

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Premier Lease and Loan Services®, a division of Great American Insurance Company®, focuses on building customized lease and loan programs to meet the highly specialized needs of financial institutions and automobile dealers. With roots that go back to 1872, Great American Insurance Company, is engaged primarily in property and casualty insurance, focusing on specialty commercial products for businesses, and in the sale of annuities, life and supplemental health insurance products.

BUSINESS SITUATION

In the insurance world auditing and compliance is a constant reality. Premier Lease and Loan Services is audited for Sarbanes Oxley compliance annually. They needed a solution that would ease Sarbanes Oxley compliance on their SQL Server databases – specifically by automating production data modifications, tracking changes, and delivering customized, accurate reporting necessary for Sarbanes Oxley audits.

BENEFITS

With Idera's SQL compliance manager, Premier Lease and Loan Services has been able to automate production data modifications, significantly cut programming and administration time, and increase DBA productivity.





Premier Lease & Loan Services gets SOX Compliant with Idera's SQL compliance manager

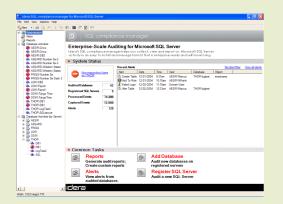
Premier Lease and Loan Services (PLLS) Division of Great American Insurance Group headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, purchased Idera's SQL compliance manager application for assistance with multiple annual audits, including both internal and external Sarbanes-Oxley (SOX) audits and internal general IT control audits.

For PLLS Database Administrator Heather Haake, demanding audit schedules are facts of life. "In the insurance business auditing is happening all the time. Her small team of three database administrators have to make a lot of manual modifications and were not satisfied with existing methods for tracking production modification requests," said Haake. "A large portion of our time was consumed with manually trying to catch changes."

IDERA SQL COMPLIANCE MANAGER

Designed in partnership with major auditing firms and leading security experts, Idera's SQL compliance manager provides a powerful auditing and compliance solution for Microsoft SQL Server users. SQL compliance manager provides: low overhead data collection, a central repository of audit data, a central management console, pre-defined compliance reports, an auditors console for ad-hoc queries, reporting and forensic analysis, and efficient, secure data archival. If you are tasked with ensuring compliance to external standards such as Sarbanes-Oxley, GLBA, HIPAA, Basel II, need to meet the requirements of internal auditors, or simply need to feel comfortable with your database security model, then SQL compliance manager is an essential component of your SQL Server management infrastructure.





SQL compliance manager's enterprise console makes it fast and easy to configure, deploy and manage your auditing environment. Real-time monitoring of agent activity and the audit data stream plus comprehensive alerting and self-auditing features ensure that SQL compliance manager is your trusted source of SQL Server audit information

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AUTOMATION SAVES TIME & HEADACHES

Heather's team was already leveraging Idera's SQL diagnostic manager and turned to the company for auditing help. "The first thing I noticed was the customer service," Haake said. "With Idera any questions or requests, no matter how small, were immediately answered."

Haake installed Idera's SQL compliance manager for Microsoft SQL Server on five servers and 32 databases. Immediately, Heather was able to put in place a three-step audit process for product data modifications that delivered customized reporting for both internal and external audits. "Our old solution required daily administration that was very time-consuming," said Haake, "Idera's SQL compliance manager, however, was simple. It's easily customizable, so you can set your environment just the way you want, and then we don't worry about it, we know that we will be alerted when necessary."

With SQL compliance manager Haake's team tracks everything required for production modification requests, audits, and other key database changes. More importantly, it enables the DBA team to self-audit. "SQL compliance manager allows us to pinpoint areas get a better understanding about how we're spending our time and pinpoint areas that need improvement. By automating the processes, we're can saving quite a lot of time per month," Haake said.

"With SQL compliance manager, we have automated production data modifications and have been able to reduce programming and administration time. For the first time, our production modifications and auditing process were completed in less than one day, "Haake said.

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