

Quest Identity Defense Audit

Modern cloud auditing to simplify compliance and secure hybrid AD

Quest Identity Defense Audit (previously known as Security Guardian Audit) is a cloud-native auditing and compliance solution that brings the core capabilities of Change Auditor into the cloud. It provides the in-depth auditing, reporting and monitoring needed for today's regulatory compliance requirements, delivered with faster performance, simplified deployment and long-term data retention — without the need for on-prem SQL databases. Whether you're facing regulatory pressure or simply want more control over user activity, Quest Identity Defense Audit makes it easy to stay ahead.

Why make the move from Change Auditor to Quest Identity Defense Audit?

Transitioning to Quest Identity Defense Audit ensures you stay ahead of the curve with the latest advancements in auditing technology. This cloud-native solution delivers all the core capabilities of Change Auditor, including clear auditing insights, object protection and deep visibility that you simply can't get with other tools. In addition, you get all of the following benefits:

- **Intuitive user interface** — Both new and experienced team members can easily realize the full potential of Quest Identity Defense Audit.
- **Reduced IT overhead** — Quest Identity Defense Audit uses a lightweight event broker to transfer data to the Quest cloud, eliminating the need to maintain an on-premises SQL database.

Benefits

- Gain visibility into AD, Entra ID, M365 workloads and logon activity from a single interface
- Deliver insights to both new and experienced IT and compliance staff
- Improve audit speed, scalability and reliability across large environments
- Eliminate on-prem SQL overhead with cloud-native architecture
- Retain audit data up to 10 years to meet compliance requirements
- Enjoy peace of mind with an ISO-certified solution

- **Enhanced performance, even with huge datasets** — Experience faster access, instant scalability and high reliability with a cloud infrastructure designed to smoothly handle large volumes of data.
- **Comprehensive auditing** — Ensure deep visibility into both directory changes and authentication events with the combined functionality of [Change Auditor for Active Directory](#) and [Change Auditor for Logon Activity](#).
- **Simplified management** — Easily deploy agents, set audit properties and manage protection settings.
- **Long-term storage** — Quest Identity Defense Audit stores audit history for up to 10 years at a fixed subscription price, helping you meet compliance policies without increasing your own Azure storage costs.

Part of a powerful solution: Quest Identity Defense

Quest Identity Defense Audit is one part of the [Quest Identity Defense](#) — a comprehensive, GenAI-powered identity security solution for hybrid Active Directory and Entra ID environments. While Identity Defense Audit provides deep visibility and long-term compliance readiness, the full Quest Identity Defense solution goes further to:

- **Reduce your AD attack surface** by minimizing exposure across hybrid identity environments before attackers exploit risky configurations, privilege sprawl, and critical Tier 0 weaknesses.
- **Protect critical assets** by instantly stopping in-progress attacks, limiting attacker lateral movement. Freeze critical objects to prevent compromise and avoid costly operational disruption.

[Learn more about Quest Identity Defense](#)

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- **Investigate and respond faster** by giving teams the context they need to move from alert to action in minutes instead of hours.
- **Manage human and non-human identities** with critical visibility and observability across AD and Entra ID to secure both traditional identities and the growing population of non-human identities.

Together, these capabilities help organizations defend against today's identity attack with the speed, visibility and security that modern threats demand.

“Quest Identity Defense is the best tool we could find available for identity threat hunting in Active Directory.”

CISO, Large Media Company



Quest Identity Defense Audit is included in the scope of the Platform Management ISO/IEC 27001, ISO/IEC 27017, and ISO/IEC 27018 certifications.

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