



USE CASE GUIDE

HOW TO CONFIGURE A REAL TIME ALERT

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1. Introduction

Real time alerts for all significant security changes are an essential tool to enable organizations to quickly detect and respond to potential attacks. Alerts provide timely information about current security issues, vulnerabilities, and activities. Once an alert has been triggered, immediate action can be taken to reduce risk and mitigate damage.

The focus at Lepide is to provide visibility over what's happening with your network and through visibility you can take the necessary steps to reduce risk and stay compliant. Once an alert has been generated within the Lepide Data Security Platform, the administrator will be aware that there is a problem, and necessary action can be taken to resolve the issue.

2. What is an Alert?

Using the Lepide Data Security Platform, you can select the specific events for which you want to create alerts instead of being notified of every change in the system. The administrators, or selected recipients, can receive these alerts as email notifications, LiveFeed updates and as push-notifications on our mobile-based application.

Alerts can be generated based on several factors. These could be:

- a single event
- pre-defined criteria (such as time and date)
- threshold-based criteria

2.1. Threshold Alerting

Typical security breaches display characteristics which can be picked up by the Lepide threshold alerting capability. This ability to detect and alert on file activity which may be suspicious means that potential data breaches can be identified in motion and immediate action taken.

For example, if a large number of files are being copied within a short time this is a trend that could indicate the start of a ransomware attack. This suspicious activity would trigger an alert, the activity would then be investigated, and the appropriate action taken. For critical alerts, responses can be automated to provide immediate action which could be to shut down a server or revoke user access rights.

Three different criteria are used to define threshold alerts:

1. Number of events
2. Type of event
3. Time period

So, for example, if **100** files were **copied** within **20** seconds, an alert would be activated as this indicates the start of a ransomware attack. These different criteria options can be set by the User to suit their requirements.

All alerts are real time and are delivered either to the Lepide Dashboard, via email or directly to any iOS or Android mobile device.

Below is an example of a Threshold Alert on the Lepide Dashboard:

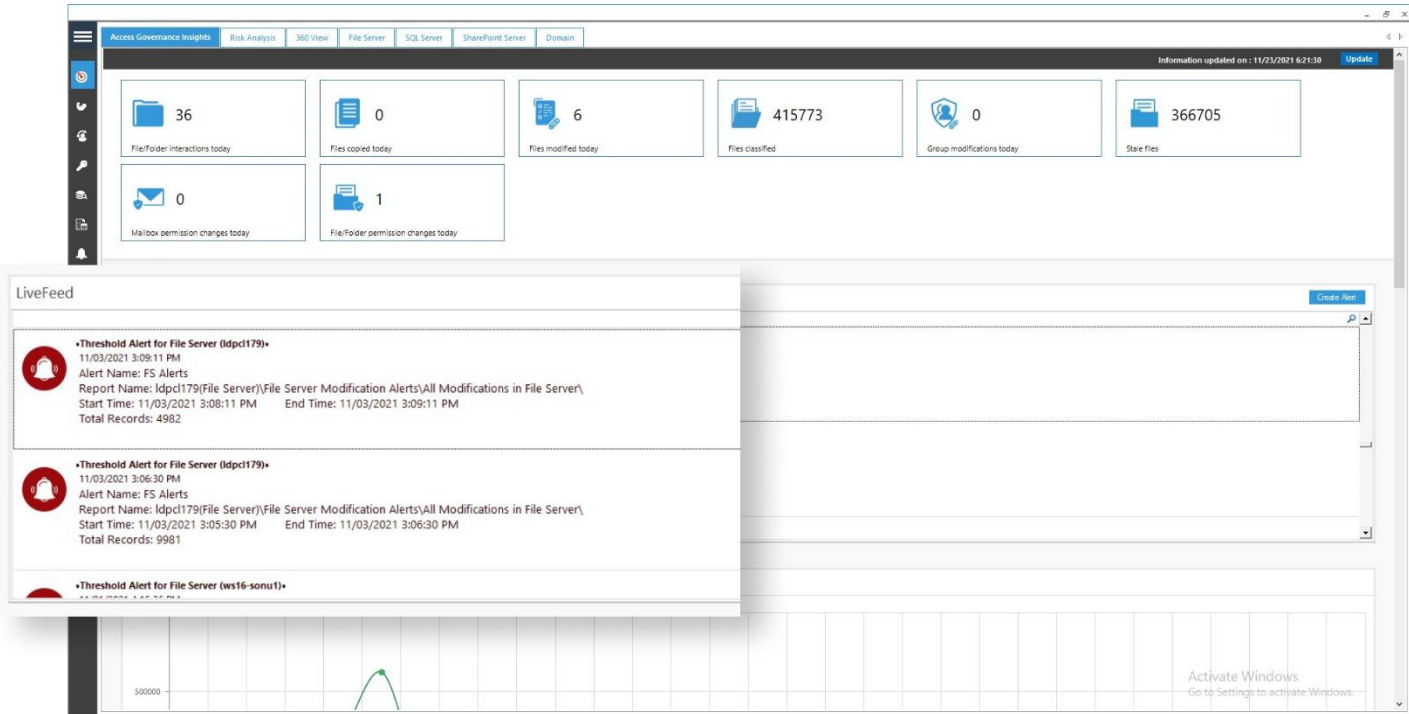


Figure 1: Threshold Alert

2.2. Automated Response

The Lepide Data Security Platform can be configured to execute a customized script whenever a selected change is detected. Scripts can be of the following types:

- VB Script
- PowerShell Script
- Batch File

Using custom script execution, you can shut down users, servers and take other actions to mitigate the effects of a security breach.

3.To Create an Alert

An alert can be created from any of the reports within the Lepide Data Security Platform. For this example, we will look at creating an alert from the File Copied Report.

As described previously, if there is a situation where many files are being copied within a short space of time, this could indicate the start of a ransomware attack so creating an alert on file copying is essential to mitigate this risk.

To see the file copied data, the first step is to run the File Copied Report:

3.1. Run the File Copied Report

- Click the **User and Entity Behaviour Analytics**  icon
- Expand **File Server Reports** (from the tree structure to the left side of the screen)
- Expand **File Server Modification Reports**
- Click on **File Copied** to display the **File Copied Report**

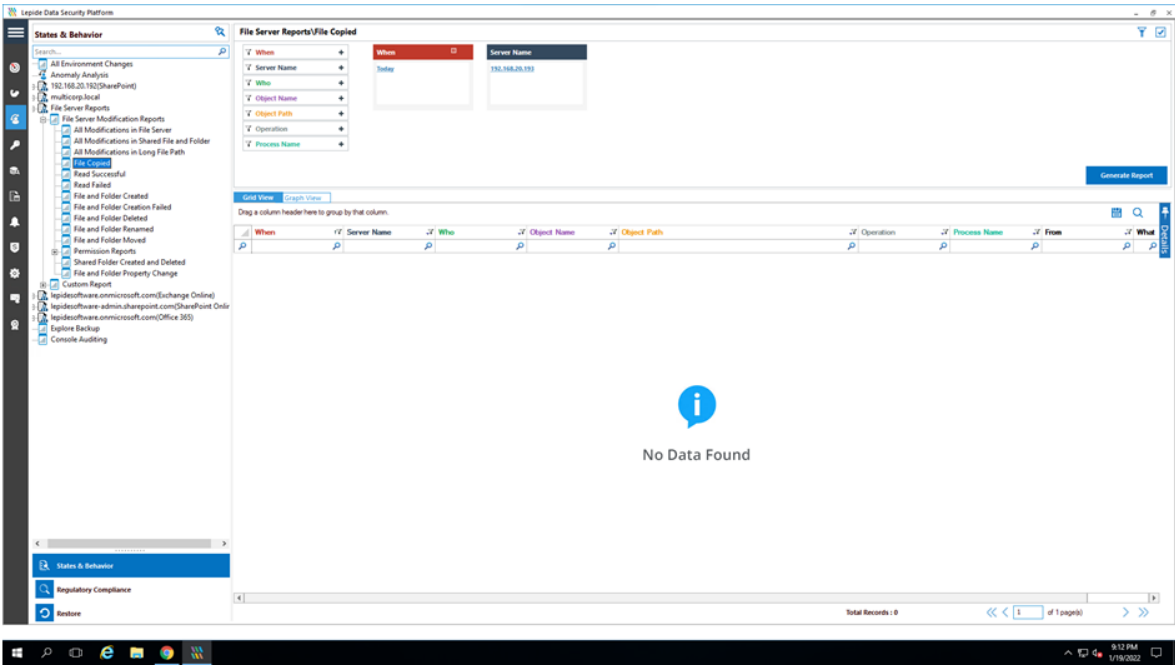


Figure 2: File Copied Report

Specify a Date Range

- From the top of the screen, under **When** click **Today** to choose a date range for the report

The following dialog box is displayed:

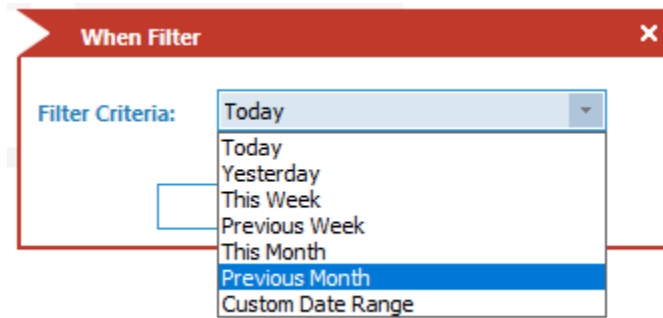


Figure 3: Date Range Filter

- Select a date range from the list
- Click **OK** and you will return to the File Copied screen

Specify a File Server

- From the top of the screen under **File Server**, click to select the required file server:

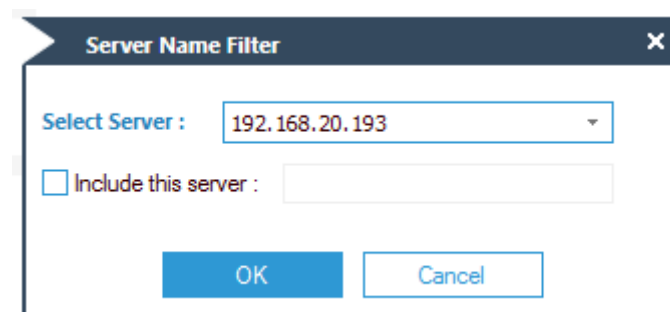


Figure 4: Server Name Filter

- Click **OK**
- Click **Generate Report**

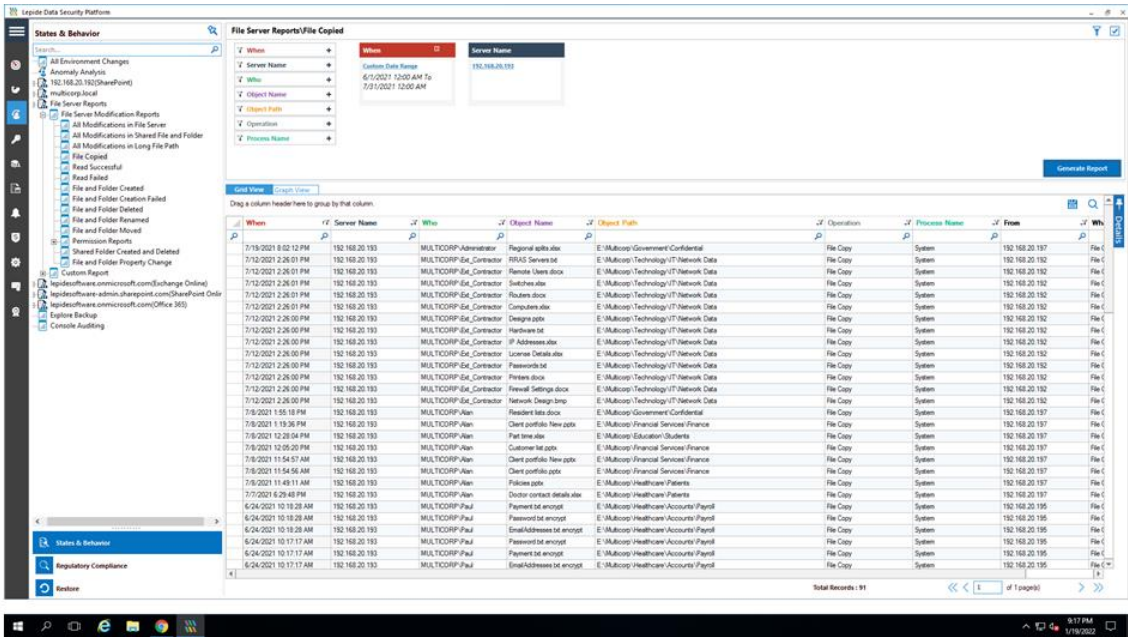


Figure 5: The Generated File Copy Report

The report runs and shows information including who copied the file, what was copied and the location of the file. The report can be scheduled, saved, and exported.

3.2. To Create an Alert on the File Copied Report

An alert is created in the same way for all the Lepide Data Security Platform reports. Here, the File Copied report is used as an example.

From the States & Behavior screen:

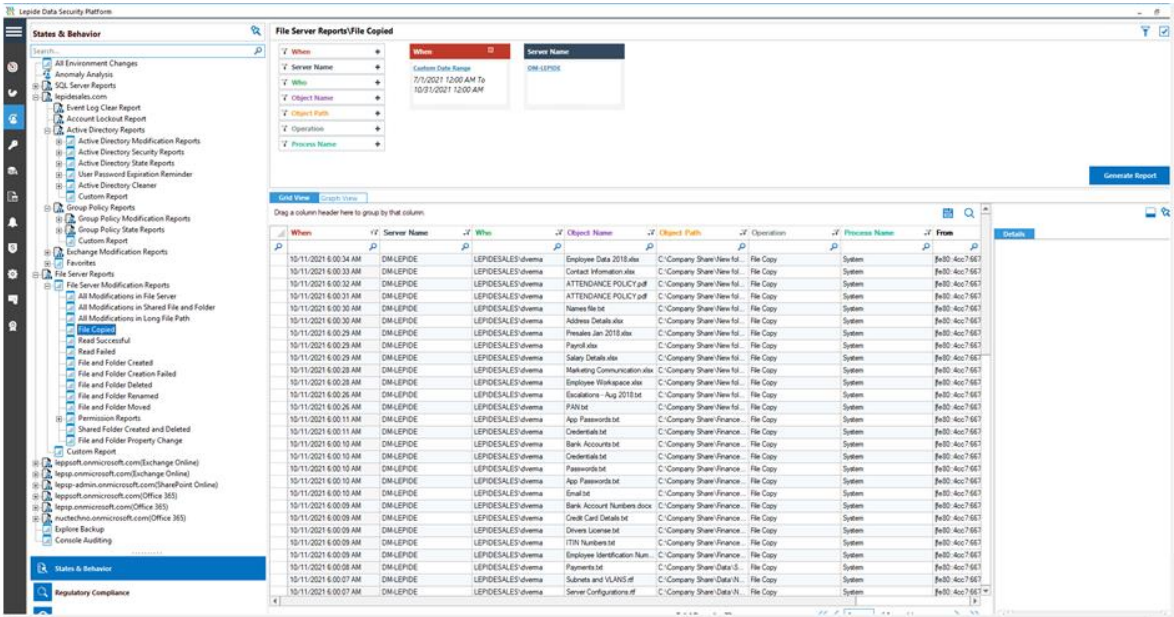


Figure 6: States & Behavior Screen

- Right click on the File Copied report.
A menu is displayed:

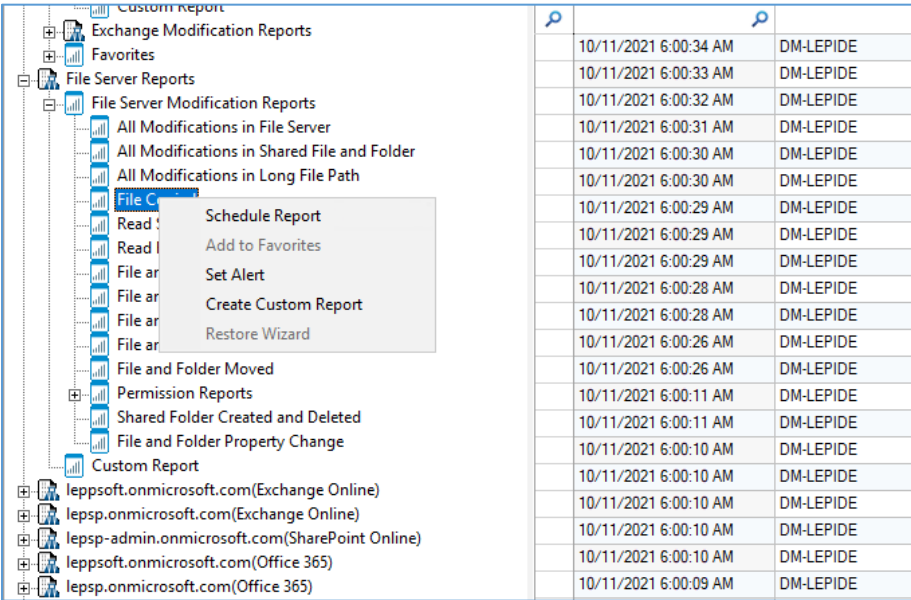


Figure 7: Report Menu

- Choose Set Alert

A Wizard will start, and the Select Reports dialog box is displayed:

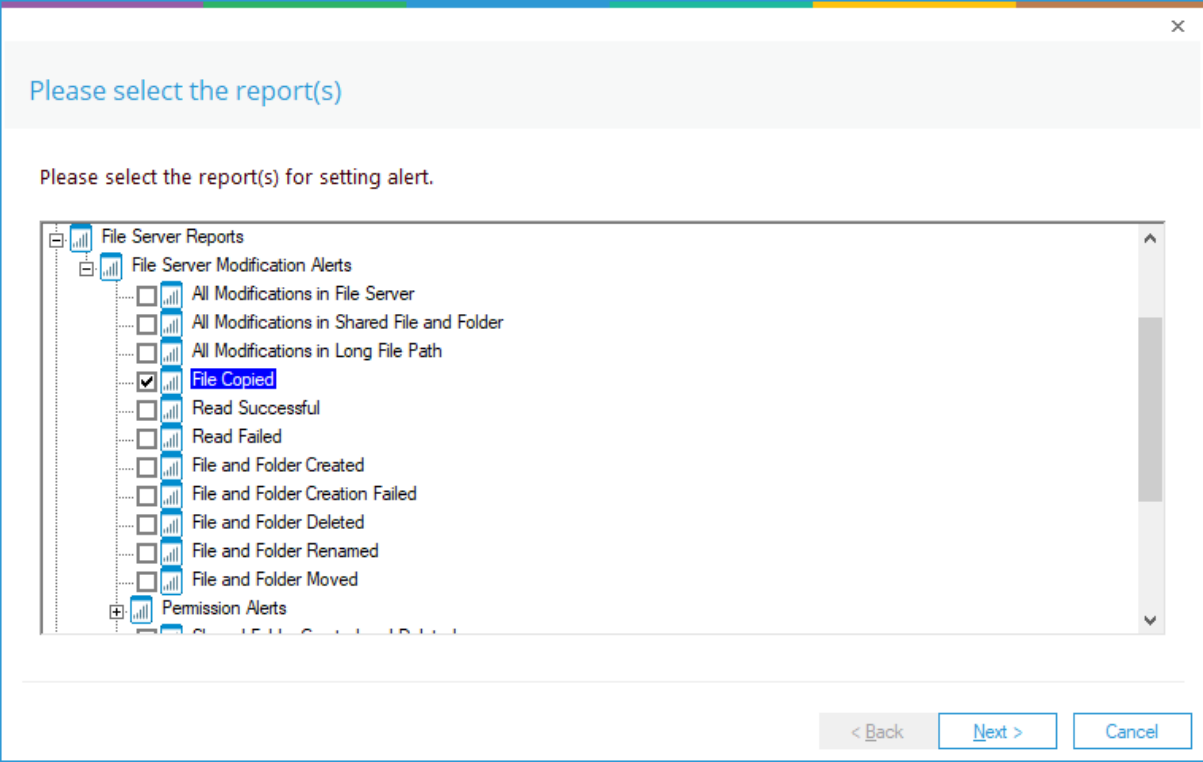


Figure 8: Select Report(s)

Ensure that the report on which you want to set an alert is checked. In this case, it is the File Copied report.

- Click Next

The Set Filter(s) dialog box is displayed:

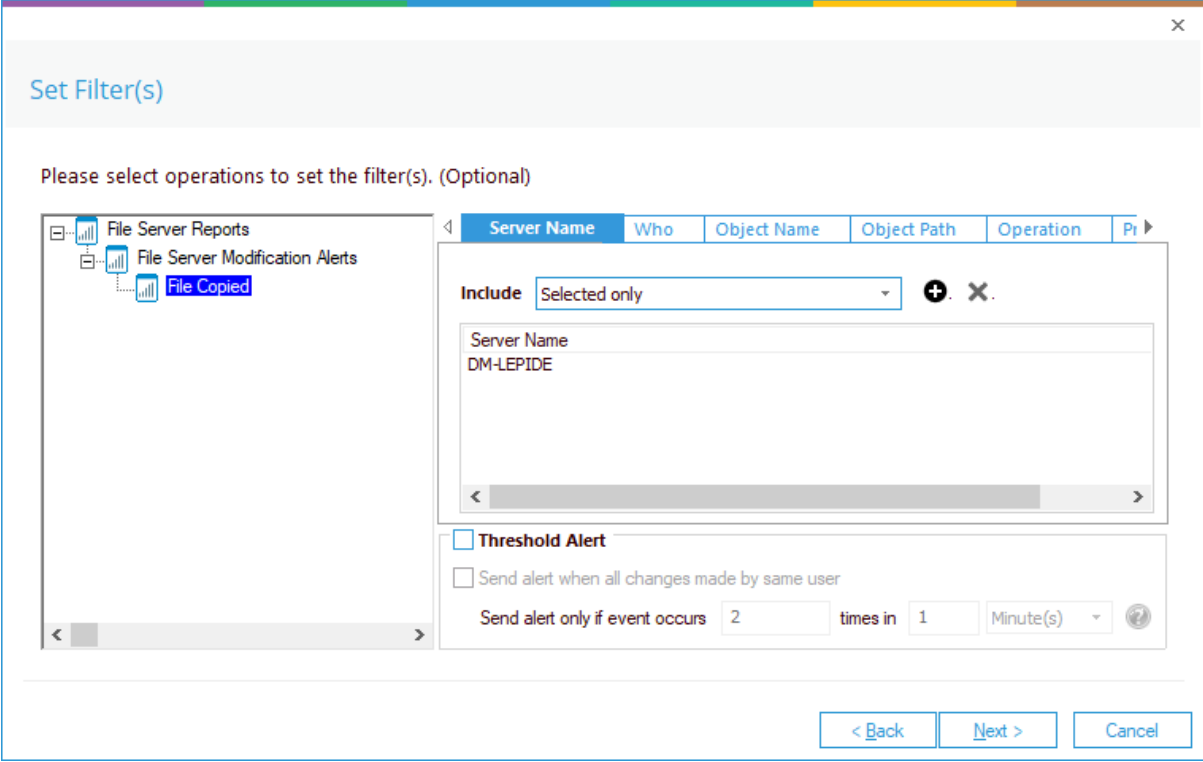


Figure 9: Set Filter(s)

On the left of the dialog box, you can see the report you are working on which in this case is **File Copied**.

There are options to change the settings for **Server, User, Object Name, Object Path, Operation, Process and From** using the tabs at the top of this dialog box. The default setting for all these options is **All**.

The threshold alert options can be customized as follows:

- Threshold Alert:** Check this box to switch threshold alerting on
- Send alert when all changes made by same user:** Check this if you want an alert to be sent when all changes have been made by a single user
- Send alert only if event occurs:** Change the number of times the event occurs, the time value and time-period here

- Click **Next**

The Add Alert Action dialog box will be displayed:

Add Alert Action

Select Action : Send Email Alert

Please select or add new sender's email account, add recipient(s).

Sender/Recipient

Sender's Email Account : LEPIDEALERTS Add New Email Account

Recipient Email(s):

Send Email to user

Hello %USERNAME%,
you have received this notification because you have violated the user policy.

Use %USERNAME% for user name .

Note : Send Email to User option is applicable for File Server alerts only.

OK Cancel

Figure 11: Add Alert Action

- Click the **Select Action** drop down arrow to see a list of actions available:

Add Alert Action

Select Action : **Send Email Alert**

Please select **Send Email Alert** ent(s).

Sender/Recipient: **Send Email Alert**

Sender's Email Account : **LEPIDEALERTS** [Add New Email Account](#)

Recipient Email(s):

Send Email to user

Separate multiple emails by ","

Hello %USERNAME%,
you have received this notification because you have violated the user policy.

Use %USERNAME% for user name .

Note : Send Email to User option is applicable for File Server alerts only.

OK **Cancel**

Figure 12: Add Alert Action Options

The Alert Actions are as follows:

- Send Email Alert
- Show in LiveFeed
- Send Alert to App
- Execute Script

The configuration of each of these actions is explained below:

1. Send Email Alert

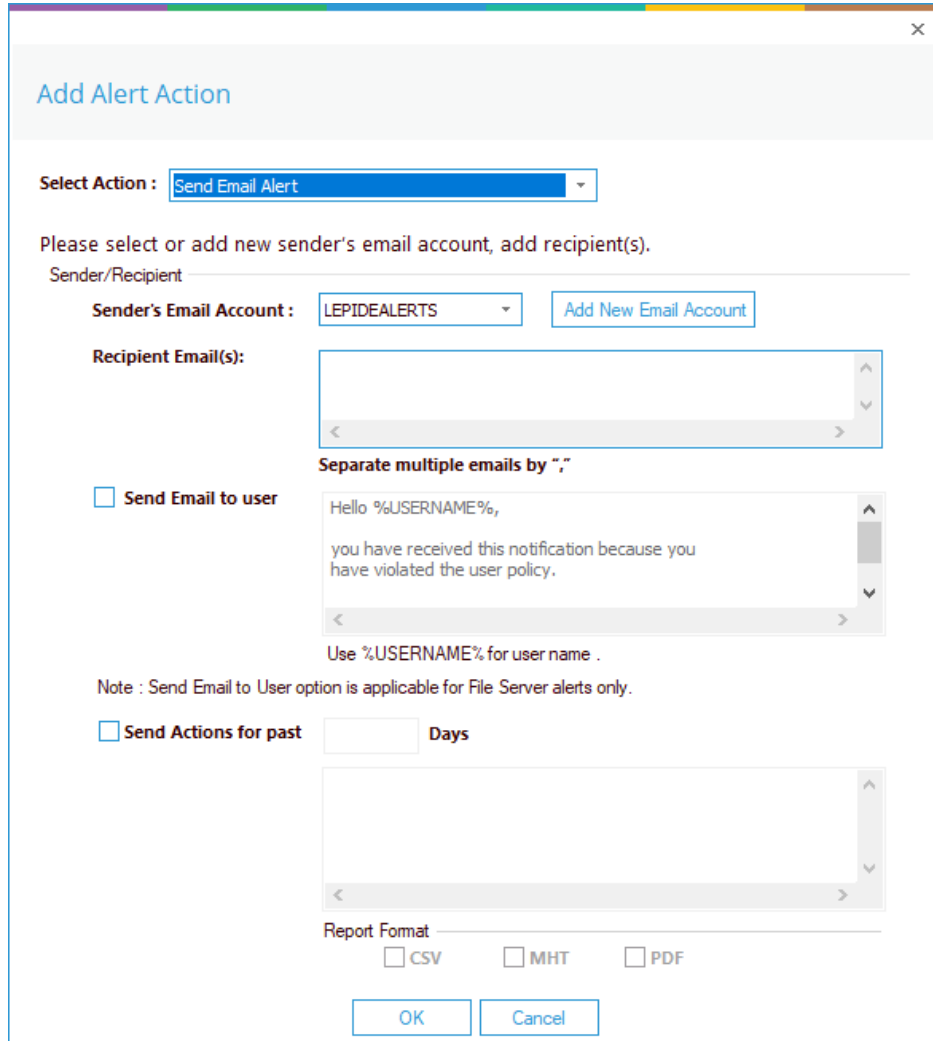


Figure 13: Add Alert Action – Send Email Alert

This option allows you to send an email once an alert has been triggered. The elements of the dialog box are as follows:

- Sender's Email Account: The Sender's email account will be displayed here if it has been selected. Click **Add New Email Account** to enter a new Sender's Email Account
- Recipient Email(s): Add recipient emails by typing the email addresses into the box. If there are multiple email addresses, separate them with a ','
- Send Email to user: Check this box to send an email to the user. The content of the email can be typed into the text box. To include the username within the content, use the variable %USERNAME%. **Note** that this option is only applicable to File Server alerts.

Send Actions for past xx days: This option allows you to see everything that this user has done over the last number of specified days. For example, if an alert is triggered because they have been copying files, then you may want to see what else they have been doing. Check this box and specify the number of days and an email will be sent with an attachment listing everything that the user has done over the specified number of days. The attachment will contain a report and the format(s) can be specified by checking the relevant box. The formats are CSV, MHT and PDF.

- Click **OK** to save the alert action.

2. Show in LiveFeed

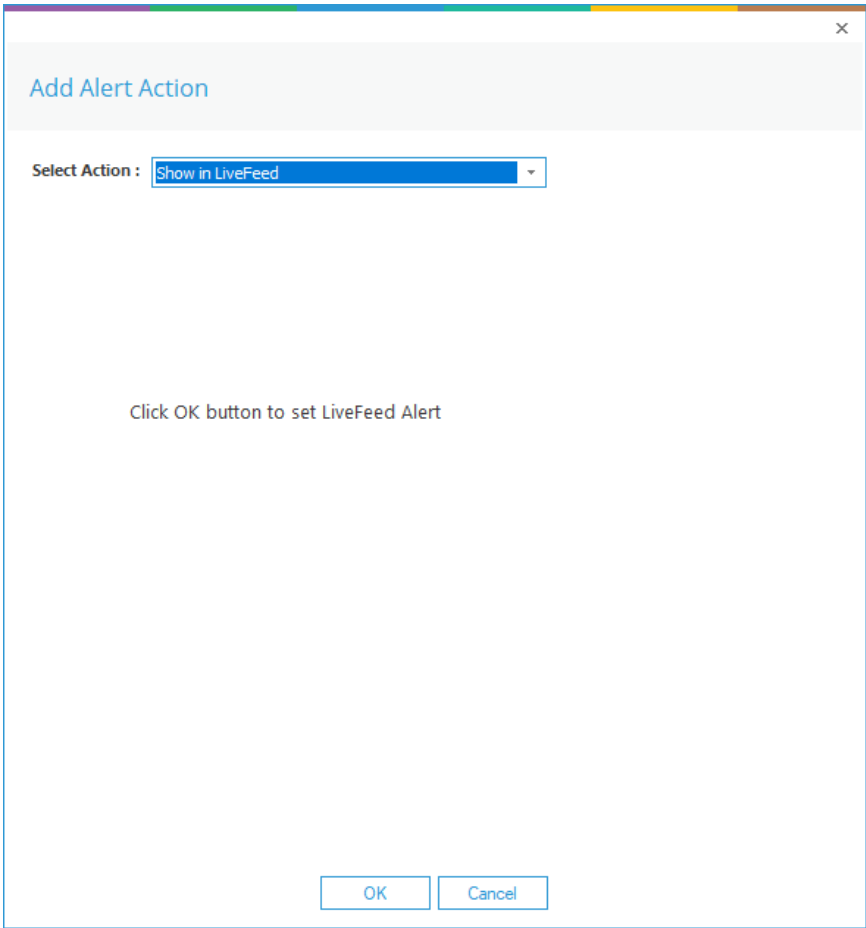


Figure 14: Add Alert Action – Show in LiveFeed

Show in LiveFeed means that the alert will be sent to the Lepide dashboard.

- Click **OK** to switch the **LiveFeed** alert on.

3. Send Alert to App

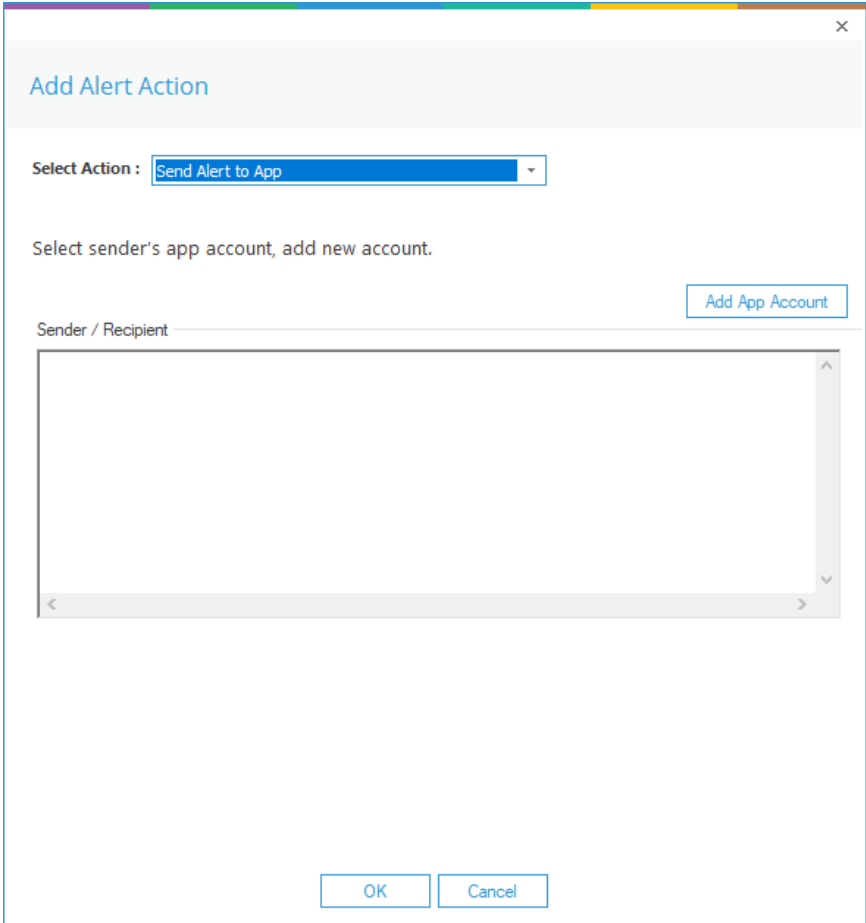


Figure 15: Add Alert Action – Send Alert to App

The **Send Alert to App** option sends the alert to a mobile device.

- Click **Add App Account** to add a new mobile account. The following dialog box is displayed:

Add App Account

Please enter login credentials for using both Windows and Mobile App

User ID :

Password :

Mobile App ID :

NOTE : Use this App ID to configure App on Android, iOS and Windows.




Figure 16: Add App Account

- Enter the **User ID** and **Password**
- Enter the **Mobile App ID** which is generated by using the mobile device to scan the QR code displayed at the bottom of the dialog box.
- Click **OK**

4. Execute Script

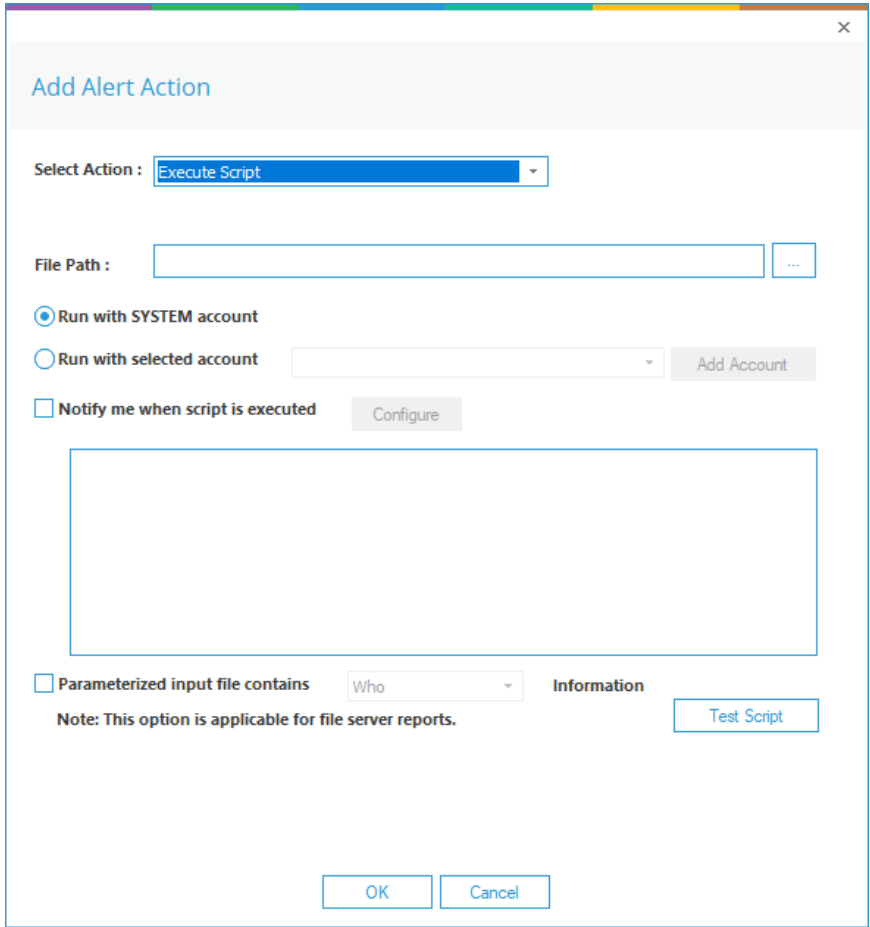


Figure 17: Add Alert Action – Execute Script

The last action from the drop-down menu is **Execute Script**

This sets up the option to execute one of the predefined PowerShell scripts when an alert is triggered.

The elements of the dialog box are as follows:

File Path: Browse to choose the file path of the PowerShell script by clicking 

Choose either **Run with SYSTEM account** or **Run with selected account.**

If you choose **Run with selected account**, you can use the drop-down to select the account or click **Add Account** to specify the account to be used.

Choose **Notify me when a script is executed** to send an email on script execution.

When this option is checked, the **Configure** button becomes available. Choose **Configure** to set up the sender's account and recipient's email address.

Choose **Parameterized input file contains** to specify a variable to include in the script. When this option is checked, a drop-down menu becomes available to choose a variable:

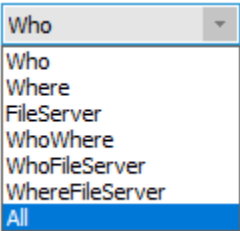


Figure 18: List of Variables

- Click **Test Script** to test that the specified script runs with no errors.
- Click **OK** to return to the **Alert Settings** dialog box.

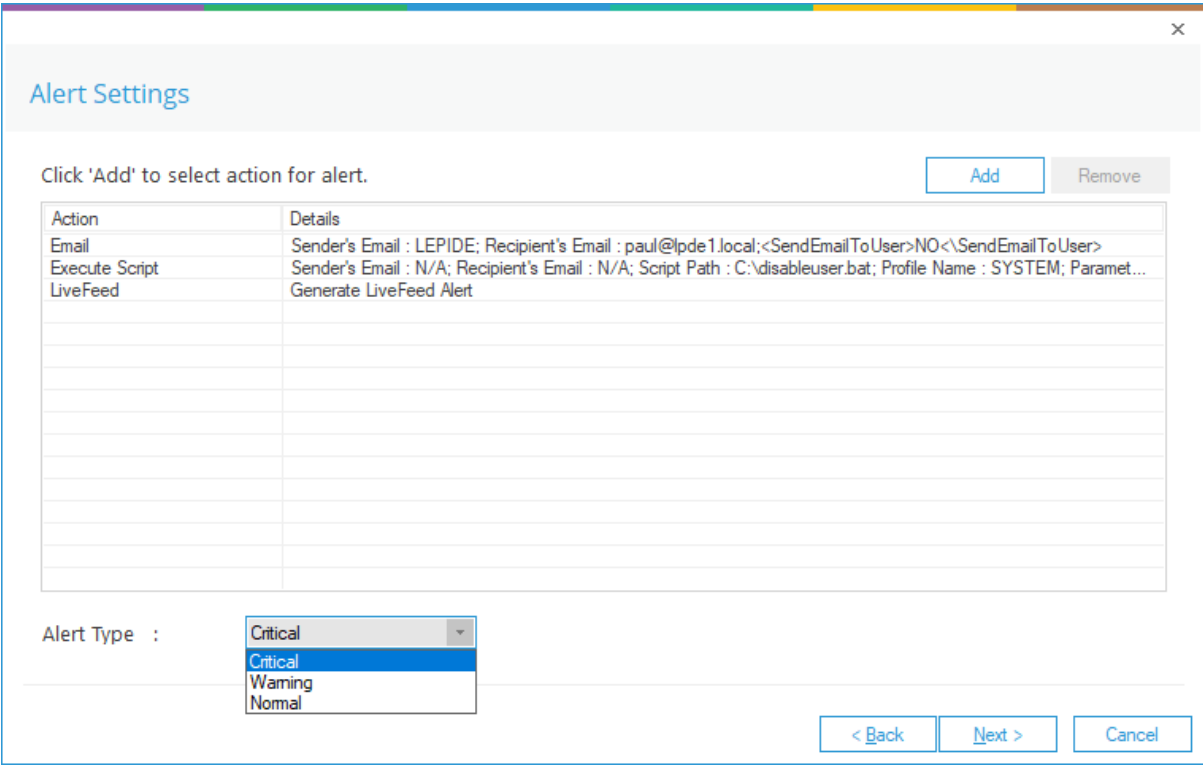



Figure 19: Alert Settings - Alert Type Options

- Now choose the **Alert Type** which can be Critical, Warning or Normal
- Click **Next** to continue

- The **Confirmation** dialog box is displayed with the alert details.
- Click **Finish** to return to the **States & Behavior** screen.

4. Threat Models

Another way to configure an alert is to enable one of the many threat models which are included with the Lepide Data Security Platform. A threat model is a predefined alert for a particular scenario, for example a potential ransomware attack, or files copied. Real time alerts are generated whenever a potential threat is detected by enabling one of these pre-defined threat models.

To see all the threat models available within the Lepide Data Security Platform, click the **Alerts** icon  and the following screen will be displayed:

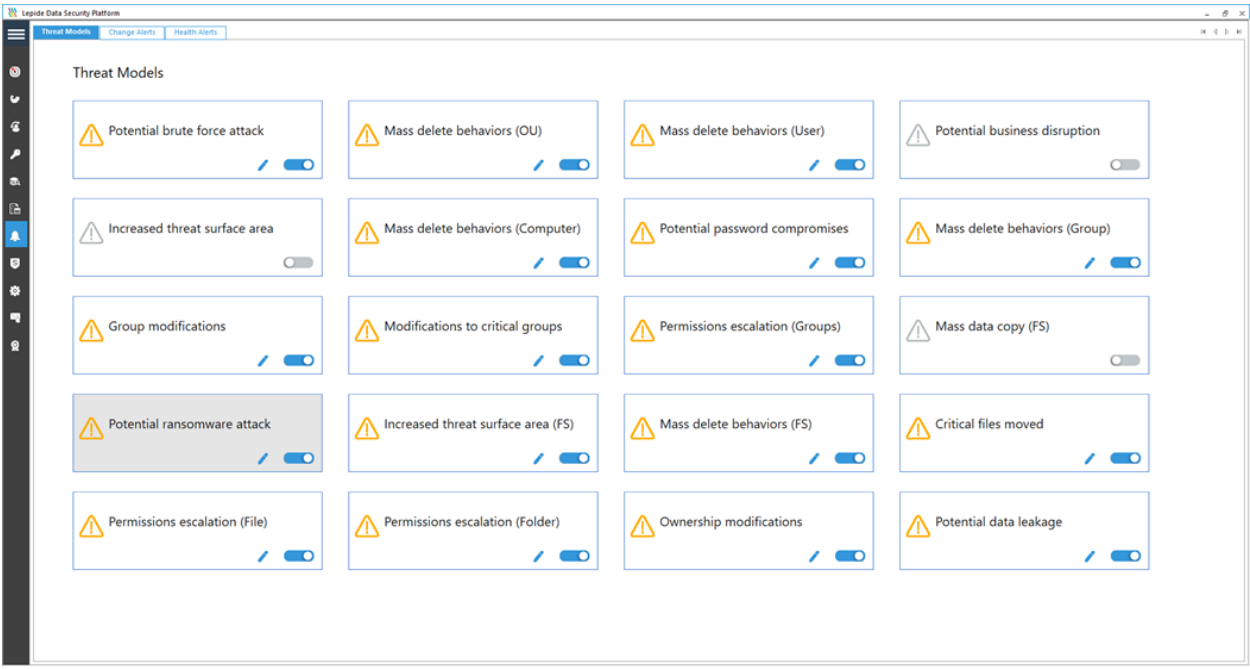



Figure 20: Threat Models

The Threat Models can be enabled as needed. They can then be configured to generate an alert and respond to a threat. The example below explains how to enable the **Potential Ransomware Attack Threat Model**.

4.1. How to Enable and Configure a Threat Model

- Click the **Alerts** icon  from the left-hand toolbar to display all the Threat Models available.
- To enable the **Potential Ransomware Attack Threat Model**, move the slide toggle to the right.

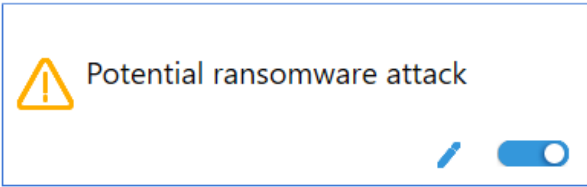



Figure 21: Enable the Potential Ransomware Attack Threat Model

- Click the  icon to configure the alerts and responses you require.
This will start the Alerts Wizard which is the same wizard used for setting up alerts earlier in this document.

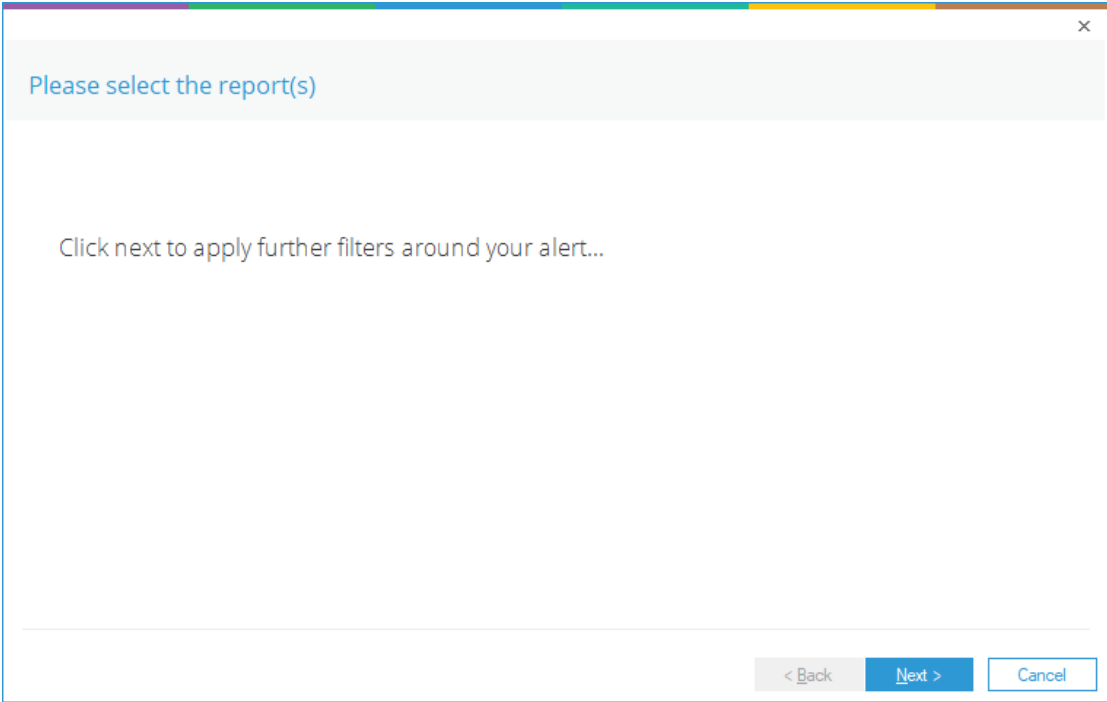


Figure 22: Wizard to Configure Threat Models

- Click **Next** to display the Set Filter(s) dialog box:

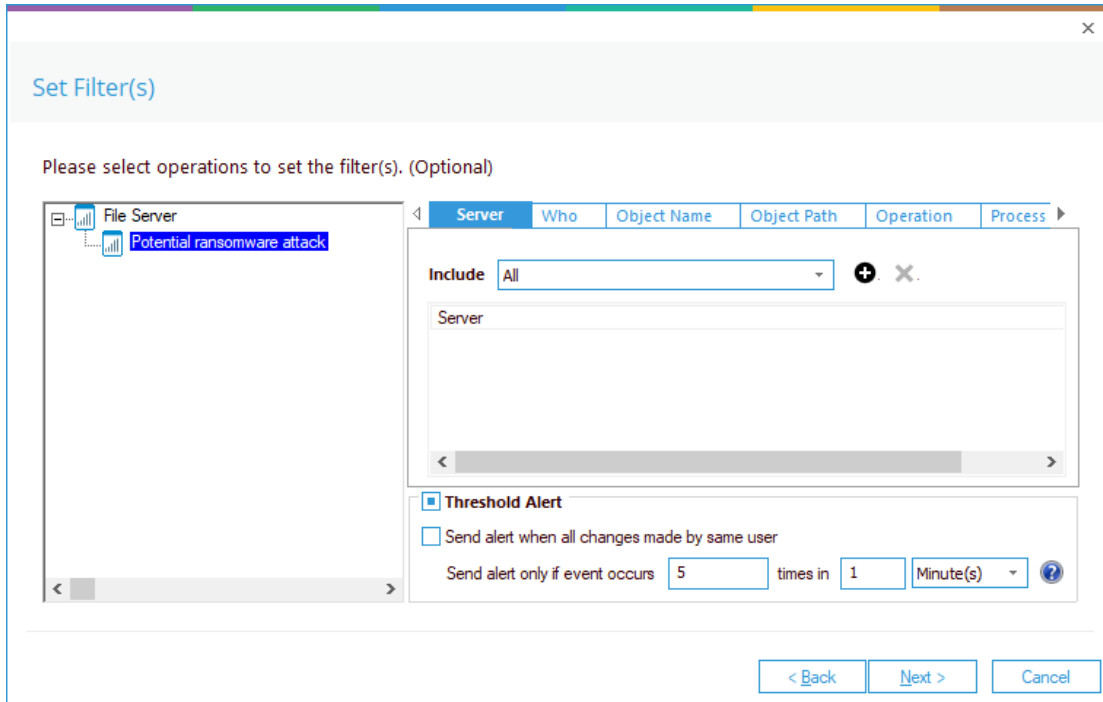


Figure 23: Set Filters for the Threat Model

The **Set Filter(s)** dialog box enables you to set up an alert.

On the left of the dialog box, you can see the Threat Model you are working on which is **Potential ransomware attack**.

There are options to change the settings for **Server**, **User**, **Object Name**, **Object Path**, **Operation**, **Process** and **From** using the tabs at the top of this dialog box. The default setting for all these options is **All**.

The threshold alert options can be customized as follows:

Threshold Alert: Check this box to switch threshold alerting on

Send alert when all changes made by same user: Check this if you want an alert to be sent when all changes have been made by a single user


Send alert only if event occurs: Change the number of times the event occurs, the time value and time-period here

- Click **Next**

The **Alert Settings** dialog box is displayed.

- Follow the instructions given previously on page 11 to continue working through the Wizard and complete the configuration of the Threat Model.

5.To Modify an Alert

- Click the  icon to display the Threat Models screen
- Click on the Tab at the top of the screen called **Change Alerts**.
- The center left of this screen has a section called **Manage Alerts**. Here the Alerts which have been set up are displayed in a list:

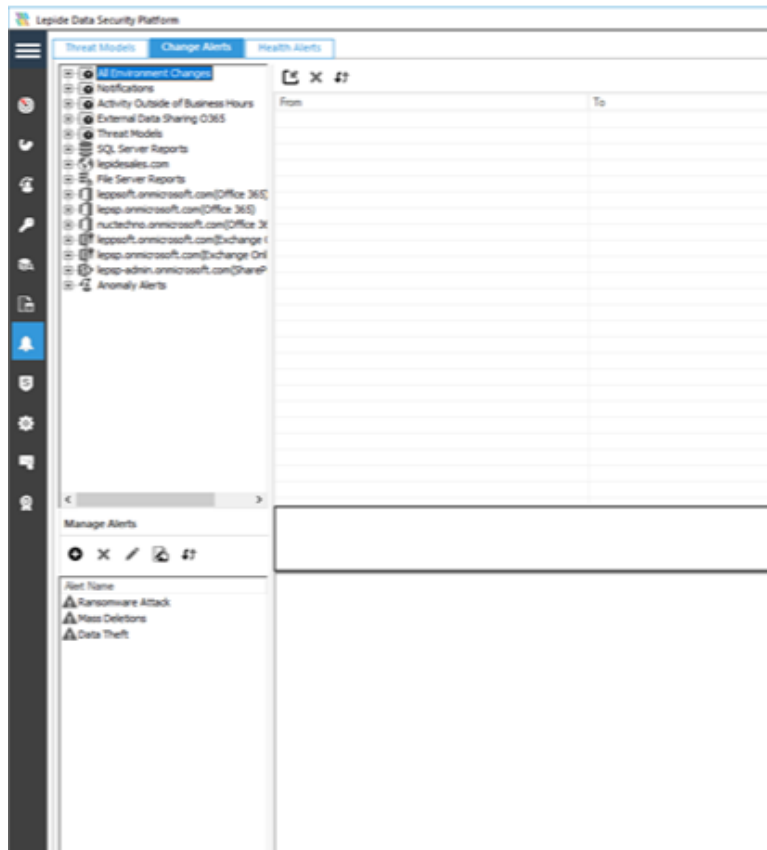



Figure 24: Manage Alerts

- Select the Alert you want to modify
- Click the  icon

The Alerts Wizard will start and display the Select Reports dialog box:

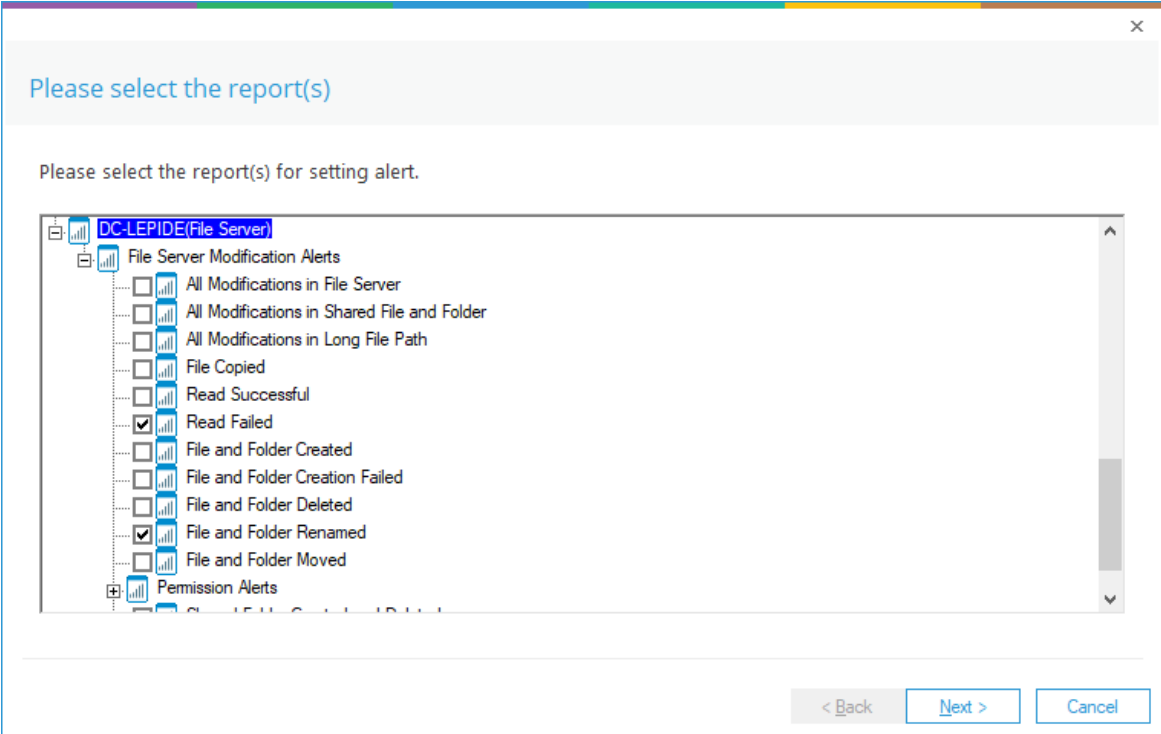


Figure 25: Select Reports

- Ensure that the report(s) on which you want to set an alert is checked
- Click **Next**

The Set Filter(s) dialog box is displayed.

- Follow the instructions given previously on page 10 to continue working through the Wizard making changes to the Alert as needed.

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