













FileAudit[®] vs. Native Windows[®] Server

Feature	FileAudit	Windows Server
Intuitive, User-Friendly Interface	Yes FileAudit comes with a fluid, touch-ready, "Windows 8" UI.	No Limited to an Event Log that typically lists thousands of entries per day.
File and Folder Activity Real-Time Monitoring	Yes FileAudit monitors and shows in real-time, access (or access attempts) to sensitive files, folders and sensitive shares.	Practically no, Native Windows file auditing generates multiple entries for a single access event.
File and Folder Activity Alerts	Yes Email alerts can be automatically and immediately triggered when specific access events are detected.	No There is no email alert system to notify specific access events.



File and Folder Activity Recording	 Yes FileAudit automatically records all access events into a centralized, queryable SQL Server database.	 No Windows Security Event Logs can be exported, but only in EVT/EVTX format and on a per file server basis.
Schedulable, Automated Multi-criteria Reporting	 Yes Reports can be customized according to multiple criteria (paths, file type, access type...) and automatically Emailed.	 No Event logs must be analyzed manually. No practical method exists to forward useable information.
File and Folder Activity Centralization	 Yes FileAudit consolidates access events from multiple file servers into a single SQL Server database.	 No Access events can only be viewed one file server at a time.



File and Folder Activity Long-term Archiving	 Yes FileAudit saves access events into an SQL Server database. Several years of data can be held with no performance issues.	 Practically no, Access events can only be stored in several EVT or EVTX files, making it hard to use and exploit the data within.
Statistics	 Yes FileAudit offers detailed and customizable graphical statistics on file and folder activity.	 No Windows native features provide no statistical reporting on file and folder activity.
Delegation to non-IT auditors	 Yes Specific accounts can be created for people without administrative rights.	 No Local administrative rights are required to perform file access auditing.



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