



Accessing and reviewing audit logs

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Accessing and reviewing audit logs

Audit messages are generated by StorageGRID services and stored in text log files. API-specific audit messages in the audit logs provide critical security, operation, and performance monitoring data that can help you evaluate the health of your system.

What you'll need

- You must have specific access permissions.
- You must have the `Passwords.txt` file.
- You must know the IP address of an Admin Node.

About this task

The active audit log file is named `audit.log`, and it is stored on Admin Nodes.

Once a day, the active `audit.log` file is saved, and a new `audit.log` file is started. The name of the saved file indicates when it was saved, in the format `yyyy-mm-dd.txt`.

After a day, the saved file is compressed and renamed, in the format `yyyy-mm-dd.txt.gz`, which preserves the original date.

This example shows the active `audit.log` file, the previous day's file (`2018-04-15.txt`), and the compressed file for the prior day (`2018-04-14.txt.gz`).

```
audit.log
2018-04-15.txt
2018-04-14.txt.gz
```

Steps

1. Log in to an Admin Node:
 - a. Enter the following command:
`ssh admin@primary_Admin_Node_IP`
 - b. Enter the password listed in the `Passwords.txt` file.
2. Go to the directory containing the audit log files:

`cd /var/local/audit/export`
3. View the current or a saved audit log file, as required.

S3 operations tracked in the audit logs

Several bucket operations and object operations are tracked in the StorageGRID audit logs.

Bucket operations tracked in the audit logs

- DELETE Bucket
- DELETE Bucket tagging
- DELETE Multiple Objects
- GET Bucket (List Objects)
- GET Bucket Object versions
- GET Bucket tagging
- HEAD Bucket
- PUT Bucket
- PUT Bucket compliance
- PUT Bucket tagging
- PUT Bucket versioning

Object operations tracked in the audit logs

- Complete Multipart Upload
- Upload Part (when the ILM rule uses the Strict or Balanced ingest behaviors)
- Upload Part - Copy (when the ILM rule uses the Strict or Balanced ingest behaviors)
- DELETE Object
- GET Object
- HEAD Object
- POST Object restore
- PUT Object
- PUT Object - Copy

Related information

[Operations on buckets](#)

[Operations on objects](#)

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