



CONFIGURATION GUIDE

# DATA RETENTION

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# 1 Introduction

The Archive process allows you to configure and schedule the automatic archiving of auditing logs stored in the main database.

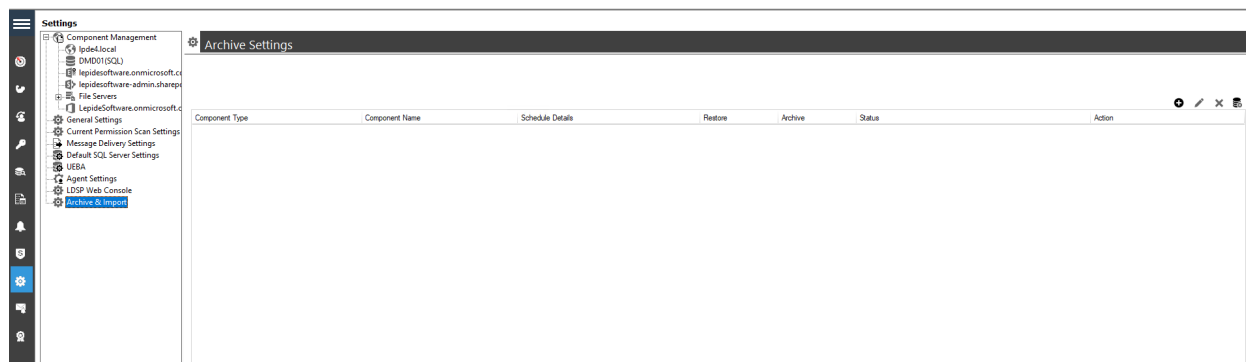
## 2 Setting Up an Archive Profile

**NOTE:** In this guide, we will look at adding an archive profile for an Active Directory component, but the steps to do this can also be applied to other components as the process is similar.


Follow the steps below to set up an Archive Profile:

- Click on the **Archive & Import** option from the Settings screen of the Lepide Data Security Platform

The Archive Settings screen will be displayed:



**Figure 1: Archive Settings**

- Click on the  icon to create a new Profile. The Archive Database dialog box will be displayed:

Archive Database

Component Name: Active Directory, Group Policy and Exchange Server

Server Name: lpde4.local

SQL Server: DMD01

Database Name: Lepide-AD

Archive Path: [Text Field] [Browse]

Delete archived file(s) older than [Text Field] Days

Archive Now

Schedule Archive

Weekly Monthly

Archive data older than or equal to: [Text Field] Days

Delete records from current database after archiving

Shrink database after archive

OK Cancel

**Figure 2: Archive Database**

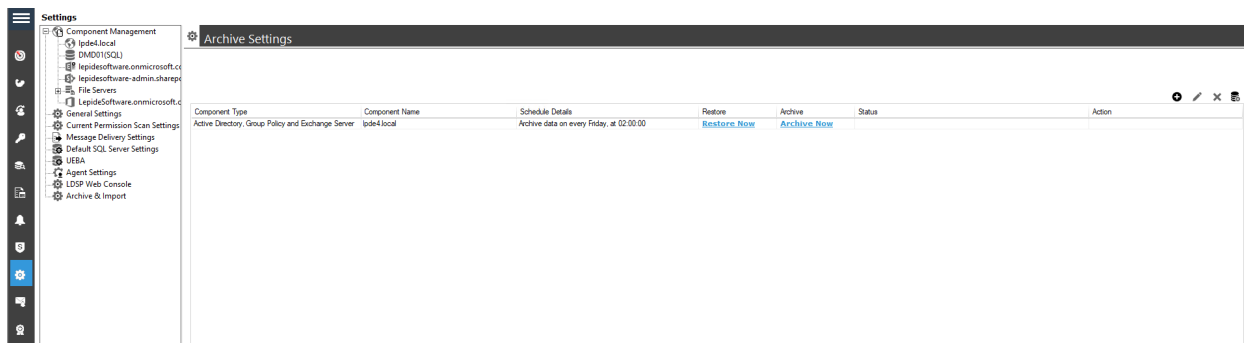
The **Component Name** drop down menu will display a list of all the installed components.

- Enter the details as required into the Archive Database dialog box. The Active Directory options are as follows:
  1. Select the **Component Name** from the drop down list of installed components
  2. Select the **Server Name** from the drop down list of servers
  3. Specify the archive path where the archived data will be stored. Use the  icon to Browse and select a path from here
  4. Select **Delete archived file(s) older than x days** for automatic deletion of archived files older than the number of days you specify
  5. Select **Archive Now to** start the archive process when you click **OK**
  6. Select **Schedule Archive** to specify a regular Weekly or Monthly time to start the archive process
  7. Specify the age of the data which is to be archived in the **Archive data older than or equal to x days** option
  8. Select the **Delete records from current database after archiving** option to remove the archived records from the database. This means that the records will no longer be available in the Lepide Data Security Platform. If you do need to analyze these records after they have

been deleted, then you can restore the archive and run the Explore Backup Module. Please see Sections 3 and 4 of this guide for more information on how to do this.

9. Select **Shrink database after archive** to reduce the database size once the archive process has run
  - Click **OK** when finished

The new profile will be added to the Archive Settings screen showing the schedule details:



**Figure 3: Archive Settings with an Archive Profile Set Up**

### 3 Restoring the Archived Data

The restore option, from the Archive Settings screen, will restore the archived data into the database specified. It will not restore the data into the main Lepide Data Security Platform database so to analyze the restored data, use the Explore Backup module which is explained in Section 4.1 of this guide.

#### To restore the archived data:

- Click **Restore Now** from the Archive Settings screen:

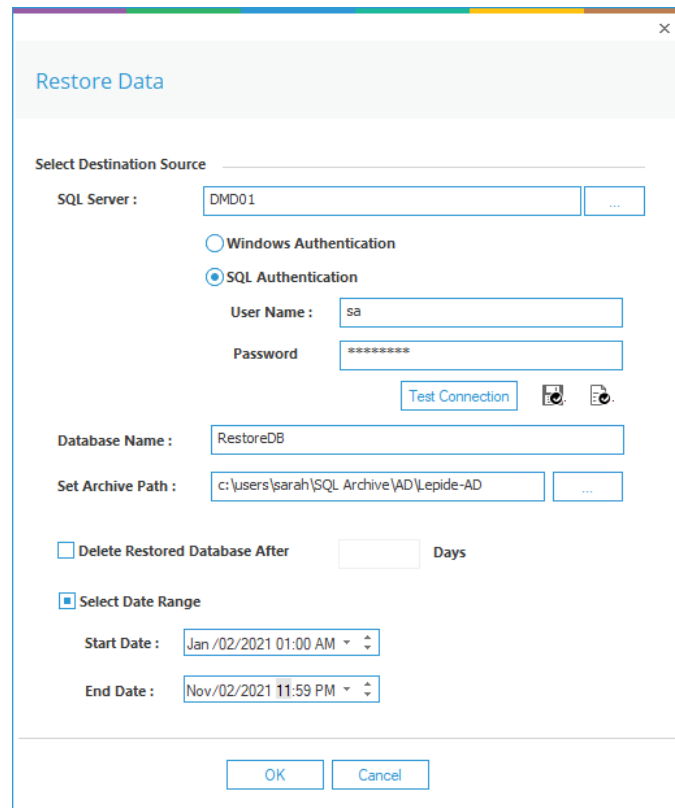
The Restore Data dialog box is displayed:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Restore Data". It contains the following elements:

- Select Destination Source**: A text input field.
- SQL Server :** A text input field with a "..." button to its right.
- Authentication:** Two radio buttons: "Windows Authentication" (selected) and "SQL Authentication".
- User Name :** A text input field.
- Password :** A text input field.
- Test Connection:** A button.
- Database Name :** A text input field.
- Set Archive Path :** A text input field with a "..." button to its right.
- Delete Restored Database After :** A checkbox, a text input field, and the word "Days".
- Select Date Range:** A checkbox.
- Start Date :** A dropdown menu showing "Nov/02/2023 12:00 AM".
- End Date :** A dropdown menu showing "Nov/02/2023 11:59 PM".
- OK** and **Cancel** buttons at the bottom.

**Figure 4: Restore Data**

- Specify the following options:
  - Enter the **SQL Server** name or use the  icon to select the Server name from a list
  - Use **SQL Authentication** and enter the **User Name** and **Password**
  - Click **Test Connection**
  - Specify the **Database Name**
  - Specify the archive path in the **Set Archive Path** box. This is the location of the archived database
  - Select **Delete Restore Database After xxx Days** if you want the restored database to be deleted later
  - Select the **Date Range** of the data to be restored



Restore Data

Select Destination Source

SQL Server : DMD01

Windows Authentication

SQL Authentication

User Name : sa

Password : \*\*\*\*\*

Test Connection

Database Name : RestoreDB

Set Archive Path : c:\users\sarah\SQL Archive\AD\Lepide-AD

Delete Restored Database After Days

Select Date Range

Start Date : Jan /02/2021 01:00 AM

End Date : Nov/02/2021 11:59 PM

OK Cancel

**Figure 5: Restore Data Options**

- Click **OK**

The data is restored to the specified database

## 4 How to Report on the Restored Data

If the option '**Delete records from current database after archiving**' has been selected when creating the archive profile, the archived data will not be accessible from within the Lepide Data Security Platform once the archive has run. However, if this archived data is first restored using the restore process described above, then the data can be analyzed using the Explore Backup Module.

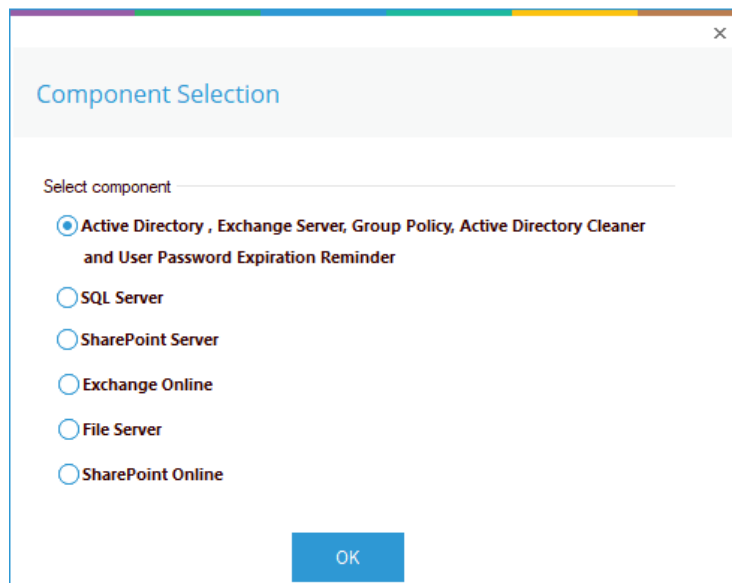
### 4.1 The Explore Backup Module

Once archived data has been restored, reports can be run to explore the restored data. To do this, follow the steps below:

From the States & Behavior screen:

- Choose **Explore Backup** from the tree structure on the left hand side

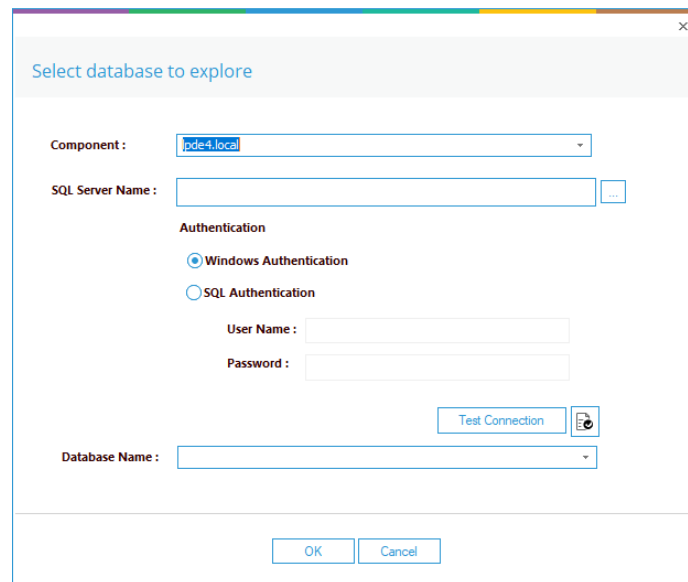
The Component Selection dialog box will be displayed:



**Figure 6: Component Selection**

- Select the **Component** required
- Click **OK**

The Select database to explore dialog box will be displayed:



**Figure 7: Select Database to Explore**

- Specify the following options:



- Select the **Component** from the drop down list
- Specify the **SQL Server Name**
- Choose **SQL Authentication** – Add the **User Name** and **Password**
- Click **Test Connection**
- Specify the **Database Name**

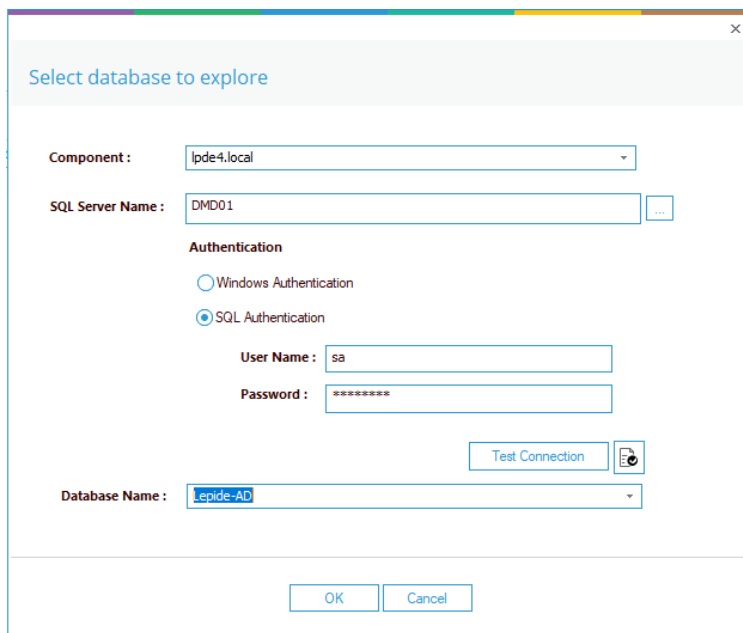


Figure 8: Select Database to Explore with Information Added

- Click **OK**

A list of available reports is displayed:

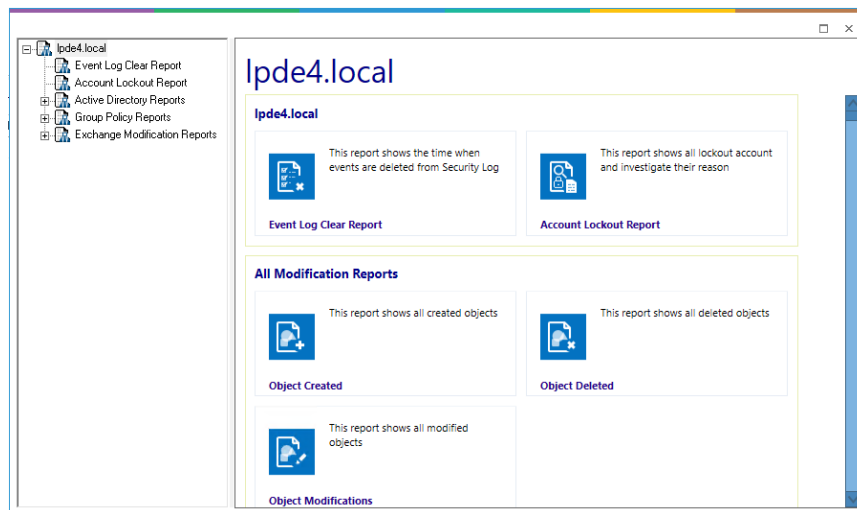
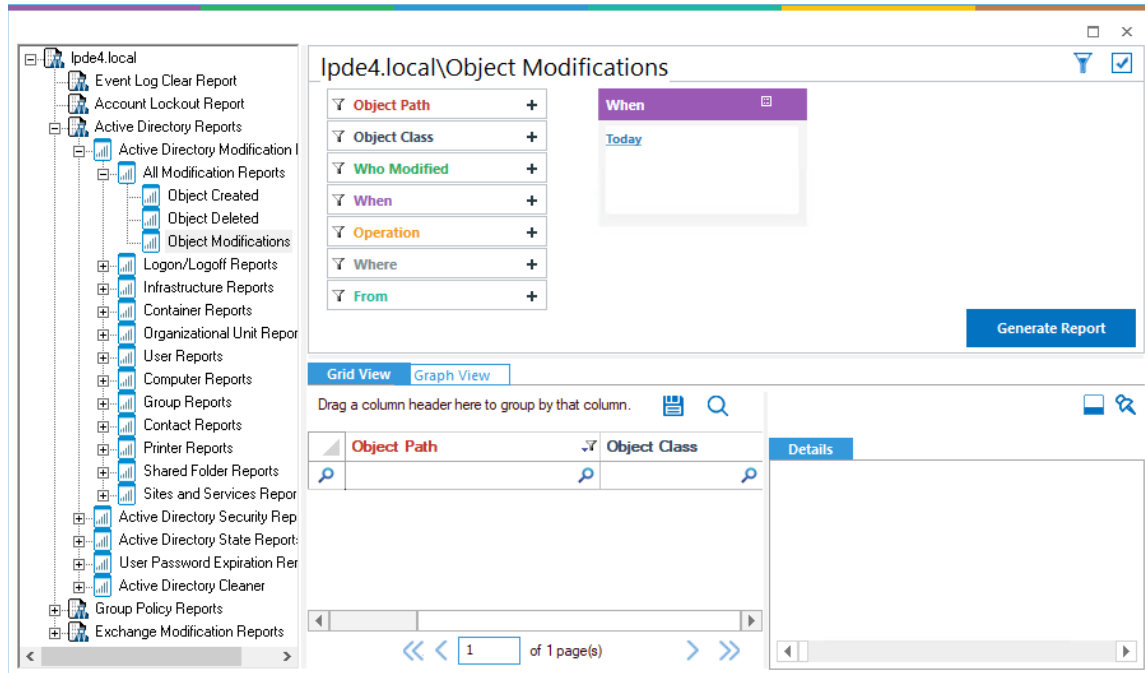


Figure 9: Explore Backup Reports

- Select the report you want to use. In this example, Object Modifications has been chosen:
- The report is displayed:



**Figure 10: Object Modifications Report from Explore Backup**

- Select any filter options you require – for example specify a date/time period
- Click **Generate Report**

The report will run and using the restored data:

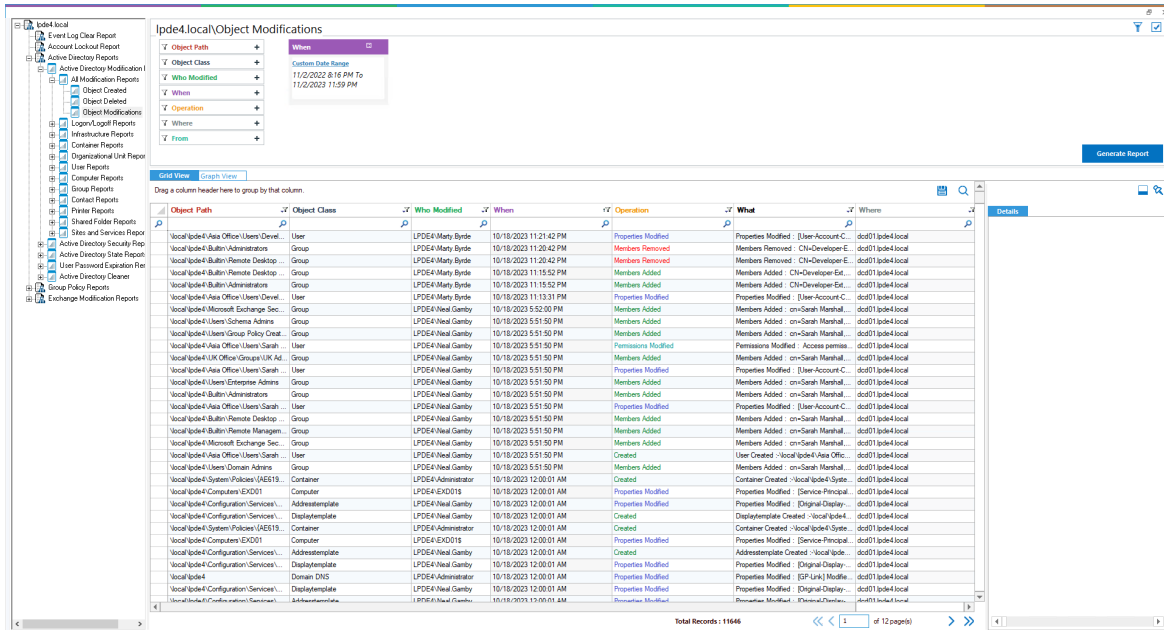


Figure 11: Generated Object Modifications Report for Restored Data

- Run any of the other available reports you require from this window
- Close this report window when finished

## 5 Other Archive Options

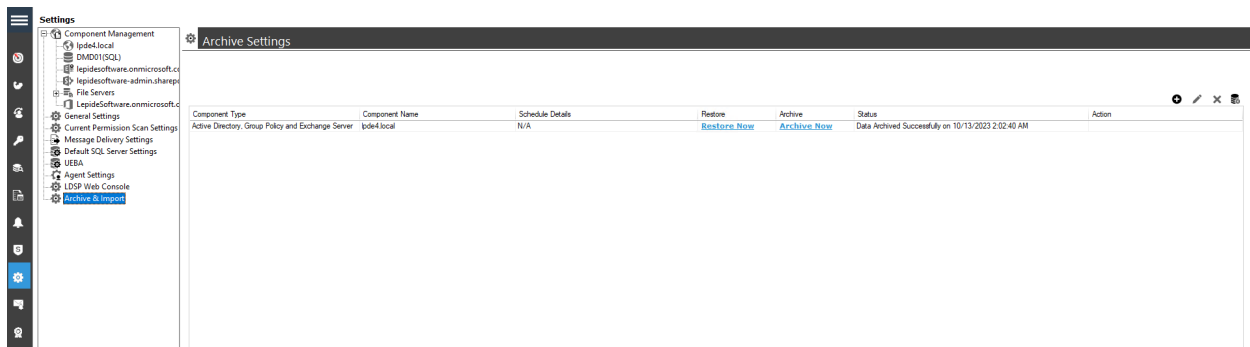




Figure 12: Archived Settings Window

Other options available from the Archive Settings window are as follows:

- To archive the data now rather than at the scheduled time, click **Archive Now**
- To edit the archive profile, select the profile and click the **Edit** icon

- To delete the archive profile, select the profile and click the **Remove** icon 
- To delete the restored database, select the profile and click the **Delete the Restored DB** icon 

## 6 Support

If you are facing any issues whilst installing, configuring, or using the solution, you can connect with our team using the contact information below.

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