

# Re: ? Delete/Remove Specific Entries From The Event Viewer Log

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Alec,

I clear all three logs in the Event Viewer daily, but it's just me on a stand alone machine.

[[The default maximum size is 512K.  
The overwrite options on this tab specify what happens when this limit is reached.]]

Maybe you should be archiving the logs.

[[If you archive a log in text (.txt) or comma-delimited (.csv) format, you can reopen the log in other programs, such as word processing or spreadsheet programs. ]]

If you save as .txt or .csv you can \*EDIT\* them like you wanted to in the first place. But, .txt and .csv will not retain the binary data for each event recorded.

You can't have your Kate and Edith too. :-D

To archive an event log

[http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/nt\\_archive\\_log\\_how\\_ev.mspx](http://www.microsoft.com/resources/documentation/windows/xp/all/proddocs/en-us/nt_archive_log_how_ev.mspx)

Full logs can cause problems if overwrite is not selected...

"The security log on this system is full" message when you try to log on to a computer that is running Windows XP or Windows Server 2003

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:867860>

How To Prevent Auditable Activities When Security Log Is Full

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/q140058/>

STOP 0xC0000244 when security log full

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:232564>

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Users cannot access Web sites when the security event log is full  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:832981>

RPC "Server is Unavailable" Message When Audit Log is Full  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:242361>

The event log stops logging events before reaching the maximum log size  
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:312571>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes  
MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In [news:epdCqk1sFHA.3528@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:epdCqk1sFHA.3528@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),  
Alec S. <@> hunted and pecked:  
> "Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
> [news:%23HjO4kzsFHA.304@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23HjO4kzsFHA.304@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> As far as I know, all you can do is Filter events. Which is a waste of  
>> time.  
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> I would not be surprised if log maintenance is not supported. After all,  
> there is no way to set it to NOT have a limit, that is there is no way to  
> allow the events to keep accumulating as long as there is room. This  
> indicates that MS thinks that these events are transient and not  
> important in the long run, but rather only useful for short term  
> diagnostics. While this may be true, sometimes it is useful to keep ALL  
> events (well the real ones, unlike the thousands of useless ones  
> generated by this bad program). Also, some people are neurotic. :)  
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> Alec S.  
> news -- alec --@-- synetech -- cjb -- net

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• **References:**

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◇ From: Wesley Vogel

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