

ezaudit

Auditing Servers Automatically

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Because E-Z Audit performs automated audits via logon script or Group Policy, *automating server audits requires a different approach.*

You can of course audit a server hands-on using our USB stick-based audit, and that's great for ad-hoc situations, but not practical for ongoing, routine audits of your servers.

Using the Windows Task Scheduler is the way to get scheduled automated audits on your server

- › Create a task that starts up at a specific time, e.g. 7:00 AM
- › Set it to "Recur every 1 day"
- › Set it to "Run Task as soon as possible if a scheduled task is missed"

This can be set up to just audit, or also to do scheduled audits and make your server available to be audited On-Demand.

This makes your server "alive" for the automated tools to do what they need to do. You can also have it be able to audit via On-Demand so you can launch and audit from your PC at any time.

You can learn more about On-Demand audits in our User's Guide at www.ezaudit.net/guide

For servers you'd create a configuration file as you do for PC audits using a configuration file.

So for your PCs you've created a configuration file using the config.exe tool that audits PCs every week, e.g. **config.ezc**

You create another config file for your server, e.g. **server.ezc**. You can set the same weekly schedule or another schedule as you prefer.

The key reason for having a configuration file specific to the server is the path where the audit will save to.

On a PC, all of them would have the same share to where they can all save to, e.g.

`\\server-name\ezaudit\audits`

The server won't find that, so you would need to put the path applicable to the server, e.g.

`F:\ezaudit\audits`

Another reason you need a separate config file for your server is if the PC audits prompt users to accept or decline the audit, and/or answer any questions you've set up for them to reply to. Not good for a headless, unattended device.

That's it.