**Invoke auditing from Format Control**

**User role**: System Administrator

The topics below comprise an example of how to use Database record auditing. The steps in these topics must be followed in order. If you skip a step, Database record auditing may not work.

To invoke auditing from Format Control:

1. [Open the audit specifications table](http://localhost:8083/help/topic/database/tasks/open_the_audit_specifications_table.htm).
2. [Add an audit specifications record](http://localhost:8083/help/topic/database/tasks/add_an_audit_specifications_record.htm).
3. [Define an audit specifications entry](http://localhost:8083/help/topic/database/tasks/define_an_audit_specifications_entry.htm).
4. [Invoke auditing](http://localhost:8083/help/topic/database/tasks/invoke_auditing.htm).
5. [Set up event triggers](http://localhost:8083/help/topic/database/tasks/set_up_event_triggers.htm).
6. [Add lookup functionality to Format Control](http://localhost:8083/help/topic/tailor/format_control/tasks/add_lookup_functionality_to_format_control.htm).
7. [Test Audit Lookup functionality](http://localhost:8083/help/topic/database/tasks/test_audit_lookup_functionality.htm).

To invoke auditing from Format Control, perform the following steps:

1. Create an Audit Specifications record for a particular file.
2. Open the Format Control record associated with the form and the file for which you created the audit specifications record in step 1.
3. Select the **Save Copy** option.
4. Click **Subroutines** to display the Subroutines form.  
   The Subroutines panel opens.
5. Enter the desired format control. For this example, enter:

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| **Field** | **Enter** |
| **Add** | true |
| **Upd** | true |
| **Before** | true |
| **Application** | audit.compare |
| **Error Message** | Audit Processing could not complete. |

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