



STEALTHtip #32

All About: Host Lists

Host Lists are logical groupings of systems created within StealthAUDIT used for targeted auditing of an environment which meet a specific set of criteria that you (the user) defines.

Host Lists are vitally important to the success, speed, and accuracy of an audit. Running queries against systems or applications that are known to not contain the information you are looking to collect can needlessly leave connections to these systems open, thus increasing job run times. Additionally, running queries against system or applications outside the scope of your intended host “audience” can skew end-state results and reports.

When running Jobs that come with the product, a quick tip to ensure proper Host List assignment is to read the Job and Job Group descriptions STEALTHbits provides for you. As you’ll see in the example below, by simply highlighting any Job or Job Group name, you’ll be presented with a full description of that Job or Job Group in the center pane.



In this example, you’ll notice the first Job runs against all Exchange Mailbox Servers and Public Folder Servers, but the other two Jobs do not. Therefore, Host Lists containing Public Folders should not be assigned to the second or third Jobs in this Job Group. Follow the instructions below to learn how to design and apply accurate Host Lists to your StealthAUDIT Jobs and Job Groups.

Stay tuned for tomorrow’s tip, which will show you how to create and assign a host list, or see STEALTHtips 5 and 6 for more information on custom and manual host lists!



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