

Email Archive

In this section will be able to configure a scheduled archive jobs for your Hermes SEG.

An Email Archive Job will create a separate email archive on external storage by creating a directory named **/mnt** on that share, copying all the emails stored on the appliance to that directory, verifying that the emails copied correctly and then delete them from the appliance local storage in order to free up space.

Archived emails can still be viewed and downloaded from the Hermes SEG Administration Console or User Self-Service Console as long as the external storage is mounted on the appliance. **However, archived emails cannot be released to user mailboxes.**

In addition to archiving the email on the appliance to external storage, an archive job will also allow you to create a compressed 7-zip snapshot of the latest archive on the external storage . The 7-zip snapshot is useful for having multiple backup copies of the e-mail archive.

Each time an Email Archive Job runs, it creates a detailed log of each and every message that is moved and deleted from the appliance local storage. At the end of the job, this log is compressed as a 7-zip file and then moved to the external archive storage. For Email Archive Jobs configured **without** a compressed 7-zip snapshot of the latest archive, the system will automatically prune logs older than **14-days** by default. For Email Archive Jobs configured **with** a compressed 7-zip snapshot of the latest archive, the system will automatically prune logs following the **Compressed 7-zip Snapshot Retention Period** setting of the job.

Hermes SEG requires a CIFS (Windows Share) share to an external storage in order to perform scheduled email archives. Shares have to be successfully validated first before an Archive Job can be saved. **Only one Archive Job can be created.**

Note: It is highly recommended that you archive email to an external deduplicating storage.

Note: Windows Server 2012 and above has support for deduplication, however if you are planning on utilizing Windows Server deduplication, you must disable [Windows Kernel Case Insensitivity](#) and you must NEVER use Windows file tools to manage the email archive because case sensitivity will not be preserved and the appliance will not be able to access the archived emails.

Note: Email Archive Jobs can be a very time consuming process depending on the number of emails stored on the appliance. The initial Archive Job can take days or even weeks to complete.

Validate Share

By default, when creating a new Archive Job, the **Archive Job Create Mode** field is automatically set to **Validate Share** and the **Save Archive Job** field is **disabled**. The Save Archive Job field only gets enabled when a share is successfully validated.

1. Enter a friendly name under the **Archive Job Name** field
2. Enter an IP Address or a FQDN Host name of the server hosting the share under the **Server** field
3. Enter the name of the share under the **Share Name** field
4. Enter the name of a directory under the share if applicable under the **Directory Name** field
5. Enter domain name under the **Domain** field
6. Enter the username who has access to that share under the **Username** field
7. Enter the password for the username from Step 6 under the **Password** field
8. Enter a valid email address in order to get success or failure notifications from the backup job under the **Notification E-mail Address** field
9. Select the number of days to archive email older than in the **Archive Emails Older Than** drop-down box. For instance, if you want to have 3 months worth of archive emails stored on the appliance and archive the rest, you would select 90 Days from the drop-down box.
10. Select **Yes** on the **Create Compressed 7-zip Snapshot** field if you want the system to create **Compressed 7-zip format** snapshots of the email archive stored on the share. If you select Yes, after all the emails have been archived on the share, the system will additionally create a 7-zip compressed archive of all the emails on the share. This is useful for having multiple copies of the email archive for retention purposes.
11. Select the number of days to retain Compressed 7-zip Snapshot files on the **Compressed 7-zip Snapshot Retention Period** drop-down field. Available options are, **7 Days, 14 Days, 21 Days and 28 Days**. The system will use the **Compressed 7-zip Snapshot Retention Period** you selected to automatically delete older snapshot files so that your external storage doesn't get filled up.
12. Select the job frequency from the **Frequency** drop-down field. Available options are **Daily, Weekly and Monthly**.
13. Enter a date for the archive job to start by either selecting a date by clicking the calendar button or by manually entering a date in the form of **mm/dd/yyyy** in the **Start Date** field.
14. Select a time for the archive job to start by selecting a time from the **Start Time** drop-down field
15. Click the **Submit** button to validate the share (**Figure 1**)

Figure 1

Archive Job Create Mode

- Validate Share
- Save Archive Job

The job will be saved under the **Existing Archive Job** section on the bottom of the page (**Figure 4**)

Figure 4

Existing Archive Job

Delete	Job Name	Server	Share	Directory	Interval	Email Age	Compressed Snapshot	Compressed Snapshot Retention	Job Progress	Remount Share	Run/Stop
	daily-4	11111111111111111111	email_archive		daily	180	yes	7	100%		

Share Validation Unsuccessful

If the validation is unsuccessful, you will receive the following message (**Figure 5**).

Figure 5

The Share cannot be validated. Please check all supplied information and try again



Check the information supplied and share permissions and try validating the share again.

Manually Run Archive Job

The saved archive job will run according to the schedule you set. Alternatively if you wish to run it immediately:

1. Click on the green arrow button under the **Run/Stop** column to run the job immediately (**Figure 6**)

Figure 6

Existing Archive Job

Delete	Job Name	Server	Share	Directory	Interval	Email Age	Compressed Snapshot	Compressed Snapshot Retention	Job Progress	Remount Share	Run/Stop
	DailyArchive	11111111111111111111	email_archive		daily	30	no	N/A	N/A		

2. In the **Confirmation Window**, click the **Yes** button (**Figure 7**). Clicking **No**, will take you back to the Email Archive page.

Figure 7

Are you sure you want to run the Archive Job?

If you click **YES**, the Archive Job will start and it will not stop until it has completed or manually stopped. Depending on the size of the email archive, it may take days or even weeks to complete. You can check the progress of the job in the Email Archive page.

YES

NO


If the Archive Job is in progress, the button under the **Run/Stop** column will become a red square  (Figure 8)

Figure 8

Existing Archive Job

Delete	Job Name	Server	Share	Directory	Interval	Email Age	Compressed Snapshot	Compressed Snapshot Retention	Job Progress	Remount Share	Run/Stop
	daily (1)	server1 (1)	share1 (1)	dir1 (1)	daily	180	yes	7	100.00%		

Stop an Active Archive Job

If you wish to stop an active Archive Job:


1. Click on the red square button  under the **Run/Stop** column (Figure 9)

Figure 9

Existing Archive Job

Delete	Job Name	Server	Share	Directory	Interval	Email Age	Compressed Snapshot	Compressed Snapshot Retention	Job Progress	Remount Share	Run/Stop
	daily (1)	server1 (1)	share1 (1)	dir1 (1)	daily	180	yes	7	100.00%		

2. In the **Confirmation Window**, click the **Yes** button (Figure 10). Clicking **No**, will take you back to the Email Archive page.

Figure 10

Are you sure you want to stop the Archive Job?

If you click **YES**, the Archive Job in progress will be stopped immediately and it will have to be started manually again or wait for the next scheduled interval.

YES

NO

Delete Archive Job

If you wish to delete the existing Archive Job and the job is NOT running:


1. Click on the red X  under the Delete column (**Figure 11**)

Figure 11

Existing Archive Job

Delete	Job Name	Server	Share	Directory	Interval	Email Age	Compressed Snapshot	Compressed Snapshot Retention	Job Progress	Remount Share	Run/Stop
	daily		email_archive		daily	180	yes	7			

2. In the Confirmation Window, click the **Yes** button (**Figure 12**). Clicking **No**, will take you back to the Email Archive page.

Figure 12

Are you sure you want to delete the Archive Job?

YES

NO

Remount Archive Share

If the Archive Share becomes dismounted and you or your users are not able to view or download archived emails from the **Message History & Archive**, you can click on the button on the **Remount Share** column to attempt to remount the Archive share (**Figure 13**).

Note: You cannot remount the Archive share if the Archive Job is in progress.

Figure 13

Existing Archive Job

Delete	Job Name	Server	Share	Directory	Interval	Email Age	Compressed Snapshot	Compressed Snapshot Retention	Job Progress	Remount Share	Run/Stop
	daily-4	10.10.10.10	hermes_email_archive		daily	180	yes	7	100%		

Restore External Storage Archive from Compressed 7-zip Snapshot File

As mentioned above, if you are storing your email archive on an external storage share on a Windows server, you must NEVER use Windows file tools to manage the email archive because case sensitivity will not be preserved and the appliance will not be able to access the archived emails. This includes, attempting to restore the email archive from a Compressed 7-zip Snapshot file. The restore process should always be done from the Hermes SEG appliance.

1. Login to Hermes SEG via SSH or the virtual console and become root and then type the hermes account password when prompted:

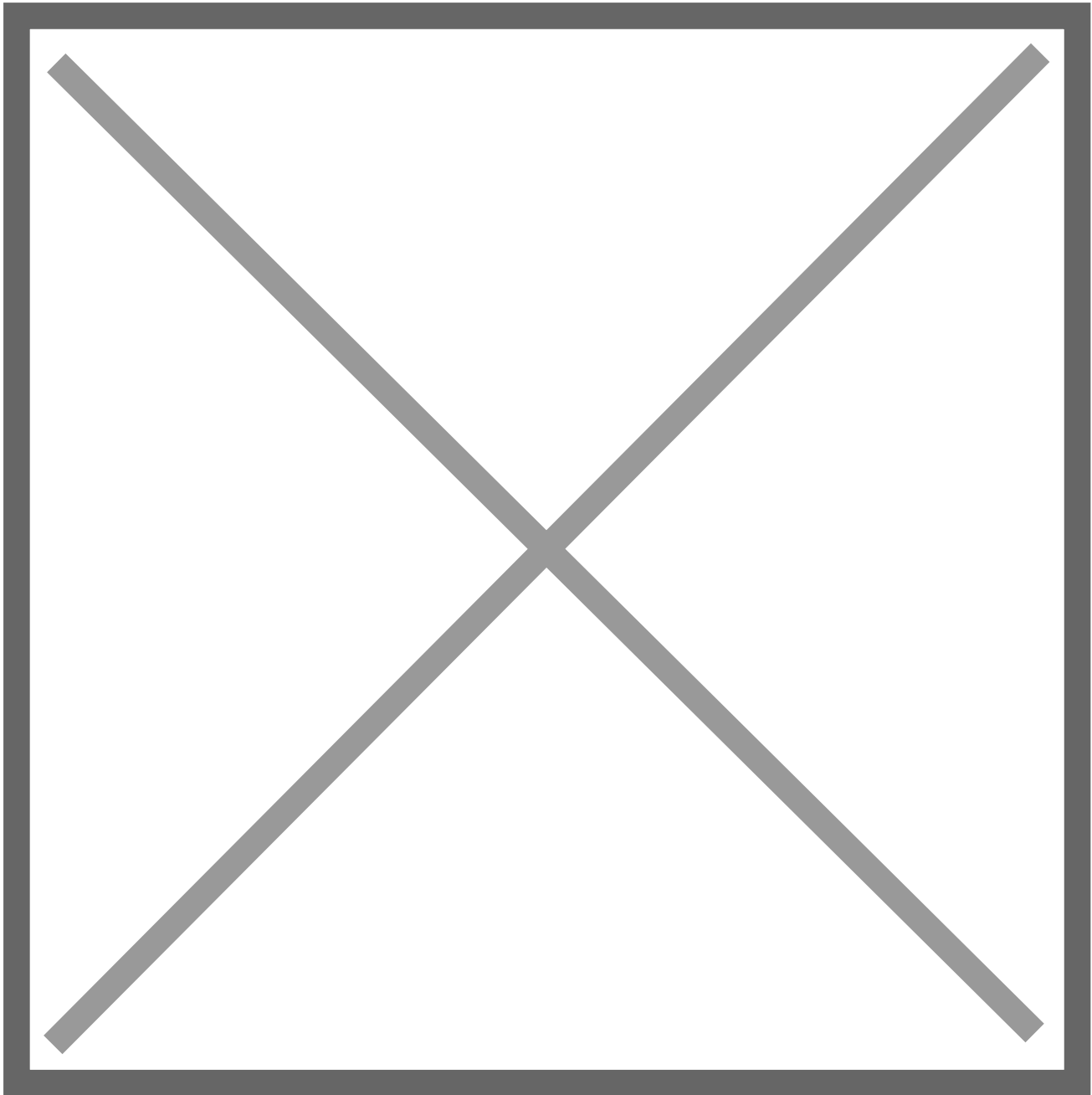
```
sudo su
```

2. Ensure the email archive share is mounted:

```
df -h
```

3. Look for the /mnt/hermesemail_archive mount (**Figure 14**)

Figure 14



```
Filesystem                Size      Used Avail Use% Mounted on
udev                     3.9G         0   3.9G   0% /dev
tmpfs                    798M      8.2M   790M   2% /run
/dev/sda2                 79G       13G    62G  17% /
tmpfs                    3.9G         0   3.9G   0% /dev/shm
tmpfs                    5.0M         0   5.0M   0% /run/lock
tmpfs                    3.9G         0   3.9G   0% /sys/fs/cgroup
/dev/loop0               98M       98M     0 100% /snap/core/10185
/dev/loop1               98M       98M     0 100% /snap/core/10126
/dev/sdb1                246G      17G   217G   7% /mnt/data
tmpfs                    798M         0   798M   0% /run/user/0
tmpfs                    798M         0   798M   0% /run/user/1000
//[redacted]@[redacted]/email_archive/ 1.3T    272G  1.1T  21% /mnt/hermesemail_archive
```

4. Change to the /mnt/hermesemail_archive directory:

```
cd /mnt/hermesemail_archive
```

5. List files in that directory

```
ls
```

6. If the share is mounted successfully you should get a listing similar to below (in this example, note the presence of the the various **Compressed 7-zip Snapshot** files):

```
hermesemail_archive_07-06-2017-0224.7z hermesemail_archive_07-11-2017-0303.7z  
hermesemail_archive_07-07-2017-0201.7z hermesemail_archive_07-12-2017-0304.7z  
hermesemail_archive_07-08-2017-0153.7z hermesemail_archive_07-13-2017-0246.7z  
hermesemail_archive_07-09-2017-0313.7z hermesemail_archive_07-14-2017-0149.7z  
hermesemail_archive_07-10-2017-0315.7z mnt
```

If the mnt directory exists

Change to that directory:

```
cd mnt/
```

If the mnt directory does NOT exist

Create the directory:

```
mkdir mnt
```

Change to that directory:

```
cd mnt/
```

7. Restore the email archive to the share by running the following command where **hermesemail_archive_mm-dd-yyyy-hhmm.7z** is the name of the Compressed 7-zip Snapshot file from the listing in **Step 6**:

```
7za x ../hermesemail_archive_mm-dd-yyyy-hhmm.7z
```

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