

Least Privilege General Performance Monitoring

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For an overview of the performance monitoring features available with the SQL Sentry **Event Calendar**, see the [Scheduling Performance Monitoring](#) topic.

Note: It's possible to collect **Performance Counter** data in the SQL Sentry **Event Calendar** without Windows Administrator privileges.

Collecting Performance Counters

Add the SQL Sentry monitoring service account to the **Performance Monitor** security group of the machine where the monitoring service is installed. For the service to access the **Performance Counters** of your watched instances remotely, grant the service account read access to certain registry keys. Complete the following steps on each target that you want to collect **Performance Counters**:

1. Navigate to the winreg key located at the following path:

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HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\SecurePipeServers\winreg
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2. Right click on the winreg key and select Permissions. Add the SQL Sentry monitoring service account.

3. Restart Windows.

Note: For general information on editing the Windows Registry see [Windows registry information for advanced users](#).