

# auditpol.exe | Audit Policy Program

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## auditpol.exe [Permalink](#)

- File Path: C:\Windows\SysWOW64\auditpol.exe
- Description: Audit Policy Program

## Hashes [Permalink](#)

Type	Hash
MD5	214E0EA1F7F7C27C82D23F183F9D23F1
SHA1	D19837AFE4A9F8631E6F68D1A354E072AEA89388
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SHA384	C763941493B9D86F2A3647B580FFF282ED7F700B5110488CB80EB0E07DBE0E422F0F22403CADDFFEE0847BC547A2E9CA
SHA512	7B067F00510F830872655244D454B26987D118017E7A447ECA77CCD1221814C08753E96066D05818416AE44E65E9B7CBF22DD03BD574FB64388835B328C
SSDEEP	768:Aay2Mii5gL4cu7yp+RKSCiBElbMhfdy3vf7aG:HdfTLg++RxCubady3vf7

## Runtime Data [Permalink](#)

### Usage (stdout): [Permalink](#)

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Usage: AuditPol command [<sub-command><options>]

Commands (only one command permitted per execution)
/?          Help (context-sensitive)
/get        Displays the current audit policy.
/set        Sets the audit policy.
/list       Displays selectable policy elements.
/backup     Saves the audit policy to a file.
/restore    Restores the audit policy from a file.
/clear      Clears the audit policy.
/remove     Removes the per-user audit policy for a user account.
/resourceSACL  Configure global resource SACLs

Use AuditPol <command> /? for details on each command
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### Usage (stderr): [Permalink](#)

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Error 0x00000057 occurred:
The parameter is incorrect.
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## Signature [Permalink](#)

- Status: Signature verified.
- Serial: 3300000BCE120FDD27CC8EE93000000000BC
- Thumbprint: E85459B23C232DB3CB94C7A56D47678F58E8E51E
- Issuer: CN=Microsoft Windows Production PCA 2011, O=Microsoft Corporation, L=Redmond, S=Washington, C=US
- Subject: CN=Microsoft Windows, O=Microsoft Corporation, L=Redmond, S=Washington, C=US
- Original Filename: AUDITPOL.EXE.MUI
- Product Name: Microsoft Windows Operating System
- Company Name: Microsoft Corporation

- File Version: 10.0.14393.0 (rs1\_release.160715-1616)
- Product Version: 10.0.14393.0
- Language: English (United States)
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### Possible Misuse [Permalink](#)

The following table contains possible examples of `auditpol.exe` being misused. While `auditpol.exe` is **not** inherently malicious, its legitimate functionality can be abused for malicious purposes.

Source	Source File	Example
<a href="#">sigma</a>	<a href="#">proc_creation_win_susp_nt_resource_kit_auditpol_usage.yml</a>	<code>title: Suspicious NT Resource Kit Auditpol Usage</code>
<a href="#">sigma</a>	<a href="#">proc_creation_win_susp_nt_resource_kit_auditpol_usage.yml</a>	<code>description: Threat actors can use an older version of the auditpol binary available inside the NT resource kit to change audit policy configuration to impair detection capability. This can be carried out by selectively disabling/removing certain audit policies as well as restoring a custom policy owned by the threat actor.</code>
<a href="#">sigma</a>	<a href="#">proc_creation_win_susp_nt_resource_kit_auditpol_usage.yml</a>	<code>- https://github.com/3CORESec/MALWARE-CL/tree/master/Descriptors/Windows%202000%20Resource%20Kit%20Tools</code>
<a href="#">sigma</a>	<a href="#">proc_creation_win_sus_auditpol_usage.yml</a>	<code>title: Suspicious Auditpol Usage</code>
<a href="#">sigma</a>	<a href="#">proc_creation_win_sus_auditpol_usage.yml</a>	<code>description: Threat actors can use auditpol binary to change auditpol configuration to impair detection capability. This can be carried out by selectively disabling/removing certain audit policies as well as restoring a custom policy owned by the threat actor.</code>
<a href="#">sigma</a>	<a href="#">proc_creation_win_sus_auditpol_usage.yml</a>	<code>Image\ endswith: '\auditpol.exe'</code>
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	Use the cleanup commands to restore some default auditpol settings (your settings will be lost)
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	<code>auditpol /set /category:"Account Logon" /success:disable /failure:disable</code>
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	<code>auditpol /set /category:"Logon/Logoff" /success:disable /failure:disable</code>
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	<code>auditpol /set /category:"Detailed Tracking" /success:disable</code>
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	<code>auditpol /set /category:"Account Logon" /success:enable /failure:enable</code>
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	<code>auditpol /set /category:"Detailed Tracking" /success:enable</code>

Source	Source File	Example
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	auditpol /set /category:"Logon/Logoff" /success:enable /failure:enable
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	Clear the Windows audit policy using auditpol utility. This action would st audit events from being recorded in the security log.
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	auditpol /clear /y
<a href="#">atomic-red-team</a>	<a href="#">T1562.002.md</a>	auditpol /remove /allusers

### Additional Info\*[Permalink](#)

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### auditpol[Permalink](#)

Displays information about and performs functions to manipulate audit policies, including:

- Setting and querying a system audit policy.
- Setting and querying a per-user audit policy.
- Setting and querying auditing options.
- Setting and querying the security descriptor used to delegate access to an audit policy.
- Reporting or backing up an audit policy to a comma-separated value (CSV) text file.
- Loading an audit policy from a CSV text file.
- Configuring global resource SACLs.

### Syntax[Permalink](#)

```
auditpol command [<sub-command><options>]
```

### Parameters[Permalink](#)

Sub-command	Description
/get	Displays the current audit policy. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol get</a> for syntax and options.
/set	Sets the audit policy. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol set</a> for syntax and options.
/list	Displays selectable policy elements. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol list</a> for syntax and options.
/backup	Saves the audit policy to a file. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol backup</a> for syntax and options.

Sub-command	Description
/restore	Restores the audit policy from a file that was previously created by using auditpol /backup. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol restore</a> for syntax and options.
/clear	Clears the audit policy. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol clear</a> for syntax and options.
/remove	Removes all per-user audit policy settings and disables all system audit policy settings. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol remove</a> for syntax and options.
/resourceSACL	Configures global resource system access control lists (SACLs). <b>Note:</b> Applies only to Windows 7 and Windows Server 2008 R2. For more information, see <a href="#">auditpol resourceSACL</a> .
/?	Displays help at the command prompt.

**Additional References**[Permalink](#)

- [Command-Line Syntax Key](#)

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Source: <https://strontic.github.io/xcyclopedia/library/auditpol.exe-214E0EA1F7F7C27C82D23F183F9D23F1.html>