



CONFIGURATION GUIDE

MICROSOFT SQL SERVER

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1. Introduction

The Lepide Data Security Platform provides a comprehensive way to provide visibility across Active Directory, Group Policy, Exchange on-premises, M365, SharePoint, SQL Server, Windows File Server, NetApp Filer and every platform which can provide an integration with Syslogs and RestAPI.

This guide takes you through the process of standard configuration of the Lepide Data Security Platform for Microsoft SQL Servers.

If you have any questions at any point in the process, you can contact our Support Team. The contact details are listed at the end of this document.

2. Requirements and Prerequisites

2.1. Basic System Requirements

- Required Processor
 - Minimum dual-core processor
 - Recommended quad-core processor
- Required RAM
 - Minimum 4 GB RAM
 - Recommended 8 GB RAM
- Required free disk space
 - Minimum 1 GB
 - Recommended 2 GB
- Any of the following 32-bit or 64-bit Windows Operating Systems.
 - Windows Server OS: Any Server above and including 2008 R2
- Any of the following SQL Servers (local or network hosted) for storing auditing logs:
 - Any SQL Server above and including SQL Server 2005 (standard or enterprise)
- .NET Framework 4.6 or later

2.2. Supported Servers for Auditing

Audited Servers	Supported Versions
Microsoft SQL Servers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Microsoft SQL Server 2005 and above (Standard or Enterprise)

2.3. Required User Rights

To install and work with the Lepide Data Security Platform, you need to have appropriate rights to the system where it will be installed. Also, you need to have appropriate rights to access the SQL server.

To configure the Lepide Data Security Platform for auditing Microsoft SQL Server, the service account requires the following rights:

- Member of Domain Admins Group in Active Directory.
- This account should have Sysadm rights over the SQL databases. An SQL account with the mentioned privileges can also be used.

2.4. Required SQL Server Rights

- For Windows Authentication:** A login for the currently logged on Windows User should exist in SQL Server with the assigned role of **dbcreator** in SQL server.
- For SQL Authentication:** A local SQL account with **dbcreator** permission.

2.5. Required Ports

NOTE: For using SQL authentication, the SQL server should be set to mixed authentication mode..

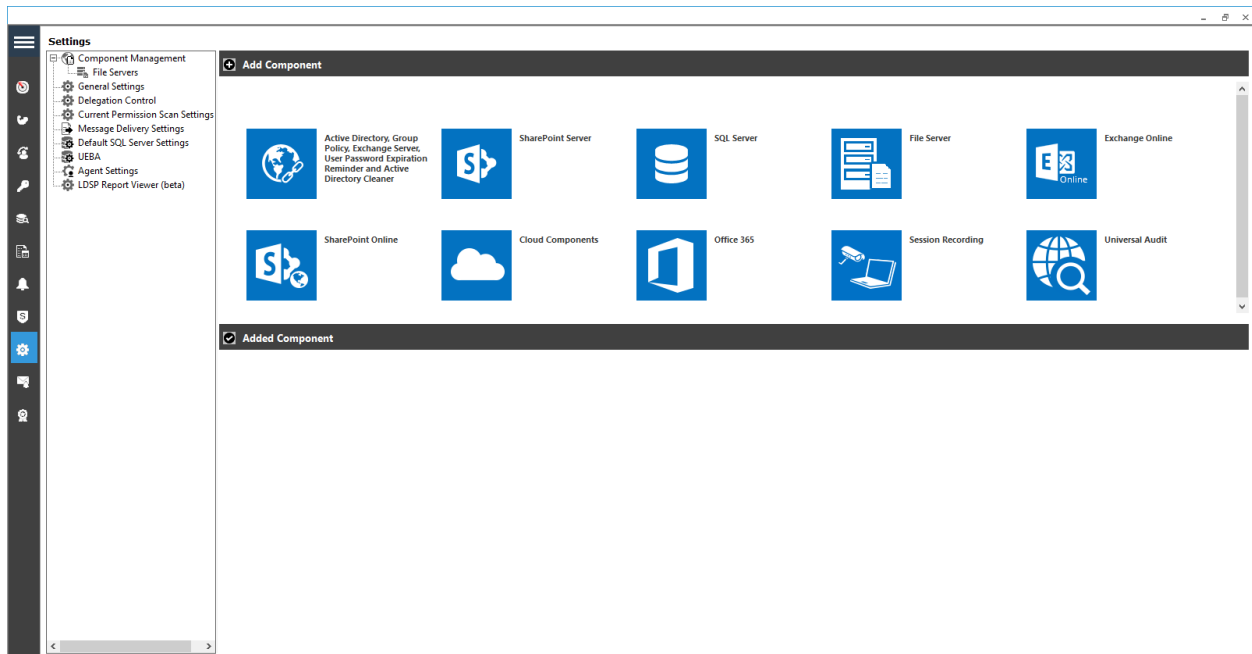
The software uses the following ports for different purposes.

- Lepide Data Security Platform uses the following ports for communication:
 - Port 389 and Port 636 for LDAP queries.
 - Port 135 for WMI (Windows Management Instrumentation)

- c Default Port for SQL Server Communication. In most cases, the default port for SQL is 1433.
2. Lepide Data Security Platform Web Console uses Port 7779 (HTTP).
3. Lepide Data Security Platform App uses Port 1051.

3. Add SQL Server

To add a Microsoft SQL Server, you need to perform the following steps:



- Select the **SQL Server** option in **Component Selection** dialog box

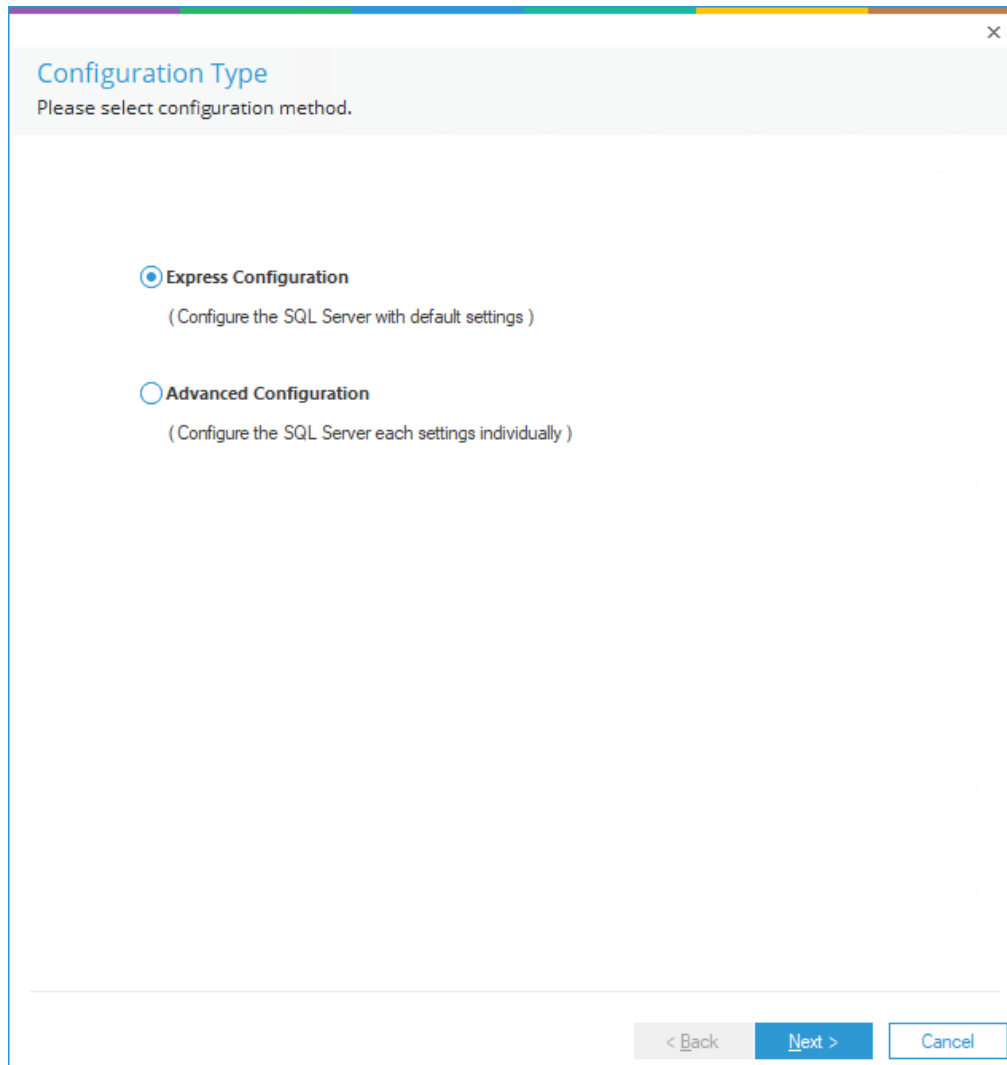


Figure 1: Add SQL Server Wizard

The solution offers two different ways to add SQL Server.

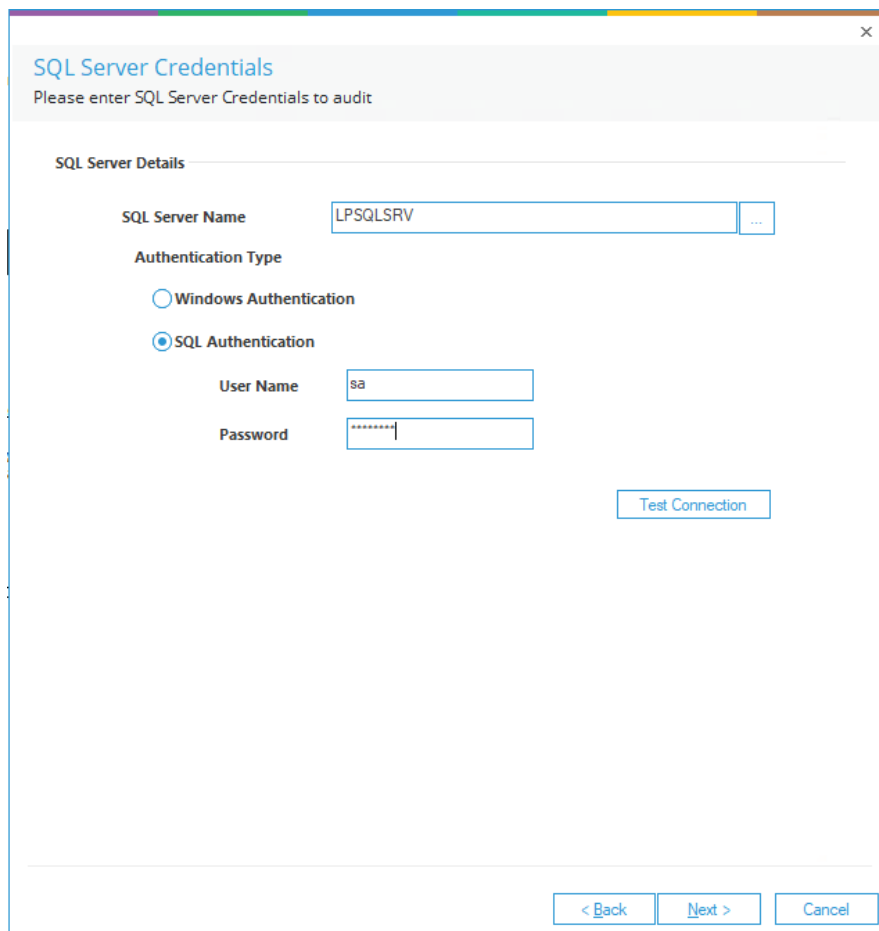
- Express Configuration: Add SQL Server with minimum recommended settings.
- Advanced Configuration: Add SQL Server with the advanced settings to customize the auditing.

3.1. Add SQL Server with Express Configuration

Perform the below steps at the **Add SQL Server** wizard:

1. Select **Express Configuration** at the wizard.
2. Click **Next**. It asks you to provide the details of SQL Server to be added.


3.1.1. SQL Server Details



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "SQL Server Credentials" with the subtitle "Please enter SQL Server Credentials to audit". Under the heading "SQL Server Details", there are several input fields and options:

- SQL Server Name:** A text box containing "LPSQLSRV" and a browse button "...".
- Authentication Type:** Two radio buttons: "Windows Authentication" (unselected) and "SQL Authentication" (selected).
- User Name:** A text box containing "sa".
- Password:** A text box with masked characters "*****".
- Test Connection:** A button located to the right of the password field.
- Navigation:** At the bottom, there are three buttons: "< Back", "Next >", and "Cancel".

Figure 2: Asking for SQL Server Details


3. The solution lets you add a local or networked SQL Server. You can enter the name of SQL Server manually in the text box. Alternatively, you can click the  icon to enumerate all SQL Servers in a list, from which you can select the required server.
4. You need to select either Windows Authentication or SQL Server Authentication. We recommend that you select the latter option.
5. Enter the name and password of a SQL Server user.

NOTE: The selected user should be assigned the role of sysadmin in SQL Server. If you are using a local system administrator or domain administrator to run Lepide Data Security Platform Service, then its login with Windows Authentication and sysAdmin role should exist in SQL Server.

6. Click **Next** to proceed. The next step shows **Database Settings**.

3.1.2.Database Settings

Perform the following steps to configure the database settings.

7. Enter the name of an SQL Server. You can also click  icon to enumerate the list of all SQL Servers, from which you can select the desired one.
8. Select the authentication type, preferably **SQL Authentication**.
9. Enter the login credentials of an SQL administrative user.

NOTE: Here, the selected user should have **dbcreator** role in SQL Server, where the audit data must be stored.

10. Enter the name of the database in which the auditing logs will be stored. Following screenshot displays the sample details.

NOTE: Click the  icon to save the current SQL Server Settings as default in **Default SQL Server Settings**.

11. Click **Test** Connection to test the connection to SQL Server.

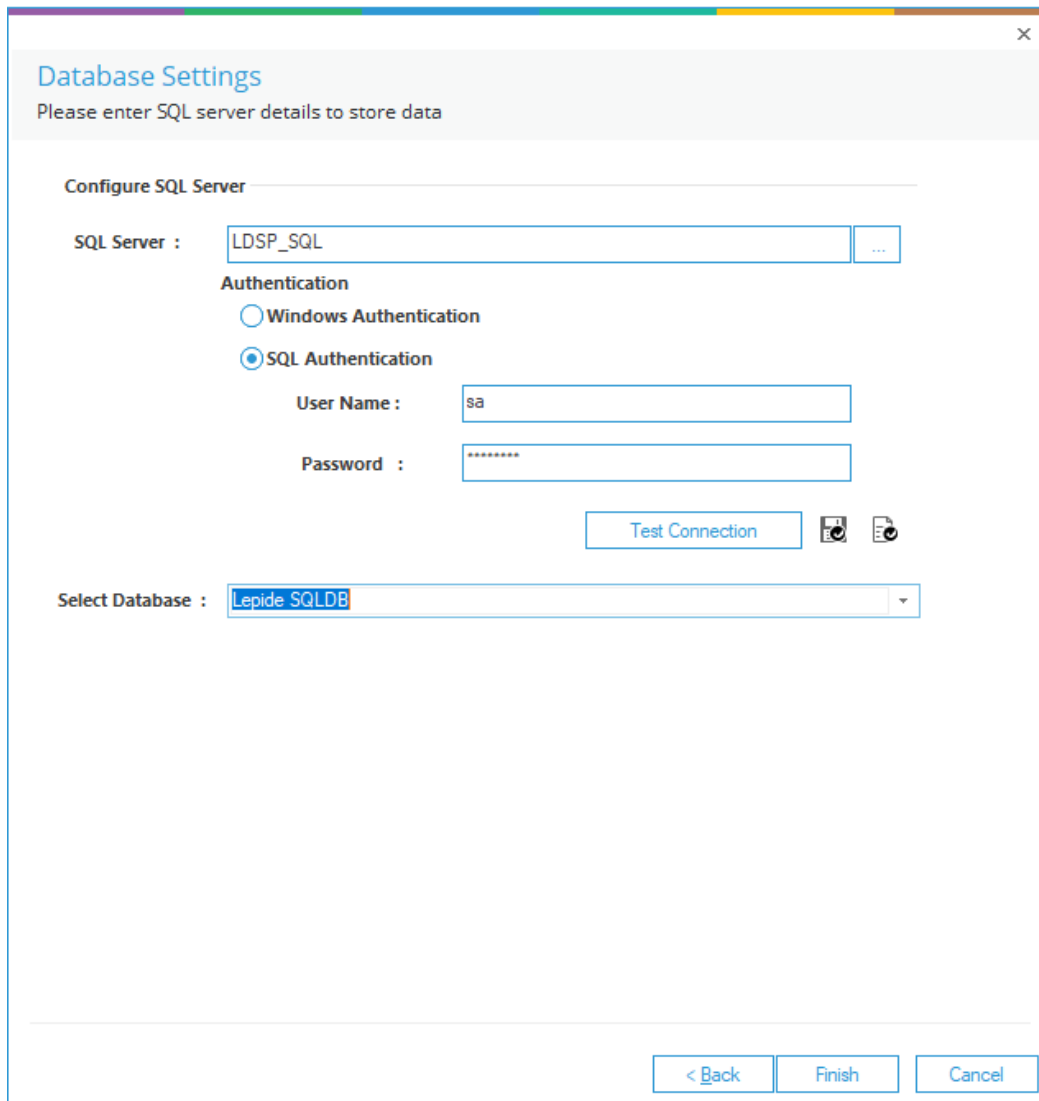


Figure 3: Database Settings

12. Click **Finish**.

3.2. Add SQL Server with Advanced Configuration

1. In the following wizard, you need to select the **Advanced Configuration** option.

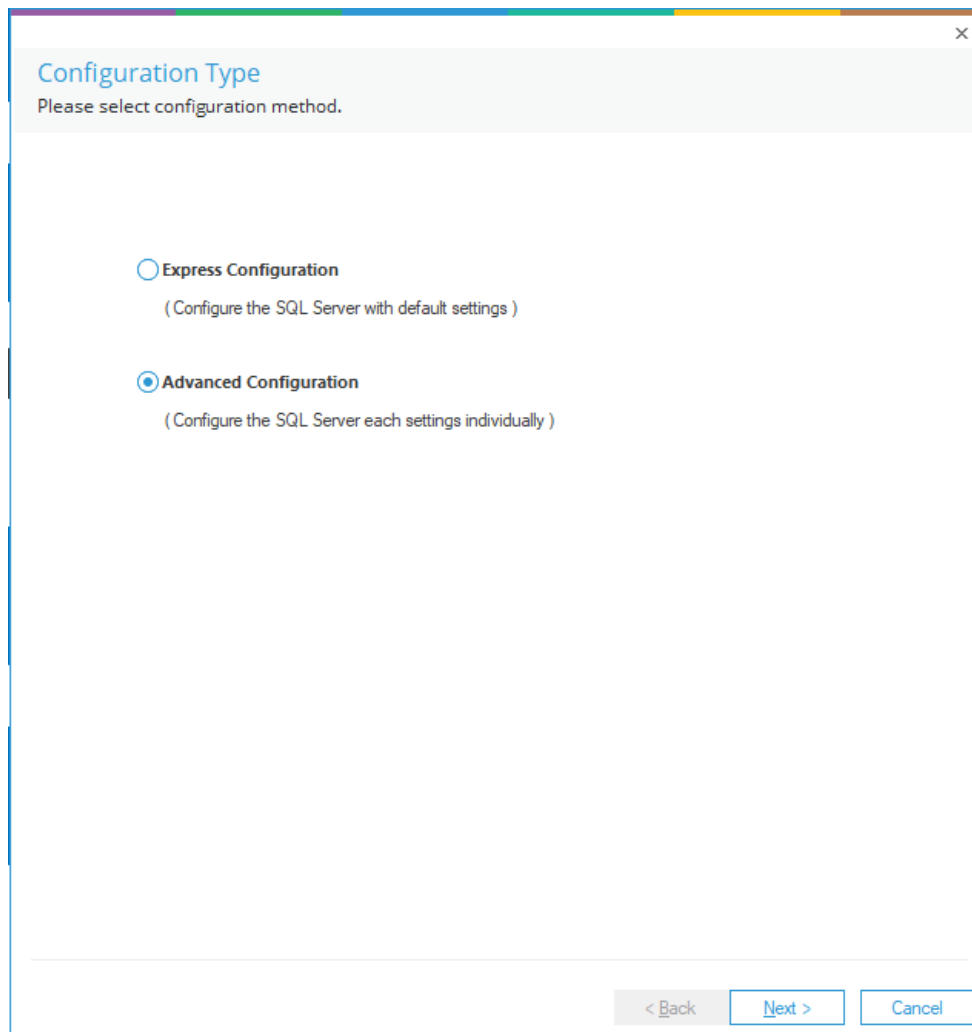


Figure 4: Adding SQL Server with Advanced Configuration

13. Click **Next**.

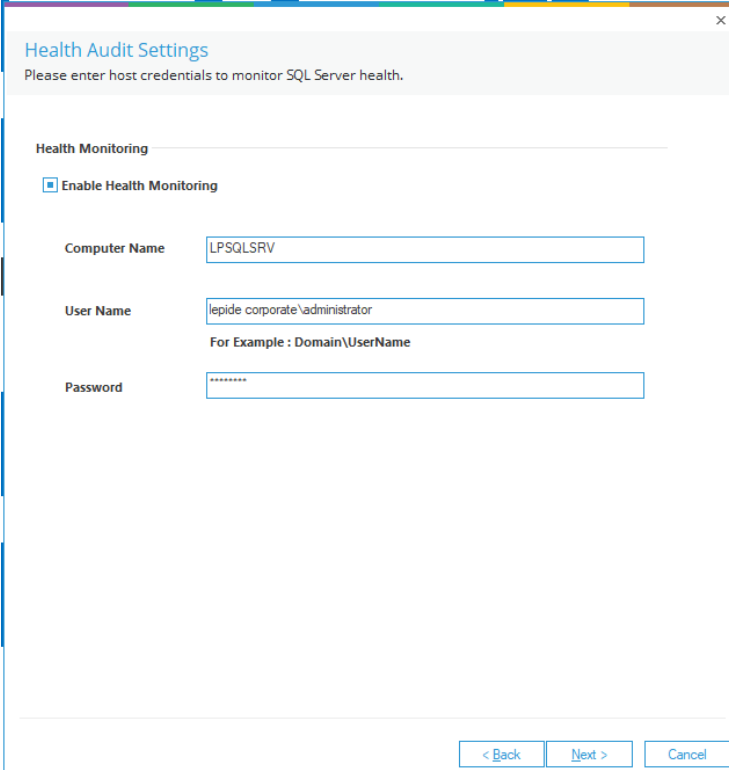
The following steps are the same as when adding SQL Server using Express Configuration and have previously been discussed in this guide. Click the following links to return to these topics:

- Section 3.1.1 SQL Server Details
- Section 3.1.2 Database Settings

The remaining steps are discussed in detail as follows:

3.2.1. SQL Health Monitoring

14. The next step displays the SQL Server Health Monitoring Settings.



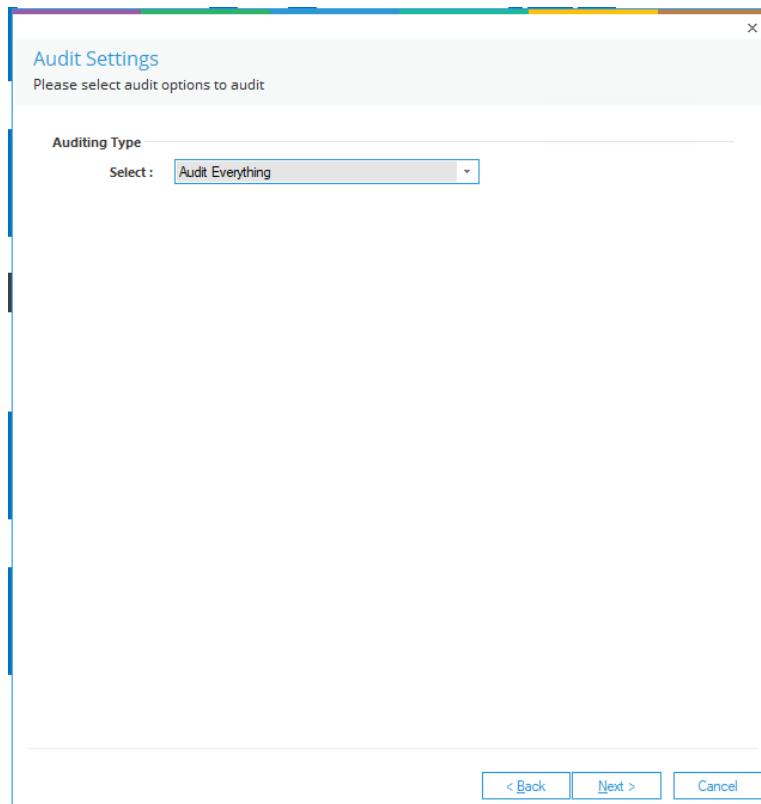
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Health Audit Settings" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there is a subtitle "Please enter host credentials to monitor SQL Server health." The main content area is titled "Health Monitoring" and contains a checkbox labeled "Enable Health Monitoring" which is checked. Below this, there are three input fields: "Computer Name" with the value "LPSQLSRV", "User Name" with the value "lepide corporate\administrator", and "Password" with a masked value "*****". A small text label "For Example : Domain\UserName" is positioned below the User Name field. At the bottom right of the dialog, there are three buttons: "< Back", "Next >", and "Cancel".

Figure 5: SQL Server Health Monitoring Settings

15. Check the box **Enable Health Monitoring** to enable the health monitoring of SQL Server. You must provide the following details of the computer where SQL Server is installed.
 - a. **Computer Name:** Enter the name or IP Address of the computer where SQL Server is installed.
 - b. **User Name:** Provide the **name** of an administrator user of that computer (It can be the domain admin user as well).
 - c. **Password:** Enter the password for the above user.
16. Click **Next** to proceed.

The next step displays **Audit Settings**.

3.2.2. Audit Settings



Audit Settings

Please select audit options to audit

Auditing Type

Select:

< Back Next > Cancel

Figure 6: Audit Settings

17. Here, you need to specify the auditing type. The following options are available:

- a. **Audit Everything:** Everything at SQL Server including **all** server objects and databases will be audited.
- b. **Audit Server:** Only Server objects will be audited, whereas databases will not be audited.
- c. **Audit Server with Selected Databases:** All server objects and only selected database objects will be audited. If you select this option, then you must select which databases you want to audit.

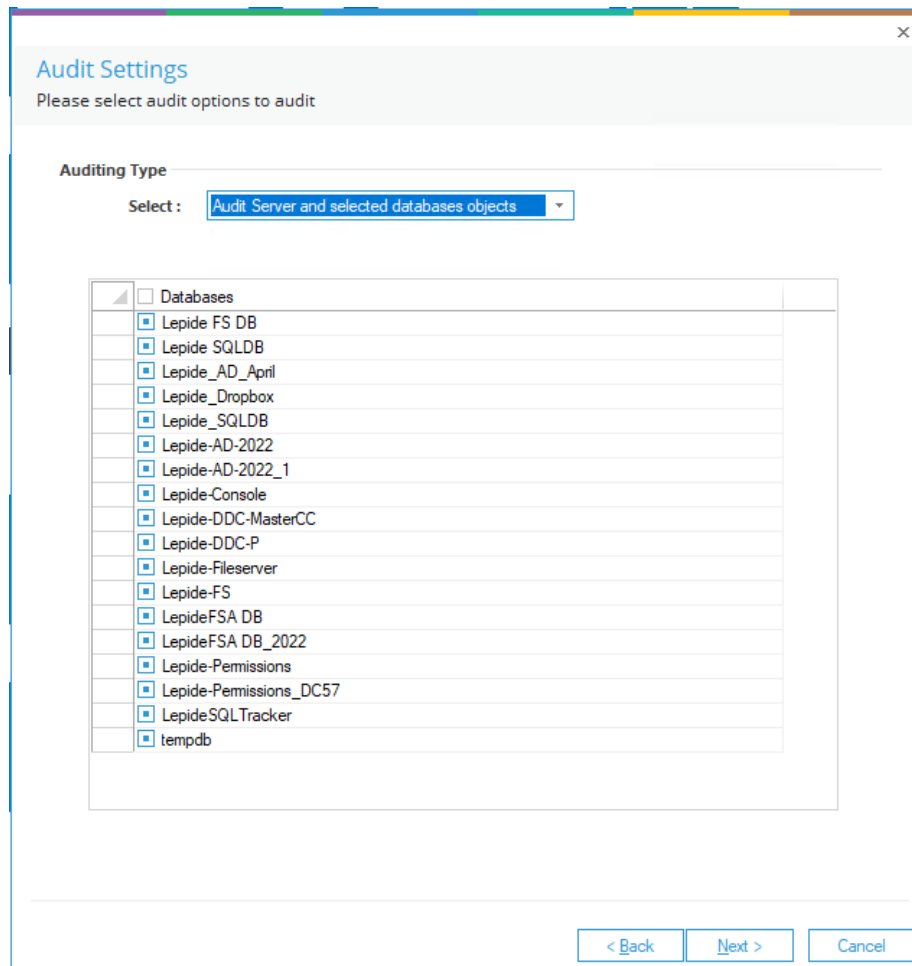


Figure 7: Listing all Databases to Audit

18. Check the boxes for the databases to be audited. Unchecked databases will not be audited or monitored. Click **Next**

The next step is **Object Settings**.

3.2.3.Object Settings

Object Settings
Please select objects(s) and operation(s) to be audited

Select Objects to Audit

Objects	Operations
Server Objects	
<input type="checkbox"/> Login	Created;Dropped;Altered;Failed
<input type="checkbox"/> Alert	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> DTS Package	Created;Dropped
<input type="checkbox"/> Database	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Database Backup	Created
<input type="checkbox"/> Database Restore	Created
<input type="checkbox"/> Job	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Database Replication	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Server Permissions	Altered
Database Objects	
<input type="checkbox"/> Table	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Stored Procedure	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Trigger	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Function	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> User	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Role	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Data Type	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Default	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Rule	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> View	Created;Dropped;Altered
<input type="checkbox"/> Full Text Catalog	Created;Dropped;Altered

< Back Next > Cancel

Figure 8: Object Settings

19. In this step, you can specify the server objects, database objects, and operations for auditing. You can check the box for the object that has to be monitored. Also, you can click the operation list for an object to select which operations have to be included in or excluded from auditing.

Follow the steps below to select the operations for an object.

- Select an operation cell for an object either server or database.

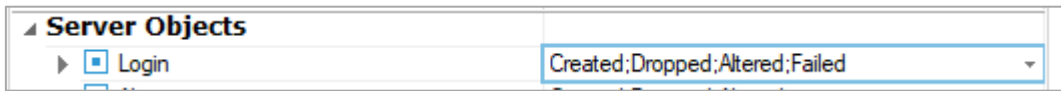


Figure 9: Enabled Operations for an Object

- It will show  arrow. Click the down arrow to access the list of operations.

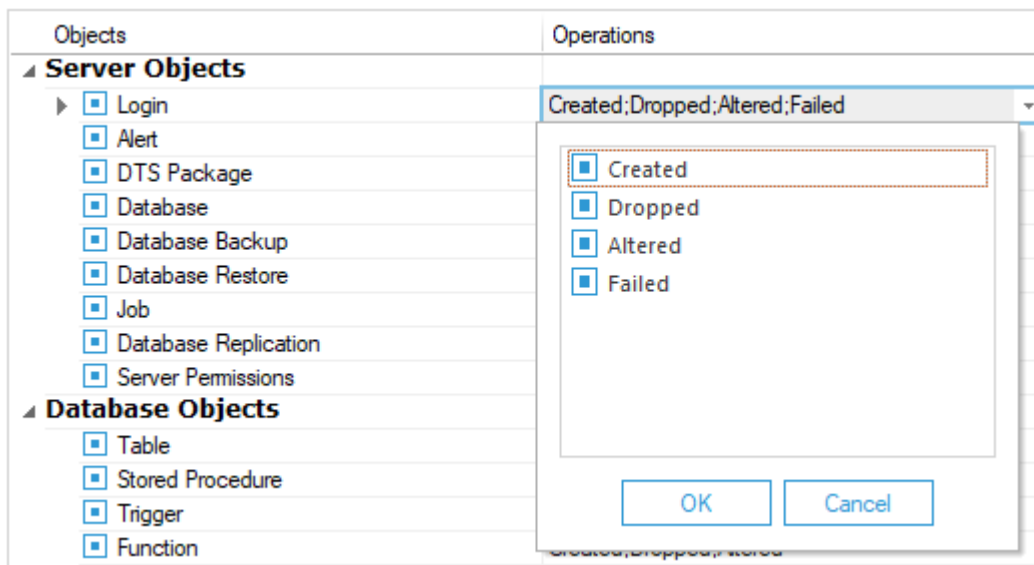


Figure 10: Listing all Operations for an Object

- Uncheck the operations that you do not want to audit.

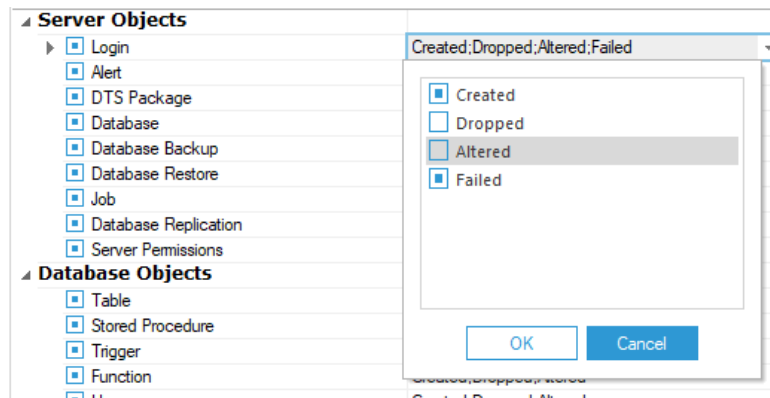


Figure 11: Modifying the Selection of Operations

- Click **OK** to modify the selection of operations for **Login** object.

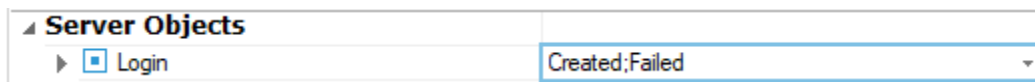


Figure 12: Selected Different Operations

- Click **Next** . The next page displays **UserSettings**.

3.2.4. User Settings

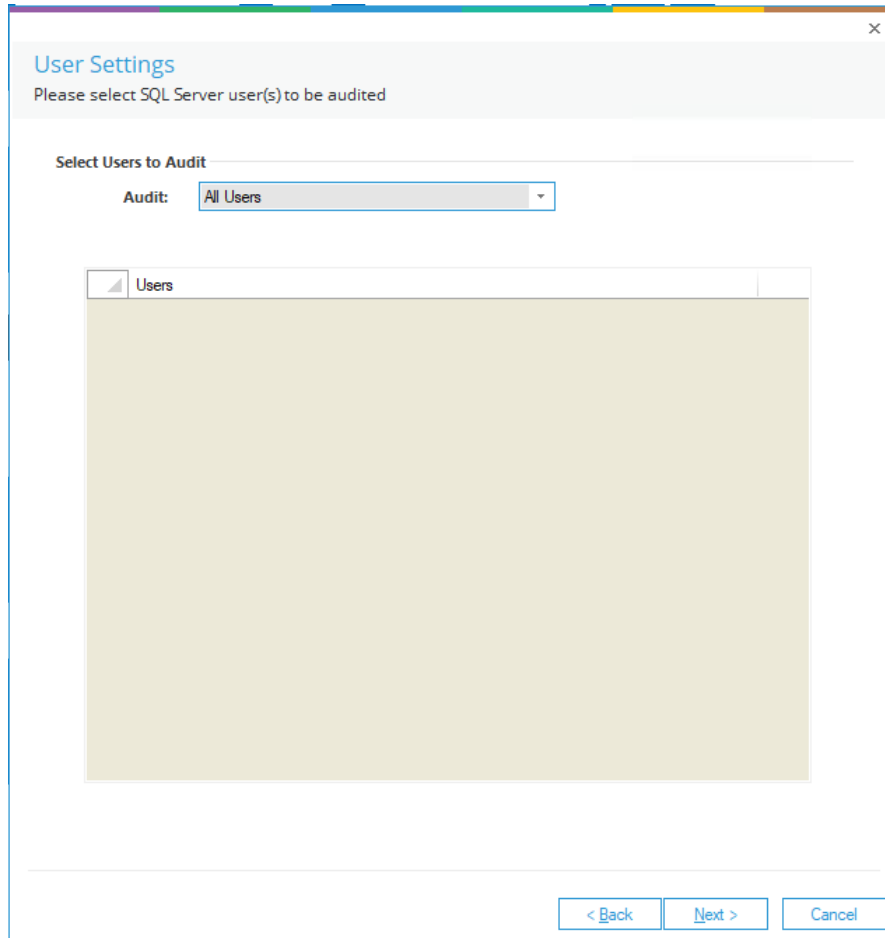


Figure 13: User Settings

User Settings has the following options.

- Audit All Users: Select this option to audit all users.
- Audit Selected Users: Select this option to enable the **Users** section and enumerate all SQL users in it.

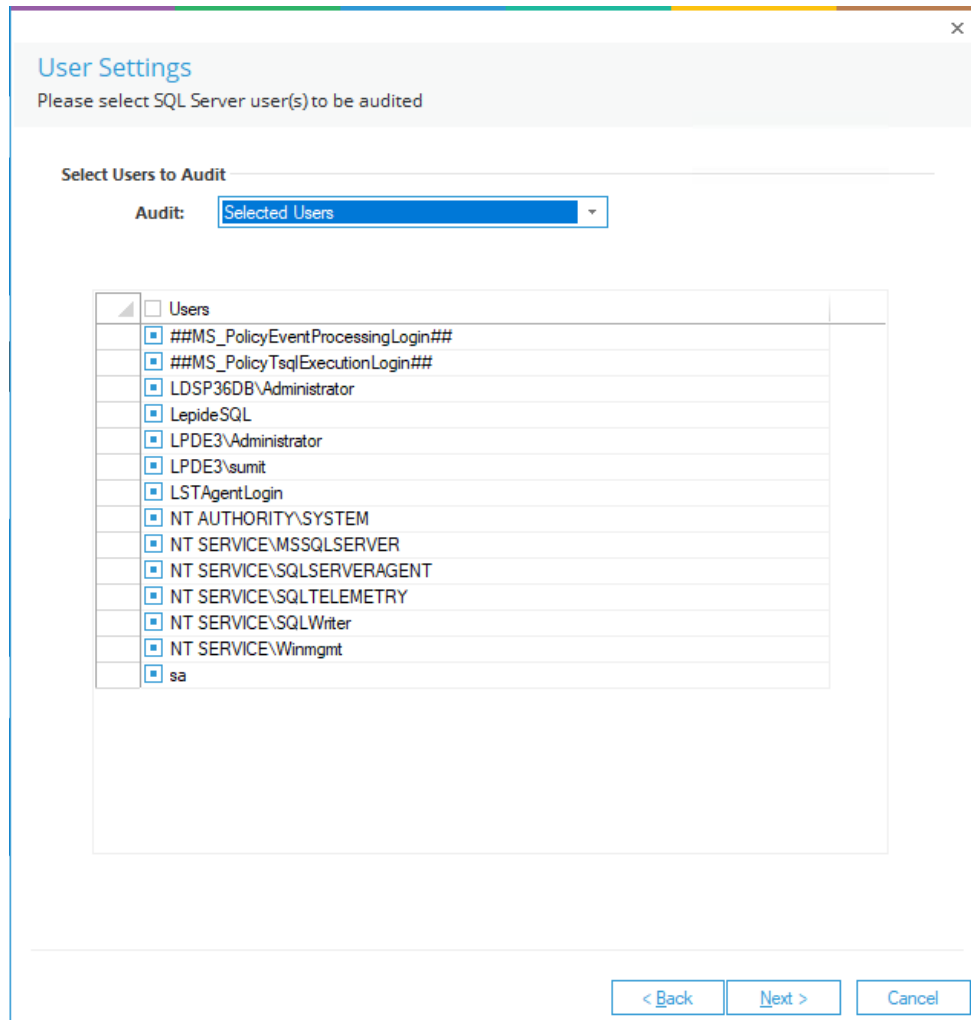


Figure 14: Listing all SQL Server Users

20. Here, you can check the users to be audited and uncheck others to exclude from auditing.
21. Click **Next**. The next page displays database settings.

3.2.5. Archive Database Settings

22. In this step, you need to provide archive data details. It is an optional step that you can skip it if you do not want to archive the audit data.

Archive Settings
Please configure the settings to archive the old logs

Archive Audit Data

Configure SQL Server

SQL Server :

Authentication

Windows Authentication

SQL Authentication

User Name :

Password :

Test Connection

Database Name :

Schedule

Weekly Monthly

Archive Older than Days

Delete records from current database after archiving

< Back Finish Cancel

Figure 15: Archive Database Settings to Add SQL Server

23. Archive Database Settings are discussed in the process of adding a domain. For further information, please refer to our [Advanced Configuration Guide for Active Directory](#).
24. Click **Finish** to complete the process.

Once you have performed all steps to add an SQL Server through Express Configuration or Advanced Configuration, a message box appears onscreen that needs the permission to restart the solution.

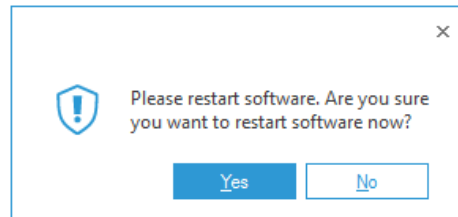


Figure 16: Asking to Restart the Solution

25. Click **Yes** to restart the solution.
26. After the restart, a new tab is created in both **Radar** and **Health Monitoring** Tabs. Once restarted, a new SQL Server tab is created under **Radar** tab.

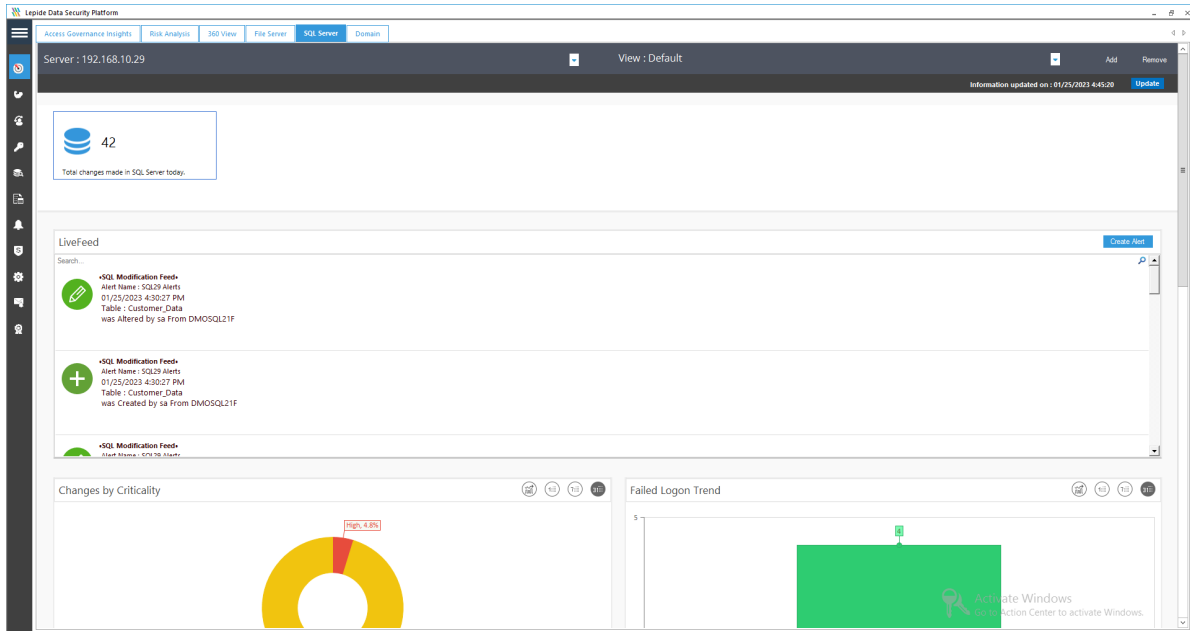


Figure 17: SQL Server Tab in Radar

SQL Server Settings are displayed in **Settings** Tab under **Component Management**.

The screenshot displays the 'Settings' tab in the Lepide Data Security Platform. The left sidebar shows a navigation menu with 'Component Management' selected. The main content area is titled 'LPSQLSRV(SQL)' and shows a table of SQL Server components. The table has columns for 'Component', 'Change Auditing Status', 'Health Monitoring Status', and 'Details'. The 'SQL Server' component is selected, and its details are shown below the table. The details include 'Last Change Information', 'Data Archiving Information', and 'General Information'.

Component	Change Auditing Status	Health Monitoring Status	Details
SQL Server			
LPSQLSRV(SQL)	Connection successful on : 1/17/2023 8:16:...	Connection successful on : 1/17/2023 8:16:...	N/A
Data Insertion	N/A		Data insertion successful on : 1/17/2023 8:15:26 PM

More Information

Last Change Information
Last changes collected on : 1/17/2023 8:15:26 PM

Data Archiving Information
Data never archived

General Information
Audit Information :
Audit Server : LPSQLSRV
Auditing Type : Audit All
SQL Server : LPSQLSRV
Database Name : Lepide-SQL

Figure 18: SQL Server Management

- SQL Server Management lets you manage and remove the listing of SQL Server. Here, you can uninstall the auditing agent, configure the auditing, reinstall the auditing agent, and manage health monitoring.

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