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Understanding App Control events

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App Control Events Overview

App Control logs events when a policy is loaded, when a file is blocked, or when a file would be blocked if in audit mode. These block events include information that identifies the policy and gives more details about the block. App Control doesn't generate events when a binary is allowed. However, you can turn on allow audit events for files authorized by a managed installer or the Intelligent Security Graph (ISG) as described later in this article.

Core App Control event logs

App Control events are generated under two locations in the Windows Event Viewer:

- Applications and Services logs Microsoft Windows CodeIntegrity Operational includes events about App Control policy activation and the control of executables, dlls, and drivers.
- Applications and Services logs Microsoft Windows -AppLocker - MSI and Script includes events about the control of MSI installers, scripts, and COM objects.

Most app and script failures that occur when App Control is active can be diagnosed using these two event logs. This article describes in greater detail the events that exist in these logs. To understand the meaning of different data elements, or tags, found in the details of these events, see Understanding App Control event tags.

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Applications and Services logs - Microsoft - Windows - AppLocker - MSI and Script events are not included on Windows Server Core edition.

App Control block events for executables, dlls, and drivers

These events are found in the CodeIntegrity - Operational event log.

Expand table Event Explanation ID 20 Enabled: Revoked Expired As Unsigned

Correlation	ActivityID	System	

App Control block events for packaged apps, MSI installers, scripts, and COM objects

These events are found in the AppLocker - MSI and Script event log.

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Diagnostic events for Intelligent Security Graph (ISG) and Managed Installer (MI)

① Note

When Managed Installer is enabled, customers using LogAnalytics should be aware that Managed Installer may fire many 3091 events. Customers may need to filter out these events to avoid high LogAnalytics costs.

The following events provide helpful diagnostic information when an App Control policy includes the ISG or MI option. These events can help you debug why something was allowed/denied based on managed installer or ISG. Events 3090, 3091, and 3092 don't necessarily indicate a problem but should be reviewed in context with other events like 3076 or 3077.

Unless otherwise noted, these events are found in either the **CodeIntegrity - Operational** event log or the **CodeIntegrity - Verbose** event log depending on your version of Windows.

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Enabling ISG and MI diagnostic events

To enable 3090 allow events, create a TestFlags regkey with a value of 0x300 as shown in the following PowerShell command. Then restart your computer.

reg add hklm\system\currentcontrolset\control\ci -v TestFlag

Events 3091 and 3092 are inactive on some versions of Windows and are turned on by the preceding command.

Appendix

A list of other relevant event IDs and their corresponding description.

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Event ID	Description

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