

# DataTrack Network and Workstation Audit

Plugin for the DataTrack Server 2005

## Introduction

DataTrack Network and Workstation Audit (NWA) is a plugin for the DataTrack Server that simplifies the hardware and software inventorying process.

With Automatic Network Auditing, NWA routinely examines network computers for hardware and software changes, and automatically audits any new network computers. Moreover, NWA enables Desktop Client users to manually audit multiple remote workstations via a straightforward wizard interface.

Network and Workstation Audit utilizes Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI) to collect workstation hardware and software information. WMI is a Microsoft technology that is inherent in Windows® Me, 2000, XP, and 2003, and is available as a separate download for Windows® 95, 98 and NT.

Using this technology, NWA can remotely gather workstation hardware and software information, without the need to deploy any software on remote machines.

# Benefits

- Automates and simplifies the network workstation auditing process.
- Enables rapid access to current hardware and software information.
- Remotely gathers hardware and software information – no need to deploy software on remote machines.
- Tracks and catalogs installed software – helping to ensure software license compliance.

What's more, DataTrack Network and Workstation Audit is an easily-downloadable plugin for the DataTrack Server. Setup and installation are a breeze, and once you have it installed, it's ready to go.

# Support and Pricing

## Pricing

Network and Workstation Audit is offered as a per-server, one-time licensing fee of \$199.99 USD.

## Support

As a licensed customer, support for Network and Workstation Audit is included with your original purchase.

# Installation and Configuration

To begin using the NWA plugin, you must first purchase a per-server license, after which you will receive download information.

The NWA plugin comes in the form of a self-installing setup application. The setup application will automatically determine if your DataTrack Server installation is up-to-date, and, should this not be the case, will direct you to an update for the DataTrack Server.

Once the setup application has installed the plugin, NWA is ready to use.

## Accessing the Network and Workstation Plugin

All DataTrack Server plugins, such as ADA and Email Receiver, are fitted with a configuration interface.

To access the NWA plugin, refer to the instructions below.

1. On the left task panel of the DataTrack Server window, click **Configure Server Options**.
2. From the left options list, select **Plugins**.
3. In the **Plugins** list, select **DataTrack Network and Workstation Audit**, and then click **Configure**.

## Using Automatic Network Audit (*DataTrack Server*)

Automatic Network Audit monitors your network for computer hardware and software changes and automatically audits any new computers found.

When a new computer is discovered, the service automatically creates a corresponding asset which represents that workstation and its peripherals. When an existing workstation is modified, such as, for example, when a peripheral is upgraded or software is uninstalled, its corresponding asset is updated to reflect the current configuration.

## Configuring Automatic Network Audit

Automatic Network Audit is configurable only through the DataTrack Server plugin interface, as it is a service that resides within the DataTrack Server software.

To configure Automatic Network Audit, refer to the instructions below:

1. In the DataTrack Network and Workstation Audit configuration window (Refer to section *Accessing the Network and Workstation Plugin*), click **Automatic Network Auditing** from the left options list.
2. To add a network to monitor, click **Add** from the right, and then specify the corresponding information.

## Using Remote Audit Wizard (*DataTrack Desktop Client*)

The Remote Audit Wizard enables administrators and technicians to manually audit remote computers via an easy-to-use wizard interface, accessible via the Desktop Client. Remote Audit Wizard enables instant access to up-to-date hardware and software configurations.

To access the NWA Remote Audit Wizard, while logged in with the Desktop Client, refer to the instructions below:

1. While logged in with the Desktop Client, click **Go** from the menu, and then select **Assets**.
2. In the **Assets** listing, from the left task panel, click **Create New Asset** or, alternatively, click **File**, point to **New**, and then select **Asset (Ctrl + T)**.
3. In the **Create a New Asset** window, select **Create Asset(s) from Audited Workstations**, and then click **OK**.

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