



Chapter 3: Auditing and Best Practices

Configuring audit from command line

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All of the following are valid **mongod** command line configurations with auditing enabled:

```
mongod --dbpath /data/db --auditDestination syslog
```

COPY

```
mongod --dbpath /data/db --auditDestination file \  
--auditFormat JSON --auditPath /data/db/auditLog.json
```

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```
mongod --dbpath /data/db --auditDestination file \  
--auditFormat BSON --auditPath /data/db/auditLog.bson
```

COPY

Why does the other command fail?

```
mongod --dbpath /data/db --auditDestination stdout
```

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This is not a valid command line configuration for **mongod**. The **--auditDestination** option can only be passed an argument of **syslog**, **file**, or **console**. If you'd like your log output to go to **stdout** use the **console** argument.

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