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Introduction

EventVault Explorer is designed to make the log search faster and easier for the user. User can search for more specific data with the help of EventVault Explorer. The search criteria set by user will be saved for future reference in the database.

EventVault Explorer can also be configured to use remote MS SQL Server database.

Purpose

This document will guide you to search for logs in the EventVault Explorer for all EventTracker v7.x versions.

Audience

EventTracker Enterprise users who wish to use EventVault Explorer to search for logs.
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Existing Report/Log Search architecture goes through the typical CAB file processing for generating report or finding out specific data based on the given criteria. In real time environments (on heavy load scenarios, unknown conditions and multiple searches) this process takes lot of time and does not solve the immediate queries. Easy way to process quickly is to have the archived events in a cache, so that redundant processing of CAB files is eliminated.

Based on the given criteria, EventVault generates search result from cache and saves the search results as Search history for future reference.

Run ad-hoc reports and save the data in a database. You can further drill-down the cached data by,

- Specifying location, words, exact word/phrase or range of Event Id, in Advance search
- Selecting existing Category
- Constructing your own SQL Query

User can also configure EventVault Explorer to use remote MS SQL server database.

Execute search in EventVault Explorer

This option helps you to search CAB files.

Search CAB files, through ‘New Search’ tab

1. Log on to EventTracker Enterprise.
2. Select the Reports menu, and then select Explorer.

   EventTracker displays the EventVault Explorer window.

   **NOTE:**

   In v7.3 and below versions, click Tools at the upper-right corner, and then click EventVault Explorer.
Figure 1 – v7.4 and above versions
3. In **Duration** tab, select any one option to specify the time range to generate the results from metadata.
   - Select interval- Select the number of days/weeks/months from the dropdown
   - Select date range- Select the date and time for which the data needs to be searched.
4. To search between specific time range, select **Limit to time range** option.

![Figure 2 – v7.3 and below versions](image)

![Figure 3](image)
5. In **Systems** tab, select Groups/ Systems/ All Systems to fetch records based on the input selection/criteria.

![Image of EventTracker: EventVault Explorer](image)

*Figure 4 – v7.4 and above versions*
6. Click **Refine/Filter** tab, and set the refine and/or filter criteria for the search result.
7. For future reference, provide an appropriate description for the search criteria in the **Description**.
   This is not a mandatory field.

8. Click the **Search** button.
   EventTracker displays the **Disk cost analysis** pop-up window.

9. Click **OK**.
   EventTracker displays information message box.
10. Click the OK button.

EventTracker displays **Search History** tab with the result set.
11. Click the **Status** hyperlink.

EventTracker displays EventVault Explorer processing status message box.

![EventVault Explorer processing status](image)

**Figure 11**

If an error occurs, then below error message displays.
Search CAB files, through ‘Search History’ tab

As said earlier, EventTracker saves all your queries and the result set in the data cache. You can reuse the data to further refine the search.

1. Open EventVault Explorer.
2. Click Search History tab, if not selected.

   EventTracker displays Search History tab with all search queries framed earlier. Refer Figure 9 and 10.

3. Select a query, and then click Select.

   EventTracker displays the Refine Criteria pop-up window with log count.
NOTE:

1. In v7.4 and above versions, click the **Reports** menu, and then select **Explorer**.
   EventTracker displays the EventVault Explorer.

2. Select **Explore** icon.
   Flex Data Refine window displays.
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**Figure 14 – v7.4 and above versions**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Field</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Metadata</strong></td>
<td>Metadata displays event properties and its count in the search result. You can further narrow down the search criteria by selecting specific event properties.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Advanced Search</strong></td>
<td>Refer Advanced Search section in the Log Search User Guide.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Category</td>
<td>Select a Category or Categories to search associated events.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SQL Query</td>
<td>Select this option to frame your own query. Available fields in the logs selected are displayed to aid you in framing queries. Follow the examples to avoid errors and make sensible yet powerful queries.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

4. Click the **New Search** button to go the **New Search** tab in EventVault Explorer.  
   (OR)  
   Click **Search** to see the search result based on the given search criteria.  
   EventTracker displays the result set.  

**NOTE:**  
EventTracker saves the searches in the database.

**Refine Criteria - Metadata**  
The event properties in the search result are in the form of precooked metadata which are readily available for further refinement. Each event property displays the number of occurrences in the respective search result. Different event properties can be combined together to get a refined result. The search/refine process can be limited to a defined time range.
Figure 15 – v7.4 and above versions
Refine Criteria - Advanced Search

Advanced search helps you to refine the results by providing any of the standard or custom columns. It also helps you to fetch the result which contains an exact word or part of the word/phrase, and event id range.

Figure 16 – v7.3 and below versions
Figure 17 – v7.4 and above versions
Figure 18 – v7.3 and below versions
Refine Criteria - Category

This option helps you to get the results based on the selected category.

Figure 19 – v7.4 and above versions
Figure 20 – v7.3 and below versions
Refine Criteria - SQL Query

This option helps you to get the results based on custom SQL query. Users are given an option to form their own SQL query based on the event properties.
Configure EventVault Explorer to use remote SQL Server

The SQL Server Express Edition has maximum database size limitation of 4 GB. Hence, to overcome this limitation an option is provided to use Remote SQL Server, which can be SQL Server Enterprise Full Edition. Unlike SQL Server Express edition, SQL Server Enterprise Edition does not have any size limitation.

Before you begin, read the below points carefully.

NOTE:
- MS SQL Server Enterprise 2005/2008/2012 is supported.
- For best performance the instance of MS SQL server Enterprise should be dedicated for this usage.
- The MS SQL server instance should be accessible from the EventTracker server, preferably via fully qualified domain name (FQDN).
- Window's authentication is used for connecting to the MS SQL server.

For successful configuration, follow the steps given below:

In SQL Server system
- Grant user (User used for EventTracker configuration) Sysadmin access on remote SQL server.
- Create folder on remote SQL server system to store EventVault Explorer database file and give user (User used for EventTracker configuration) full access on folder created on remote system.

In EventTracker server
1. Click the Reports menu, and then click on Explorer.
   The EventVault Explorer window will appear on the screen.
2. Click **Configuration** hyperlink. The **EventVault Explorer Configuration** dialog box appears on the screen.
3. Select **SQL Server Enterprise** option.

   This enables the EventVault Explorer to use the SQL Server Database.

4. Enter host server name in **Host Server Name:** box.

   Host Server name might be remote system’s address or IP address of SQL server.

   Example: `mcoln.Toons.local`

5. Enter SQL server instance name in **SQL Server Instance Name:** box.

   If a specific instance name was provided while installing SQL server, then provide the same name here.

6. Enter database path in **Database path:** box.

   For example, `D:\EventVaultD`

   This database path should be on SQL server system.
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**Figure 26 – v7.4 and above versions**

**Figure 27 – v7.3 and below versions**
7. To authenticate the SQL server database connection, click the **Test Connection** button.

8. Enter any number in **Max history count**: box.

   Max history count is the number of searches performed on cache databases, which can be active at any given point of time. A new search cannot be performed once it exceeds the max history count.

9. To save the configuration, click the **Save** button.

10. Change EventTracker Reporter service logon account to the User account (**ET Admin**) which has permission on Remote SQL server.

    Follow the steps given below to enable **ET Admin** user account.

    a. Enter `services.msc` command in **Run** dialog box.

       ![Figure 28](image)

    b. In **Services** window, select **EventTracker Reporter**.


c. Select Log On tab, select This account option, and then type ‘TOONS\ET Admin’
d. Click the **Apply** button, and then click the **OK** button.

**NOTE:**

For more details, refer [EventVault– Introduction and Usage](#) document.