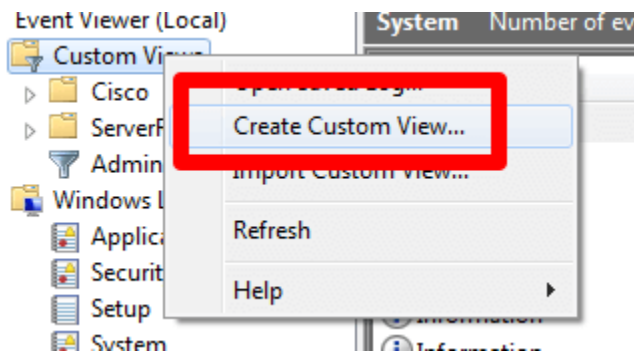


Using Custom Event Viewer Views for Failed SQL Server Logins

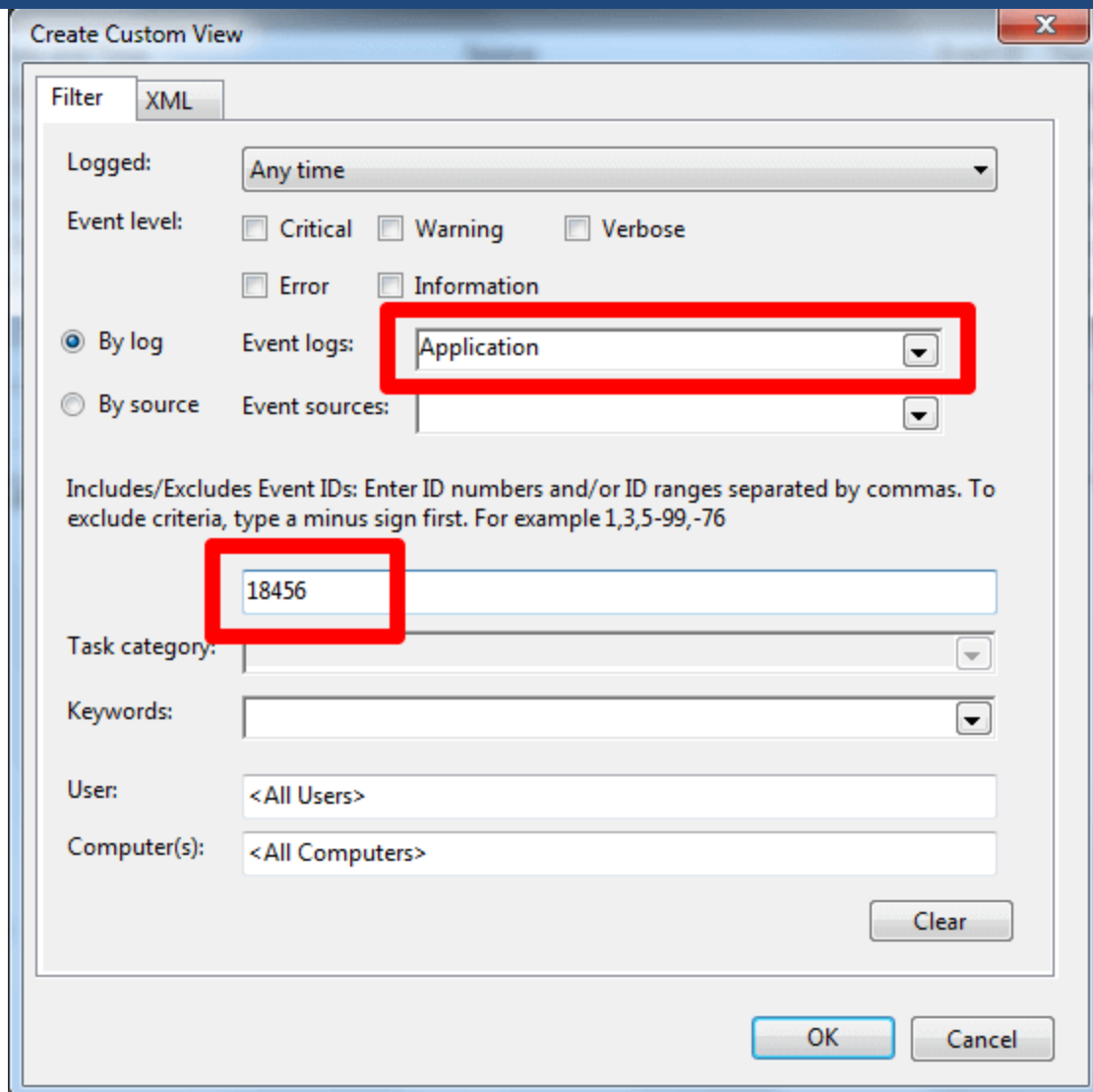
You can be overloaded by events in the Application event log, too. One trick you can use is to build a Custom View. This way, the Event Viewer will sift through the events based on a predefined filter you've configured. To start, make sure you are in Event Viewer running under a login that has the ability to access the Application event log for the server where the SQL Server is installed. This could be Event Viewer running on your workstation.

Next, right-click on **Custom Views** and choose **Create Custom View...**



Define what you're going to filter on. Set the log to **Application** and enter **18456** for the event ID like so:

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Then click **OK** and give the view a name. If you have SQL Server installed where the Event Viewer is connected to and you've had failed logins which were audited, you should see them in the appropriate pane:

SQL - Failed Logins Number of events: 17

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Level	Date and Time	Source	Eve...	Task Category
Information	6/21/2016 9:46:25 PM	MSSQLSERVER	18456	Logon
Information	6/6/2016 9:33:39 AM	MSSQLSERVER	18456	Logon
Information	3/8/2016 11:21:40 AM	MSSQLSERVER	18456	Logon
Information	1/27/2016 12:33:58 PM	MSSQLSERVER	18456	Logon
Information	1/27/2016 12:32:01 PM	MSSQLSERVER	18456	Logon

Event 18456, MSSQLSERVER

General Details

Login failed for user 'DemoLogin'. Reason: Password did not match that for the login provided. [CLIENT: <local machine>]

I mentioned creating this view on your workstation and here's why: when you connect to another computer, you can use the custom view there, too. If I create the custom view on my workstation, I only have to create it once. I can then connect to any SQL Server where I'm interested in looking for failed logins and then click on my custom view. It may take a few moments, but Event Viewer will retrieve the events and display the filtered result.

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