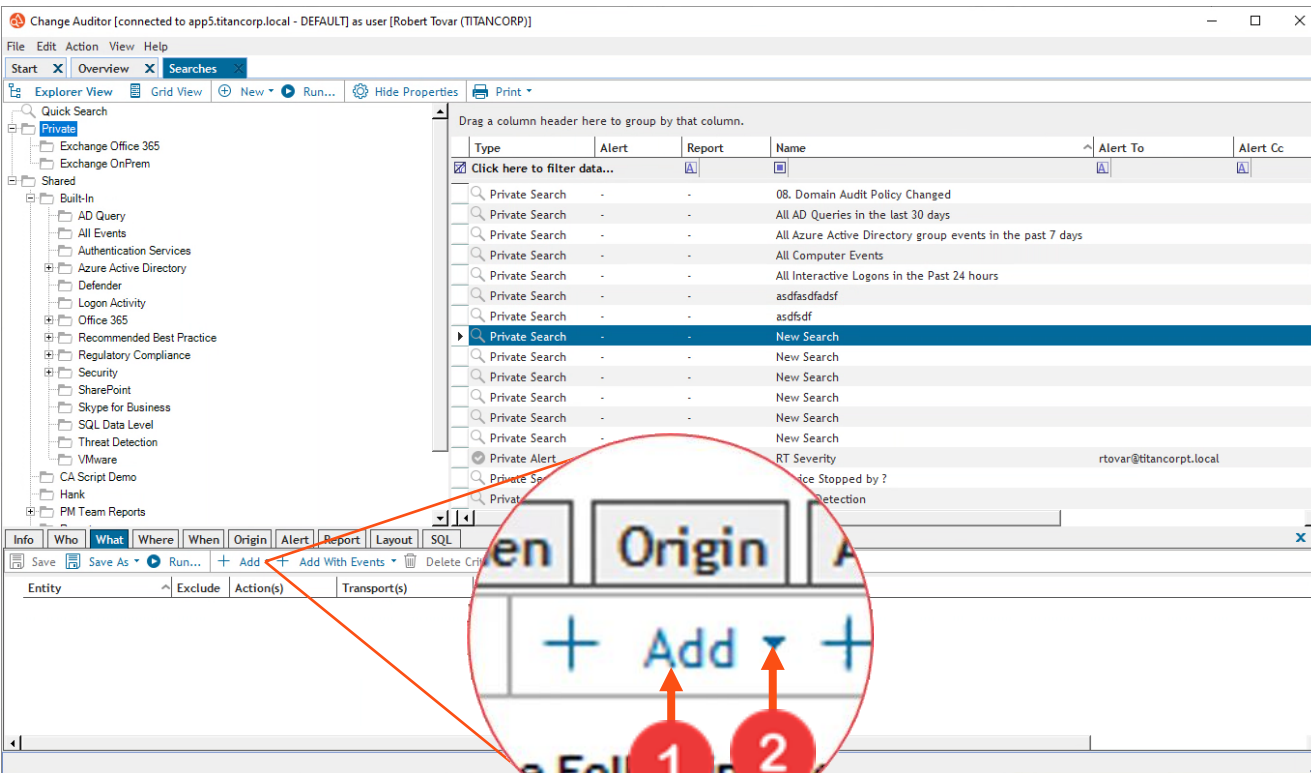
Name	Canonical Name	Type
Domain Admin RT	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Tovar/Protected/Domain Admin RT	Security Group - Glo
Domain Admins ISL	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Lindsay/Protected/Domain Admins ISL	Security Group - Glo
Domain Admins KH	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Hammer/US/Users/Domain Admins KH	Security Group - Glo
Domain Admins SB	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Sbarker/Domain Admins SB	Security Group - Glo
Domain Admins SRT	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Sold/Toole/Groups/Domain Admins SRT	Security Group - Glo
Domain Admins TT	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Tobias/Admins Group/Domain Admins TT	Security Group - Glo

6 Item(s) found.

Buttons: Add, Remove, Select, Cancel

Searches: What Tab – There are 2 parts to the ‘Add’ button

- ‘Add’ vs the tiny arrow button next to the ‘Add’ button, what’s the difference?
 1. ‘Add’ allows you to select from all of the possible events Change Auditor can produce. The search will focus on the activity.
 2. The arrow button next to the word ‘Add’ is a separate button that allows to select the objects/activity you want the search to focus on.
 3. You can search based on the object and the event within a single search. Review the slide “Combine the specific activity and object”



Searches: What Tab – Activity performed against all members of this group

1. The arrow button next to the word 'Add' is a separate button that allows to select the objects/activity you want the search to focus on.
2. You can search based on the members of a group.
3. Members of this group - select this option to show changes made to users in a specified group.

1. Nested groups are not supported.

The image shows a composite screenshot of the Quest Change Auditor interface. On the left, the 'Searches' tab is active, displaying a list of search entries. A red circle highlights the '+ Add' button in the bottom toolbar, with a red arrow pointing to it and the number '1'. In the center, a context menu is open over the 'Add' button, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Subsystem' option and the number '2'. On the right, the 'Add Active Directory Container' dialog box is shown. A red circle highlights the 'Members of this group' radio button, with a red arrow pointing to it and the number '3'. Below the dialog, a table displays search results for 'Domain Admins'.

Name	Canonical Name	Type
Domain Admins ISL	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Lindsay/Protected/Domain Admins ISL	Security Group - G
Domain Admins KH	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Hammer/US/Users/Domain Admins KH	Security Group - G
Domain Admins SB	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Sbarker/Domain Admins SB	Security Group - G
Domain Admins SRT	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Sold/Toole/Groups/Domain Admins SRT	Security Group - G
Domain Admins TT	titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Tobias/Admins Group/Domain Admins TT	Security Group - G

Scope	Action(s)	Transport(s)	Port
titancorp.local/Q... Group Members	All Actions	All Transports	All Ports

Searches: What Tab – Bulk import objects from CSV file

1. The arrow button next to the word 'Add' is a separate button that allows to select the objects/activity you want the search to focus on.
2. You can search based on a list of AD objects.
3. Click on the 'This Object' option
4. Click on 'Import Objects'

The screenshot illustrates the process of configuring a search in Quest Change Auditor. It features several overlapping windows and a table with annotations:

- Change Auditor Main Window:** Shows a search configuration table with columns: Type, Alert, Report, Name, Alert To, Alert Cc. A red circle highlights the '+ Add +' button in the 'Alert' column, with a red arrow pointing to it and the number '1'.
- 'Add Active Directory Container' Dialog:** Shows search scope options. A red circle highlights the 'This Object' radio button, with a red arrow pointing to it and the number '3'. Other options include 'All Active Directory Objects', 'This Object and Child Objects Only', 'This Object and All Child Objects', and 'Members of this group'. The 'Name' field is set to 'Domain Admins'.
- 'Select your file' Dialog:** Shows a file explorer view of the Desktop with 'Domain Users.csv' selected. The 'File name' field contains 'Domain Users.csv'.
- Search Results Table:** A table with columns: Entity, Who, What, Where, When, Origin, Alert, Report, Layout, SQL. A red circle highlights the 'Add With Events' button in the 'Alert' column, with a red arrow pointing to it and the number '2'. A red circle highlights the 'Import Objects' button at the bottom of the dialog, with a red arrow pointing to it and the number '4'. The table contains one row: 'Quest Team OU/Sold/Toole/Groups/Domain Admins SRT | Object | All Actions | All Tra... | All...'



Searches: What Tab – Combine the specific activity and object

1. 'Add' allows you to select from all of the possible events Change Auditor can produce. The search will focus on the activity.
2. The arrow button next to the word 'Add' is a separate button that allows to select the objects you want the search to focus on.
3. You can combine the activity and the object of interest within the 'What' tab to get filtered results.

The screenshot shows the Change Auditor interface with the following components:

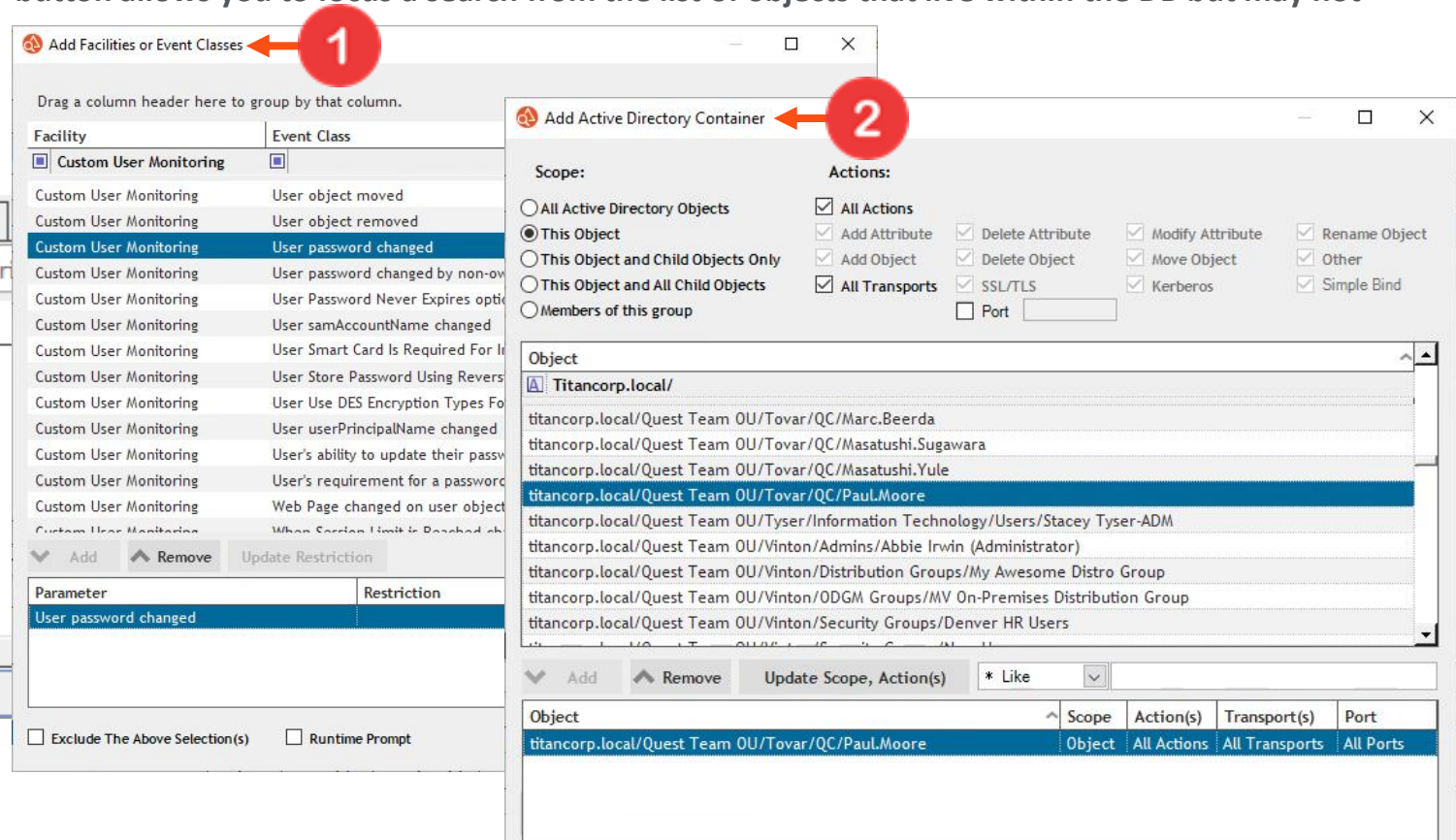
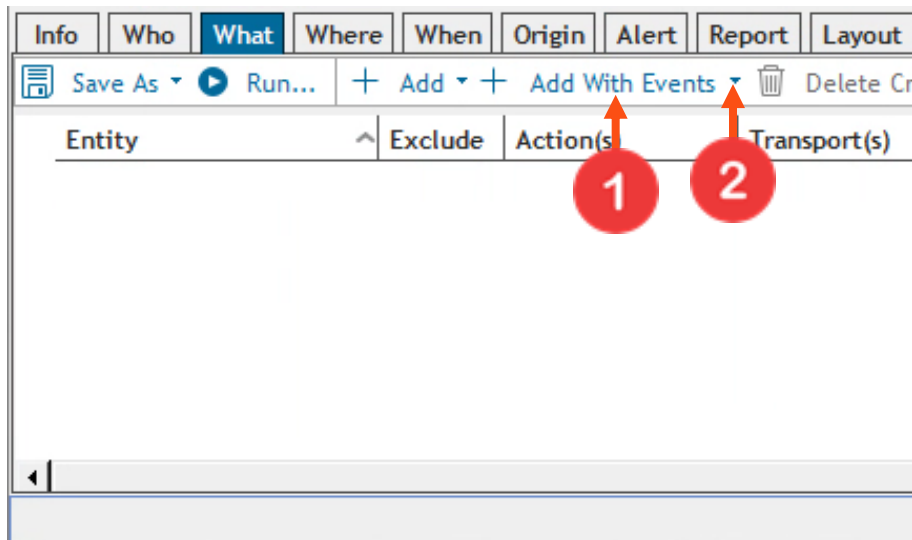
- Search Results Table:**

Severity	Time Detected	Subsystem	Event	Computer	Action	Domain	Result
Medium	3/24/2020 11:50 AM	Active Directory	Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Medium	3/24/2020 11:50 AM	Active Directory	Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Medium	3/24/2020 11:50 AM	Active Directory	Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Medium	3/24/2020 11:50 AM	Active Directory	Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Medium	3/24/2020 11:50 AM	Active Directory	Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Medium	3/24/2020 11:50 AM	Active Directory	Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
- Configuration Pane (What Tab):**

Entity	Exclude	Action(s)	Transport(s)	Port
Event Class	False			
Object	Restriction			
Member added to group				
Entity	Exclude	Action(s)	Transport(s)	Port
Active Directory	False			
Object	Scope			
titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Hymer/Headquarters/Groups/LogonMonitoring	Object	All Actions	All Transports	All Ports

Searches: 'Add With Events' within the Who / What tab. What does it do?

- The 'Add With Events' button allows you to add events and/or objects that live within the database but not necessarily in Active Directory
- If you need to search for an object that may have been deleted from Active Directory searching via the 'Add' button is not an option.
 1. The 'Add With Events' button will provide a list of events that have been generated in your environment and exist in the DB
 2. The arrow button next to the 'Add With Events' button allows you to focus a search from the list of objects that live within the DB but may not necessarily live in Active Directory.



Searches: Wildcard Expressions – Filtering out the noise

- Certain activities are performed by user accounts and computer accounts – filtering out computer accounts can single out the users
 1. Run the 'All Services Events' search and you will see a lot of computer accounts in the 'User' column
 2. In the 'Who' tab exclude via a 'Wildcard Expression' to filter out computer accounts: **\$
 3. In the 'Who' tab exclude 'blank' entries to further clear out non user events: 'Add With Events'

Change Auditor [connected to app5.titancorp.local - DEFAULT] as user [Robert Tovar (TITANCORP)]

File Edit Action View Help

Start X Overview X Searches X All Services Events*

Search Properties Event Details Print

Drag a column header here to group by that column. Run on: 4/15/2020 10:16 PM Run Time: 00:00:02 Records: 112 Refresh

Severity	Time Detected	Subsystem	User	Event	Computer	Action	Facility	Site	Domain	Result
Medium	4/15/2020 8:00 AM	Service	TITANCORP\svcrmad	Service started	RMAD	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/15/2020 7:57 AM	Service	TITANCORP\svcrmad	Service stopped	RMAD	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/10/2020 10:58 AM	Service	TITANCORP\WINFILE15	Service started	WINFILE1	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/10/2020 9:25 AM	Service	TITANCORP\WINFILE15	Service stopped	WINFILE1	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/10/2020 9:15 AM	Service	TITANCORP\WINFILE15	Service started	WINFILE1	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/10/2020 9:13 AM	Service	TITANCORP\WINFILE15	Service stopped	WINFILE1	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:04 AM	Service	TITANCORP\VATAS	Service stopped	ATA	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:04 AM	Service	TITANCORP\WINFILE15	Service stopped	WINFILE1	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:04 AM	Service	TITANCORP\WEM15	Service stopped	MEM1	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\SQLS	Service stopped	SQL	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None
Medium	4/9/2020 1:02 AM	Service	TITANCORP\DC3	Service stopped	DC3	Modify Attribute	Service Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANCORP	None

Info Who What Where When Origin

Save Save As Preview Changes

Alert Report Layout SQL

Who LIKE Blanks LIKE Titancorp*

+ Add + Add With Events...

Selection [] Include Event S

Add Who

Wildcard Expression:

* Like *\$

(Domain\User)

User Group

OK Cancel

Add Users, Computers, or Groups

Name	Type
(Blank)	User
bhmyer@MobilityTest.onmicrosoft.com	User
dale.meredith_mymentoredlearning.com#EXT#@titancorp.net	User
DEV\Administrator	User
DEV\SWDC35	User
DEV\SWDC45	User
Device Registration Service	User
EHibar@titancorp.net	User
exo_evo_migration@support.onmicrosoft.com	User
fhamdi@MobilityTest.onmicrosoft.com	User
gallen@MobilityTest.onmicrosoft.com	User
ghairi@MobilityTest.onmicrosoft.com	User
gVasiliev@MobilityTest.onmicrosoft.com	User
ILindsay@titancorp.net	User
IHaastan@titancorp.net	User

Add Remove Add Wildcard Expression...

Parameter (Blank)

OK Cancel

Searches: Layout Tab – Add/Remove columns to provide detailed data

- By default, some event details can only be seen by clicking on the event. Modify the search to include additional columns.
 - In the 'All Group Events' search you can see the user that made the change and activity performed but you can't see the group modified.
 - With the 'Layout' tab under the 'Unselected Columns' type in 'Object Name'
 - Add the 'Object Name' column to the 'Selected Columns' and rerun the search.

The image displays two screenshots of the Change Auditor interface. The left screenshot shows a search results table with columns: Severity, Time Detected, Subsystem, User, Event, Computer, Action, and Facility. A red circle '1' points to the 'All Group Events' search tab. A red circle '2' points to the 'Layout' tab in the bottom navigation bar. The right screenshot shows the same search results but with additional columns: ObjectName and Result. A red circle '3' points to the 'Object Name' column in the 'Unselected Columns' list. A red box highlights the 'ObjectName' and 'Result' columns in the search results table, with a callout box stating 'You can now see all of the important details'. The search results table in the right screenshot includes the following data:

Severity	Time Detected	Subsystem	User	Event	ObjectName	Result	Computer	Action	Facility	Site	Domain
Medium	9/22/2019 12:29 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Member removed from group	Pitchers	Success	DC2	Delete Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/22/2019 12:29 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Nested member removed from group	Players	Success	DC2	Delete Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/22/2019 12:29 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Group object removed	Players	Success	DC2	Delete Object	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
High	9/22/2019 12:41 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Group object added	Players	Success	DC1	Add Object	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/22/2019 12:42 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Member added to group	Players	Failed	DC1	Add Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/22/2019 12:42 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Member added to group	Managers	Failed	DC1	Add Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/22/2019 12:42 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Member added to group	Pitchers	Success	DC1	Add Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/22/2019 12:42 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Member added to group	Pitchers	Failed	DC1	Add Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/22/2019 12:42 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\trane	Nested member added to group	Players	Success	DC1	Add Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
High	9/24/2019 12:10 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\svcaRS	Group object added	Stale Users	Success	DC2	Add Object	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/24/2019 12:11 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\svcaRS	Member added to group	Stale Users	Failed	DC2	Add Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/24/2019 5:41 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\svcaRS	Member added to group	Eligible GMSA Hosts	Success	DC2	Add Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/25/2019 9:50 AM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\svcaRS	Member removed from group	testgroup123456	Success	DC2	Delete Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI
Medium	9/25/2019 9:51 AM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\svcaRS	Member removed from group	testgroup123456	Success	DC2	Delete Attribute	Custom Group Monitoring	Titancorp-AZ	TITANI

Searches: AD Query – Display additional columns for AD Query report

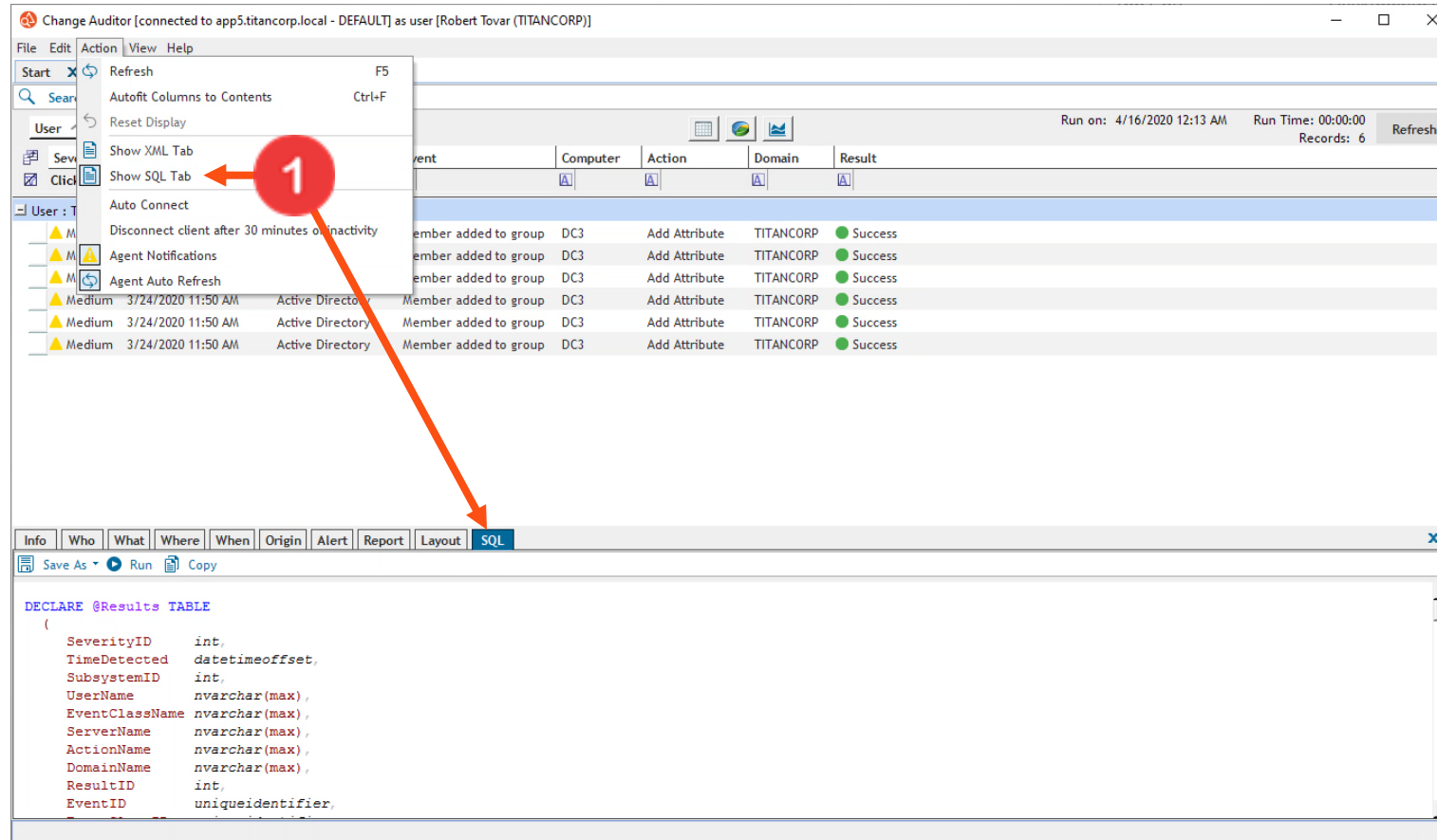
- Add columns to the AD Query Search.
 1. Kerberos, Simple Bind, AuthPort, Administrator
 2. Many applications performing unsecure LDAP “simple binds” where credentials are transferred in clear text over the network.
 3. Those exposed credentials typically include the “service account” used to connect to LDAP, but also include the user credentials used during the application login.

The screenshot shows the Change Auditor interface for AD Queries. The search results table includes columns for Time Detected, Subsystem, User, Event, Computer, Action, Domain, Result, Kerberos, Simple Bind, AuthPort, and Administrator. A red box highlights the last four columns, and a red circle with the number '1' points to the 'Administrator' column header. The 'Unselected Columns' list at the bottom includes 'Authentication Port', which is currently selected.

Time Detected	Subsystem	User	Event	Computer	Action	Domain	Result	Kerberos	Simple Bind	AuthPort	Administrator
4/16/2020 3:00 AM	AD Query	SITRAKAVMSOL_933c93dd6996	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	No
4/16/2020 2:39 AM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/16/2020 1:59 AM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/16/2020 1:24 AM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/16/2020 1:24 AM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/16/2020 12:39 AM	AD Query	TITANCORP\rtovar	LDAP Query Performed	DC1	Other	TITANCORP	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/16/2020 12:34 AM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/15/2020 11:59 PM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/15/2020 11:49 PM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/15/2020 11:34 PM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/15/2020 11:19 PM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/15/2020 11:13 PM	AD Query	SITRAKAVMSOL_933c93dd6996	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	No
4/15/2020 11:09 PM	AD Query	SITRAKA\svc-QCS	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	Yes
4/15/2020 10:53 PM	AD Query	SITRAKAVMSOL_933c93dd6996	LDAP Query Performed	SWDC1	Other	SITRAKA	Success	Yes	No	389	No

Searches: SQL Tab – Display the SQL Query

- The SQL tab is not displayed by default.
 1. To display the SQL tab click on the 'Action' tab followed by 'Show SQL Tab'



The screenshot shows the Change Auditor application window. The 'Action' menu is open, and the 'Show SQL Tab' option is highlighted with a red circle and the number '1'. An orange arrow points from this option to the 'SQL' tab at the bottom of the window. The main display area shows a table of audit events with columns for Event, Computer, Action, Domain, and Result. The 'SQL' tab at the bottom displays a SQL query defining a table structure.

Event	Computer	Action	Domain	Result
Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success
Member added to group	DC3	Add Attribute	TITANCORP	Success

```
DECLARE @Results TABLE
(
    SeverityID int,
    TimeDetected datetimeoffset,
    SubsystemID int,
    UserName nvarchar(max),
    EventClassName nvarchar(max),
    ServerName nvarchar(max),
    ActionName nvarchar(max),
    DomainName nvarchar(max),
    ResultID int,
    EventID uniqueidentifier,
```

Searches: Info Tab – Search limit

- Search Limit is set to 50,000 by default on all searches.
 1. When you search for events by date range you may reach the search limit.
 1. Adjust your date range or increase the search limit.

Run on: 4/21/2020 10:05 AM Run Time: 00:00:42 Records: 50000 Refre

	Domain	Result
	A	A
st-Site-Name	SITRAKA	Failed
st-Site-Name	SITRAKA	Failed
Site-Name	SITRAKA	Failed
Site-Name	SITRAKA	Failed
Site-Name	SITRAKA	Failed
Site-Name	SITRAKA	Failed
Site-Name	SITRAKA	Failed
AZ	TITANCORP	Success
AZ	TITANCORP	Success

Info Who What Where When Origin Alert Report Layout

Save Save As Run

Search Name:
All Active Directory Events2

Search Description:
Returns all Active Directory Events

Search Limit: 50000 Refresh Interval: 15 Minutes

Searches: Info Tab – Auto-Refresh Interval

1. Define an auto-refresh interval for any search.

The screenshot displays the Quest Search console interface. The top section shows search results in a table with columns: Severity, Time Detected, Subsystem, Origin, and User. Below the table, the 'Info' tab is active, showing search properties. At the bottom of the 'Info' tab, the 'Refresh Interval' is set to 15 minutes. An orange arrow points from a red circle with the number '1' to the 'Refresh Interval' field. Another orange arrow points from the 'Refresh' button in the top right of the search results area to the 'Refresh Interval' field.

Severity	Time Detected	Subsystem	Origin	User
Medium	4/21/2020 10:03 AM	Active Direc...	swmm1.sitraka.com	SITRAKAISWMM15
Medium	4/21/2020 10:03 AM	Active Direc...	swmm1.sitraka.com	SITRAKAISWMM15
Medium	4/21/2020 10:03 AM	Active Direc...	swmm1.sitraka.com	SITRAKAISWMM15
Medium	4/21/2020 10:03 AM	Active Direc...	swmm1.sitraka.com	SITRAKAISWMM15
Medium	4/21/2020 10:03 AM	Active Direc...	swmm1.sitraka.com	SITRAKAISWMM15
High	4/21/2020 10:00 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 10:00 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 10:00 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 10:00 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:59 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:58 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:58 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:58 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:58 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:58 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:56 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:53 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:53 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
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High	4/21/2020 9:53 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:52 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
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High	4/21/2020 9:52 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA
High	4/21/2020 9:52 AM	Active Direc...	app5.titancorp.local	TITANCORP\svcGPOA

Search Name: All Active Directory Events2
Search Description: Returns all Active Directory Events
Search Limit: 50000
Refresh Interval: 15 Minutes

Run on: 4/21/2020 10:17 AM
Run Time: 00:00:09
Next Refresh: 4/21/2020 10:32 AM
Records: 1723
Refresh

Sample Attack Mitigation Searches



Irregular Domain Controller Registration Events (DCShadow)

This event shows replication changes occurring from a machine that is not a domain controller and hopefully will never generate an event. An alert should be configured for immediate notification if this is triggered. Here is an example of what the event looks like if you have DCShadow performed in your environment

Event Filter to run

Who	What	Where	When	Origin	Alert	Report
Who As	Run...	+ Add	+ Add With Events			
Entity						
Event Class						
Object						
Irregular domain controller registration activity detected						

High Severity

Who: TITANCORP\bpatton (Bryan Patton)

Where: DC4

Source: Change Auditor

What: Irregular domain controller registration activity detected on computer CN=TINKER7,OU=Workstations,DC=titancorp,DC=local.
Active Directory

Action: Add Attribute

Class: computer

Attr: servicePrincipalName

Object: titancorp.local/Workstations/TINKER7

When: 3/1/2022 11:38:10 AM

Origin: tinker7.titancorp.local (10.1.14...)

Result: Success

Facility: Custom Computer Monitoring

Authentication: Kerberos

Port: 389

From: <Not Set>

To: GC/TINKER7.titancorp.local/titancorp.local

Irregular Domain Replication Activity Events (DCSync)

This event is triggered when password hashes are obtained. If using Azure AD Connect you will likely have many event generated by your MSOL_* account. After an event is generated, it is recommended to create an alert with a filter excluding your MSOL account to see the exceptions.

Event Filter to run

Who	What	Where	When	Origin	Alert	Re
Save As ▾	▶ Run...	+ Add ▾	+ Add With Events			
Activity						
Event Class						
Object						
Irregular domain replication activity detected						

High Severity

Who: TITANCORPMSOL_27faa9d7ac36

Where: DC4

What: Domain replication requested for DC=titancorp,DC=local by TITANCORPMSOL_27faa9d7ac36 from DC4 to DC4.

Source: Change Auditor

Action: Other

When: 3/25/2022 12:03:57 AM

Origin: dc4.titancorp.local (10.1.146.102)

Result: Success

Facility: Replication Transport



Exclude MSOL_* account

Where Next Meets Now.

NTLMv1 & NTLM v2 (Needs Logon Activity Module)

NTLM is one of the most iconic and common attacks on Active Directory environments. In this attack, the attacker (Relay-er) captures an authentication and pass it to their desired server.

Change Auditor:

- By default, these event are disabled since NTLM activity it is chatty. It is recommended to enable this event for a period of 20 minutes to see if any NTLM traffic is being generated (Note that this feature is included with the Logon Activity User module of Change Auditor).
- It is also recommended to perform these activities for NTLMv1 first then move to NTLMv2
- After running a search, you can view the origin and see if there are any conflicts. We want to look for any origins that may be mission critical applications and once those have been resolved you can disable NTLM and then setup an alert in the event if NTLM is detected by Change Auditor. If no events are generated for 20 minutes, you can keep the event enabled. Once you are comfortable that no mission critical applications are using NTLM it is advisable to configure a GPO to disable the use of NTLM.

Event Filter to run

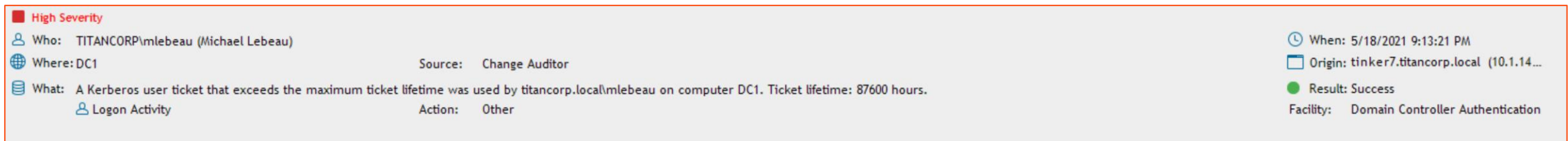
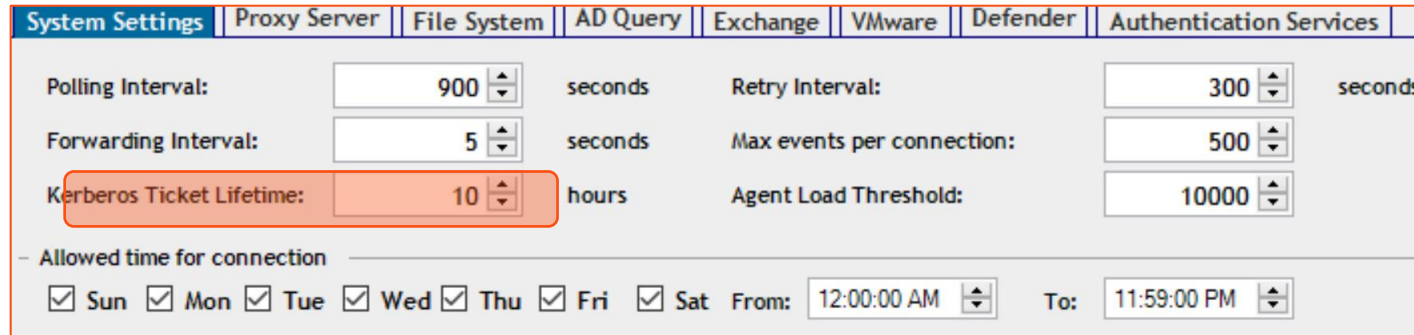
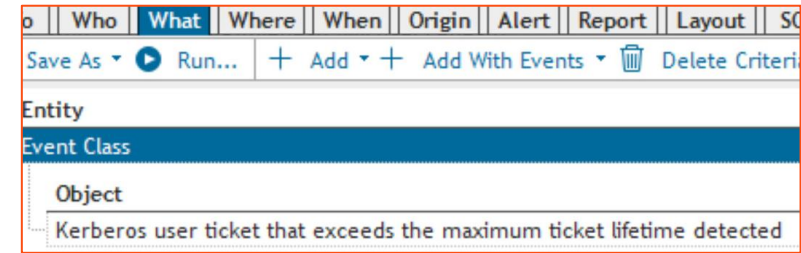
Who	What	Where	When	Origin	Alert
ve As	Run...	+ Add	+ Add With Event		
ntity					
ent Class					
Object					
	User performed a successful NTLM V1 logon				
	User performed a successful NTLM V2 logon				

Who	What	Where	When	Origin	Alert
Who: TITANCORP\bhymer (Brian Hymer)	What: User TITANCORP\bhymer logged into server DC1 using NTLM V1 from DC2.	Where: DC1	When: 7/16/2021 7:32:09 PM	Origin: DC2 (10.1.146.100)	Alert: Success
Source: Change Auditor	Action: Other		Result: Success		Facility: Authentication Activity

Kerberos user ticket events that exceed the maximum ticket lifetime (Needs Logon Activity Module)

Golden Ticket Attacks give attackers **unrestricted access to networked resources and the ability to forge new tickets, allowing them to reside on networks indefinitely** by being disguised as credentialed administrator-level users. While TGTs are usually valid for 10 hours by default, an attacker can make the TGT valid for any length of time up to 10 years.

Event Filter to run

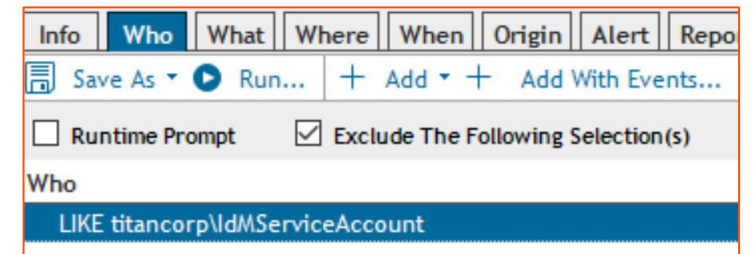


Changes by Human vs. IAM

If Identity and Access Management (IAM) processes are in place, changes made by humans should be unusual. Monitoring for changes outside of the IAM process would only generate light alert noise as changes by humans should be an exception. It would be advantageous to have the ability to review alert emails and ignore if you know the change was valid.

If IAM product/process are not in place for AD, this may not be advisable as it would generate many alerts.

Event Filter to run

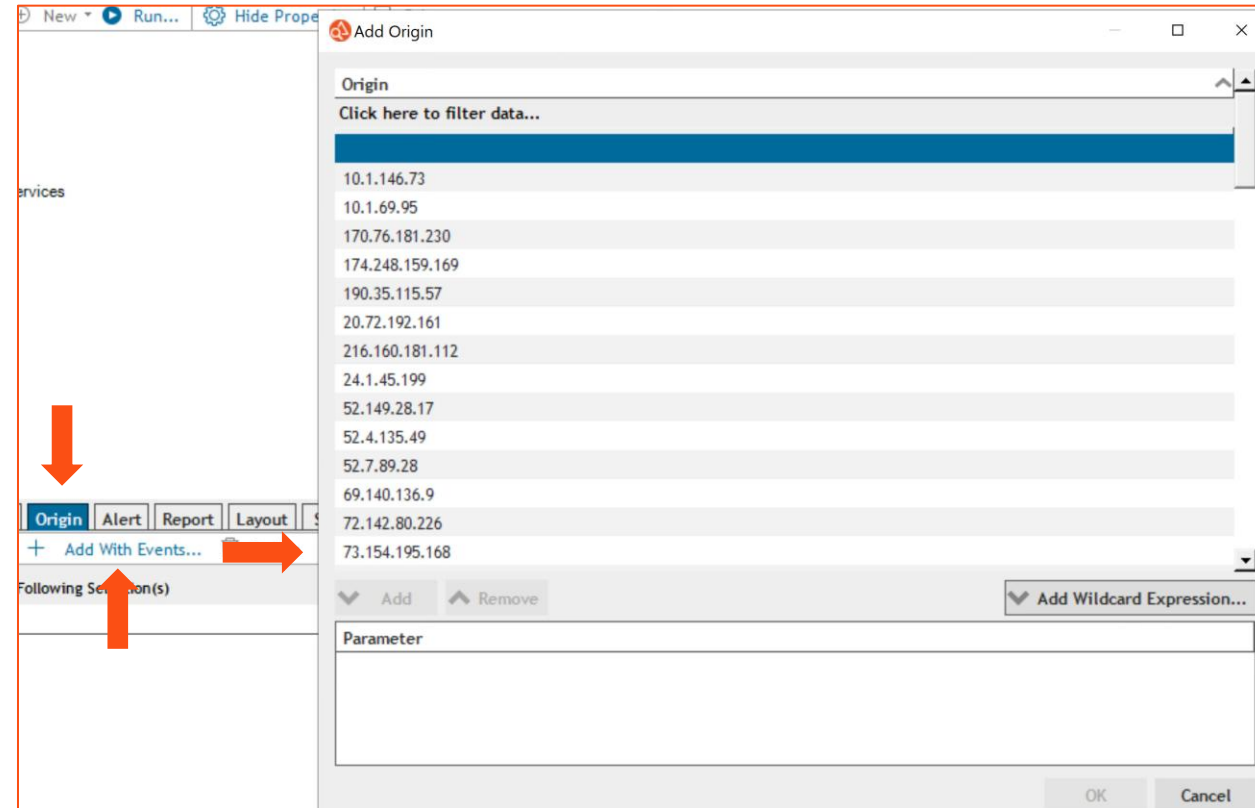


Service account used out of band

Every service should have an origination defined of how that account is to be used. For example, with APPLICATION (GPOADmin) the account originating data should only ever be from the APPLICATION (GPOADmin) server. If change happens outside of that one server, alerts should be configured.

If you are using IAM, an alert could be configured when the IAM service account is made outside of the origin which should be the source server of your IAM system.

Event Filter to run



Changes to Membership of local “administrators” group

Being a member of the local administrator group gives those objects the ability to go into debug mode on that machine. This is commonly used with Mimikatz to **extract information locally on those machines** and should be monitored accordingly. **Being a local admin gives object ability to execute “privilege::debug”** locally on a machine with Mimikatz as default behavior. It’s possible to change this via GPO and make an exception group for debug permission.

Event Filter to run

Who	What	Where	When	Origin
Save As	Run...	+ Add	+ Add	
Entity				
Event Class				
Object				
Local group added				
Local group removed				
Local group renamed				
Member added to local group				
Member removed from local group				

Medium Severity

Who: TITANCORP\trane (Tom Crane) Source: Change Auditor When: 10/12/2021 9:40:18 AM

Where: APP5 Action: Modify Attribute Origin: app5.titancorp.local (10.1.146.1...)

What: TITANCORP\trane(Tom Crane) was added to Local group Backup Operators. Result: None

Local Account Facility: Local Group Monitoring

Account: Backup Operators

From: <Not Set>

To: TITANCORP\trane

DACL changes on Domain container

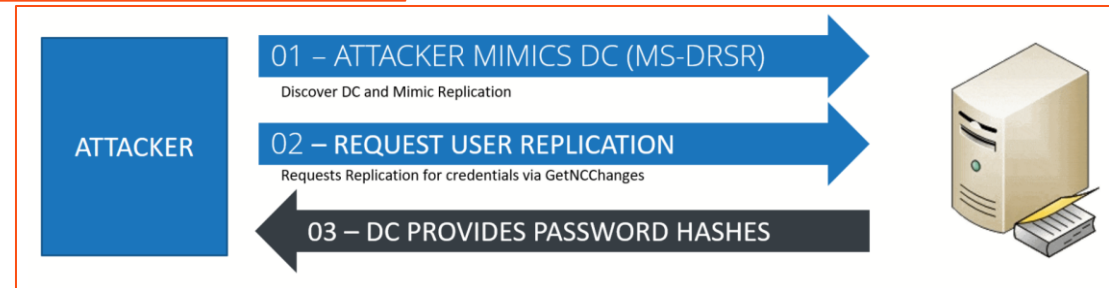
DCSync is an attack that allows an adversary to simulate the behavior of a domain controller (DC) and retrieve password data via domain replication.

Generally, Administrators, Domain Admins and Enterprise Admins have the rights required to execute a DCSync attack. Specifically, the following rights are required:

- Replicating Directory Changes
- Replicating Directory Changes All

Event Filter to run

Who	What	Where	When	Origin
ive As	Run...	+ Add	+ Add	Wit
Entity				
Event Class				
Object				
DAcl changed on AdminSDHolder object				
DAcl changed on domain object				



High Severity

Who: SITRAKA\Administrator (Administrator) Source: Change Auditor When: 11/2/2021 2:31:34 PM

Where: SWDC1 Action: Modify Attribute Origin: swaps2.sitraka.com (10.1.146...)

What: The DACL has been changed for the domain object SITRAKA. Result: Success

Active Directory Facility: Domain Configuration

Class: domainDNS Attr: nTSecurityDescriptor Authentication: Kerberos

Object: sitraka.com/ Port: 389

Changes:	Operation	Type	Account	Permission	Scope	Condition
	Permission Removed	Allow	(SITRAKAVMSOL_933c93dd6996)	Replicating Directory Changes	This object only	
	Permission Removed	Allow	(SITRAKAVMSOL_933c93dd6996)	Replicating Directory Changes All	This object only	
	Permission Added	Allow	(SITRAKAVMSOL_933c93dd6996)	Full control	This object and all child objects	

SPN added

Silver Ticket Attack and Kerberoasting

Adversaries primarily target service or user accounts, since a successful takeover of such accounts can let an adversary **brute-force the password** to these accounts or **add an arbitrary user to the group of administrator for that service**

Event Filter to run

Who	What	Where	When	Origin	Alert	R
Save As	Run...	+ Add	+ Add With Events			
Entity						
Event Class						
Object						
ServicePrincipalName added to user object						
ServicePrincipalName removed from user object						

Medium Severity

Who: TITANCORP\bpatton (Bryan Patton) **When:** 2/21/2022 10:31:04 PM

Where: DC4 **Source:** Change Auditor **Origin:** tcorp07.titancorp.local (10.1.14...)

What: The servicePrincipalName http://computername.blah was added to user CN=Chris P. Bacon,OU=Patton,OU=Quest Team OU,DC=titancorp,DC=local. **Result:** Protected

Active Directory **Action:** Add Attribute **Facility:** Custom User Monitoring

Class: user **Attr:** servicePrincipalName **Authentication:** Simple Bind

Object: titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Patton/Chris P. Bacon **Port:** 0

From: <Not Set>

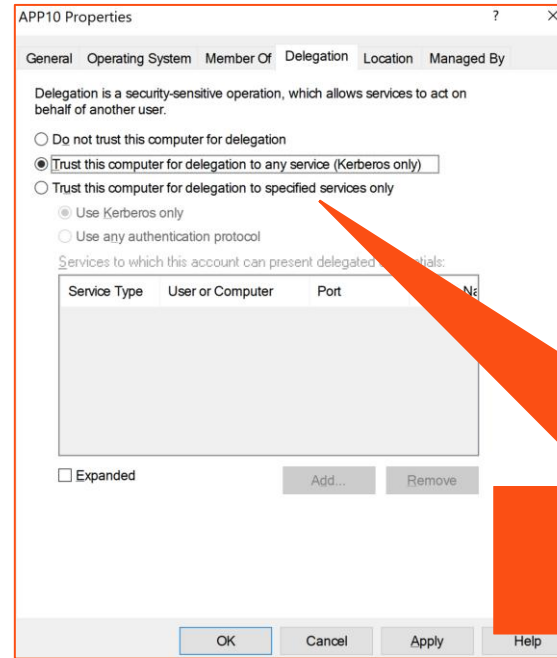
To: http://computername.blah



Searches for unconstrained delegation

Credential Theft Leveraging Unconstrained Delegation

If an attacker finds a server with Kerberos Unconstrained Delegation, they can compromise the server via an admin or service account or Social engineer a Domain Admin to connect to any service on the server with unconstrained delegation.



Event Filter to run

Who	What	Where	When	Origin	Alert	Report
Save As	Run...	+ Add	+ Add With Events			
Entity					Exclude	Act
Event Class					False	
Object					Restriction	
	computer userAccountControl changed					; To: 528384

Action on left generates activity on right

Medium Severity

Who: SITRAKA\Administrator (Administrator)

Where: SWDC5

What: userAccountControl attribute was changed for computer sitraka.com/Computers/SWAPPS1

Source: Change Auditor

Action: Modify Attribute

Class: computer

Attr: userAccountControl

Object: sitraka.com/Computers/SWAPPS1

When: 8/26/2021 9:14:50 AM

Origin: swex1.sitraka.com (10.1.146.56)

Result: Success

Facility: Custom AD Object Monitoring

Authentication: Kerberos

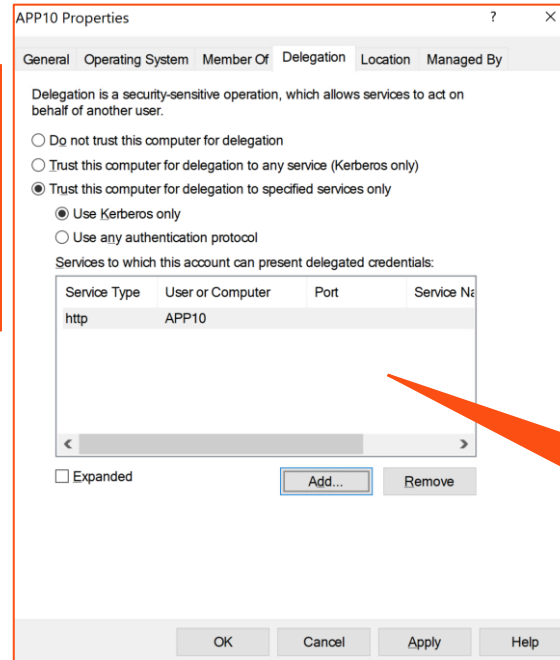
Port: 389

From: 4096

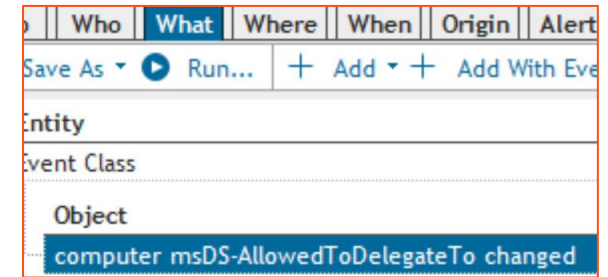
To: 528384

Searches for constrained delegation

Constrained Delegation allows you to configure which services an account can be delegated to. This, in theory, would limit the potential exposure if a compromise occurred



Event Filter to run



Action on left generates activity on right

Severity	Time Detected	Subsystem	User	Event	Computer	Action	Dom...
Medium	9/15/2020 1:47 PM	Active Directory	DETECT\rewalther	computer msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo changed	DC01	Modify Attrib...	DETE
Medium	9/15/2020 1:47 PM	Active Directory	DETECT\rewalther	computer msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo changed	DC01	Modify Attrib...	DETE
Medium	9/15/2020 1:46 PM	Active Directory	DETECT\rewalther	computer msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo changed	DC01	Add Attribute	DETE
Medium	9/15/2020 1:45 PM	Active Directory	DETECT\rewalther	computer msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo changed	DC01	Delete Attrib...	DETE
Medium	9/15/2020 1:43 PM	Active Directory	DETECT\rewalther	computer msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo changed	DC01	Modify Attrib...	DETE

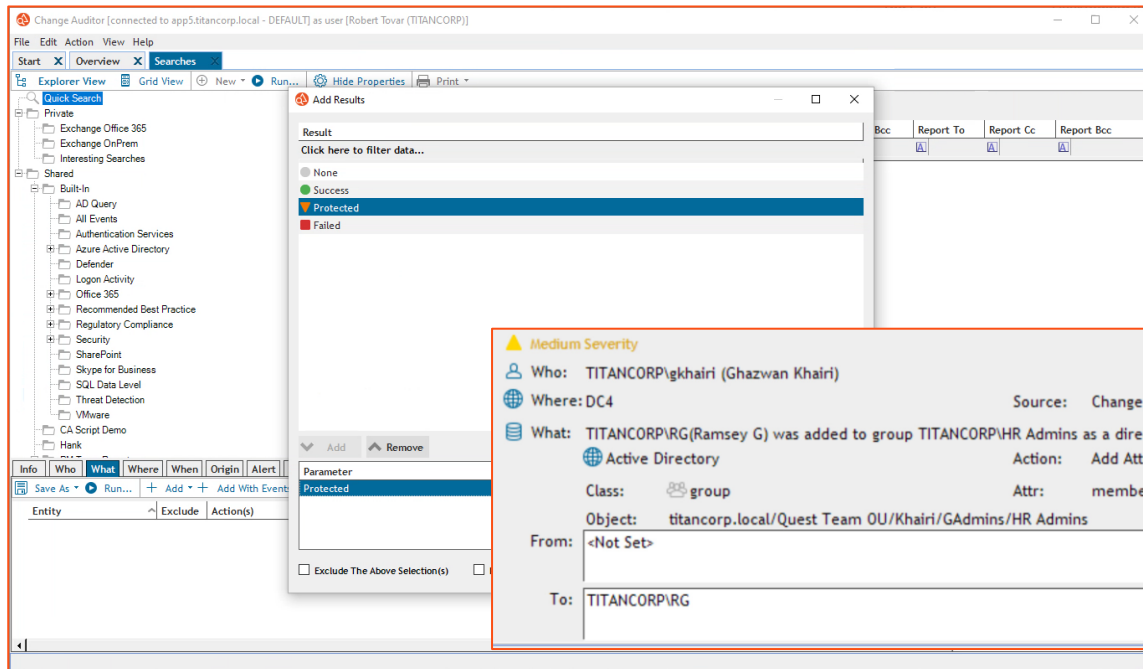
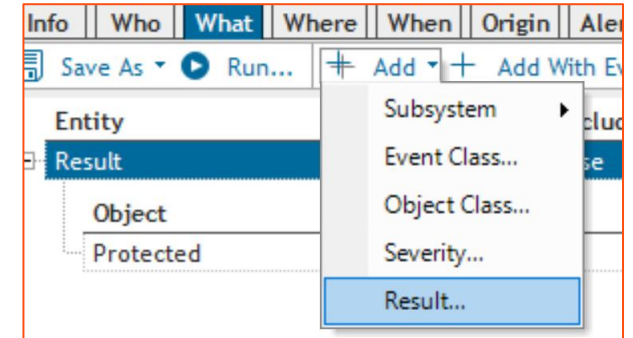
Entity	Exclude	Action(s)	Transport(s)	Port
Event Class	False			
Object	Restriction			
computer msDS-AllowedToDelegateTo changed				

Searches for changes to Protected objects

In general, all protected objects are usually critical objects and alerts should be defined.

Rather than create multiple alerts you can create a single alert that includes all existing and future protected objects.

Event Filter to run



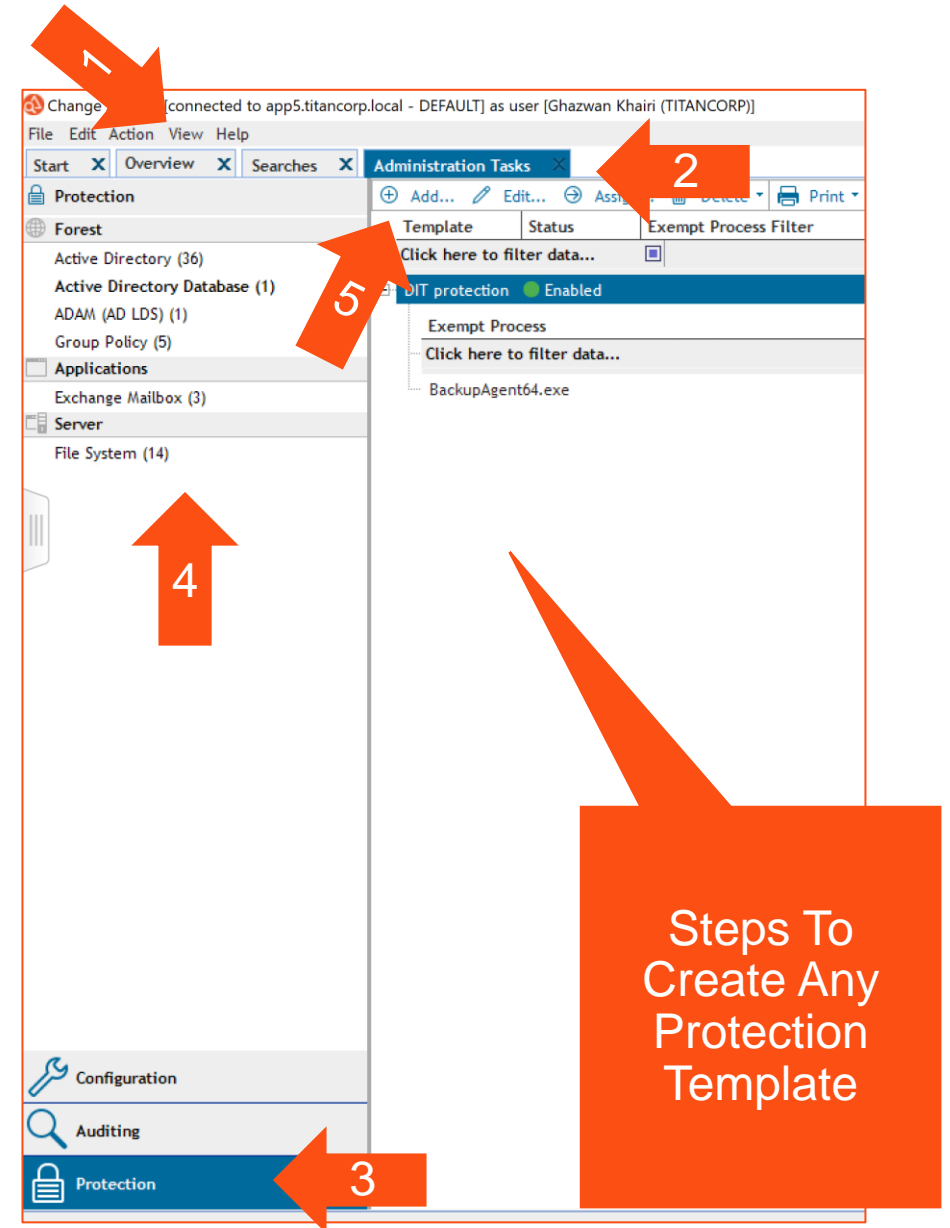
Change Auditor

Suggested Protection Templates

- ❖ NTDS.DIT
- ❖ Privileged Groups
- ❖ AdminSDHolder
- ❖ GPOs
- ❖ GPO Linkage

Setting Up Protection Templates Process

1. Start at the 'View Menu'
 2. Select **Administration**
 3. From the administration task page, select **Protection**
 - You will see a list of all the entities you can apply a protection template against
 4. **Select** the object from the list
 - Forest level
 - Active Directory
 - Active Directory Database
 - ADAM (AD LDS)
 - Group Policy
 - Applications
 - Exchange Mailbox
 - Server
 - File System
 5. Click **Add** to **start** the protection template **wizard**
 - Based on your selections the screens maybe slightly different
 - **Follow** the screens
- **Use the examples from the next few slides as reference**



Collection Templates Changes Are Audited!

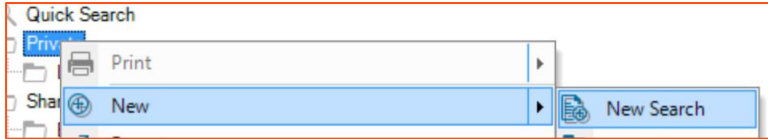
- A. **Change Auditor Internal Auditing** captures any changes users trigger against protection templates.
- B. So, if a user adds, edits, deletes, assigns the template to a configuration, removes the template from a configuration, an event is generated
- C. These events, like all other Change Auditor events, can be searched, viewed, reported on, and most importantly alerted on
- D. This ensures that protection of the various security measures and settings throughout your environment are constantly being applied.

The screenshot displays the Quest Change Auditor interface. The left sidebar shows a navigation tree with categories like Configuration, Directories, Applications, SQL, Server, and NAS. The main pane shows a search for 'Change Auditor Internal Auditing' with 192 items found. The search filters are set to 'License Type: Any License' and 'Facility Name: Change Auditor Internal Auditing'. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for Severity and Event Class. The events listed include actions such as 'Registry auditing template removed from agent configuration', 'Active Directory Database protection template added to agent configuration', and 'File system protection template removed from agent configuration'. The severity levels range from Low to Medium.

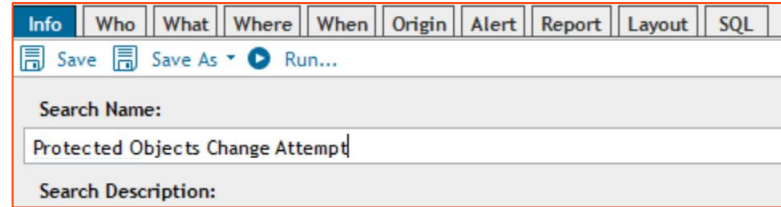
Severity	Event Class
Low	Registry auditing template removed from agent configuration
Low	Active Directory Database protection template added to agent configuration
Low	Registry auditing template added to agent configuration
Low	File system protection template removed from agent configuration
Low	Active Directory Federation Services auditing template removed from agent configuration
Low	File protection template added to agent configuration
Low	File system auditing template added to agent configuration
Low	Service auditing template removed from agent configuration
Low	Active Directory Database auditing template added to agent configuration
Low	File system auditing template removed from agent configuration
Low	Active Directory Database protection template removed from agent configuration
Low	Service auditing template added to agent configuration
Low	Active Directory Federation Services auditing template added to agent configuration
Low	SQL auditing template removed from agent configuration
Low	URL attribute changed in SQL Reporting Services template
Low	Active Directory Database auditing template removed from agent configuration
Low	SQL auditing template added to agent configuration
Low	Active Directory Database auditing template added
Medium	Override accounts Active Directory protection template Allow
Medium	SharePoint path added to auditing template
Medium	Object removed from Active Directory protection template
Medium	Azure Active Directory web application modified or reset in auditing template
Medium	Agent added to VMware auditing template
Medium	File system auditing template removed
Medium	Registry auditing template enabled
Medium	Active Directory Federation Services auditing template added
Medium	Exchange container removed from protection template
Medium	Office 365 Exchange Online mailbox removed from auditing template
Medium	Override accounts Exchange protection template Deny
Medium	SQL Reporting Services template removed
Medium	Group Policy protection template removed
Medium	File system auditing template enabled
Medium	VMware auditing template disabled
Medium	File system protection template enabled
Medium	Skype for Business auditing template disabled
Medium	SQL auditing template disabled
Medium	Group Policy removed from protection template

Setting Up Alerts / Reports On Protected Objects Change Attempts

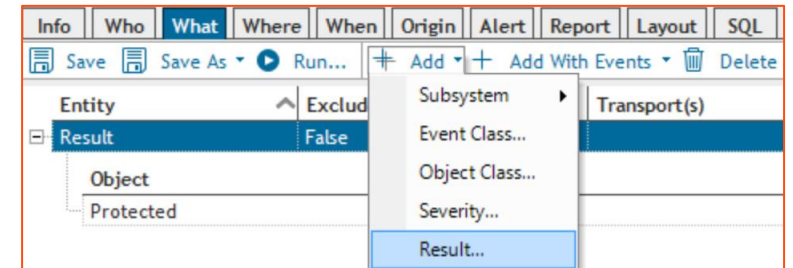
1. Create New Search



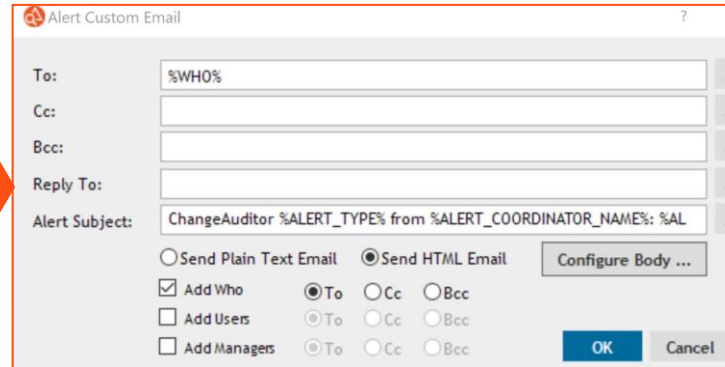
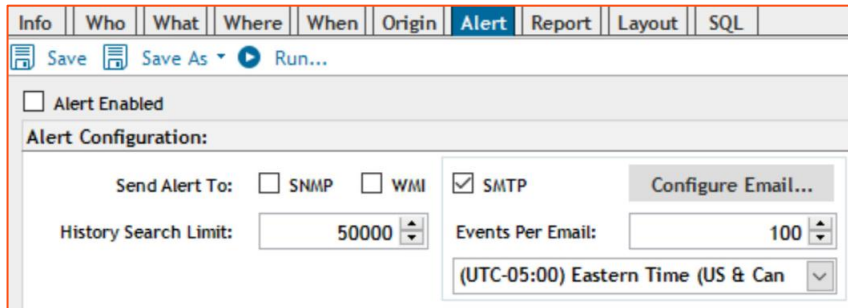
2. Provide Descriptive Name



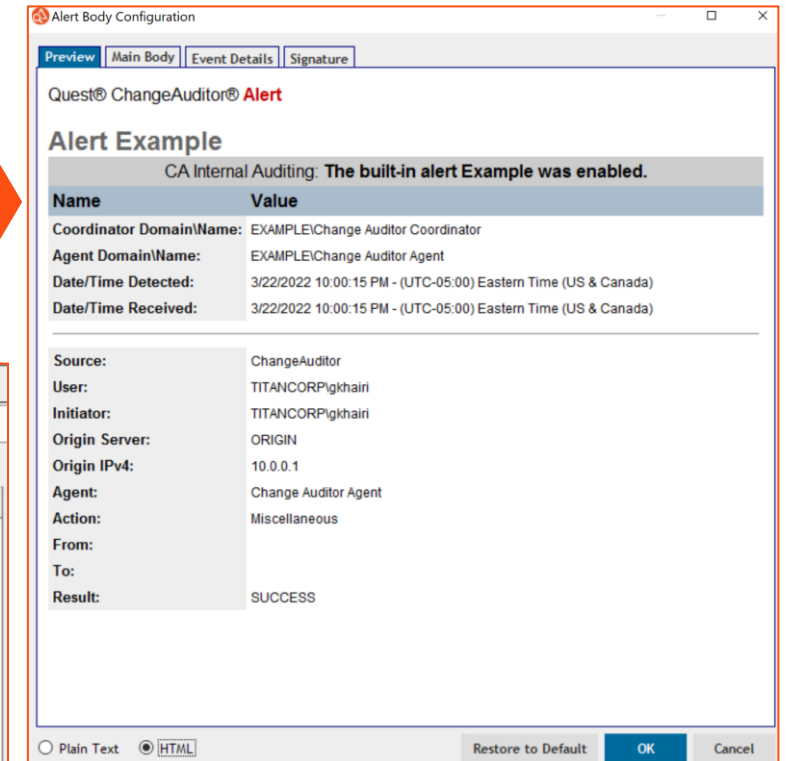
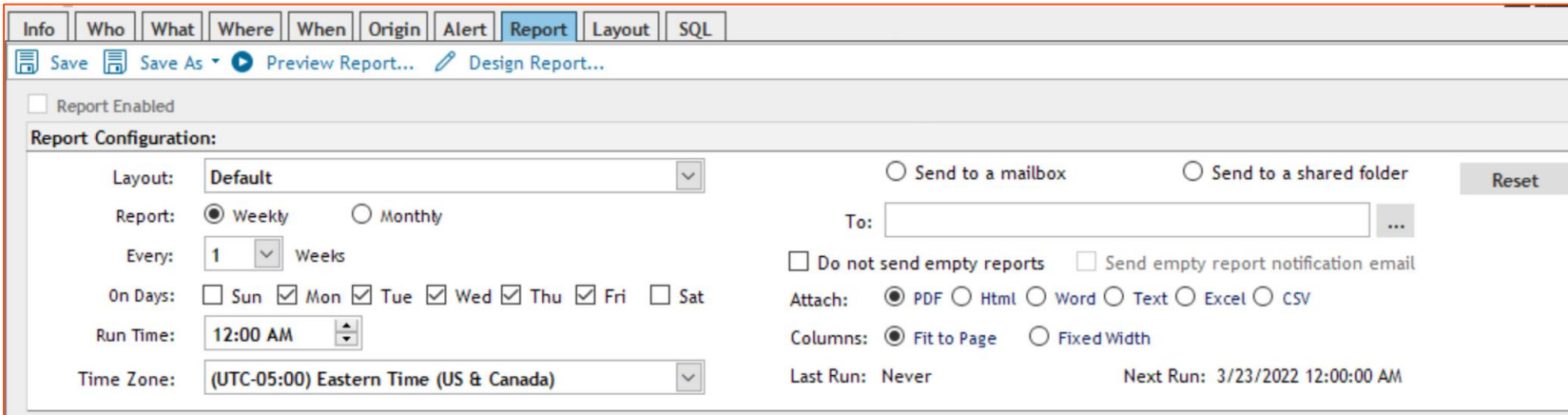
3. Filter Result = Protected



4. Setup Alert



5. Setup Report



Enable NTDS.DIT File Auditing Template

Change Auditor has a feature to audit access to the NTDS.DIT database. Before these events are audited it must be configured.

From the Administration Configuration section, select Active Directory Database, Click Add and configure your template

The screenshot shows the Change Auditor Administration Tasks window. The left-hand navigation pane is expanded to 'Active Directory Database (2)'. The main window displays a table of auditing templates. The 'Dit File auditing ALL' template is highlighted and its status is 'Enabled'. Below this, the 'Active Directory Database Auditing Wizard' is open, showing the 'Template Name' field with 'Dit File auditing ALL' and a list of processes exempt from auditing.

Process	Path
ChangeAuditor.exe	C:\Program Files\Quest\ChangeAuditor\Client\ChangeAuditor.exe
cuAgentHelper.exe	C:\Program Files\Smart-X\ControlUpAgent\Version 8.2.5.17\cuAgentHelper...
DesktopInfo.exe	C:\Admin\DesktopInfo\DesktopInfo.exe
explorer.exe	C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE
FlexEngine.exe	C:\Program Files\Immidio\Flex Profiles\FlexEngine.exe
msedge.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Edge\Application\msedge.exe

Protect NTDS.DIT File

Extraction of this file could lead to parsing of usernames and passwords resulting in a security breach

Read Notes Section

The image shows two overlapping windows from a Windows operating system. The background window is 'Change Auditor', and the foreground window is the 'Active Directory Database Protection Wizard'.

Change Auditor Window:

- Menu: File, Edit, Action, View, Help
- Navigation: Start, Overview, Searches, Administration Tasks
- Left Panel: Protection (Forest, Active Directory (36), Active Directory Database (1), ADAM (AD LDS) (1), Group Policy (5), Applications, Exchange Mailbox (3), Server, File System (14))
- Right Panel: Administration Tasks (Template, Status, Exempt Process Filter)
- Table:

Template	Status	Exempt Process Filter
Click here to filter data...		
DIT protection	Enabled	
Exempt Process		
Click here to filter data...		
		BackupAgent64.exe

Active Directory Database Protection Wizard Window:

- Title: Active Directory Database Protection Wizard
- Header: Use this wizard to create or modify an Active Directory Database Protection Template.
- Warning: Warning: Active Directory database protection templates will not record audit events when access to the NTDS.DIT file is protected unless an Active Directory database auditing template is also assigned to the Change Auditor agent.
- Template Name: DIT protection
- (Optional) Select Processes Exempt from Protection:

Process	Path
Click here to filter data...	
ChangeAuditor.exe	C:\Program Files\Quest\ChangeAuditor\Client\ChangeAuditor.exe
cuAgentHelper.exe	C:\Program Files\Smart-X\ControlUpAgent\Version 8.2.5.17\cuAgentHelper.e...
DesktopInfo.exe	C:\Admin\DesktopInfo\DesktopInfo.exe
explorer.exe	C:\WINDOWS\Explorer.EXE
FlexEngine.exe	C:\Program Files\Immidio\Flex Profiles\FlexEngine.exe
msedge.exe	C:\Program Files (x86)\Microsoft\Edge\Application\msedge.exe

You are viewing processes on: TCORP09

Enter a process not listed above: _____

▼ Add ▲ Remove

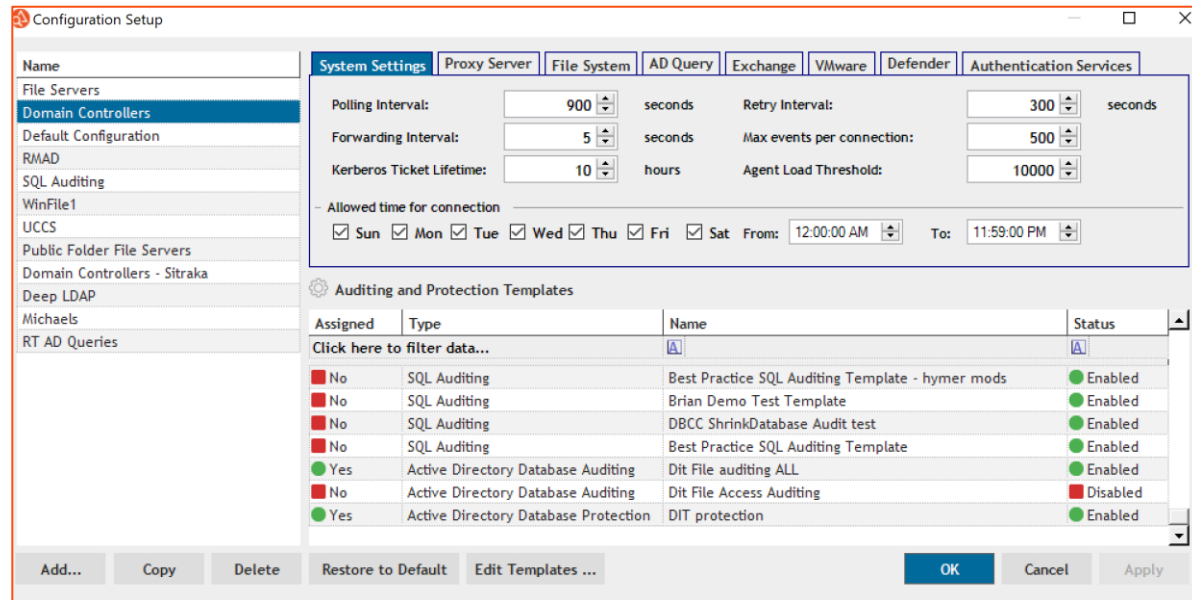
Process
BackupAgent64.exe

Buttons: Help, Back, Next, Finish, Cancel

Footer: Finish and Assign to Agent Configuration...

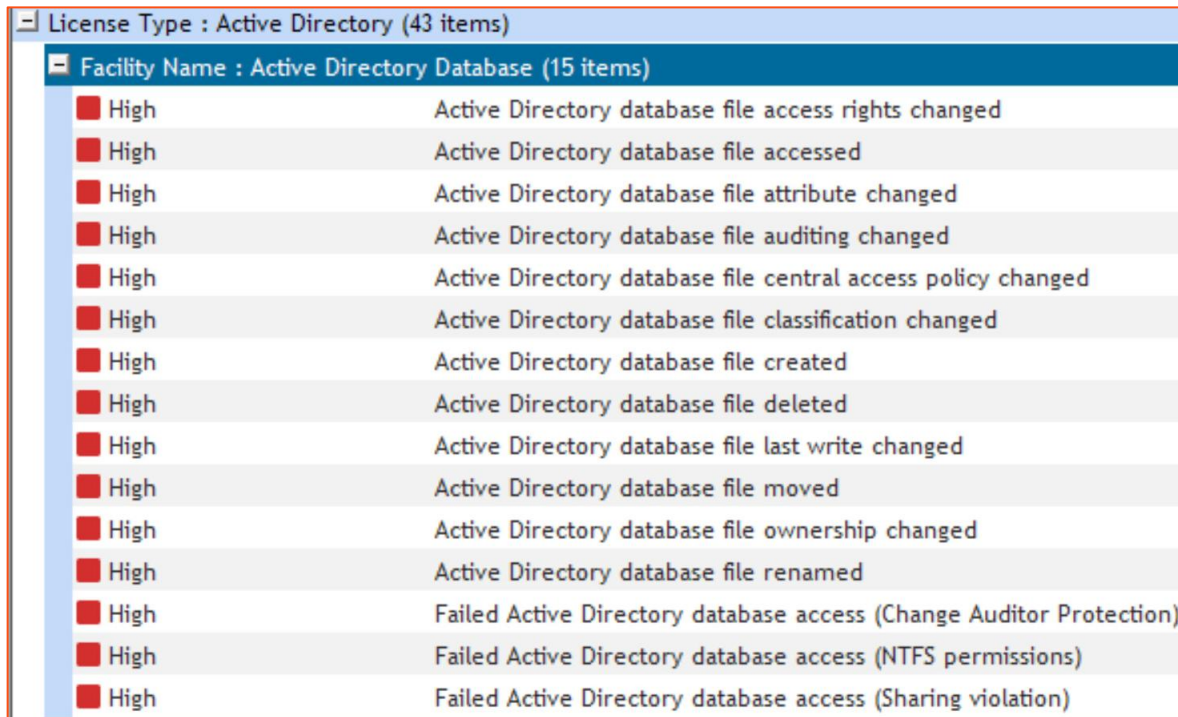
Protect NTDS.DIT File

1. Configure the protection template (as shown on previous slide)
 - Brainstorm other processes to exclude from the protection
 - Ex: Anti-Virus (read **notes section below**)
2. Finish and assign to configuration
3. Choose Default Configuration or Configuration that has the DCs in it



NTDS.DIT File (Events & Built-In Searches)

The ability to audit changes to this file reduces the risk of the user account information from being accessed and tampered with by unwanted processes or users.



The screenshot shows a search results window with the following structure:

- License Type : Active Directory (43 items)
- Facility Name : Active Directory Database (15 items)

High	Active Directory database file access rights changed
High	Active Directory database file accessed
High	Active Directory database file attribute changed
High	Active Directory database file auditing changed
High	Active Directory database file central access policy changed
High	Active Directory database file classification changed
High	Active Directory database file created
High	Active Directory database file deleted
High	Active Directory database file last write changed
High	Active Directory database file moved
High	Active Directory database file ownership changed
High	Active Directory database file renamed
High	Failed Active Directory database access (Change Auditor Protection)
High	Failed Active Directory database access (NTFS permissions)
High	Failed Active Directory database access (Sharing violation)

The following built-in searches have been added:

- All Active Directory Database Events under Shared | Built-in | All Events
- Active Directory Database Events in last 30 days under Shared | Built-in | Security | Domain Controller Security
- GDPR - Active Directory Database Events in last 30 days under Shared | Built-in | Regulatory Compliance | GDPR | Audit and Accountability | Active Directory
- GDPR 32 - Active Directory Database Events in last 30 days under Shared | Built-in | Regulatory Compliance | GDPR | Security of Processing (32) | Active Directory

Protect Privileged Groups

Protection of privileged groups or OUs prevents unwanted tampering and unapproved membership changes

The screenshot displays the Microsoft Change Auditor Administration Tasks console. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Action, View, Help), a tabbed interface (Start, Overview, Searches, Administration Tasks), and a left-hand navigation pane. The main area shows a list of protection templates with columns for Template, Status, Override Accounts, Objects, and Override Account Filter. Two specific templates are highlighted with red boxes and arrows: 'titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Lindsay/Protected/Domain Admins ISL' with 'group' as the object class, and 'titancorp.local/Quest Team OU/Khairi/GAdmins' with 'organizationalUnit' as the object class. The 'Status' column for both is 'Enabled'. The 'Override Accounts' column for both is 'Excluded from Protect...'. The 'Objects' column for the first template is 'Create, Delete, Modify Attributes, Move' and for the second is 'Create, Delete, Modify Attributes'. The 'Override Account Filter' column for the first is 'This object only' and for the second is 'This object and all child objects'.

Template	Status	Override Accounts	Objects	Override Account Filter
Click here to filter data...	Enabled	Excluded from Protect...		
ISL - Protect Admin Group	Enabled	Excluded from Protect...		
Object Canonical	Status	Object Class	Operations	Scope
Click here to filter data...	Enabled	group	Create, Delete, Modify Attributes, Move	This object only
Attribute Protection				
Click here to filter data...				
Protect All Except				
Override Account				
Click here to filter data...				
TITANCORP\bhymer				
Administration Account				
Click here to filter data...				
TITANCORP\ilindsay				
Template	Status	Override Accounts	Objects	Override Account Filter
ISL - Protect an attribute	Enabled	Excluded from Protect...		
Khairi	Enabled	Excluded from Protect...		
Object Canonical	Status	Object Class	Operations	Scope
Click here to filter data...	Enabled	organizationalUnit	Create, Delete, Modify Attributes	This object and all child objects
Attribute Protection				
Click here to filter data...				

Privileged Groups (Events & Built-In searches)

Facility Name : Custom Group Monitoring (25 items)

▲ Medium	AdminCount attribute changed on group object
▲ Medium	Different domain SID added to group object sidHistory
▲ Medium	Different domain SID removed from group object sidHistory
▲ Medium	Dynamic group object added
▲ Medium	Dynamic group object changed
▲ Medium	Dynamic group object removed
▲ Medium	Group member-of added
▲ Medium	Group member-of removed
▲ Medium	Group object moved
▲ Medium	Group object removed
▲ Medium	Group renamed
▲ Medium	Group samAccountName changed
▲ Medium	Group type changed
▲ Medium	Member added to group
▲ Medium	Member removed from group
▲ Medium	Nested member added to group
▲ Medium	Nested member removed from group
▲ Medium	Owner changed on group object
▲ Medium	Same domain SID removed from group object sidHistory
▲ Medium	Well-known SID removed from group object sidHistory
■ High	DACL changed on group object
■ High	Group object added
■ High	Inheritance setting changed on group object
■ High	Same domain SID added to group object sidHistory
■ High	Well-known SID added to group object sidHistory

Severity	Time Detected	Subsystem	User	Event	ObjectName	OrganizationalUnit	Computer	Action	Domain
Result : Failed (48720 items)									
Result : Protected (418 items)									
Result : Success (862 items)									
■ High	3/21/2022 1:40 PM	Active Directory	NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LO...	DACL changed on group object	Help Desk ALL	Help Desk - ALL	DC4	Modify A...	TITANCORP
■ High	3/21/2022 1:40 PM	Active Directory	NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LO...	Inheritance setting changed on group...	Help Desk ALL	Help Desk - ALL	DC4	Modify A...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/21/2022 1:40 PM	Active Directory	NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LO...	AdminCount attribute changed on gro...	Help Desk ALL	Help Desk - ALL	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 4:58 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\MAIL15	Member removed from group	Organization Management	Microsoft Exchange...	DC5	Delete A...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 4:58 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\MAIL15	Member removed from group	Organization Management	Microsoft Exchange...	DC5	Delete A...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 4:58 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\MAIL15	Member removed from group	Organization Management	Microsoft Exchange...	DC5	Delete A...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Member added to group	Office Admins	Titancorp Groups	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Group member-of added	Help Desk ALL	Help Desk - ALL	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
■ High	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Nested member added to critical ente...	Domain Admins	Restricted Objects...	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Nested member added to group	Domain Admins	Restricted Objects...	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
■ High	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Nested member added to critical ente...	Administrators	Administrators	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Nested member added to group	Administrators	Administrators	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Nested member added to group	Denied RODC Password Rep...	ChangeAuditor Administrat...	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Nested member added to group	ChangeAuditor Administrat...	ChangeAuditor Administrat...	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP
▲ Medium	3/18/2022 1:12 PM	Active Directory	TITANCORP\bpattson	Nested member added to group	AA Admins	AA Admins	DC4	Add Attr...	TITANCORP

Who:	TITANCORP\bpattson (Bryan Patton)	Source:	Change Auditor
Where:	DC4		
What:	TITANCORP\Help Desk ALL was added to group TITANCORP\Office Admins as a direct member.		
Class:	Active Directory	Action:	Add Attribute
Object:	titancorp.local/Titancorp Groups/Office Admins	Attr:	member
From:	<Not Set>		
To:	TITANCORP\Help Desk ALL		

Protect AdminSDHolder

The ACL of the AdminSDHolder object is used as a template to copy permissions to all “[protected groups](#)” in Active Directory and their members. If an attacker can manipulate the ACL for AdminSDHolder, then those permissions will automatically be applied to all protected objects. This will give an attacker a way to create **persistent access to privileged accounts within the domain**.

The screenshot shows the Quest Active Directory Protection Wizard interface. The main window displays the configuration for the AdminSDHolder protection template. The wizard is titled "Active Directory Protection Wizard" and contains the following elements:

- Template Name:** AdminSDHolder
- Forest:** titancorp.local
- Find:** *
- Object Canonical:** titancorp.local/System/AdminSDHolder
- Object Class:** container
- Operations:** Create, Modify, Delete
- Scope:** This object only

The wizard also shows a list of protected objects in the background, including AdminSDHolder, and a list of templates. The AdminSDHolder template is highlighted in blue.

Object Canonical	Status	Override Accounts	Objects
Click here to filter data...	Enabled	Included in Protecti...	
Administrators-template-jb	Enabled	Included in Protecti...	
AdminSDHolder	Enabled	Excluded from Prot...	

Object Canonical	Status	Object Class	Operations	Scope
Click here to filter data...	Enabled	container	Create, Delete, Modify Attributes	This object only
titancorp.local/System/AdminSDHolder	Enabled	container	Create, Delete, Modify Attributes	This object only

NT AUTHORITY\ANONYMOUS LOGON should be allowed as that will be used when applying permission set to any object that has admincount attribute =1. If you don't add this exception, it can cause errors



Where Next Meets Now.

AdminSDHolder (Events / Searches)

License Type : Active Directory (1 item)	
Facility Name : Domain Configuration (2 items)	
High	DACL changed on AdminSDHolder object
High	Inheritance setting changed on AdminSDHolder object

The screenshot shows the 'Add Facilities or Event Classes' dialog box. The left pane shows a tree view of event categories, with 'Domain Configuration' selected. The main pane shows a table of facilities and event classes:

Facility	Event Class	Parameter...
Domain Configuration	sdhol	
Domain Configuration	DAACL changed on AdminSDHolder object	
Domain Configuration	Inheritance setting changed on AdminSDHolder object	

Below the table is the 'Restriction' section with two checkboxes:

- Where the previous value contained the following text:
- Where the new value contains the following text:

At the bottom, there is a 'Parameter' table:

Parameter	Restriction
Domain Configuration	

Buttons for 'Add', 'Remove', and 'Update Restriction' are visible. At the bottom right are 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons.

Protect GPOs

A change to the **default domain policy** or **default domain controllers' policy** can affect every person in an organization and should be protected. Ideally, a workflow would be configured using a product like [GPOAdmin](#) and its service account can be excluded from the protection. If no GPO version control system in place, these policies should be protected to prevent company wide changes.

The screenshot displays the Change Auditor interface for managing GPO protection. The main window shows a list of GPOs with their protection status and override accounts. A 'Group Policy Protection Wizard' dialog is open, allowing the user to create or modify a protection template.

Template	Objects	Status	Override Accounts
Click here to filter data...			
Bill Test Password length group Policy protection		Disabled	Excluded from Protection
Dench Server GPO Protection Template		Enabled	Excluded from Protection
Dench Workstation GPO Protection		Enabled	Excluded from Protection
Patton GPO Protection		Enabled	Excluded from Protection
Tier0 Policies		Enabled	Excluded from Protection

Policy Name	Group Policy Object	Status	Operations
Click here to filter data...			
Domainwide	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{6A2CAC74-0359-4A9F-ADE4-21415133D412}	Enabled	Create, Delete, Modify Attributes
Default Domain Controllers Policy	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}	Enabled	Create, Delete, Modify Attributes
Default Domain Policy	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}	Enabled	Create, Delete, Modify Attributes

Group Policy Protection Wizard

Use this wizard to create or modify a Group Policy Protection Template.

Template Name: Tier0 Policies

Find: GroupPolicyContainer Name: * ANR Search

Object	Canonical Name
Click here to filter data...	
Default Domain Policy	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}
Default Domain Controllers Policy	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}
[[VAS License Policy]]	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{7847CA2F-E8FD-401C-9493-EBA9FACE27D5}
patton gpo	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{A3A724D8-C881-48B2-85D2-9FD21959CB43}
DG Marketing Desktop Settings	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{525AAB58-D450-41BE-9AFB-3AD50F42BE87}
AW-California	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{503D634F-1B9D-4D0B-8C49-6B56837E632A}
QuestGPC [Demo 2]	titancorp.local/System/Policies/{2504b991-5db5-484a-a249-56af897fb817}

189 item(s) found.

▼ Add ▲ Remove ▼ Enterprise

Policy	Operations
titancorp.local/System/Policies/{31B2F340-016D-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}	Create, Modify, Delete
titancorp.local/System/Policies/{6A2CAC74-0359-4A9F-ADE4-21415133D412}	Create, Modify, Delete
titancorp.local/System/Policies/{6AC1786C-016F-11D2-945F-00C04FB984F9}	Create, Modify, Delete

Help Back Next Finish Cancel

Protect GPO Linkage

A GPO linked at the Domain level can potentially harm your organization! It is recommended to restrict the linkage of any GPO at the Domain level and if required should be done with multiple levels of approvals. If using GPOAdmin and/or AGPM it is recommended to add their service accounts to the access for the protection template

The screenshot shows the Active Directory Administrative Center interface. The 'GPO Linkage' template is selected, showing its status as 'Enabled' and 'Excluded from Protection'. Below, the 'Attribute Protection' section is expanded to show the 'gPLink' attribute. The 'Active Directory Protection Wizard' is open, showing the 'Template Name' as 'GPO Linkage' and the 'Forest' as 'titancorp.local'. The wizard is currently on the 'Use this wizard to create or modify an Active Directory Protection Template' screen.

This screenshot shows the 'Optional) Select Attributes to Protect' step of the wizard. The 'Attributes' list includes 'gPLink', which has been selected and moved to the 'Selected Attributes' list. The wizard provides instructions: 'Select one or more attributes and click the Add button to protect them. Select one or more protected attributes and click the Remove button to remove protection.'

This screenshot shows the 'Optional) Select Accounts Allowed to Access Protected Objects' step. The 'Find' field is set to 'user.organizationalPerson.com' and the 'Name' field is 'svcgpo'. The 'Allow' radio button is selected. The list of accounts shows 'titancorp.local\Quest Users\Restricted Objects - Access Denied\Service Accounts\GPOAdmin' as the selected account.

GPOs (Events / Searches)

License Type : Active Directory (5 items)		
Facility Name : Domain Configuration (1 item)		
Medium	Enabled	Domain group policy order changed
Facility Name : Group Policy Item (13 items)		
Medium	Enabled	Central Access Policy added to group policy
Medium	Enabled	Central Access Policy removed from group policy
Medium	Enabled	Computer Group Policy Preference setting changed
Medium	Enabled	Computer Group Policy Script setting changed
Medium	Enabled	Group added to the Restricted Group policy
Medium	Enabled	Group removed from the Restricted Group policy
Medium	Enabled	Member added to group in the Restricted Group policy
Medium	Enabled	Member removed from group in the Restricted Group policy
Medium	Enabled	Membership added to group in the Restricted Group policy
Medium	Enabled	Membership removed from group in the Restricted Group policy
Medium	Enabled	System Objects: Default Owner For Objects Created By Members Of The Administrators Group policy changed
Medium	Enabled	User Group Policy Preference setting changed
Medium	Enabled	User Group Policy Script setting changed
Facility Name : Group Policy Object (30 items)		
Facility Name : OU (1 item)		
Facility Name : Site Configuration (1 item)		
Medium	Enabled	Site group policy order changed

Add Facilities or Event Classes

Drag a column header here to group by that column.

Facility	Event Class	Parameter...
Click here to filter data...		
DNS Zone	Zone scavenging flag changed	
DNS Zone	Zone storage changed	
DNS Zone	Zone transfer flag changed	
DNS Zone	Zone transfer host list changed	
DNS Zone	Zone type changed	
Domain Configuration	Allowed DNS suffix list changed for domain	
Domain Configuration	DACL changed on AdminSDHolder object	

Restriction

Where the previous value contained the following text:

Where the new value contains the following text:

Parameter Restriction

Domain Configuration	
Group Policy Item	
Group Policy Object	
OU	

Exclude The Above Selection(s) Runtime Prompt

OK Cancel