



USE CASE GUIDE

HOW TO RESTORE OBJECTS IN ACTIVE DIRECTORY

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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 using the Lepide Data Security Platform to backup and restore the state of Active Directory and Group Policy.

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. Rollback Unwanted Changes

There are times when changes made to Active Directory or Group Policy are unauthorized or unwanted. In these cases, administrators need to be able to restore the changes back to their original state as quickly as possible to mitigate the effects that these changes have on the organization.

The Lepide Object Restore Wizard, which is part of the Lepide Data Security Platform, enables you to rollback these unwanted changes to their original state in a single click.

It does this by automatically capturing backup snapshots of Active Directory and Group Policy Objects at regular intervals and saving their state. Administrators can then use these snapshots to restore the deleted and modified objects. even if they have entered a recycled state or have been physically deleted from Active Directory.

3. Backup Snapshots

Backup Snapshots are backups of the state of Active Directory and Group Policy Objects at a point in time when the snapshot is captured. It is not the actual backup, which you would use to restore the Active Directory or Group Policies in the case of emergency when the server or Active Directory has crashed. A snapshot is used to restore the state of Active Directory, Group Policies, or their objects individually but only if Active Directory or the Server is in working condition.

4. Enabling Scheduled Backups

To enable backups for Active Directory and Group Policy:

1. Click the **Settings** icon 
2. Click on the **Active Directory Component** and the following screen will be displayed:

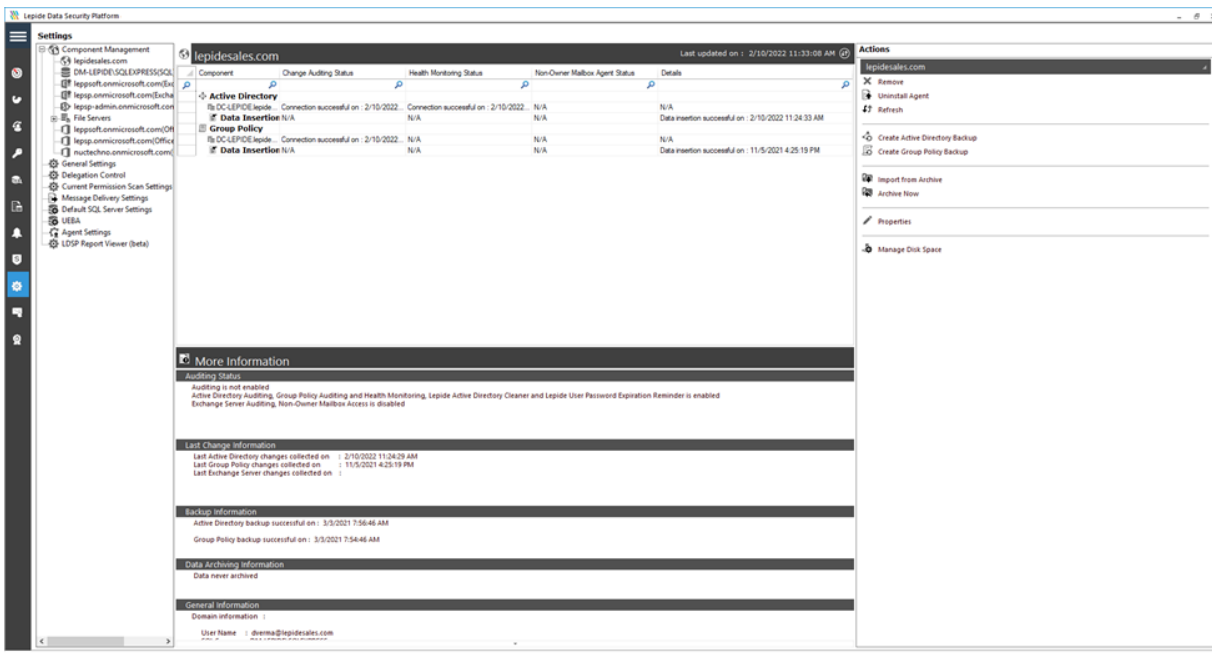


Figure 1: Active Directory Settings

3. Click **Properties** (found on the right-hand side of the screen)

The Domain Credentials dialog box is displayed:

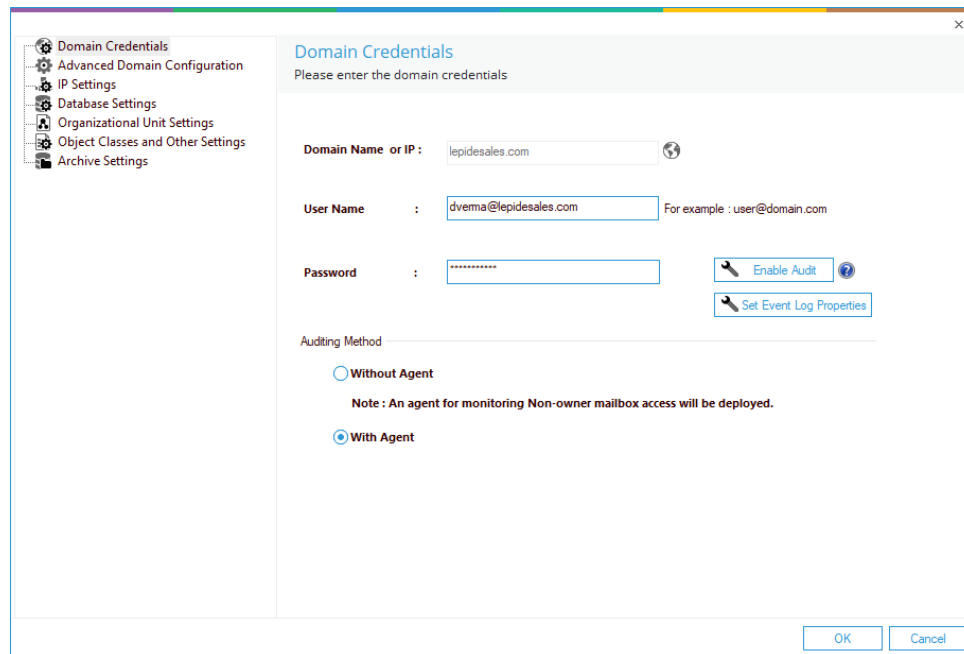


Figure 2: Domain Credentials

4. Choose **Advanced Domain Configuration** (from the left-hand list of options) and the Advanced Domain Configuration dialog box is displayed:

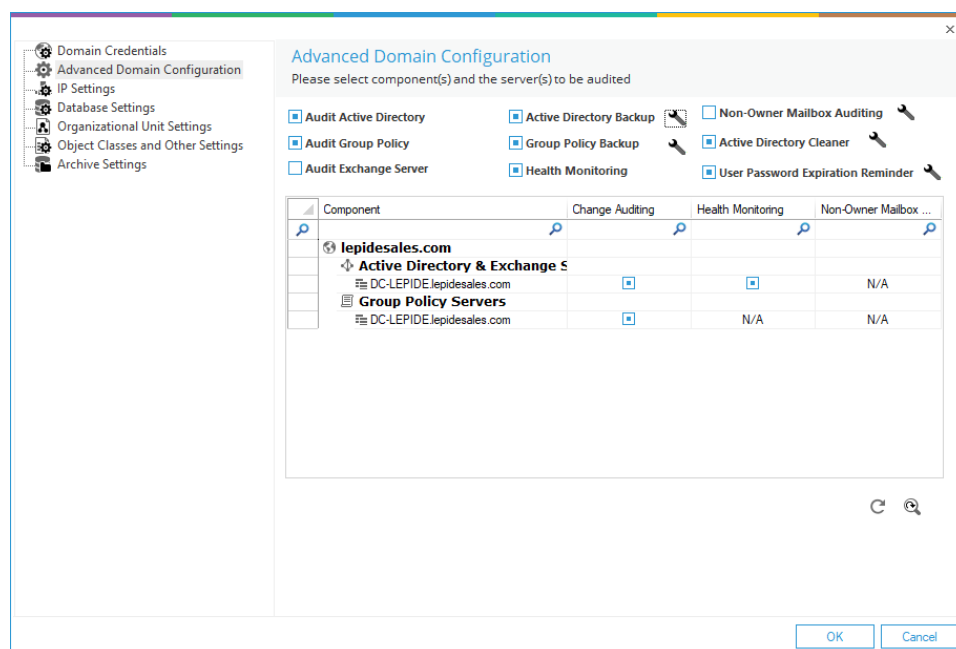



Figure 3: Advanced Domain Configuration

5. Check the **Active Directory Backup** and **Group Policy Backup** options to enable them
6. Once the backups are enabled, a backup will automatically run every month.
7. If you want to change the settings for the schedule of the backup, click the adjacent  icon to open the Backup Settings dialog box:

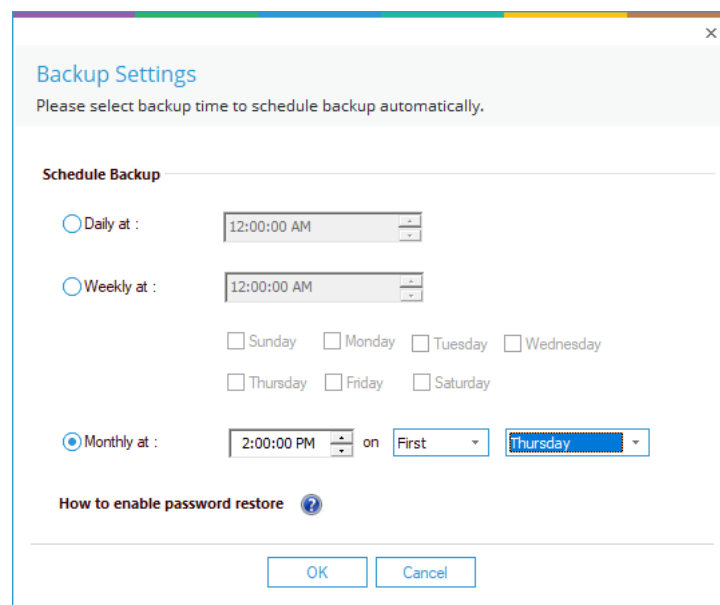


Figure 4: Schedule to Capture Backup of State of Objects


- Select the **Daily**, **Weekly**, or **Monthly** option from the dialog box.

In the **Daily** settings you can customize the time

In the **Weekly** settings, you can specify the time and the days on which backup snapshots will be captured

In the **Monthly** settings you can specify the time and day of the month to run the backup snapshots

8. Click **OK** to apply the settings and return to the Advanced Domain Configuration dialog box.
9. Click **OK** to return to the Active Directory settings screen.

Similarly, you click the  icon for **Group Policy Backup** and follow the above steps to configure the Group Policy Backup.

Backup Information can be seen on the lower part of the Active Directory Settings Screen:

The screenshot displays the 'Active Directory' settings page in the Lepide Data Security Platform. The left sidebar lists various components under 'Settings', including 'Component Management', 'File Servers', 'General Settings', 'Delegation Control', 'Current Permission Scan Settings', 'Message Delivery Settings', 'Default SQL Server Settings', 'ADSA', 'Agent Settings', and 'LDAP Report Viewer (beta)'. The main content area shows a table with columns for Component, Change Auditing Status, Health Monitoring Status, Non-Owner Mailbox Agent Status, and Details. The table lists 'Active Directory' and 'Group Policy' with their respective statuses and last update times. Below the table, there are sections for 'More Information', 'Last Change Information', 'Backup Information', 'Data Archiving Information', and 'General Information'. The 'Backup Information' section shows the last successful backup times for Active Directory and Group Policy. The 'Data Archiving Information' section shows that data has never been archived. The 'General Information' section shows the domain name and user name.

Component	Change Auditing Status	Health Monitoring Status	Non-Owner Mailbox Agent Status	Details
Active Directory	Connection successful on : 2/10/2022	Connection successful on : 2/10/2022	N/A	N/A
Group Policy	Connection successful on : 2/10/2022	N/A	N/A	N/A

More Information

Auditing is not enabled
Active Directory Auditing, Group Policy Auditing and Health Monitoring, Lepide Active Directory Cleaner and Lepide User Password Expiration Reminder is enabled
Exchange Server Auditing, Non-Owner Mailbox Access is disabled

Last Change Information

Last Active Directory changes collected on : 2/10/2022 11:24:29 AM
Last Group Policy changes collected on : 11/5/2021 4:25:19 PM
Last Exchange Server changes collected on :

Backup Information

Active Directory backup successful on : 3/3/2021 7:56:46 AM
Group Policy backup successful on : 3/3/2021 7:56:46 AM

Data Archiving Information

Data never archived

General Information

Domain information :
User Name : dherma@lepidedatasecurity.com

Actions

- Remove
- Uninstall Agent
- Refresh
- Create Active Directory Backup
- Create Group Policy Backup
- Import from Archive
- Archive Now
- Properties
- Manage Disk Space

Figure 5: Active Directory Settings

5. Capturing Backup Snapshots

Section 4 of this guide explained how to enable and schedule regular backup snapshots. However, there are times when you want to run a backup snapshot immediately to capture the present point in time. For example, as a precaution, before restoring an object it is important to create a backup so you can return to the point before the object was restored if necessary.

5.1. To Create a Backup Snapshot:

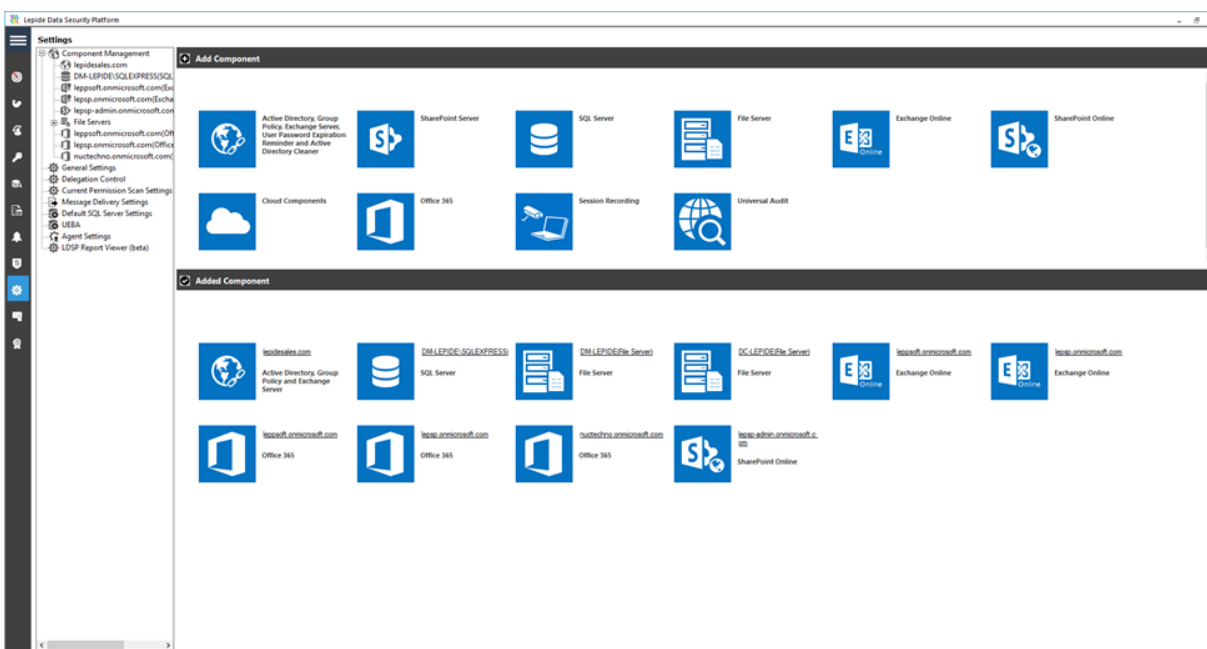


Figure 6: Component Management Window

1. From the Component Management window, click the Settings icon



- Click on the **Active Directory Component** and the following screen will be displayed:

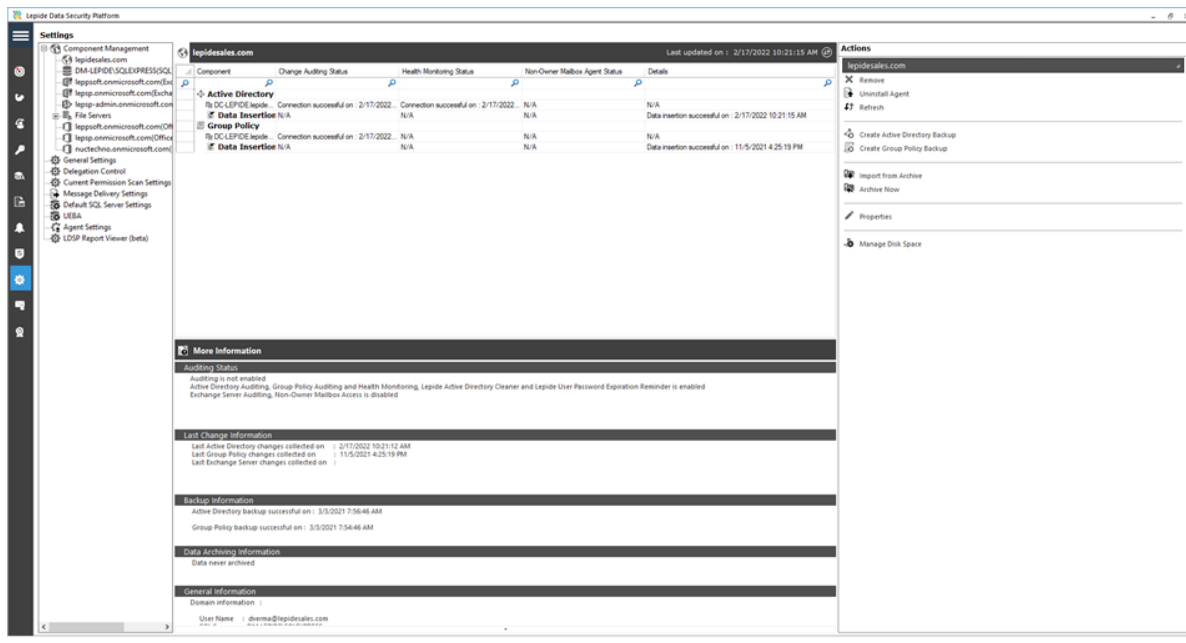



Figure 7: Actions for a Domain

- To the right-hand side of this window in the **Actions** pane there are two backup options:
 - Click **Create Active Directory Backup** to create a backup snapshot of Active Directory
 - Click **Create Group Policy Backup** link to create a backup snapshot of Group Policy

6. Move Backup Snapshot Data

The path for storing the backup snapshot data is set in the Database Settings dialog box. There are times when you may want to change the storage location for example if the storage gets full.

To view the current path and change the location do the following:

1. Click the **Settings** icon  from the Component Management Screen
2. Click on the Active Directory Component
3. Click **Properties**

The Domain Credentials dialog box is displayed:

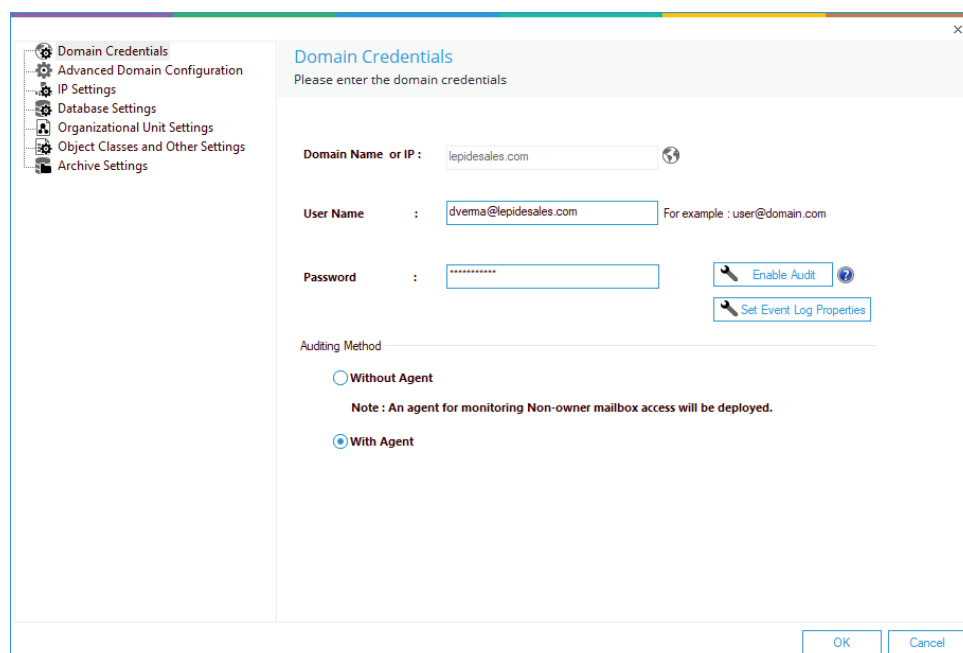


Figure 8: Domain Credentials

4. Choose **Database Settings** (from the left-hand list of options) and the Database Settings dialog box is displayed:

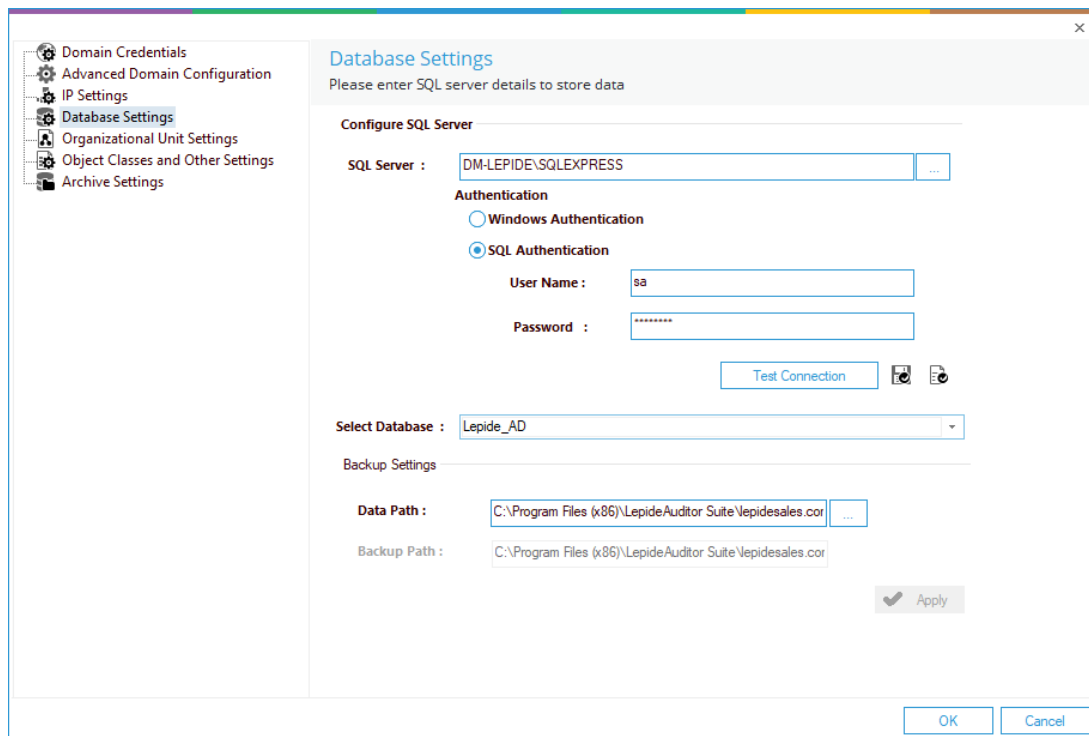


Figure 9: Database Settings

The **Data Path** is displayed under **Backup Settings**.

You can modify the path of both the Reference Backup and Complete Backup. If you are modifying their paths, then you can use the **Move Data** utility to move the backup from the previous location to the new location.

Follow the steps below to modify the path of the Reference Backup or Complete Backup.

1. From the Database Settings dialog box, click  icon to access the following dialog box to select the new folder to save the Active Directory or Group Policy Backup:

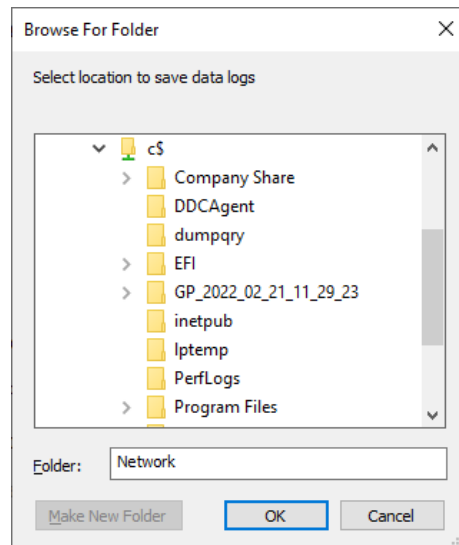


Figure 10: Dialog Box to Select the Folder

2. Select a folder and click **OK**. You will return to the Database Settings dialog box which now shows the newly selected folder in the Data Path box

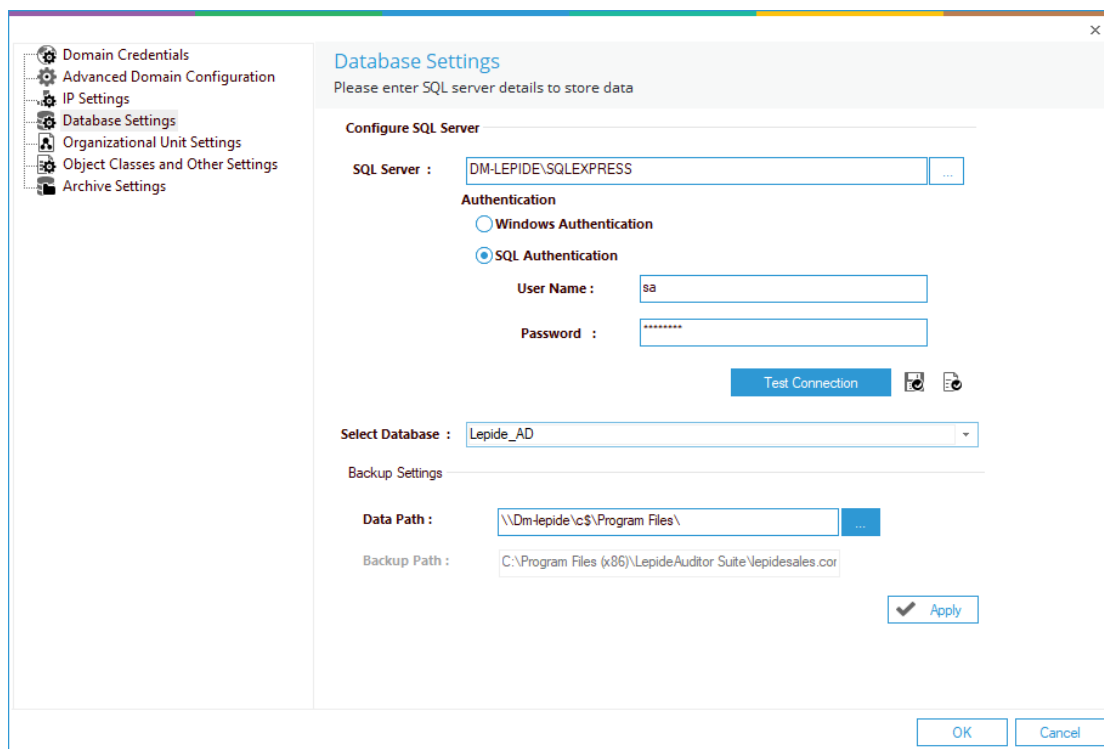


Figure 11: Sample Path of New Backup Location

3. Click **Apply**

This starts the **Move Data Wizard** which provides the steps to move old backup data from the old location to the newly selected location.

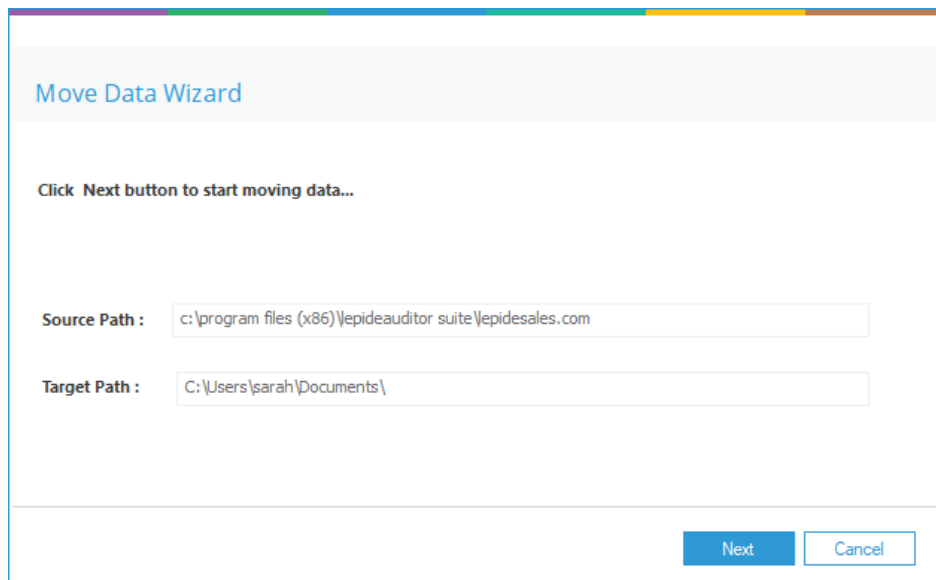


Figure 12: Utility to Move the Backup Data

4. Click **Next** to move old backup data to the new location. Select **Cancel** if you want to keep the old data in its existing location but change the location of new backup data.

Once the backup data is moved successfully, the following message box appears on the screen:

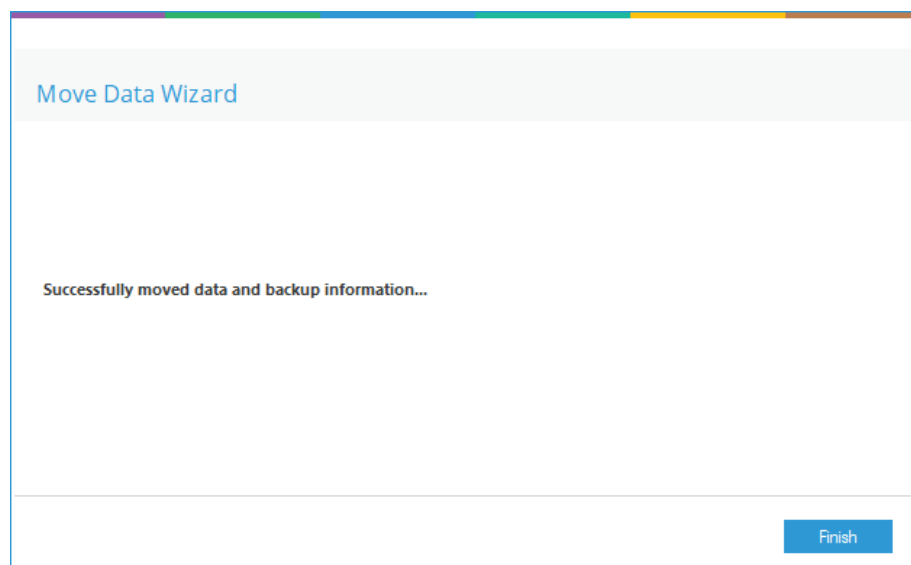



Figure 13: Data has been Moved Successfully

5. Click **Finish** to close the wizard. It takes you back to the **Database Settings** dialog box
6. Click **OK**

7. Restore Active Directory Objects

There are two ways to restore Active Directory objects. Objects can be restored individually using **Active Directory Reports** or they can be restored using the **Restore Wizard** for larger numbers of objects.

7.1. Restore from Active Directory Reports

- From the Component Management Window, click the **User & Entity Behavior Analytics**  icon
- To the left-hand side of the screen is a tree structure listing the reports
 1. Expand the **file server name** (from the tree structure)
 2. Expand **Active Directory Reports**
 3. Expand **Active Directory Modification Reports**
 4. Expand **All Modification Reports**
 5. Select **Object Modifications**

The Object Modifications Report is displayed:

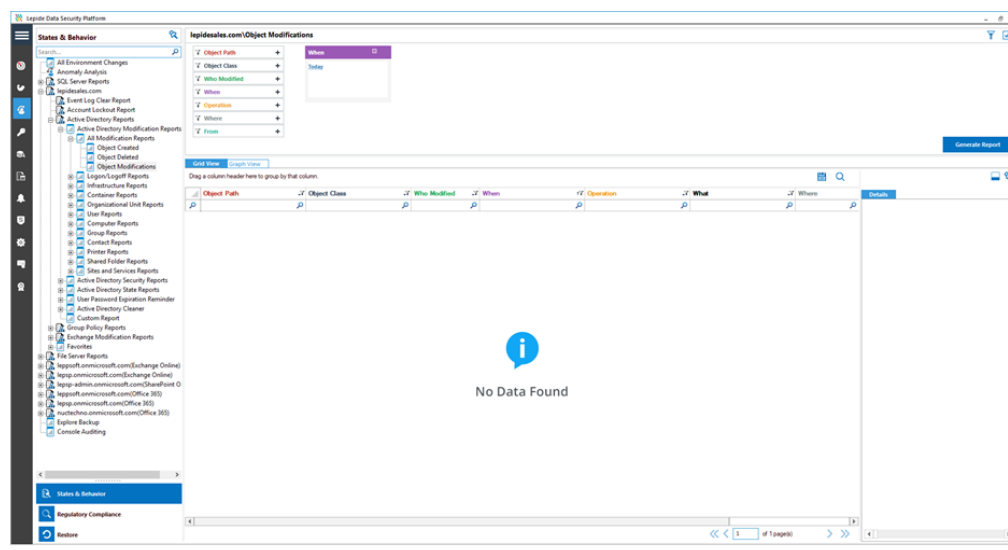


Figure 14: Object Modifications Report

6. From the **When** Box at the top, click on **Today**

The When Filter dialog box is displayed:

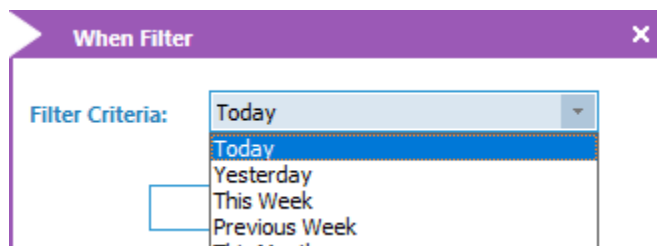


Figure 15: When Filter

7. Choose a date range from the drop-down menu
8. Click **OK**
9. Click **Generate**

The report will run and will display information on all modifications made:

Object Path	Object Class	Who Modified	When	Operation	What	Where
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Jill Case	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	12/20/2021 10:30:41 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified : [Description] Mo...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	12/20/2021 10:23:31 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified : [Description] Mo...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/19/2021 10:04:58 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified : [Lockout-Time]...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified : [User-Account C...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\Users\Domain Admins	Group	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Members Added	Members Added : cn=Sarah.OU=LON...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified : [User-Account C...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Created	User Created : cn=Sarah.OU=LON...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\Users\Domain Admins	Group	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Members Added	Members Added : cn=Vikas Kaurhik...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\Users\Domain Admins	Group	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/9/2021 9:24:14 AM	Members Added	Members Added : cn=Vikas Kaurhik...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\INDIA\Vikas Kaurhik	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/9/2021 9:23:14 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified : [User-Account C...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\INDIA\Vikas Kaurhik	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/9/2021 9:23:14 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified : [User-Account C...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...
\\com\lepidesales\INDIA\Vikas Kaurhik	User	LEPIDESALES\dharma	10/9/2021 9:23:14 AM	Created	User Created : cn=Vikas Kaurhik...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.c...

Figure 16: Object Modifications Report

If no data is displayed, it could be because you need to run an Active Directory scan. For information on how to do this, see Section 7.2, Configure the Solution to Run a Scan.

The Object Modifications Report

This report lists information about each object modification with column headings including Object Path, Object Class, Who Modified, When and the Operation performed.

When a row is selected, further information as to what was modified is displayed in the Details section to the right-hand side of the report.

In the example below the first row has been selected. This shows that User Properties were modified. In the Details window to the right, there is more information on exactly what has been modified. It shows that the Description was changed from "" to Finance:

The screenshot shows the Lepide Data Security Platform interface. On the left is a navigation pane with categories like 'States & Behavior', 'Regulatory Compliance', and 'Reports'. The main area displays the 'Object Modifications' report for 'lepidedata.com'. A table lists modifications with columns: Object Path, Object Class, Who Modified, When, Operation, and What. The first row is selected, showing a modification to 'User Properties' for the object 'LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma'. The Details pane on the right shows the specific changes: 'Properties Modified: [Description] Mo...' and 'User Created: -com\lepidedata\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma'.

Object Path	Object Class	Who Modified	When	Operation	What
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	12/20/2021 10:30:41 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified: [Description] Mo...
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	12/20/2021 10:23:31 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified: [Description] Mo...
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/19/2021 10:04:58 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified: [Description] Mo...
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified: [Description] Mo...
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Members Added	Members Added: -com\lepidedata\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Created	User Created: -com\lepidedata\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/11/2021 7:57:31 AM	Members Added	Members Added: -com\lepidedata\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/9/2021 9:24:14 AM	Members Added	Members Added: -com\lepidedata\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/9/2021 9:23:14 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified: [Description] Mo...
LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	User	LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma	10/9/2021 9:22:14 AM	Created	User Created: -com\lepidedata\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma

Details for the selected row:

- Object Path: LEPIDE\LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma
- Object Class: User
- Who Modified: LEPIDE\Sales\Sharma
- When: 12/20/2021 10:30:41 AM
- Operation: Properties Modified
- What: Properties Modified: [Description] Mo...

Figure 17: Object Modifications Report Showing Details Window

To restore this change, you can **right click** on the row:

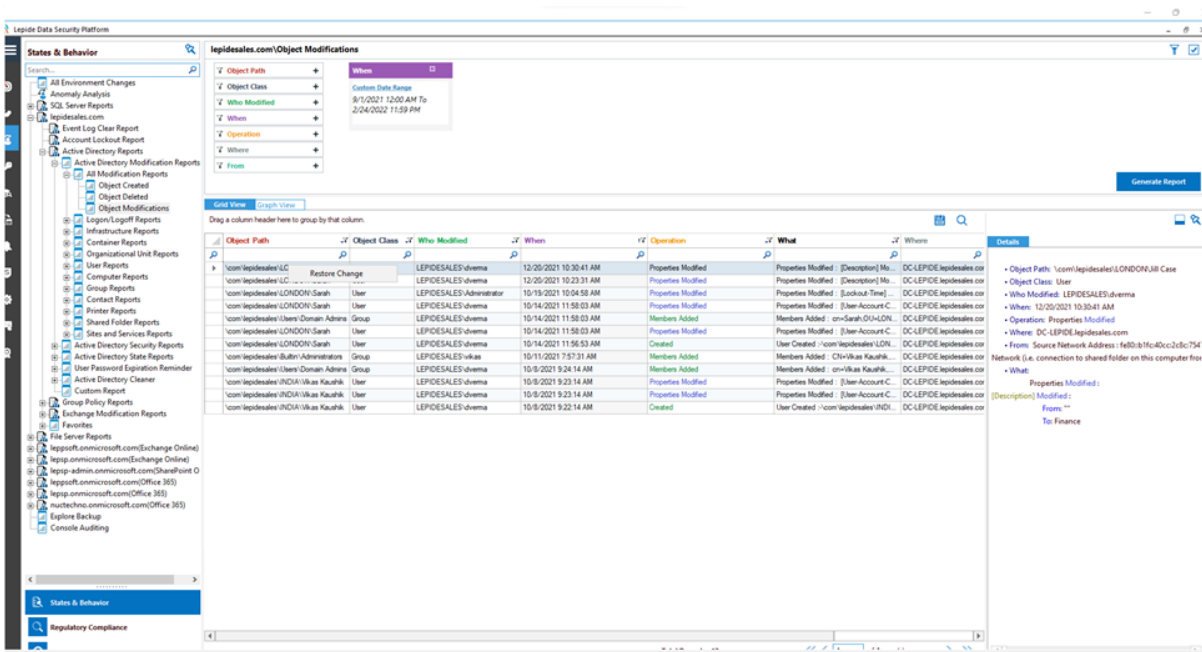


Figure 18: Restore Change Option

To Restore the change:

1. Right click on the row to be restored
2. Select **Restore Change**
3. The following message box will appear:

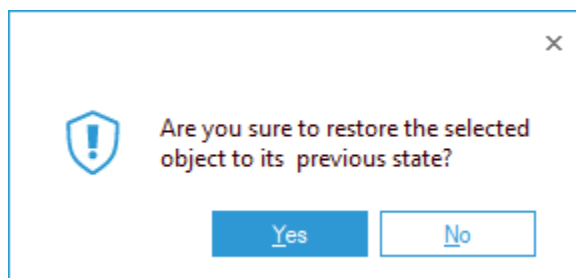


Figure 19: Asking to Confirm Restore of Object State

4. Choose **Yes** and the change will be restored.

A message box will appear confirming it has been restored successfully:



Figure 20: Restored Successfully

- Click OK

Now when you run the Object Modifications Report you will see the modification listed showing it has been restored back to its previous state:


Object Path	Object Class	Who Modified	When	Operation	What	Where	Details
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\All Case	User	LEPIDESALES\shema	2/24/2022 10:30:58 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified [Description] Ms...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	Object Path: \\com\lepidesales\LONDON\All Case
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\shema	12/20/2021 10:23:31 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified [Description] Ms...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	Object Class: User
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\Administrator	12/20/2021 10:04:58 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified [Lockout Time]...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	Who Modified: LEPIDESALES\shema
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified [User Account C...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	When: 2/24/2022 10:30:58 AM
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified [User Account C...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	Where: DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.com
\\com\lepidesales\Users\Domain Admins	Group	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/14/2021 11:58:03 AM	Members Added	Members Added: cn=Sarah.OU=LON...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	From: Source Network Address: 172.31.22.237
\\com\lepidesales\LONDON\Sarah	User	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/14/2021 11:56:53 AM	Created	User Created: \\com\lepidesales\LON...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	Network (i.e. connection to shared folder on this computer from
\\com\lepidesales\Builtin\Administrators	Group	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/11/2021 7:57:31 AM	Members Added	Members Added: CN=Vikas Kaushik...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	What:
\\com\lepidesales\Users\Domain Admins	Group	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/9/2021 9:36:14 AM	Members Added	Members Added: cn=Vikas Kaushik...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	Properties Modified:
\\com\lepidesales\INDIA\Utkas Kaushik	User	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/9/2021 9:23:14 AM	Properties Modified	Properties Modified [User Account C...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	From: Finance
\\com\lepidesales\INDIA\Utkas Kaushik	User	LEPIDESALES\shema	10/9/2021 9:22:14 AM	Created	User Created: \\com\lepidesales\IND...	DC-LEPIDE\lepidesales.cor	To: ""

Figure 21: Object Modifications Report

In the example above, the modification has been restored and the Description has changed back from Finance to "".

7.2. Configure the Solution to Run a Scan

The Lepide Data Security Platform needs to be configured to run an Active Directory scan before the report can be run and the steps to do this are as follows:

1. Click on the **Settings** icon 
2. Click on **Current Permission Scan Settings**

The following screen will be displayed:

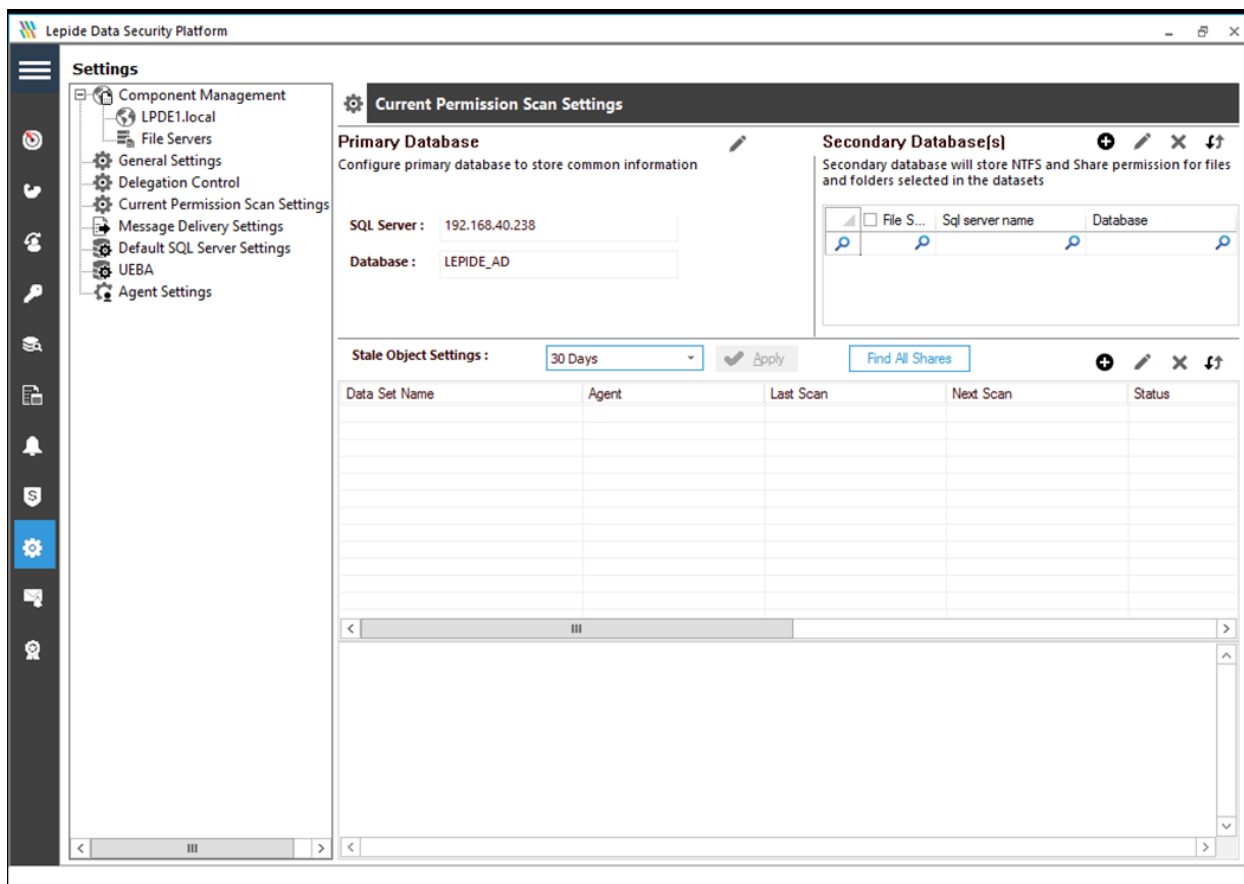


Figure 22: Current Permission Scan Settings

Adding a Dataset

The middle section of the screen will show the data set information.

3. To add a data set, click the  button (from the middle section of the screen)

The **Data Set Information** dialog box is displayed:

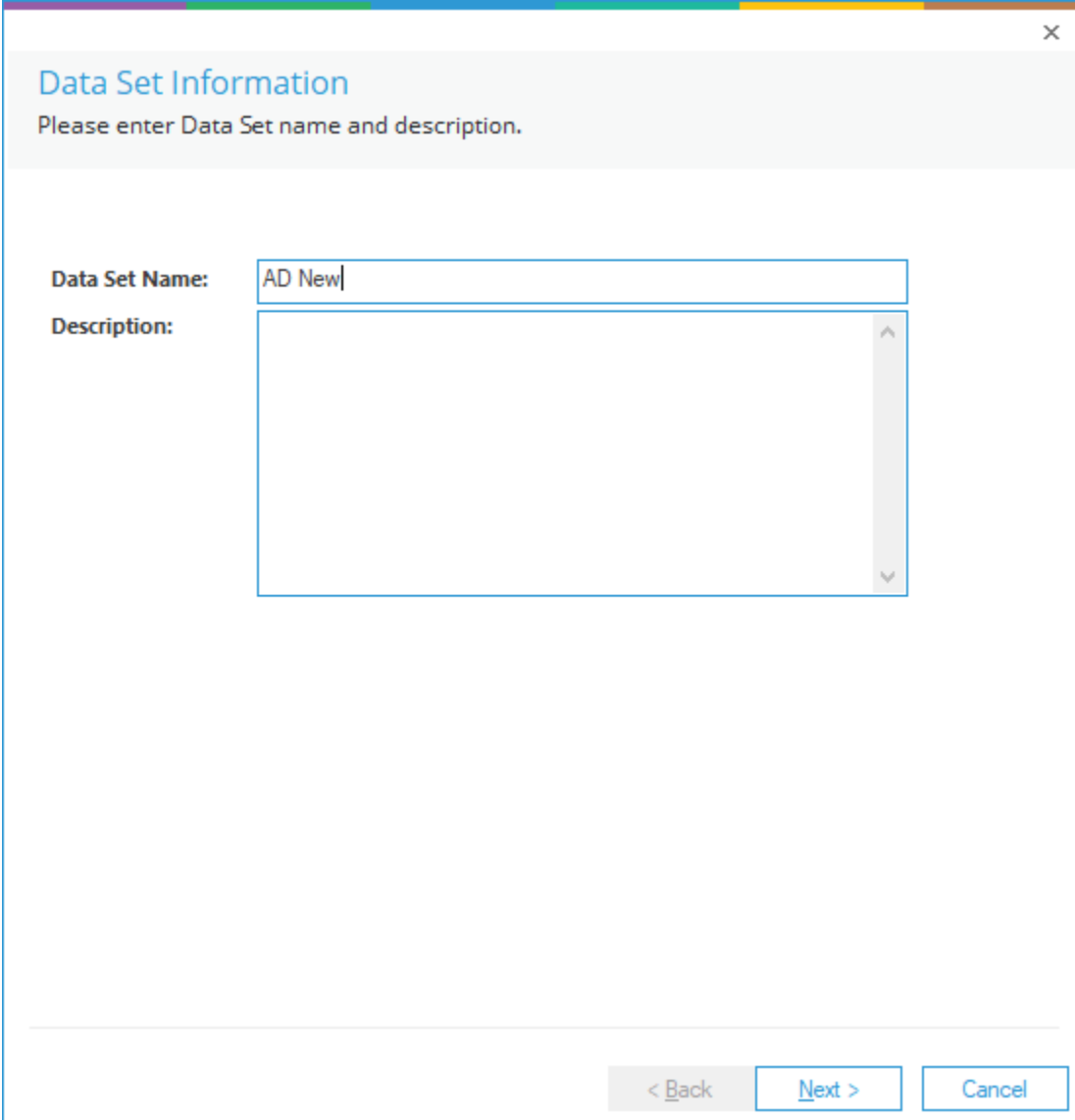
The image shows a 'Data Set Information' dialog box. At the top, there's a title bar with a close button (X). Below the title bar, the text 'Data Set Information' is displayed in a blue font, followed by the instruction 'Please enter Data Set name and description.' in a smaller, grey font. The main area of the dialog contains two labels: 'Data Set Name:' and 'Description:'. The 'Data Set Name' label is positioned to the left of a text input field that contains the text 'AD New'. The 'Description' label is positioned to the left of a large, empty text area with a vertical scrollbar on the right side. At the bottom of the dialog, there are three buttons: '< Back' (disabled), 'Next >' (active), and 'Cancel'.

Figure 23: Data Set Information

4. Type in a **Data Set Name** and a **Description**
5. Click **Next**

The Component and Server Information dialog box is displayed:

[illegible]

Figure 24: Component and Server Information

- From the Component Name drop down, select **Active Directory** (you may need to scroll up to see Active Directory in the list).

The Active Directory options will now be displayed in the dialog box:

Component and Server Information
Please select component(s) and the server(s) to be scanned

Component Name: Active Directory

☒ Scan Active Directory ☐ Scan Group Policy

Select domain(s) to scan active directory for state reports.

Server

- ☒ lepidesales.com

< Back Next > Cancel

Figure 25: Active Directory Options

7. Check the **Scan Active Directory** box
8. Select the domain(s) to scan active directory for state reports
9. Click **Next**

The **Scan Options** dialog box will be displayed:

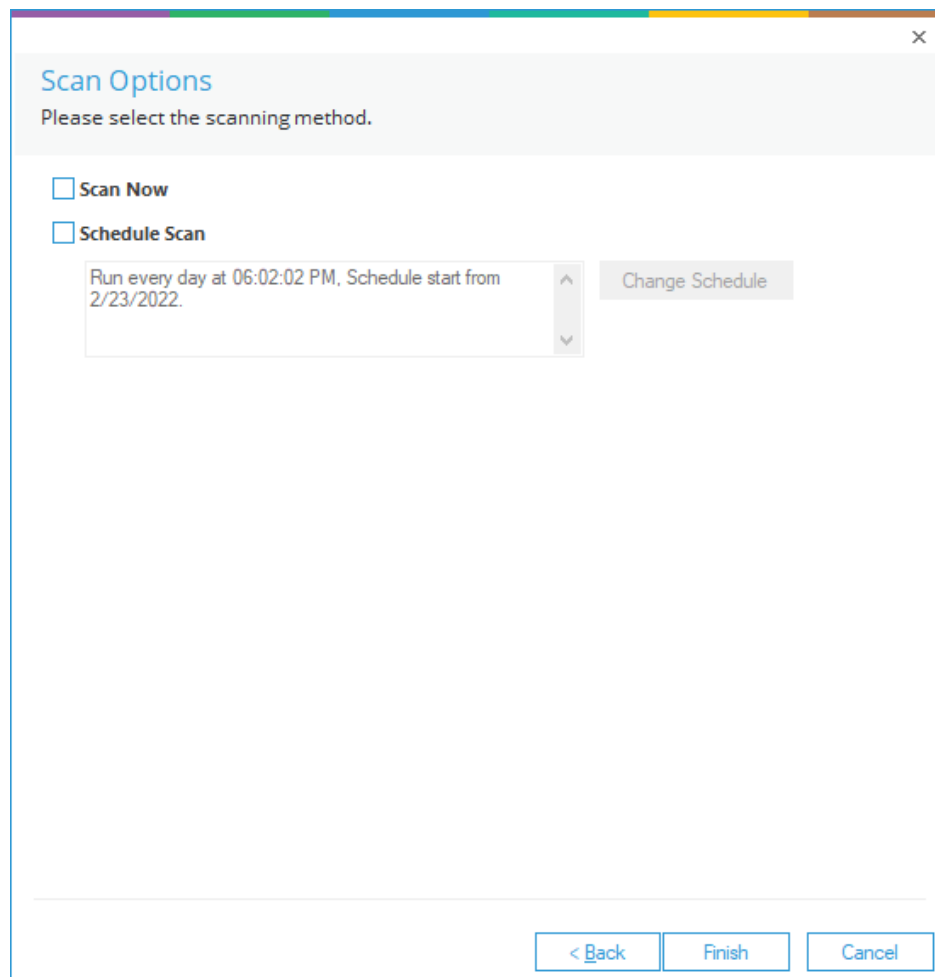


Figure 26: Scan Options

10. Select to **Scan Now** and/or **Schedule Scan**

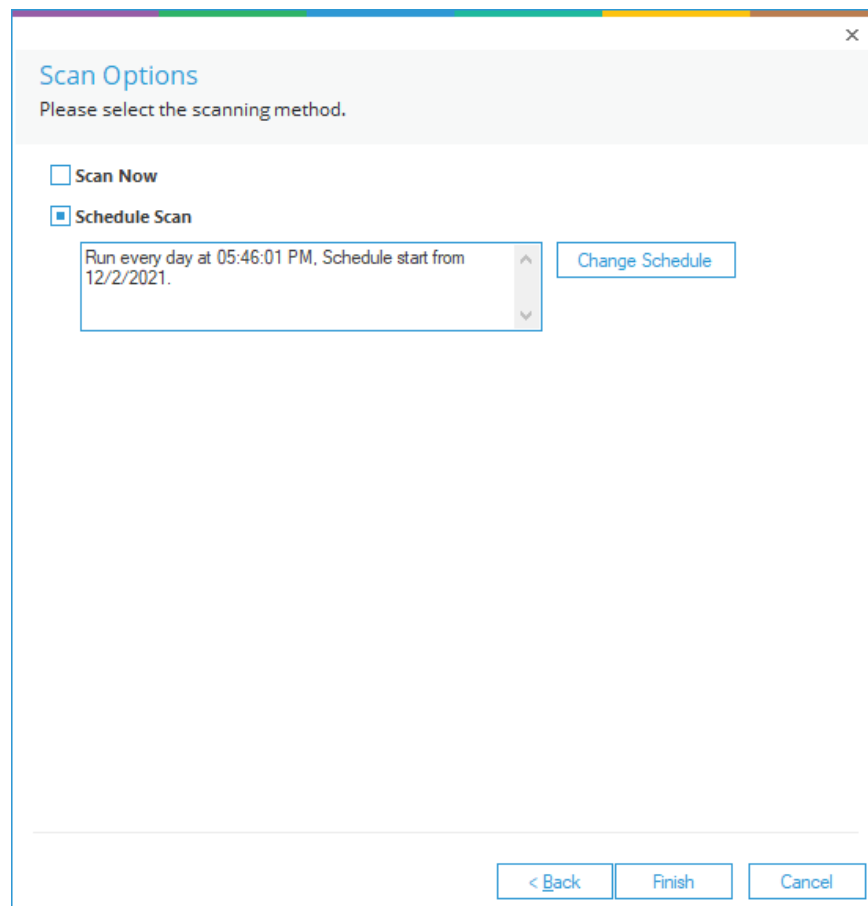


Figure 27: Scan Options, Schedule Scan

11. Choose **Schedule Scan** for the **Change Schedule** button to be enabled.
12. Click the **Change Schedule** button to change the frequency and times of the scan if required:

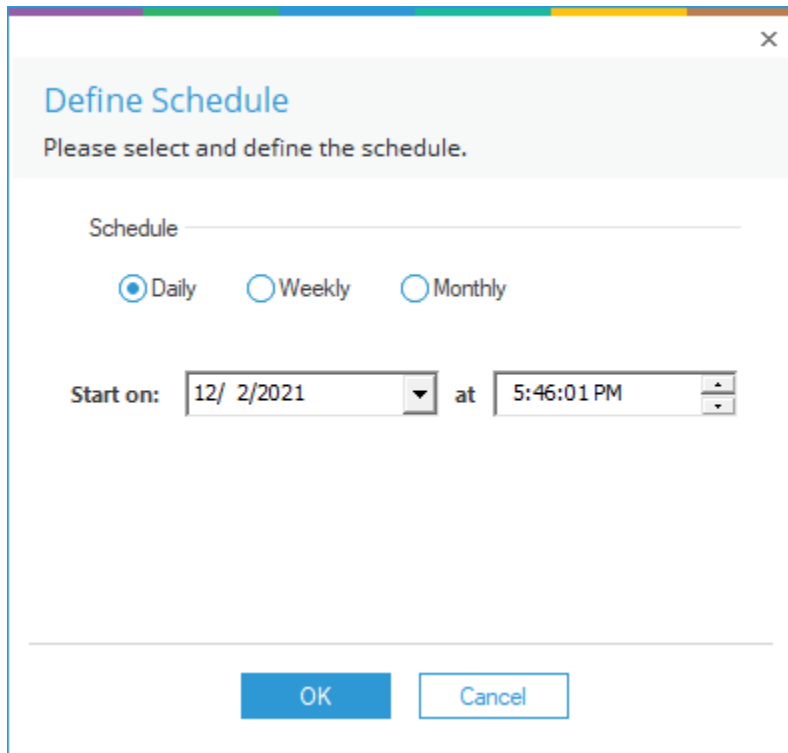
A screenshot of a 'Define Schedule' dialog box. The dialog has a title bar with a close button (X). The title 'Define Schedule' is in blue. Below the title is the instruction 'Please select and define the schedule.' There is a 'Schedule' label followed by a horizontal line. Below this are three radio buttons: 'Daily' (selected), 'Weekly', and 'Monthly'. Below the radio buttons is a 'Start on:' label followed by a date input field showing '12/ 2/2021' with a dropdown arrow, the word 'at', and a time input field showing '5:46:01 PM' with up/down arrows. At the bottom are two buttons: 'OK' (blue) and 'Cancel' (white with blue border).

Figure 28: Define Schedule

13. Click **OK** once the schedule settings are updated.
14. Click **Finish**

The Data Set information is now displayed in the middle part of the screen:

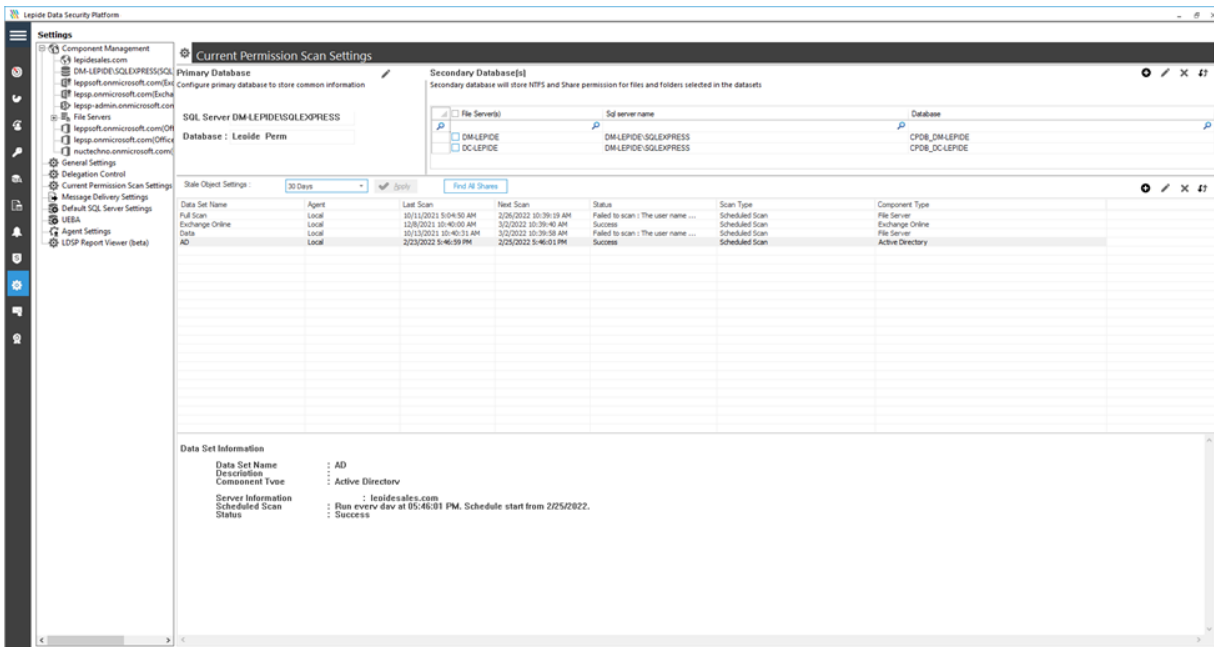


Figure 29: Data Set Settings

7.3. The Lepide Object Restore Wizard

The Lepide Object Restore Wizard enables you to roll-back unwanted changes to their original state in a single click.

Follow the steps below to restore the added, deleted, modified, renamed, or moved objects from the Backup Snapshots:

NOTE: It is essential to create a backup of the current Active Directory so that you can revert to this current state after restoring an object if required. See Section 4 of this document for the steps on how to create a backup.

- Click the User and Behavior Entity Analytics icon  to display the States & Behavior window:

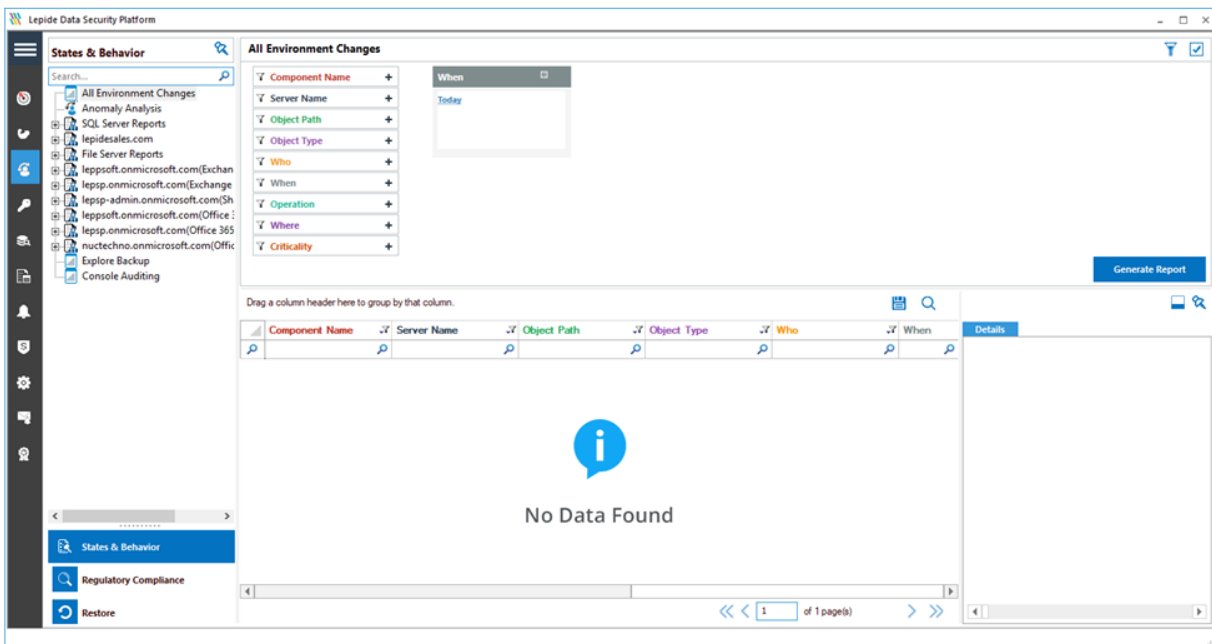
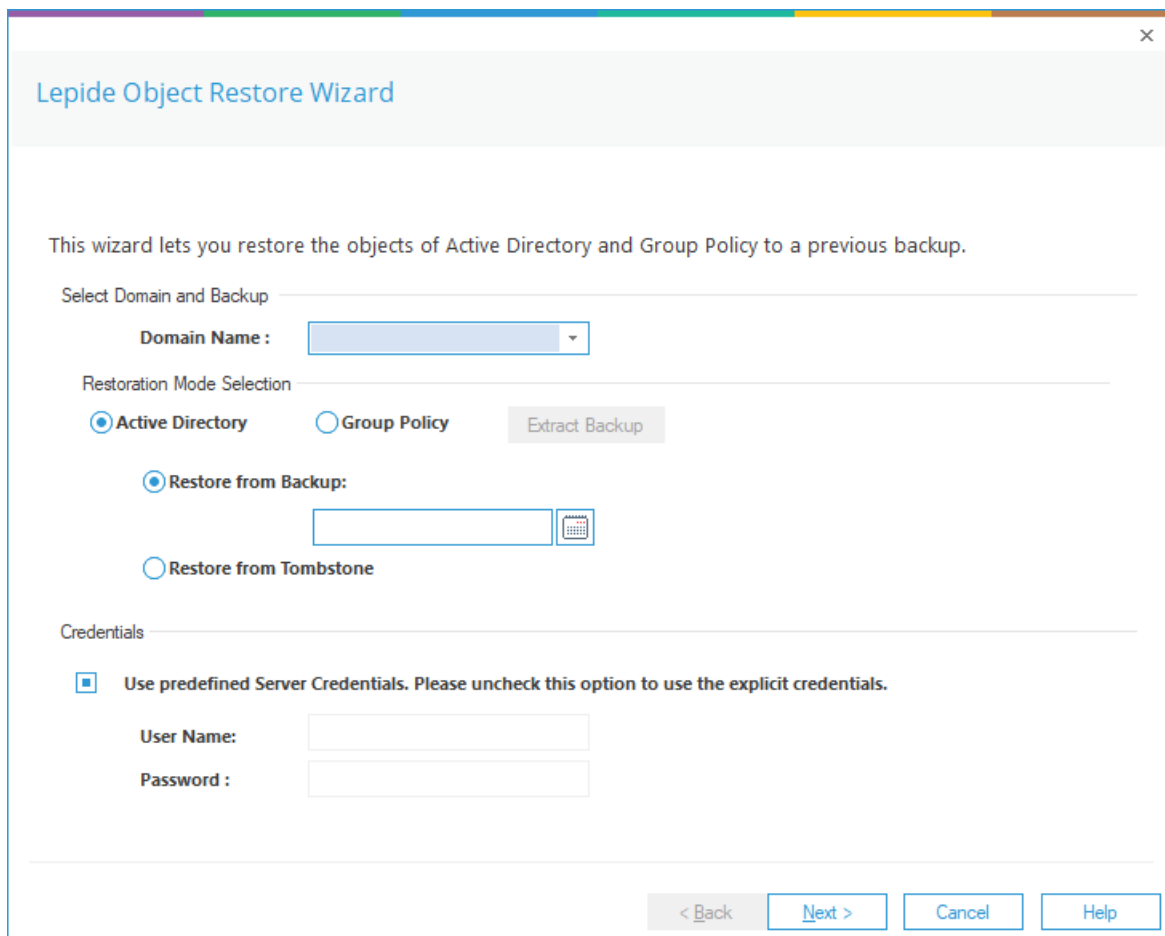


Figure 30: States & Behavior Window

- On the lower left of the window under **States & Behavior** is **Restore**

- Click the Restore icon 


The Lepide Object Restore Wizard dialog box will be displayed:



The screenshot shows the 'Lepide Object Restore Wizard' window. It has a title bar with a close button (X). The main area contains the following sections:

- Introduction:** 'This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.'
- Select Domain and Backup:** A section with a 'Domain Name' dropdown menu.
- Restoration Mode Selection:** A section with two radio buttons: 'Active Directory' (selected) and 'Group Policy'. To the right is an 'Extract Backup' button.
- Restore from Backup:** A section with a radio button (selected) and a text input field followed by a calendar icon.
- Restore from Tombstone:** A section with a radio button.
- Credentials:** A section with a checkbox 'Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.' Below it are 'User Name' and 'Password' text input fields.
- Navigation:** At the bottom right are buttons for '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

Figure 31: Object Restore Wizard

1. Select the **Domain Name** from the drop-down list
2. From the **Restoration Mode Selection** section, choose **Active Directory**
3. Choose the **Restore from Backup** option to restore the objects using Backup Snapshots
4. Click the Calendar icon  to choose a date. The following dialog box is displayed:

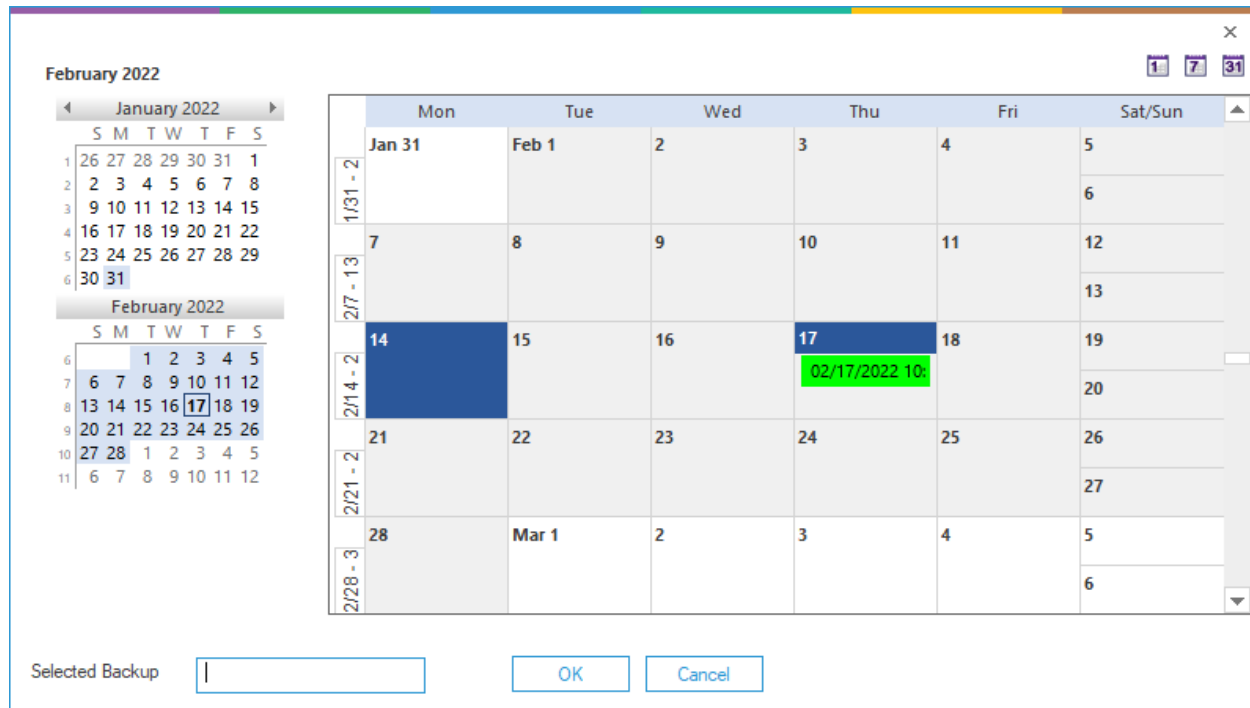


Figure 32: Selecting a Backup

This dialog box provides a way to select the required backup with the left panel showing the calendars by months and the right panel displaying either month, week or day depending on which view has been selected.

The backups will be displayed in date and time format.

To change the calendar view, use one of the three buttons at the top:



24 hours



7 days



31 days

5. Find the backup you want to restore and click on it
6. The date and time will be displayed next to **Selected Backup** at the bottom of the dialog box:

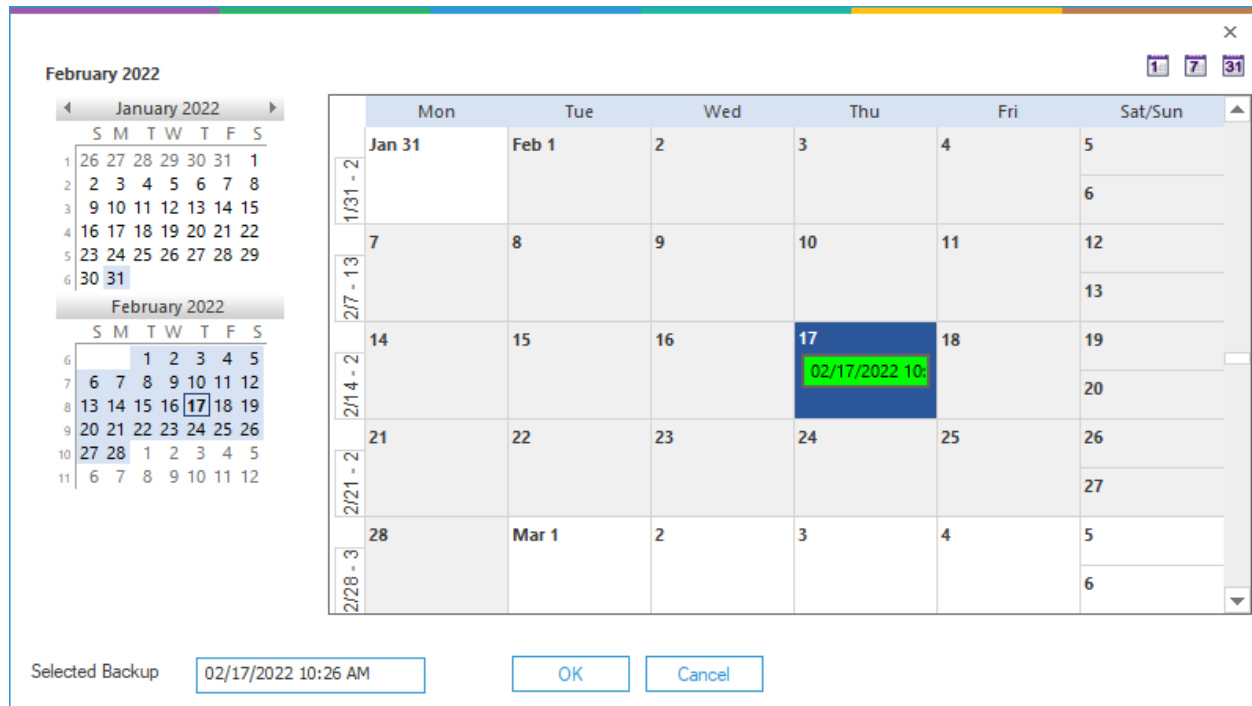


Figure 33: Selected Backup

- Click **OK** to go back to the Lepide Object Restore Wizard:

Lepide Object Restore Wizard

This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.

Select Domain and Backup

Domain Name :

Restoration Mode Selection

☒ Active Directory ☐ Group Policy

☒ Restore from Backup:

☐ Restore from Tombstone

Credentials

☒ Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.

User Name:

Password :

< Back Next > Cancel Help

Figure 34: Restore Wizard with Backup Selected

The selected backup date and time are now displayed.

8. If you want to use the same credentials as those provided while adding the domain, then keep the option **Use predefined server credentials** checked.

Alternatively, uncheck it and provide the username and password for explicit login credentials to restore the object(s).

9. Click **Next**

The Select object class(es) and Object Path dialog box is displayed:

Select object class(es) and object path

Select Class

☒ All Classes ☐ Selected Class(es)

☐ User ☐ Contact ☐ Group ☐ Computer

Select Operation

☒ Deleted ☒ Modified ☒ Created ☒ Moved ☒ Renamed

Select OU

☒ All OUs ☐ Selected OU(s)

Selected OU(s)

Add

Remove

OK

Figure 35: Object Classes and Object Path

This allows you to select filters to select which objects are to be restored. You can leave this with nothing selected to see all object modifications if required.

To select filters:

10. Select **Class**:

Select either:

- All Classes or
- Selected Classes

If you choose selected Classes, you can select one or more of the following:

- User
- Contact
- Group
- Computer

11. Select **Operation**:

Select one or more of the following:

- Deleted
- Modified
- Created
- Moved
- Renamed

12. Select **OU**

Select either:

- All OUs or
- Selected OUs

If you choose specific OUs, the **Add** button becomes available:

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Select object class(es) and object path". It has a close button (X) in the top right corner. The dialog is divided into three main sections:

- Select Class**: This section has two radio buttons: "All Classes" (selected) and "Selected Class(es)". Below these are four checkboxes: "User", "Contact", "Group", and "Computer".
- Select Operation**: This section has five checkboxes: "Deleted", "Modified", "Created", "Moved", and "Renamed".
- Select OU**: This section has two radio buttons: "All OUs" and "Selected OU(s)". Below "Selected OU(s)" is a list box with a search icon in the top right corner. To the right of the list box are two buttons: "Add" and "Remove".

At the bottom center of the dialog is an "OK" button.

Figure 36: Object Classes and Object Path

To add selected OUs:

- Click **Add**

The Explore Backup dialog box is displayed:

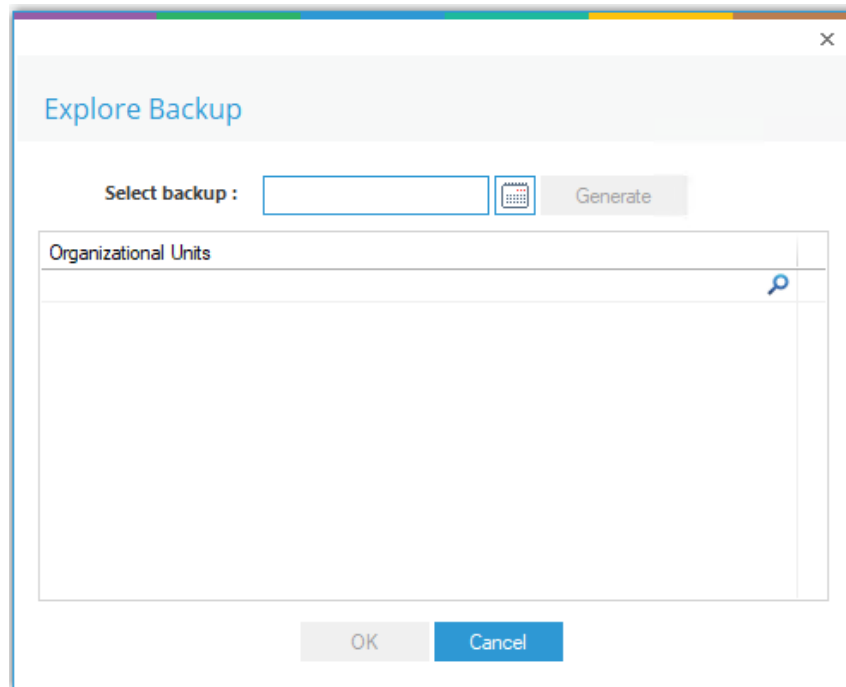



Figure 37: Explore Backup

- Click the Calendar icon  to select a backup
- Choose a Backup and click **OK**
- Click **Generate**

A list of Organizational Units is displayed:

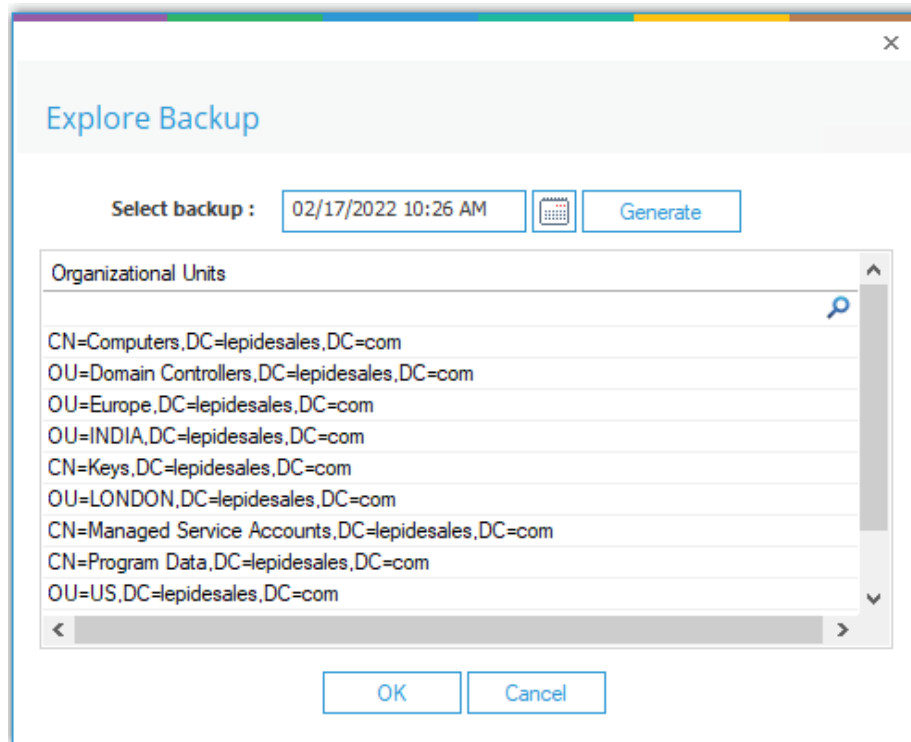


Figure 38: Explore Backup with OUs Displayed

- Select the organizational units required
- Click **OK**

The selected units are displayed in the Select object class(es) and object path dialog box:

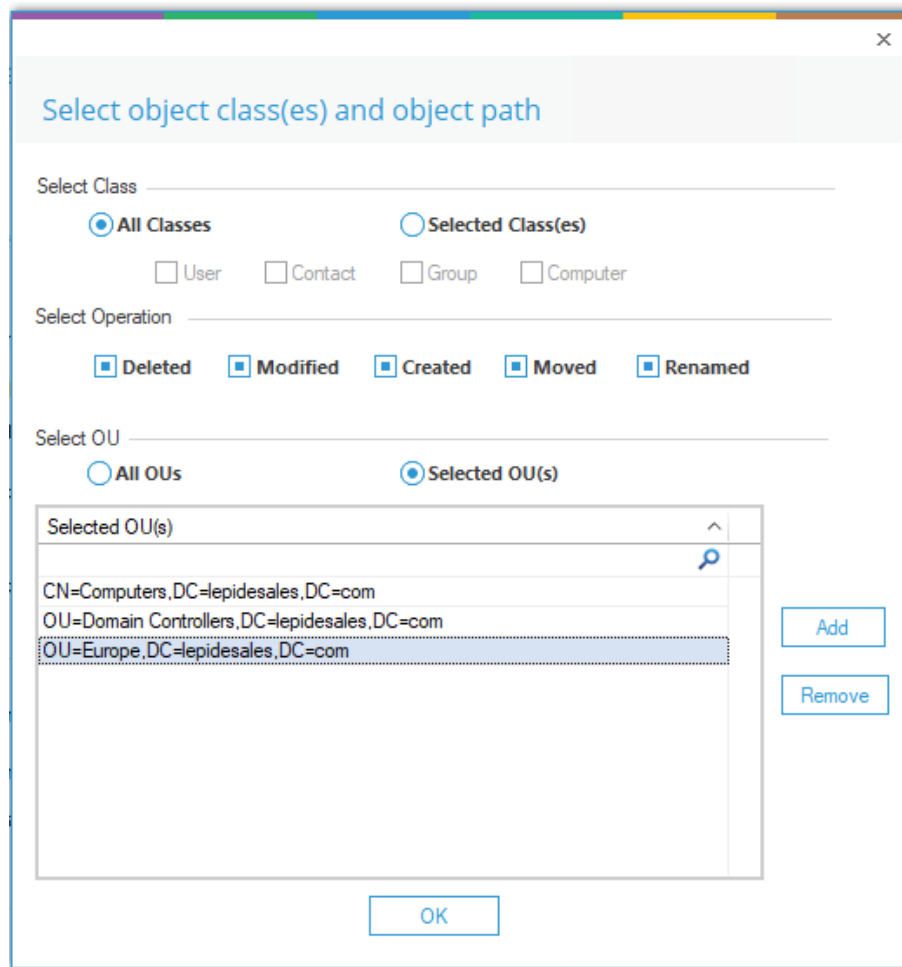


Figure 39: Selected OUs Displayed

13. Click **OK**

The following dialog box will be displayed where the wizard will compare the current state of Active Directory with the state stored in the selected snapshot:

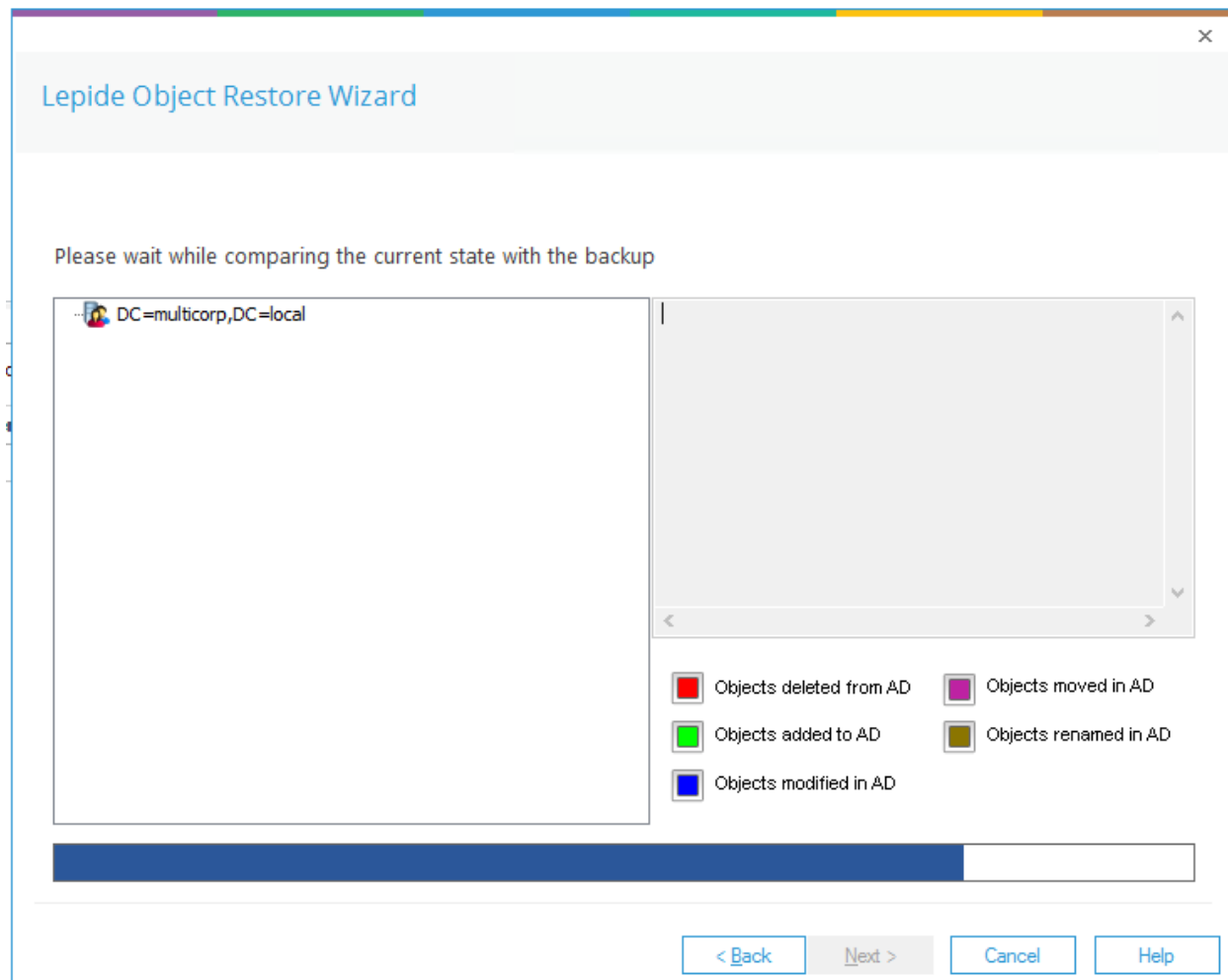


Figure 40: Restore Wizard Comparing States

Once finished, a list of object modifications will be displayed:

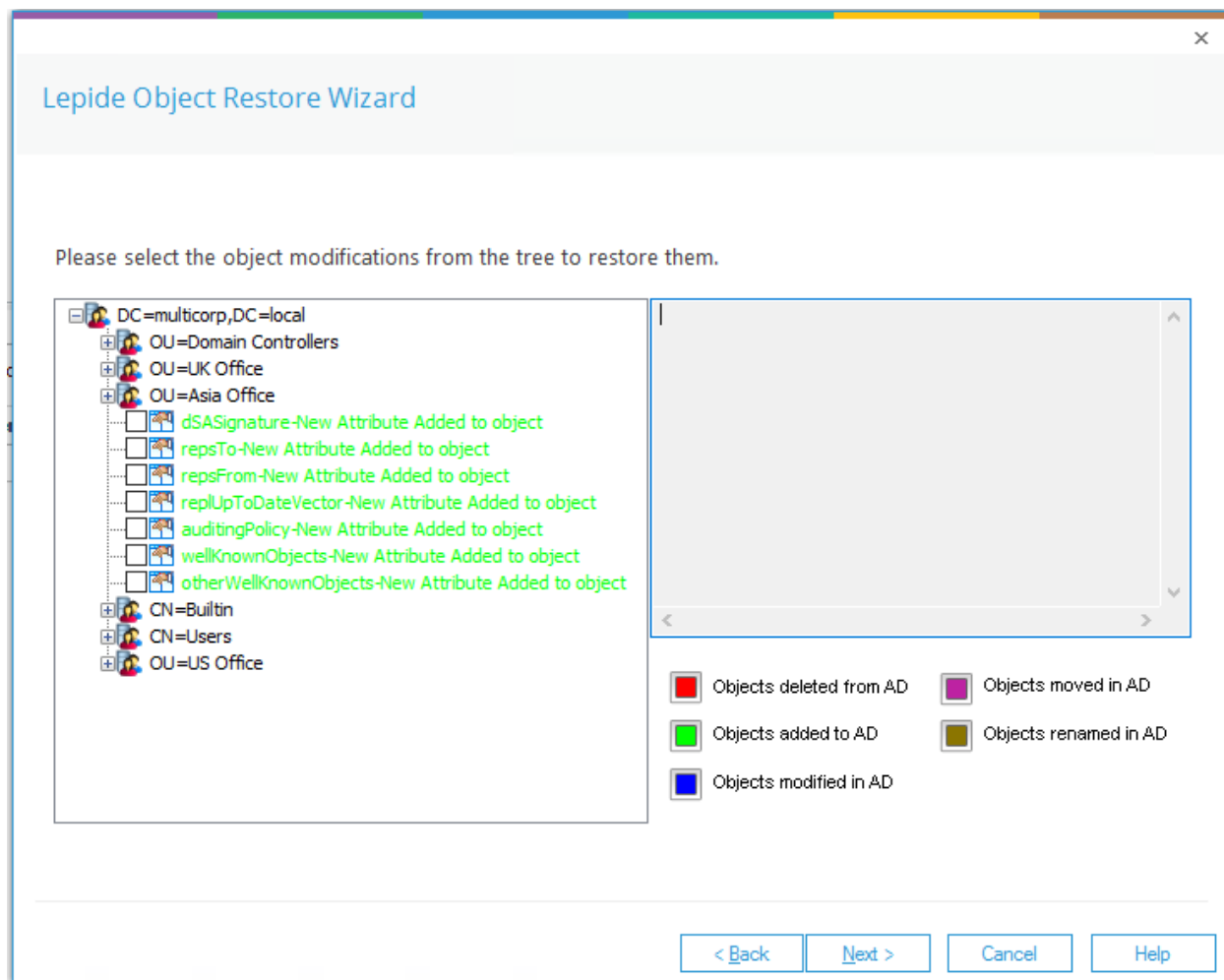


Figure 41: Object Modifications

- The actions which can be selected are listed in a tree structure
- The text describing these actions is color coded according to the color key on the right-hand side of the dialog box
- In the example above, the text is green which shows that these objects have been added to Active Directory.

14. Check the boxes for the objects that you want to restore

NOTE: It is essential to create a backup of the current Active Directory so that you can revert to this current state after restoring an object if required. See Section 4 of this document for the steps on how to create a backup.

15. Click **Next** once you have selected the objects to be restored

The following dialog box is displayed:

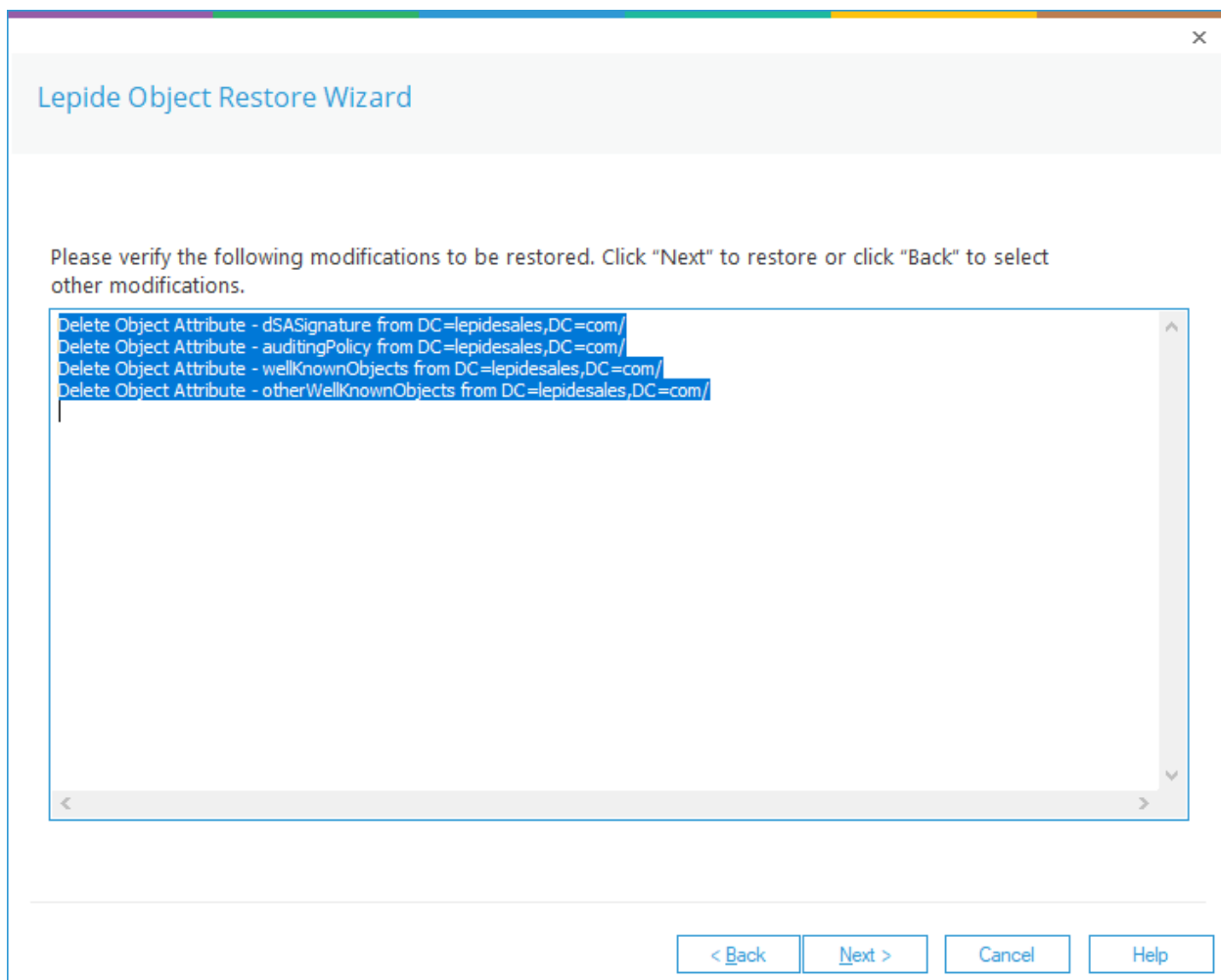


Figure 42: Summary of Selected Objects to be Restored

- This dialog box lists the changes about to be restored.

16. Click **Next** to restore these changes or click **Back** to go back to the previous dialog box and make different selections.

Once you click **Next**, a message box will be displayed for confirmation of the action:

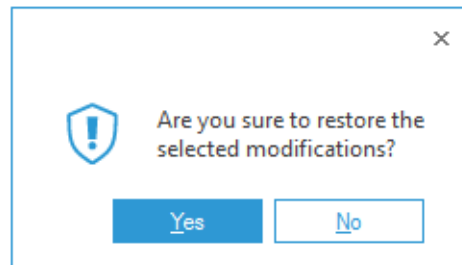


Figure 43: Message Box asking for Confirmation

17. Click **Yes** to start the restoration of modified or deleted objects
 - The Lepide Object Restore Wizard runs to restore the objects

Once done, the following dialog box appears on the screen:

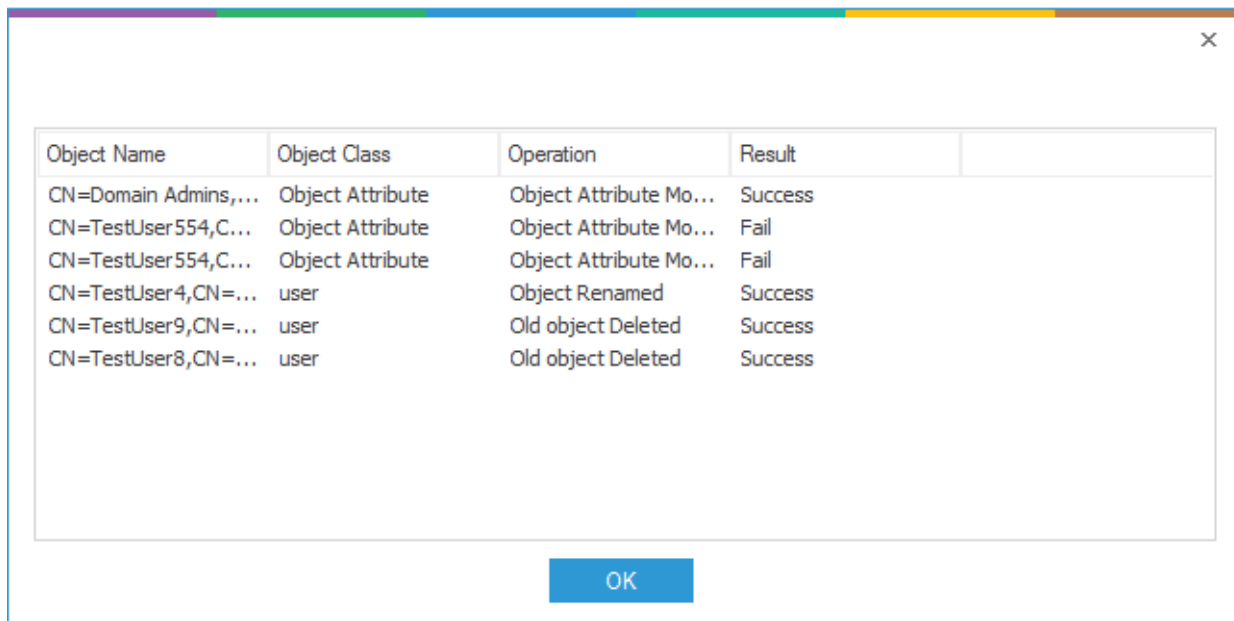


Figure 44: Summary of Object Restoration

- The objects that have been restored successfully will display the result **Success**. Their status will be **Fail** if they cannot be restored.

18. Click **OK** to close this summary box. It takes you back to the restore wizard

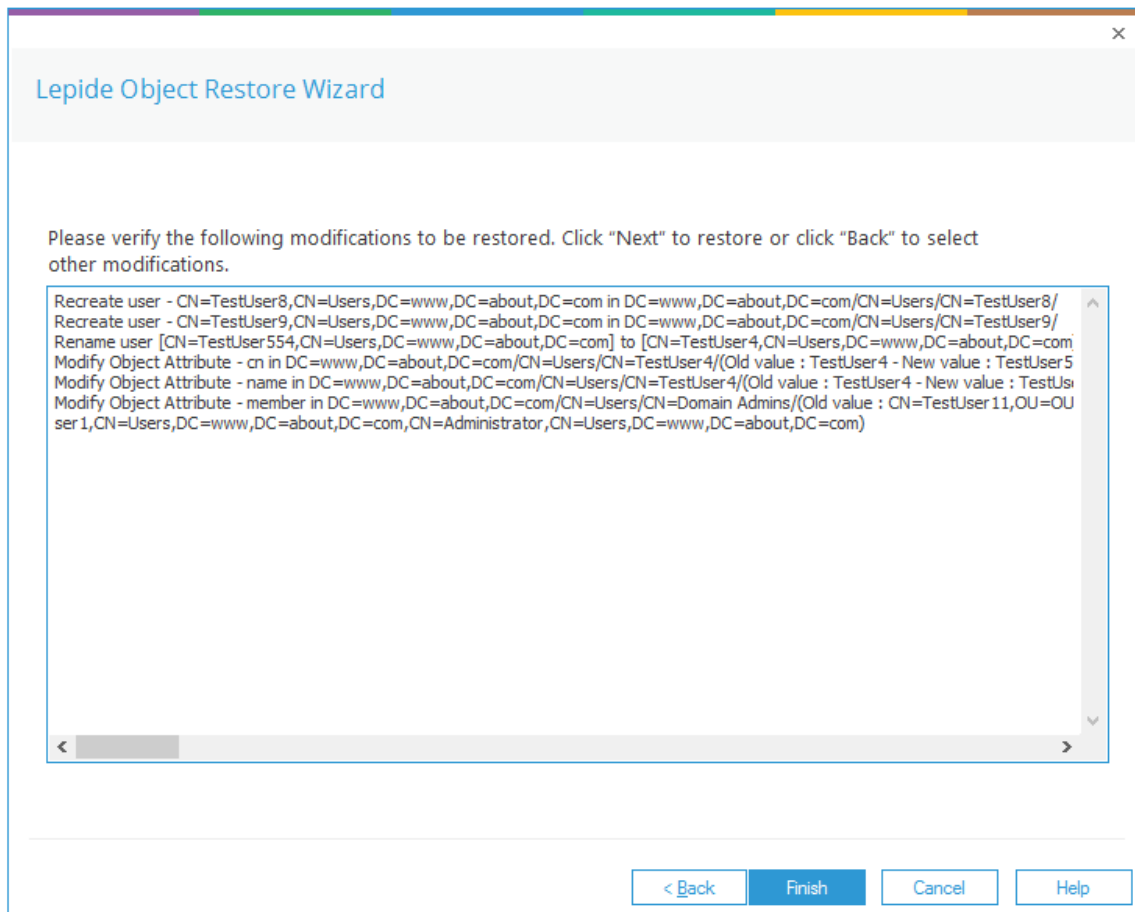


Figure 45: Final Status of Object Restoration

19. Click **Finish** to close the wizard

7.4. Restore Active Directory Objects from Tombstone

- Click the User and Behavior Entity Analytics icon  to display the States & Behavior window:

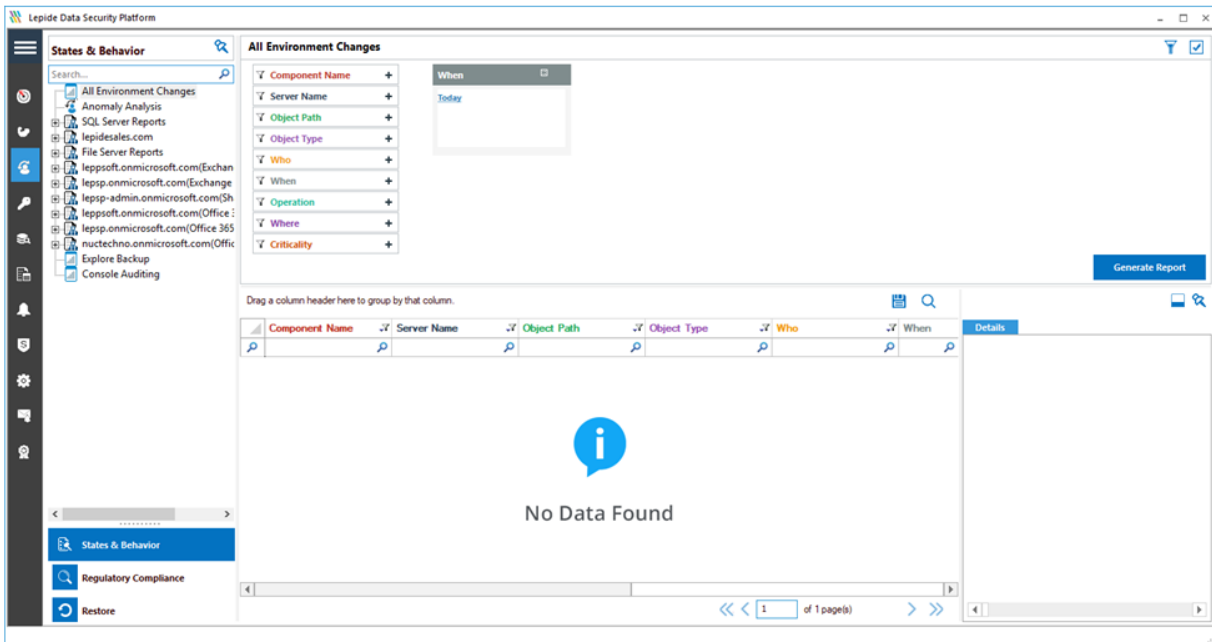



Figure 46: States & Behavior Window

- On the lower left of the screen under **States & Behavior** is **Restore**
- Click the Restore icon  to start the Lepide Object Restore Wizard

Lepide Object Restore Wizard

This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.

Select Domain and Backup

Domain Name :

Restoration Mode Selection

☒ Active Directory ☐ Group Policy

☒ Restore from Backup:

☐ Restore from Tombstone

Credentials

☒ Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.

User Name:

Password :

< Back Next > Cancel Help

Figure 47: Lepide Object Restore Wizard

1. Select the **Domain Name** from the drop-down list
2. From the **Restoration Mode Selection** section, select **Restore from Tombstone**

Lepide Object Restore Wizard

This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.

Select Domain and Backup

Domain Name :

Restoration Mode Selection

☒ **Active Directory** ☐ **Group Policy**

☐ **Restore from Backup:**

☒ **Restore from Tombstone**

Credentials

☒ **Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.**

User Name:

Password :

Figure 48: Restore Wizard - Restore from Tombstone

3. Click **Next**

This will read the tombstone folder and display the objects from this folder:

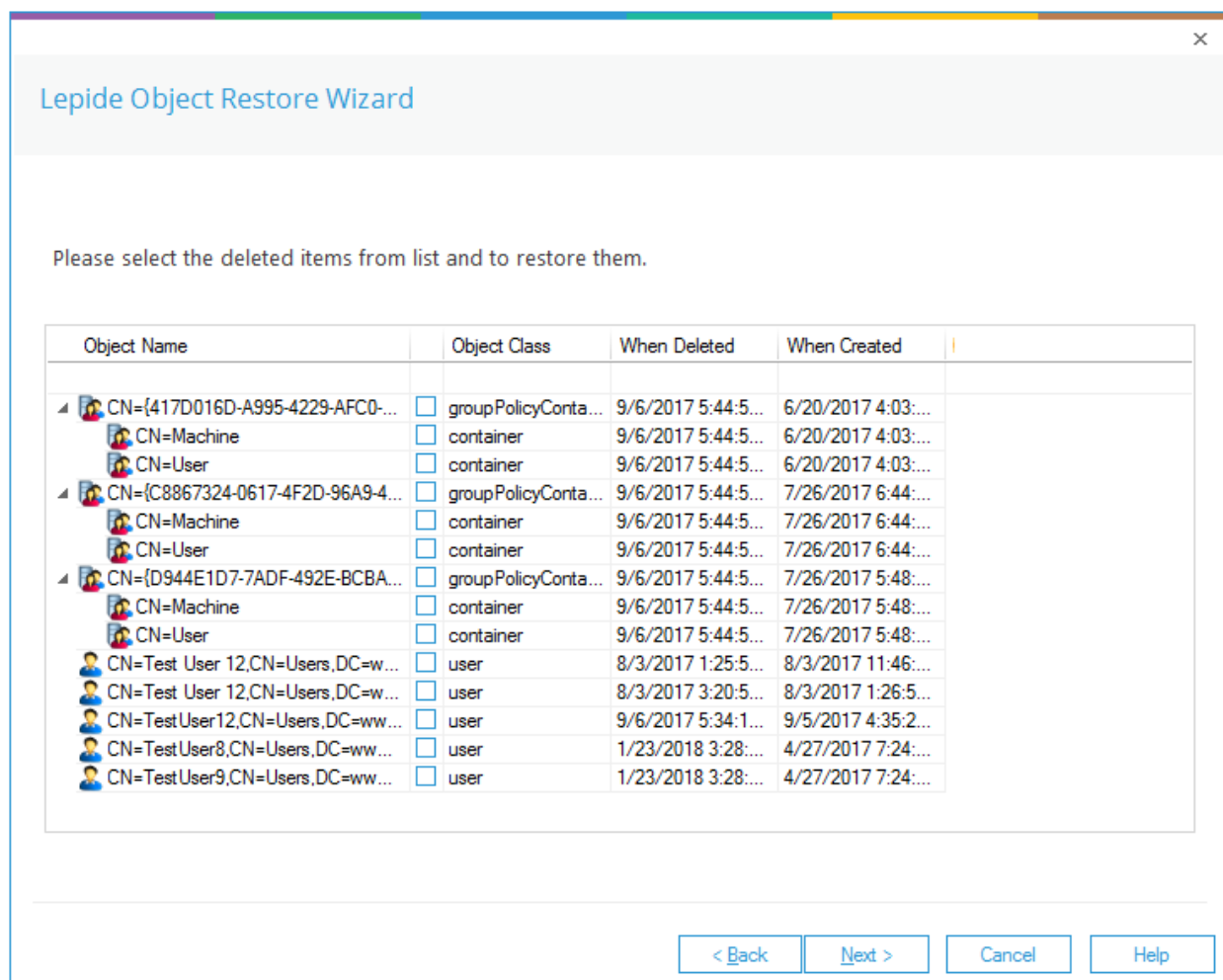


Figure 49: Objects Available to be Restored

4. Select the objects that you want to restore

- Click **Next** once you've selected the objects. This will display the details of the selected objects to be restored:

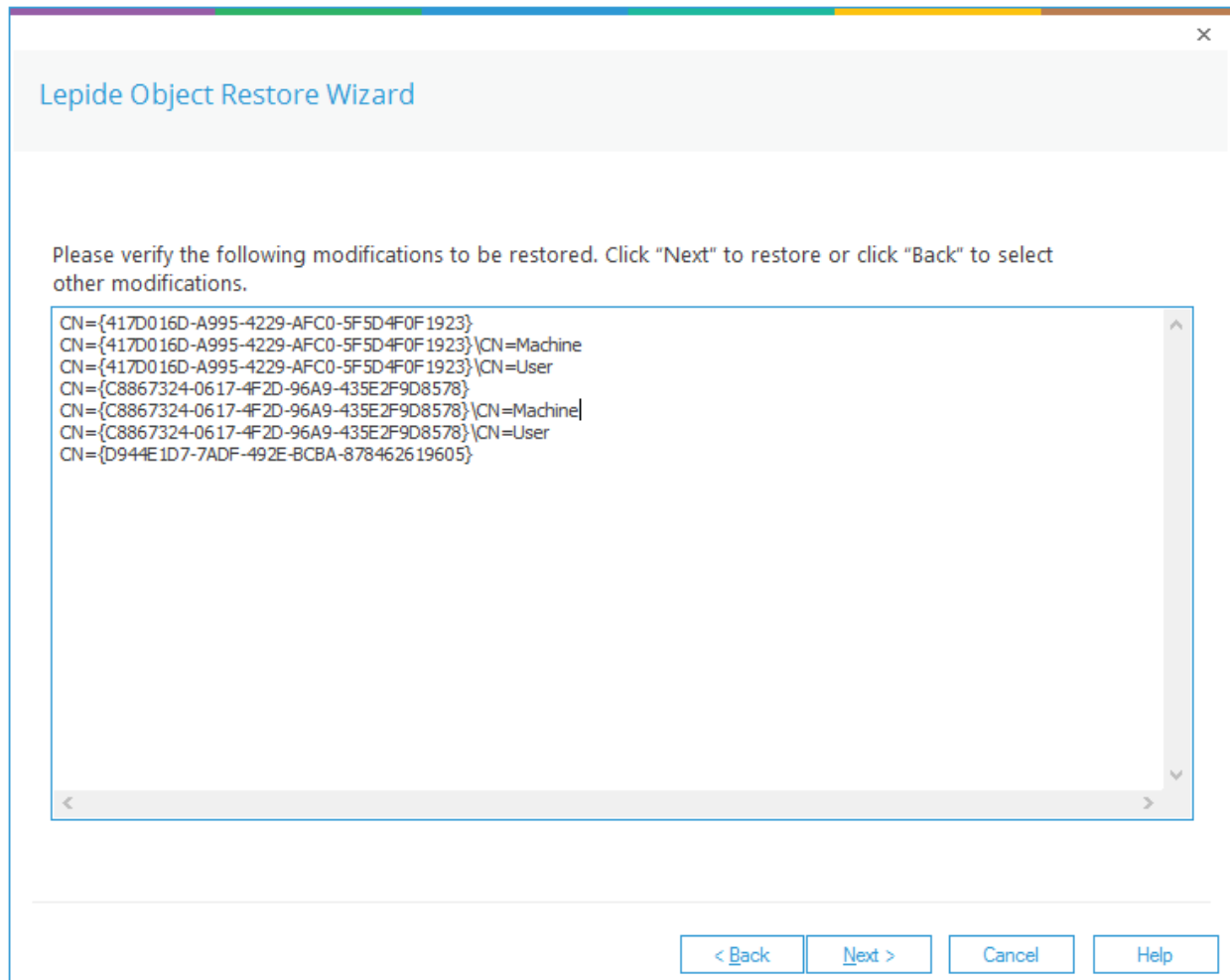


Figure 50: Summary of Selected Objects to be Restored

- Click **Next** to restore these changes or click **Back** to go back to the previous dialog box

Once you click **Next**, the Solution will ask to confirm your action:

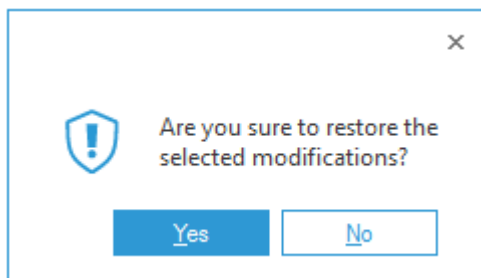


Figure 51: Message Box asking for Confirmation

- Click **Yes** to start the process of restoring the selected objects to the real Active Directory environment from the tombstone folder.

The Lepide Object Restore Wizard will process to restore the objects. Once done, you'll receive the following screen.

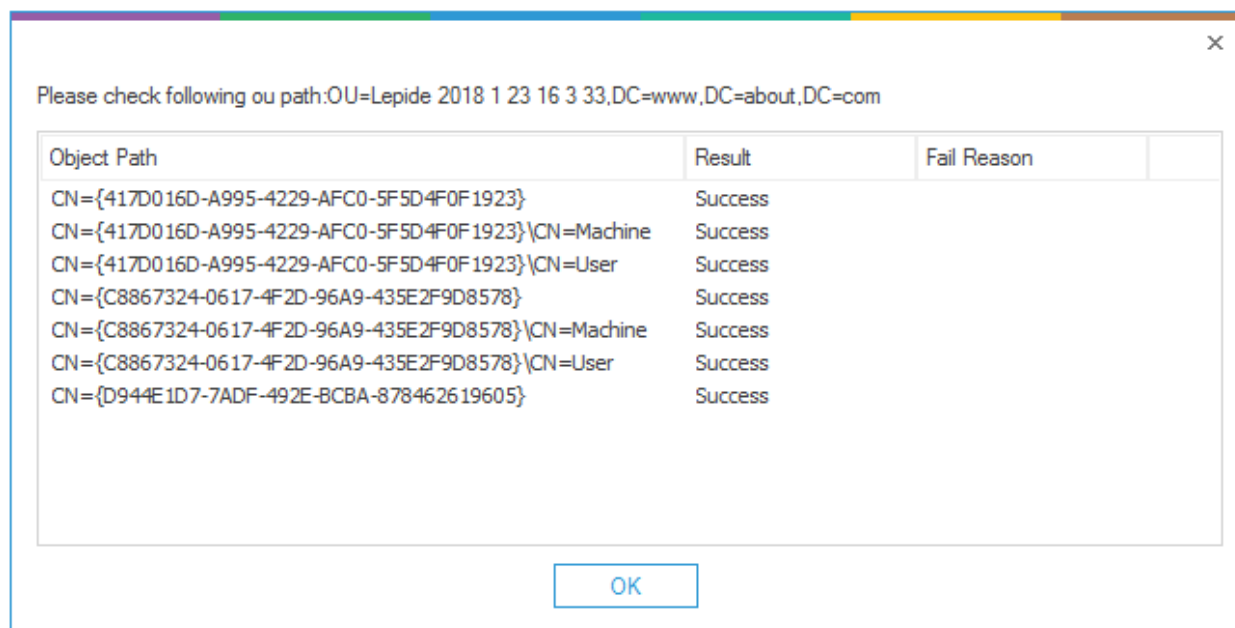


Figure 52: Summary of Object Restoration

The objects that have been restored successfully will display the result **Success**. Their status will be **Fail** if they cannot be restored.

- Click **OK** to close this summary box. This will take you back to the wizard

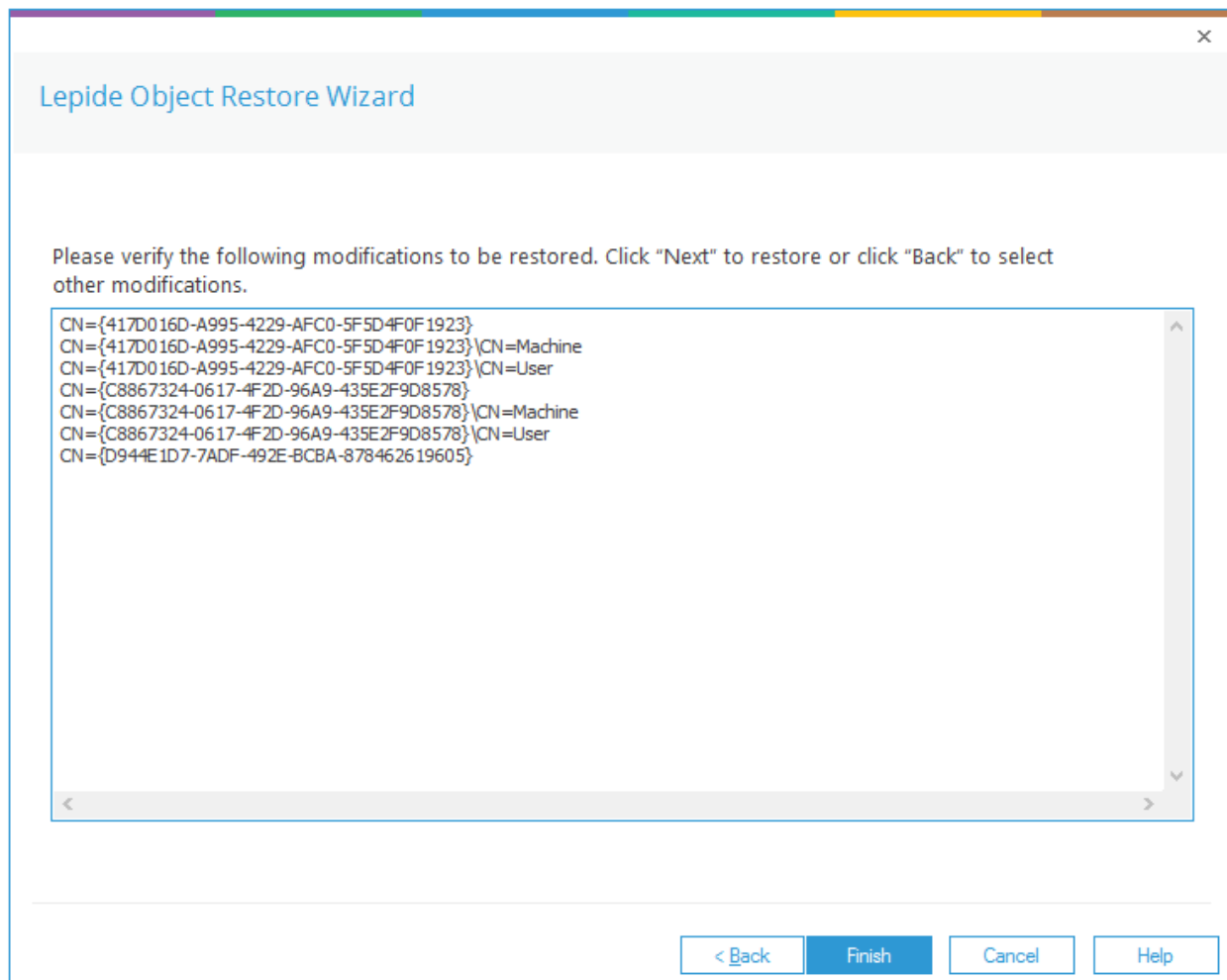


Figure 53: Final Status of Object Restoration

9. Click **Finish** to close the wizard

8. Restore Group Policy Objects

You can restore the state of complete Group Policy Objects at the domain level or the domain controller level. Please note that you cannot restore the individual group policies.

The current state of the Group Policy Objects at the domain level or the domain controller level can be restored with a state stored in the selected snapshot using the following steps.

NOTE: It is essential to create a backup of the current state of Group Policies so that you can revert to this current state after restoring a backup if required. See Section 4 of this document for the steps on how to create a backup.

Follow the steps below to restore the added, deleted, renamed, or modified Group Policy Objects from a backup.

- Click the User and Behavior Entity Analytics icon  to display the States & Behavior window:

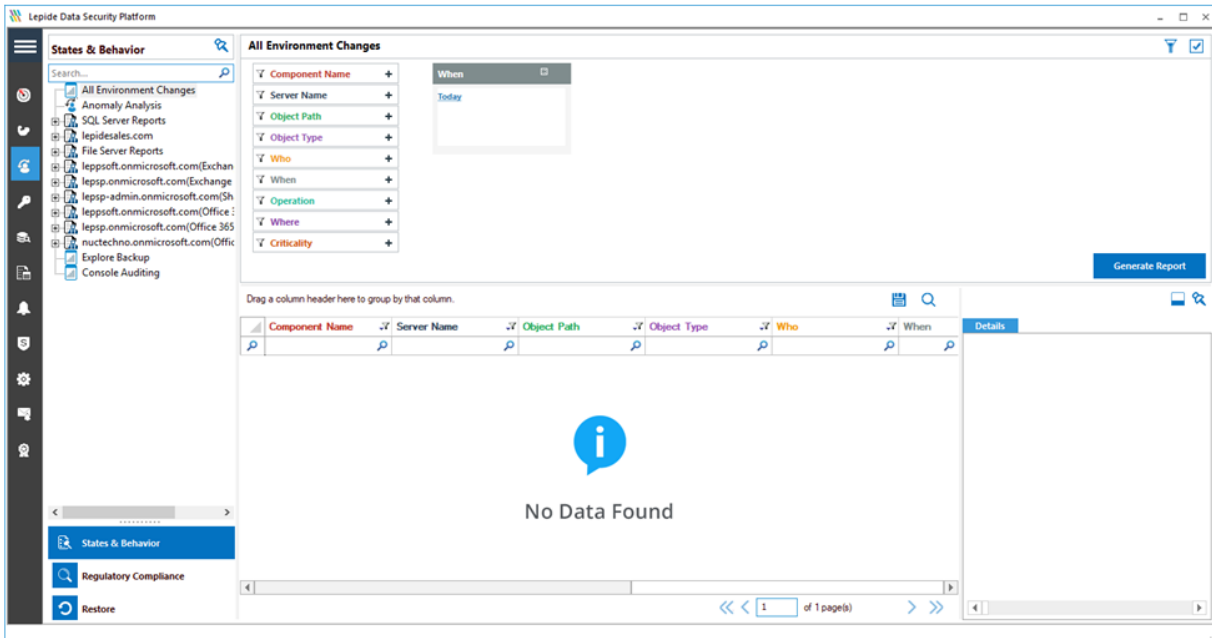
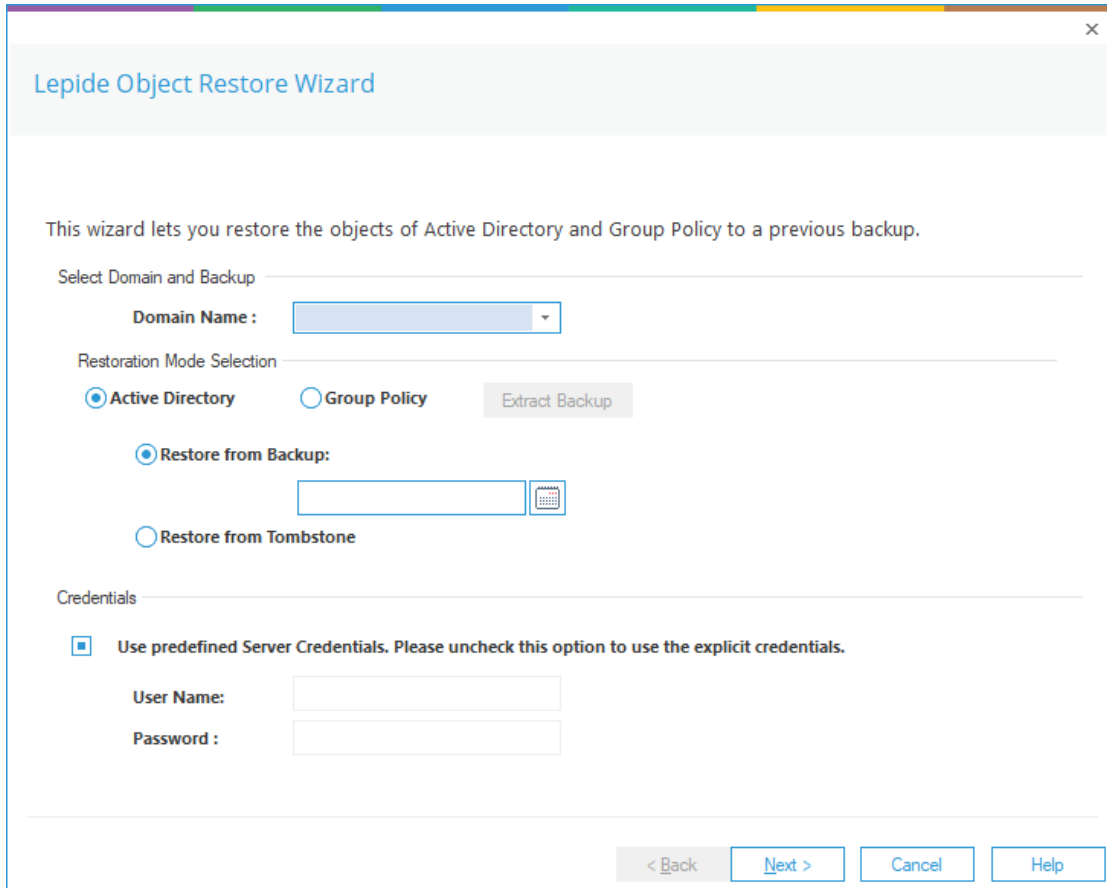


Figure 54: States & Behavior Window

- On the lower left of the screen under **States & Behavior** is **Restore**

- Click the Restore icon  to start the Lepide Object Restore Wizard:



Lepide Object Restore Wizard


This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.

Select Domain and Backup

Domain Name :

Restoration Mode Selection

☒ Active Directory ☐ Group Policy

☒ Restore from Backup: 

☐ Restore from Tombstone

Credentials

☒ Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.

User Name:

Password :

< Back Next > Cancel Help

Figure 55: Object Restore Wizard

1. Select the **Domain Name** from the drop-down list
2. From the **Restoration Mode Selection** section, choose **Group Policy**

Lepide Object Restore Wizard

This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.

Select Domain and Backup

Domain Name :

Restoration Mode Selection

☐ Active Directory ☒ Group Policy

☒ Restore from Backup:

☐ Restore from Tombstone

Credentials

☒ Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.

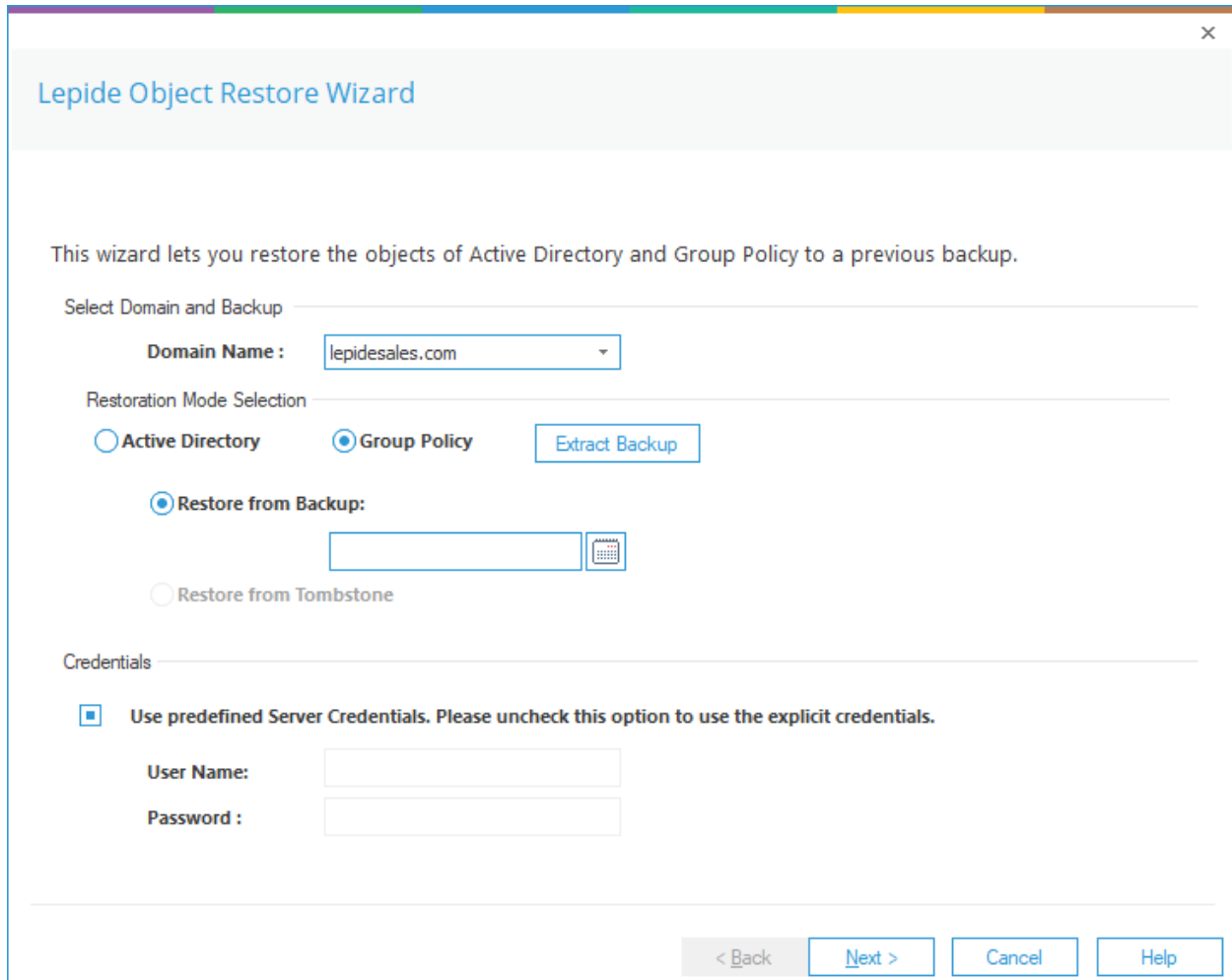
User Name:

Password :

< Back Next > Cancel Help

Figure 56: Object Restore Wizard with Group Policy Selected

The button becomes enabled. For instructions on using the Group Policy Backup Extractor, please see Section 8.1 Group Policy Backup Extractor .



The screenshot shows the 'Lepide Object Restore Wizard' window. It has a title bar with a close button (X). The main content area is divided into sections: 'Select Domain and Backup' with a 'Domain Name' dropdown set to 'lepidesales.com'; 'Restoration Mode Selection' with radio buttons for 'Active Directory' and 'Group Policy' (selected), and a button 'Extract Backup'; a 'Restore from Backup' section with a date picker icon and a text box; and a 'Restore from Tombstone' option. The 'Credentials' section has a checkbox 'Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.' which is checked, and fields for 'User Name' and 'Password'. At the bottom are buttons for '< Back', 'Next >', 'Cancel', and 'Help'.

Lepide Object Restore Wizard

This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.


Select Domain and Backup

Domain Name :

Restoration Mode Selection

☐ Active Directory ☒ Group Policy

☒ Restore from Backup:



☐ Restore from Tombstone

Credentials


☒ Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.

User Name:

Password :

< Back Next > Cancel Help

Figure 57: Object Restore Wizard

- Click the Calendar icon  to choose a date. The following dialog box is displayed:

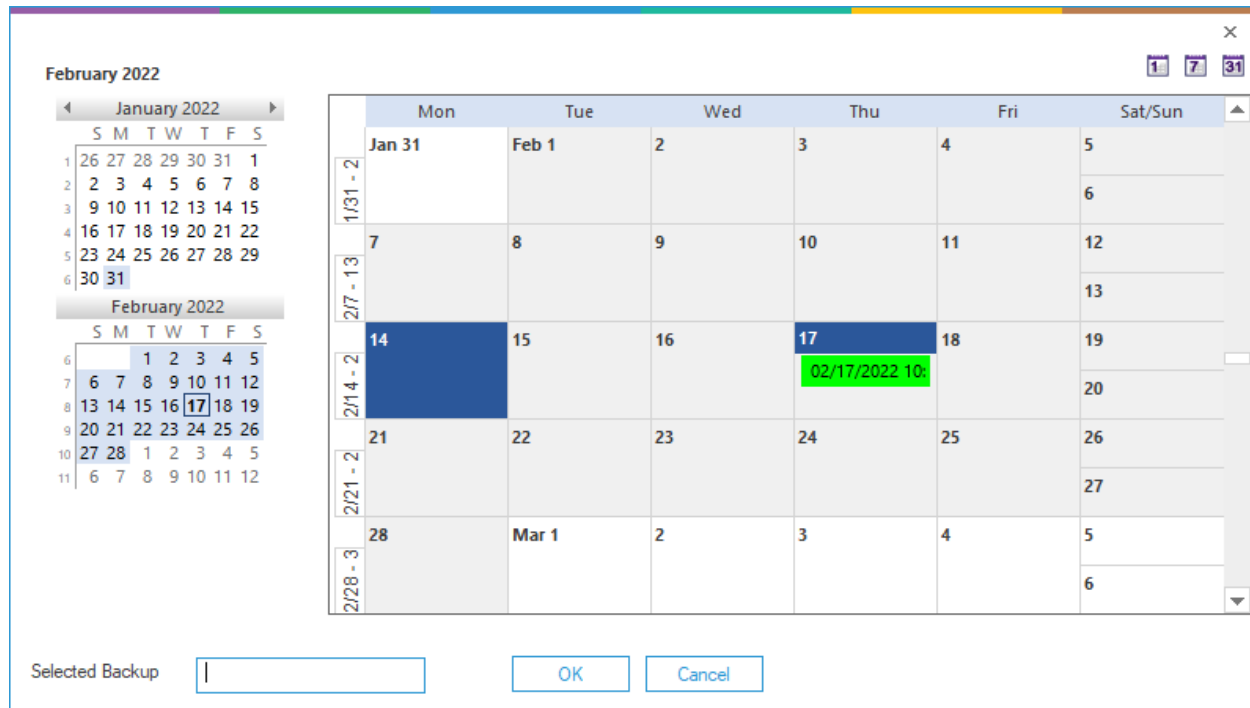


Figure 58: Selecting a Backup

This dialog box provides a way to select the required backup with the left panel showing the calendars by months and the right panel displaying either month, week or day depending on which view has been selected.

The backups will be displayed in date and time format.

To change the calendar view, use one of the three buttons at the top:

 24 hours

 7 days

 31 days

4. Find the backup you want to restore and click on it
5. The date and time will be displayed next to **Selected Backup** at the bottom of the dialog box:

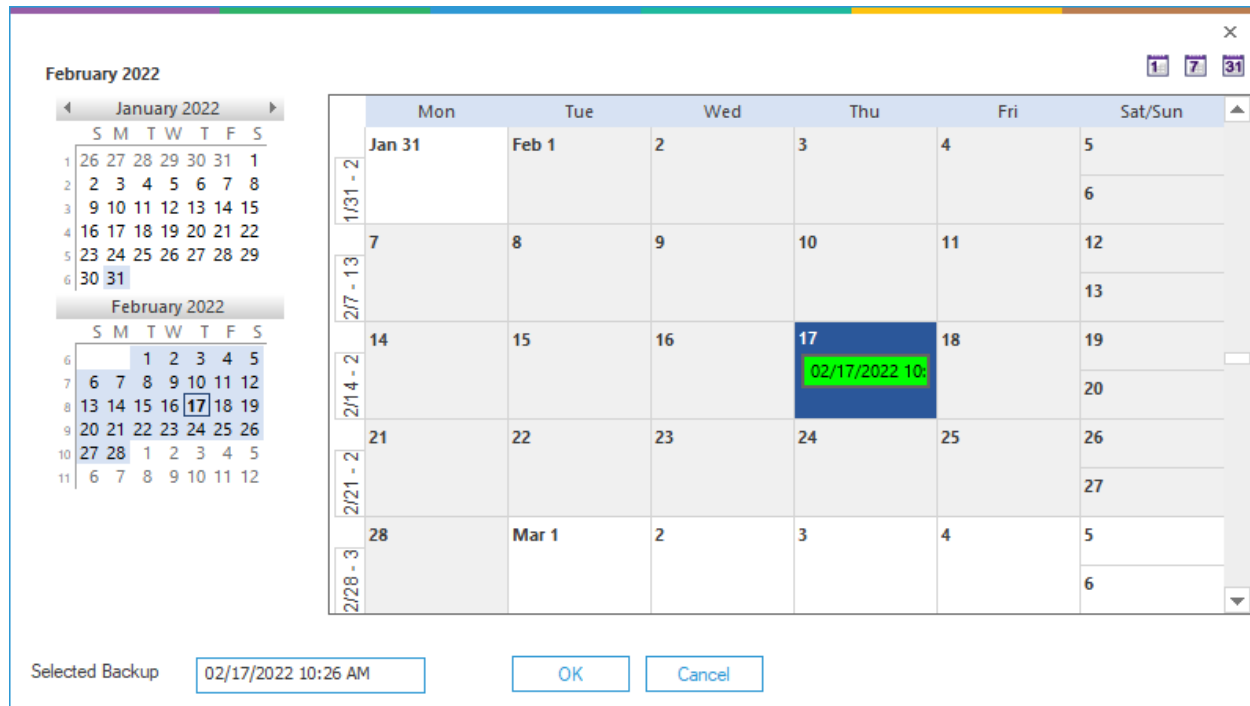


Figure 59: Selected Backup

6. Click **OK** to go back to the **Lepide Object Restore Wizard**:
7. If you want to use the same credentials as those provided while adding the domain, then keep the option **Use predefined server credentials** checked.
Alternatively, uncheck it and provide the username and password for explicit login credentials to restore the object(s).
8. Click **Next**

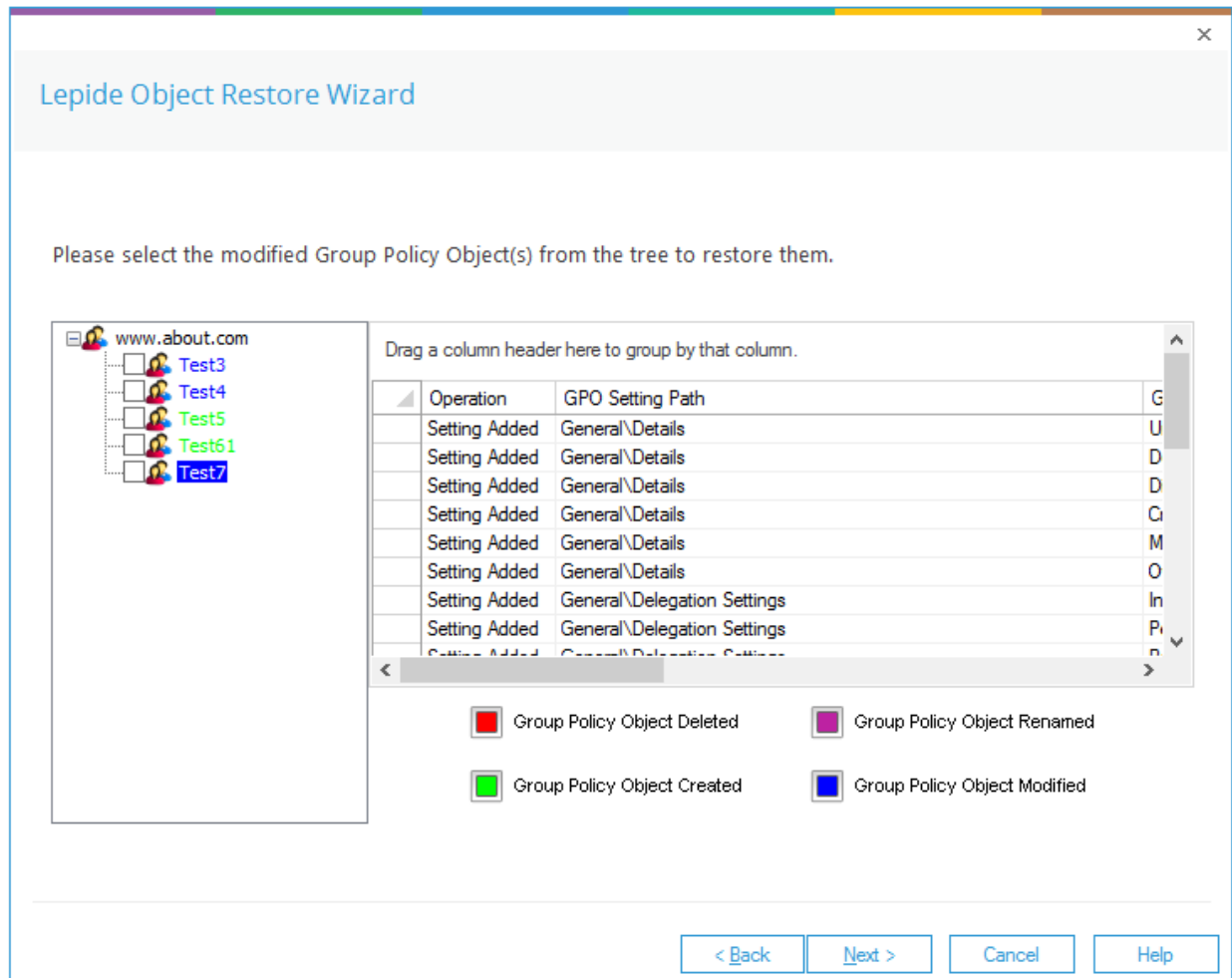


Figure 60: Object Modifications

- The actions which can be selected are listed in a tree structure
 - Click an object from the hierarchical tree to view the change details in the top right section
 - The text describing these actions is color coded according to the colors code key
9. Check the boxes for the objects that you want to restore
 10. Click **Next** once you have selected the objects to be restored.

The following dialog box is displayed:

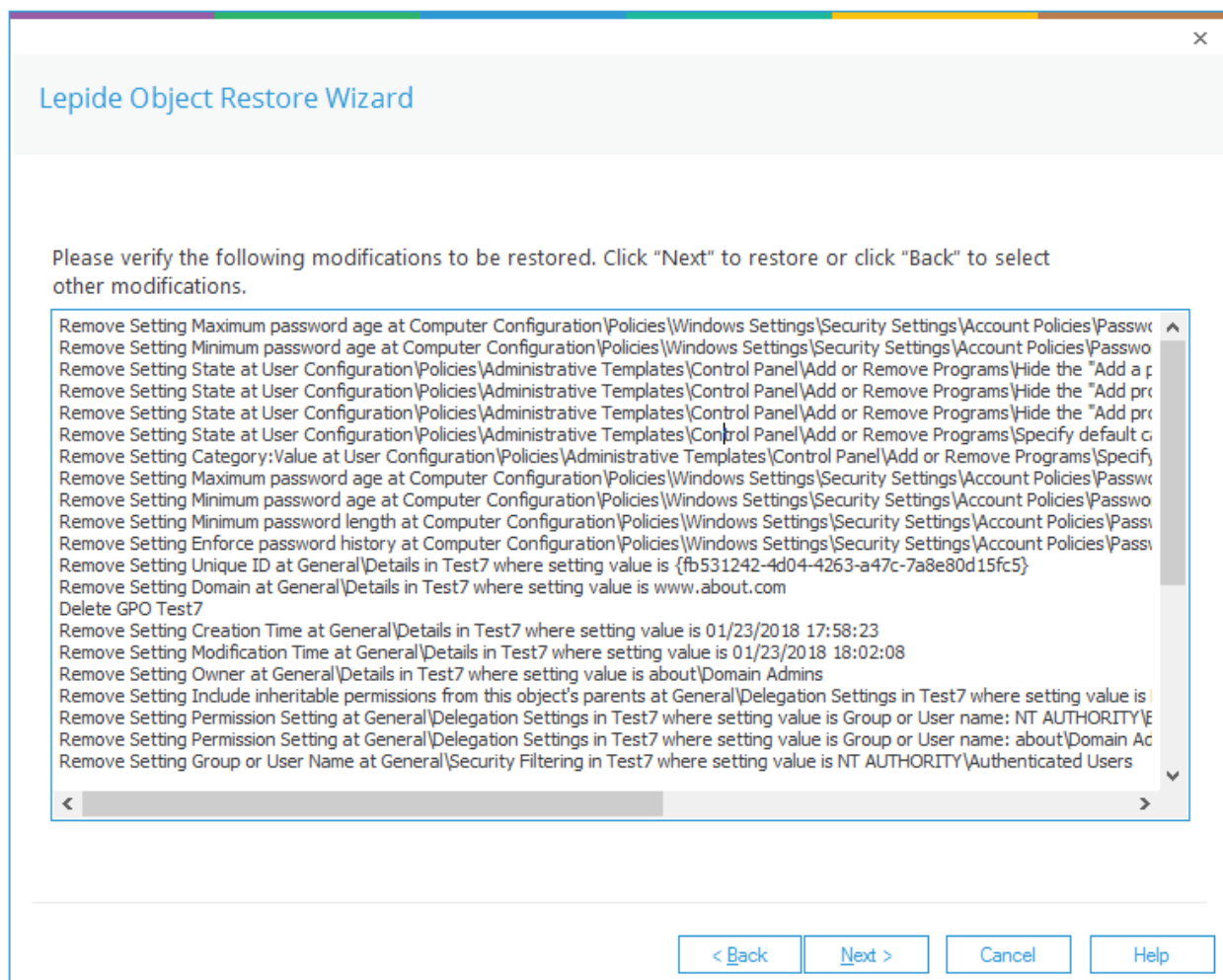


Figure 61: Summary of Selected Objects to be Restored

- This dialog box lists the changes about to be restored.

NOTE: It is essential to create a backup of the entire state of Group Policy Objects so that you can revert to this current state after restoring a backup if required. See Section 4 of this document for the steps on how to create a backup.

11. Click **Next** to restore these changes or click **Back** to go back to the previous dialog box

A message box will be displayed for confirmation of the action:

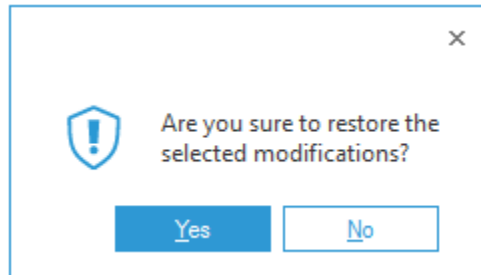


Figure 62: Message Box asking for Confirmation

12. Click **Yes** to start the restoration of modified or deleted objects

The Lepide Object Restore Wizard processes to restore the objects.

Once finished, the following screen will be displayed:

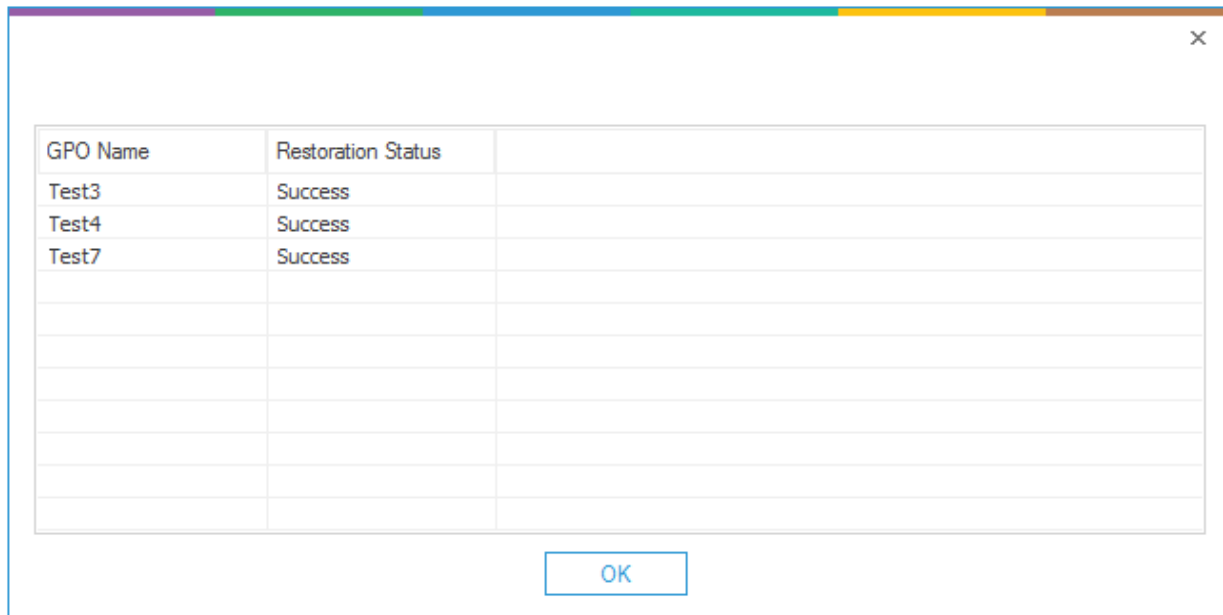


Figure 63: Summary of Object Restoration

- The objects that have been restored successfully displays the result **Success**. Their status will be **Fail** if they cannot be restored.

13. Click **OK** to close this summary box. It takes you back to the restore wizard:

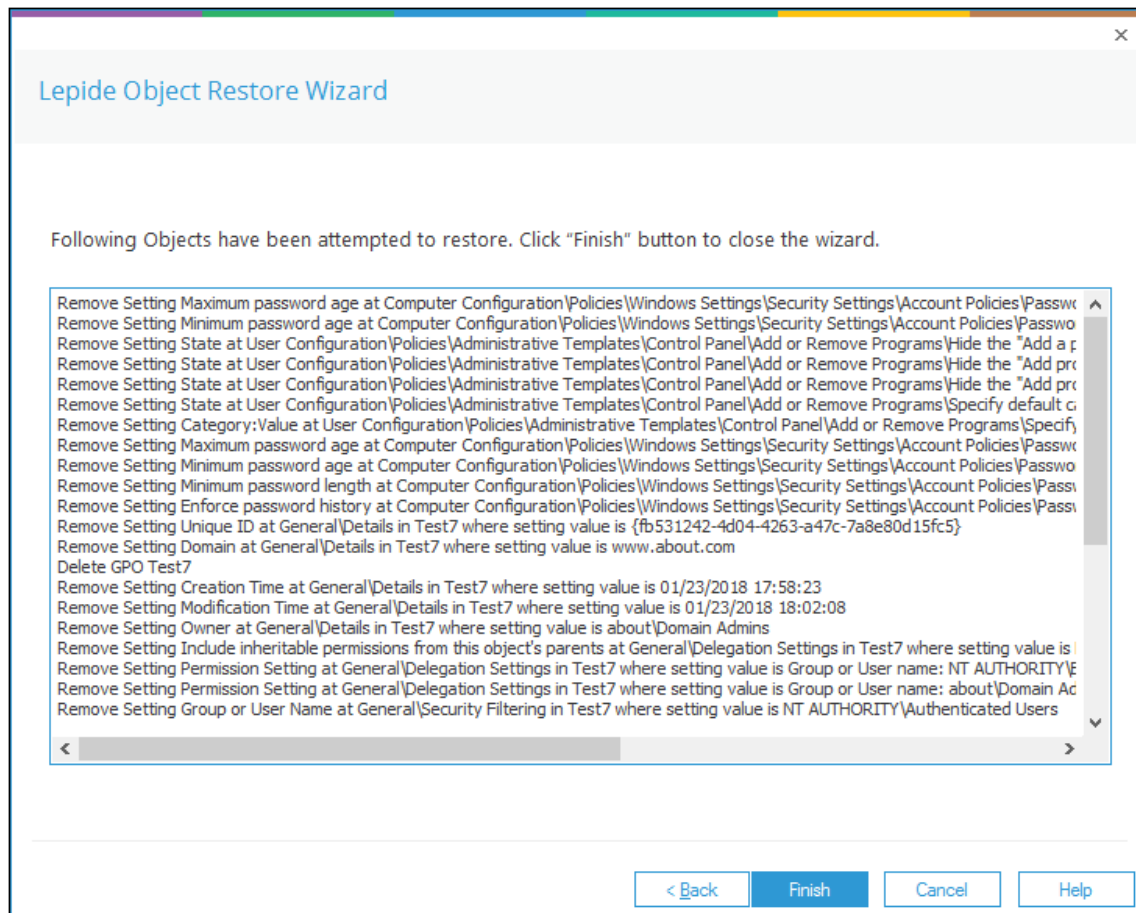


Figure 64: Final Status of Object Restoration

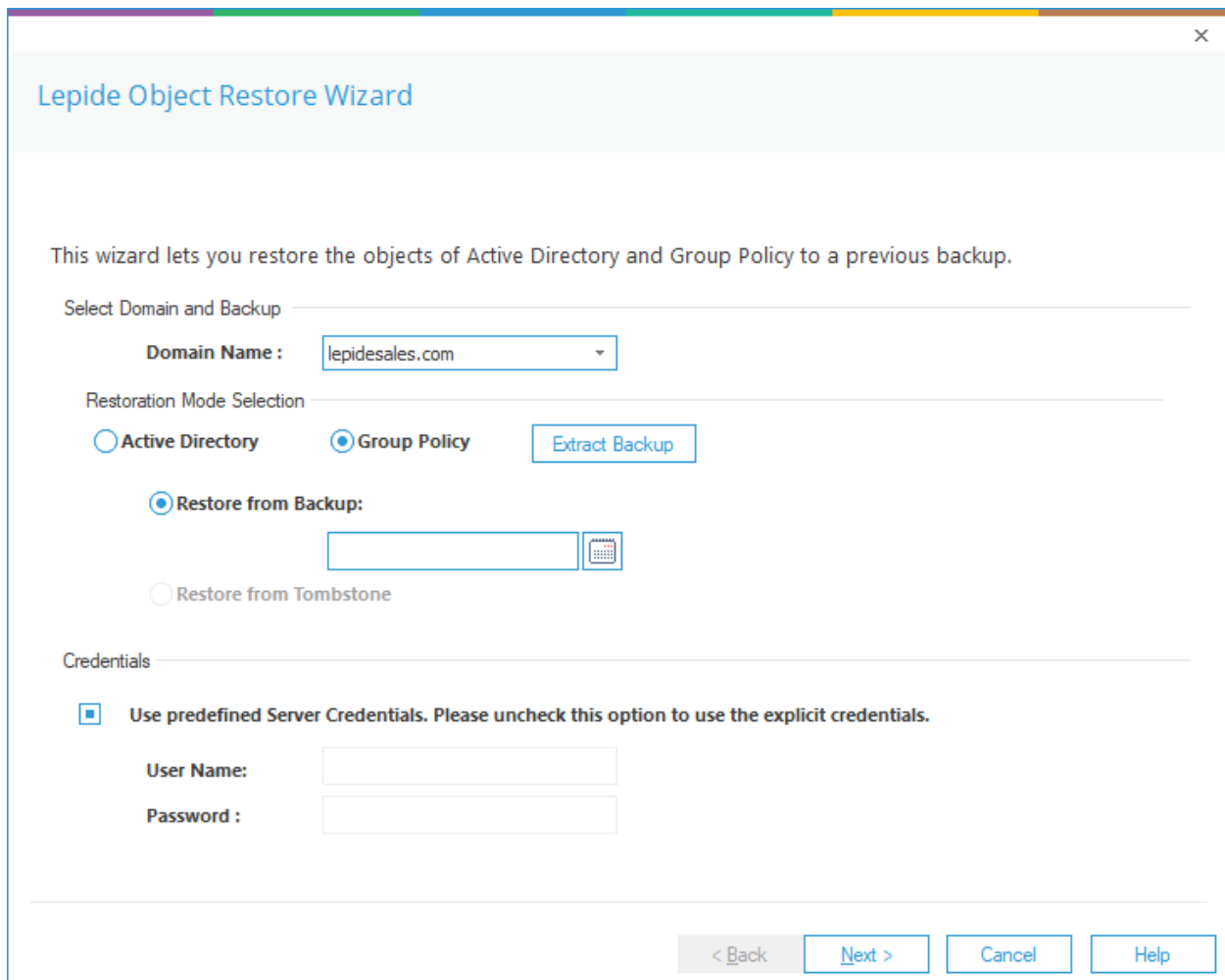
14. Click **Finish** to close the wizard

8.1. Group Policy Backup Extractor

As an alternative to restoring Group Policy Objects using the Object Restore Wizard, it is possible to extract Group Policy Objects to create a native file format and restore them outside of the Lepide Data Security Platform. To do this, the steps are as follows:

From the Lepide Object Restore Wizard dialog box, choose **Group Policy**

Click the **Extract Backup** button  to extract a section of a group policy object:



Lepide Object Restore Wizard

This wizard lets you restore the objects of Active Directory and Group Policy to a previous backup.


Select Domain and Backup

Domain Name :

Restoration Mode Selection

☐ Active Directory ☒ Group Policy **Extract Backup**

☒ Restore from Backup:



☐ Restore from Tombstone

Credentials

☒ Use predefined Server Credentials. Please uncheck this option to use the explicit credentials.

User Name:

Password :

< Back Next > Cancel Help

Figure 65: Lepide Object Restore Wizard

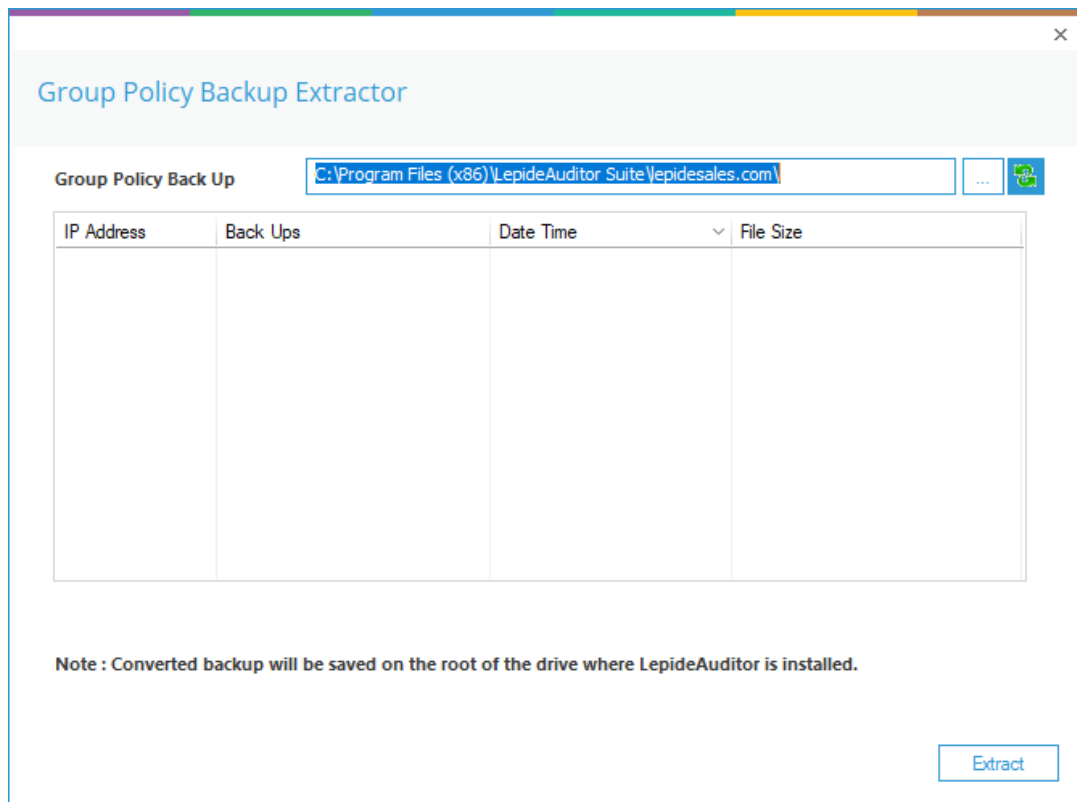


Figure 66: Group Policy Extractor

This will extract the Group Policy in a format that can be used by a native Group Policy Management Console to restore the group policy objects.

- Select the backup
- Click **Extract**

The following message box appears:

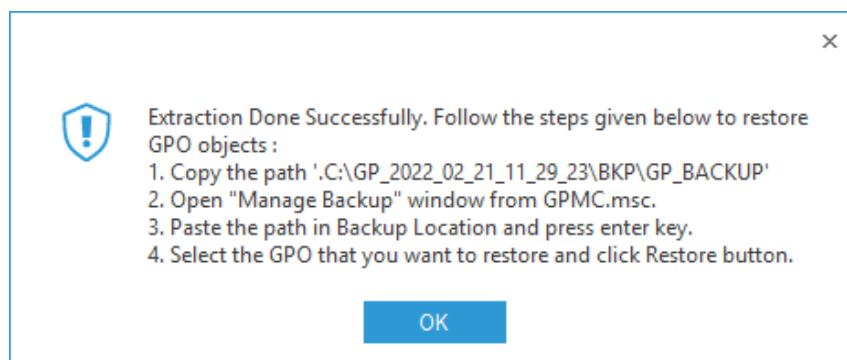


Figure 67: Successful Extraction of GPO Backup

- Click OK

The extracted file will be displayed in the location it has been stored:

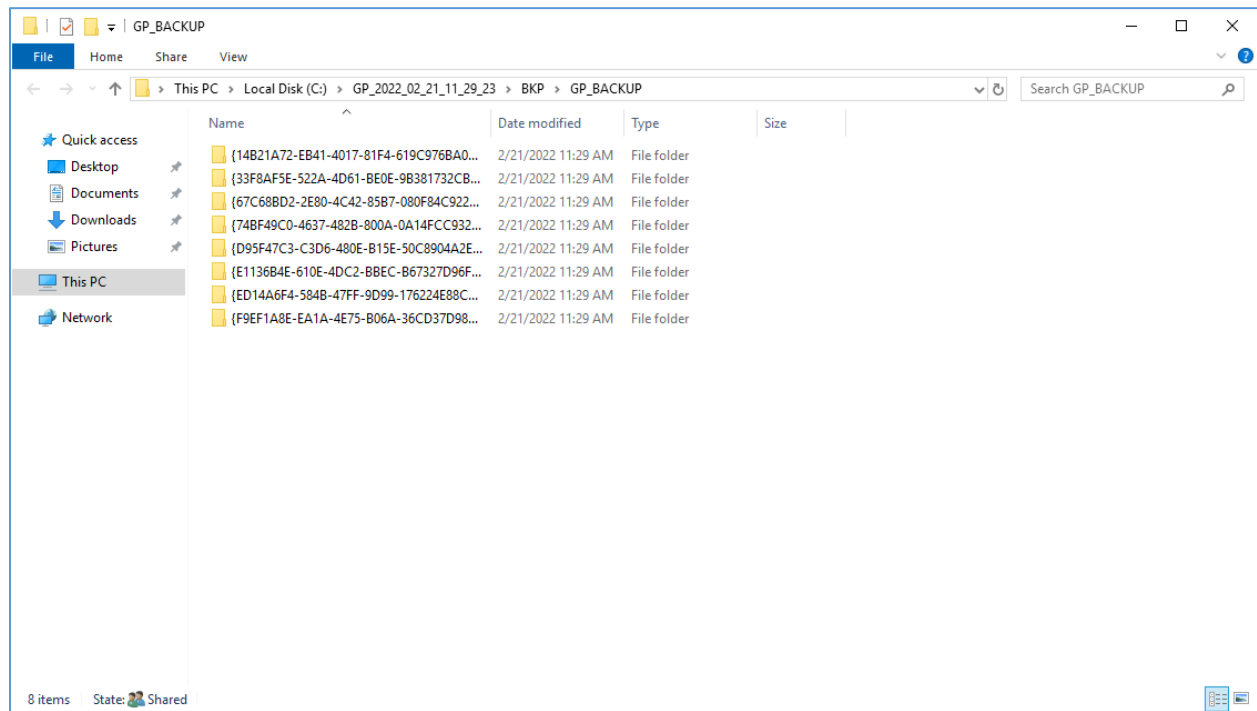


Figure 68: Extracted File and Location

- Follow the instructions given above in the message box, Figure 67 to restore the Group Policy Object.

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