

This document provides a conceptual overview of the audit logs that Google Workspace



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If you don't enable Google Workspace data sharing with Google Cloud, then you can't see audit logs for Google Workspace in Google Cloud.



Note: Some Enterprise Groups Audit membership changes automatically populate the **principalEmail** field in the audit log with **cloud-support@google.com**. For example, an audit log might show **cloud-support@google.com** as the principal removing a user from the group, when the removal of the user is automatic due to the expiration of a user's membership.

Types of audit logs

Admin Activity audit logs contain log entries for API calls or other actions that modify the configuration or metadata of resources. For example, these logs record when users create VM instances or change Identity and Access Management (IAM) permissions.

Data Access audit logs contain API calls that read the configuration or metadata of



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the Google Admin console, changes to Group settings are captured in the Google Workspace Admin Audit logs. For example, if you changed a Group email address in groups.google.com, then those changes are captured in Google Workspace Enterprise Groups Audit logs.

Google Workspace Enterprise Groups Audit: Enterprise Groups Audit logs provide
a record of actions performed on groups and group memberships. For example,
you can see when an administrator added a user or when a group owner deleted
their group.

Enterprise Groups Audit writes Admin Activity audit logs only.

 Google Workspace Login Audit: Login Audit logs track user sign-ins to your domain. These logs only record the login event. They don't record which system was used to perform the login action.

Login Audit writes Data Access audit logs only.



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Google Workspace Admin Activities

Google Workspace Admin Audit audit logs use the resource type audited_resource for all audit logs.

Google Workspace Admin Audit audit logs use the service name admin.googleapis.com.

Google Workspace Admin Audit writes Admin Activity audit logs only. The following are the audited operations:

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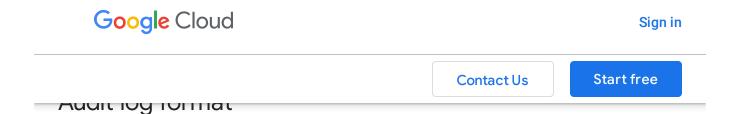
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Google Workspace audit log entries include the following objects:

- The log entry itself, which is an object of type LogEntry. When examining audit logging data, you might find the following useful:
 - logName contains the organization ID and audit log type.
 - resource contains the target of the audited operation.
 - timeStamp contains the time of the audited operation.
 - protoPayload contains the Google Workspace audit log in its metadata field.

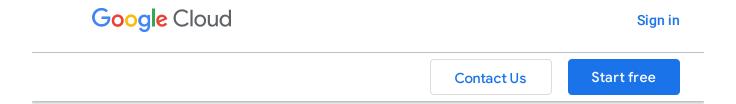
The protoPayload.metadata field holds the audited Google Workspace information. The following is an example of a Login Audit log:

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"name": "login_challenge_method",
        "type": "TYPE_STRING",
        "label": "LABEL_REPEATED",
        "multiStrValue": [
          "password",
          "idv_preregistered_phone",
          "idv_preregistered_phone"
      },
  }
],
"activityId": {
  "uniqQualifier": "358068855354",
  "timeUsec": "1632500217183212"
},
"@type": "type.googleapis.com/ccc_hosted_reporting.ActivityProto"
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Route audit logs

You can route Google Workspace audit logs from Cloud Logging to supported destinations, including other Logging buckets.

Here are some applications for routing audit logs:

- To use more powerful search capabilities, you can route copies of your audit logs to Cloud Storage, BigQuery, or Pub/Sub. Using Pub/Sub, you can route to other applications, other repositories, and to third parties.
- To manage your audit logs across an entire organization, you can create aggregated sinks that combine and route logs from all the Google Cloud projects, billing accounts, and folders contained by your organization. For instance, you might aggregate and route audit log entries from an organization's folders to a Cloud Storage bucket.



You can configure Cloud Logging to retain the logs in the _Default logs bucket for a period ranging from 1 day to 3650 days.

To update the retention period for the _Default logs bucket, see Custom retention.

You can't change the retention period on the _Required bucket.

Quotas and limits

The same quotas apply to audit logs for Google Workspace and Cloud Audit Logs.

For details about these usage limits, including the maximum sizes of audit logs, see Quotas and limits.

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