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# DROP SERVER AUDIT (Transact-SQL)

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Drops a Server Audit Object using the SQL Server Audit feature. For more information on SQL Server Audit, see [SQL Server Audit \(Database Engine\)](#).



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## Syntax

```
DROP SERVER AUDIT audit_name  
[ ; ]
```

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## Remarks

You must set the State of an audit to the OFF option in order to make any changes to an Audit. If DROP AUDIT is run while an audit is enabled with any options other than STATE=OFF, you will receive a MSG\_NEED\_AUDIT\_DISABLED error message.

A DROP SERVER AUDIT removes the metadata for the Audit, but not the audit data that was collected before the command was issued.

DROP SERVER AUDIT does not drop associated server or database audit specifications. These specifications must be dropped manually or left orphaned and later mapped to a new server audit.

## Permissions

To create, alter or drop a Server Audit Principals require the ALTER ANY SERVER AUDIT or the CONTROL SERVER permission.

## Examples

The following example drops an audit called `HIPAA_Audit`.

```
ALTER SERVER AUDIT HIPAA_Audit
WITH (STATE = OFF);
GO
DROP SERVER AUDIT HIPAA_Audit;
GO
```

## See Also

[CREATE SERVER AUDIT \(Transact-SQL\)](#)

[ALTER SERVER AUDIT \(Transact-SQL\)](#)

[CREATE SERVER AUDIT SPECIFICATION \(Transact-SQL\)](#)

[ALTER SERVER AUDIT SPECIFICATION \(Transact-SQL\)](#)

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

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