

Audit Logging Setup

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Overview

Audit logging provides an **immutable record** of all authentication, authorization, data access, and administrative actions. This is a **legal requirement** for PSD2-regulated payment services and GDPR data protection compliance.

Requirements

PSD2 Audit Trail Requirements

- All authentication events (login, logout, failed attempts)
- Authorization decisions (who accessed what resource)
- Transaction creation and modification
- KYC/AML review actions
- Administrative user actions
- Data exports and bulk operations
- Retention: **5 years minimum**

GDPR Right of Access

- Users must be able to request all logged actions related to their data
 - Export format: Human-readable (CSV or JSON)
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Database Schema

Migration: 003_audit_logs.sql

```
-- Audit Logs Table (PostgreSQL 16 – ADR-014)
-- Schema managed via Drizzle ORM (src/shared/db/schema.ts)
-- Apply with: make db-push

CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS audit_log (
  id TEXT PRIMARY KEY,
  timestamp TIMESTAMPTZ NOT NULL DEFAULT NOW(),
  user_id TEXT,
  action TEXT NOT NULL,
  resource_type TEXT,
  resource_id TEXT,
  details JSONB,
  ip_address TEXT,
  user_agent TEXT,
  request_id TEXT,
  result TEXT NOT NULL DEFAULT 'success', -- 'success', 'failure', 'denied'
  created_at TIMESTAMPTZ NOT NULL DEFAULT NOW()
);

-- Indexes for common queries
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx_audit_user_time ON audit_log(user_id, timestamp DESC);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx_audit_action_time ON audit_log(action, timestamp DESC);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx_audit_resource ON audit_log(resource_type, resource_id,
timestamp DESC);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx_audit_request ON audit_log(request_id);
CREATE INDEX IF NOT EXISTS idx_audit_result ON audit_log(result, timestamp DESC);

-- Partitioning by month (production)
CREATE TABLE audit_log_2026_02 PARTITION OF audit_log FOR VALUES FROM ('2026-02-01') TO
('2026-03-01');
```

Migration steps (PostgreSQL 16 via Drizzle ORM):

1. Schema is defined in `src/shared/db/schema.ts`

2. Apply with:

```
make db-push  
# or: cd src/shared && npx drizzle-kit push
```

3. Verify table exists:

```
psql "$DATABASE_URL" -c "SELECT table_name FROM information_schema.tables WHERE  
table_name='audit_log';"
```

Implementation

Audit Log Library: `src/lib/audit-log.ts`

```
import { db } from '@drop/shared/db';  
import { randomId } from './utils-server';  
import { logger } from './logger';  
  
export type AuditAction =  
  // Authentication  
  | 'login_success'  
  | 'login_failure'  
  | 'logout'  
  | 'password_change'  
  | 'session_revoked'  
  // Authorization  
  | 'access_granted'  
  | 'access_denied'  
  // Data Access  
  | 'data_view'  
  | 'data_export'  
  | 'data_delete'  
  // Transactions  
  | 'transaction_created'  
  | 'transaction_completed'  
  | 'transaction_failed'  
  // KYC/AML  
  | 'kyc_approved'
```

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| 'kyc_rejected'
| 'aml_alert_created'
| 'aml_alert_reviewed'
// Admin
| 'user_created'
| 'user_updated'
| 'user_deleted'
| 'role_changed';

export type AuditResult = 'success' | 'failure' | 'denied';

export interface AuditLogEntry {
  userId?: string;
  action: AuditAction;
  resourceType?: string;
  resourceId?: string;
  metadata?: Record<string, unknown>;
  ip?: string;
  userAgent?: string;
  requestId?: string;
  result?: AuditResult;
}

/**
 * Create an audit log entry
 *
 * IMPORTANT: This function must NEVER throw errors.
 * Audit failures should not block user actions.
 */
export async function auditLog(entry: AuditLogEntry): Promise<void> {
  try {
    const id = randomId('audit');
    const timestamp = new Date().toISOString();

    await run(
      `INSERT INTO audit_logs (
        id, timestamp, user_id, action, resource_type, resource_id,
        metadata, ip_address, user_agent, request_id, result
      ) VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)`,
      [

```

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        id,
        timestamp,
        entry.userId || null,
        entry.action,
        entry.resourceType || null,
        entry.resourceId || null,
        entry.metadata ? JSON.stringify(entry.metadata) : null,
        entry.ip || null,
        entry.userAgent || null,
        entry.requestId || null,
        entry.result || 'success',
    ]
    );

    logger.debug('Audit log created', { auditId: id, action: entry.action });
} catch (error) {
    // Log error but do NOT throw (audit failures should not block operations)
    logger.error('Failed to create audit log', {
        error: error instanceof Error ? error.message : String(error),
        action: entry.action,
    });
}
}

/**
 * Retrieve audit logs for a user (GDPR Right of Access)
 */
export async function getUserAuditLogs(
    userId: string,
    options?: { limit?: number; offset?: number; startDate?: string; endDate?: string }
): Promise<unknown[]> {
    const { limit = 100, offset = 0, startDate, endDate } = options || {};

    let sql = 'SELECT * FROM audit_logs WHERE user_id = ?';
    const params: unknown[] = [userId];

    if (startDate) {
        sql += ' AND timestamp >= ?';
        params.push(startDate);
    }
}

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if (endDate) {
  sql += ' AND timestamp <= ?';
  params.push(endDate);
}

sql += ' ORDER BY timestamp DESC LIMIT ? OFFSET ?';
params.push(limit, offset);

const { query } = await import('./db');
return query(sql, params);
}

/**
 * Export audit logs as CSV (for compliance reporting)
 */
export async function exportAuditLogsCSV(
  filters?: {
    userId?: string;
    action?: AuditAction;
    startDate?: string;
    endDate?: string;
  }
): Promise<string> {
  let sql = 'SELECT * FROM audit_logs WHERE 1=1';
  const params: unknown[] = [];

  if (filters?.userId) {
    sql += ' AND user_id = ?';
    params.push(filters.userId);
  }

  if (filters?.action) {
    sql += ' AND action = ?';
    params.push(filters.action);
  }

  if (filters?.startDate) {
    sql += ' AND timestamp >= ?';
    params.push(filters.startDate);
  }

```

```

}

if (filters?.endDate) {
  sql += ' AND timestamp <= ?';
  params.push(filters.endDate);
}

sql += ' ORDER BY timestamp DESC';

const { query } = await import('./db');
const rows = await query(sql, params);

// Convert to CSV
const headers = [
  'id',
  'timestamp',
  'user_id',
  'action',
  'resource_type',
  'resource_id',
  'metadata',
  'ip_address',
  'user_agent',
  'request_id',
  'result',
];

const csvRows = [headers.join(',')];

for (const row of rows as Record<string, unknown>[]) {
  const values = headers.map((h) => {
    const val = row[h];
    if (val === null || val === undefined) return '';
    return String(val).replace(/"/g, '"'); // Escape quotes
  });
  csvRows.push(values.map((v) => `"${v}"`).join(','));
}

return csvRows.join('\n');
}

```

Integration Points

1. Authentication (

`src/app/api/auth/login/route.ts`)

```
import { auditLog } from '@lib/audit-log';

export async function POST(request: NextRequest) {
  const { email, password } = await request.json();
  const ip = request.headers.get('x-forwarded-for') || request.headers.get('x-real-ip');
  const userAgent = request.headers.get('user-agent');
  const requestId = getRequestId(request.headers);

  try {
    const user = await getUserByEmail(email);
    if (!user || !await verifyPassword(password, user.password_hash)) {
      // Audit failed login attempt
      await auditLog({
        userId: user?.id,
        action: 'login_failure',
        metadata: { email, reason: 'invalid_credentials' },
        ip,
        userAgent,
        requestId,
        result: 'failure',
      });

      return jsonError('Invalid credentials', 401);
    }

    // Audit successful login
    await auditLog({
      userId: user.id,
      action: 'login_success',
      metadata: { email },
      ip,
```

```
    userAgent,  
    requestId,  
    result: 'success',  
  });  
  
  // ... rest of login logic  
} catch (error) {  
  // ... error handling  
}  
}
```

2. Logout (src/app/api/auth/logout/route.ts)

```
await auditLog({  
  userId: session.userId,  
  action: 'logout',  
  metadata: { sessionId: session.id },  
  ip,  
  userAgent,  
  requestId,  
});
```

3. Data Access (src/app/api/users/[id]/route.ts)

```
export async function GET(request: NextRequest, { params }: { params: { id: string } }) {  
  const session = await requireAuth(request);  
  const userId = params.id;  
  
  // Check authorization  
  if (session.userId !== userId && session.role !== 'admin') {  
    await auditLog({  
      userId: session.userId,  
      action: 'access_denied',  
      resourceType: 'user',  
      resourceId: userId,  
    });  
  }  
}
```

```

    metadata: { reason: 'insufficient_permissions' },
    ip: request.headers.get('x-forwarded-for'),
    userAgent: request.headers.get('user-agent'),
    requestId: getRequestId(request.headers),
    result: 'denied',
  });

  return jsonError('Access denied', 403);
}

// Audit successful data access
await auditLog({
  userId: session.userId,
  action: 'data_view',
  resourceType: 'user',
  resourceId: userId,
  ip: request.headers.get('x-forwarded-for'),
  userAgent: request.headers.get('user-agent'),
  requestId: getRequestId(request.headers),
});

const user = await getUserById(userId);
return jsonSuccess(user);
}

```

4. KYC Approval (`src/app/api/admin/kyc/route.ts`)

```

await auditLog({
  userId: adminSession.userId,
  action: 'kyc_approved',
  resourceType: 'user',
  resourceId: targetUserId,
  metadata: { reason: kycApprovalReason },
  ip: request.headers.get('x-forwarded-for'),
  userAgent: request.headers.get('user-agent'),
  requestId: getRequestId(request.headers),
});

```

5. Transaction Creation (

src/app/api/transactions/route.ts)

```
await auditLog({
  userId: session.userId,
  action: 'transaction_created',
  resourceType: 'transaction',
  resourceId: transactionId,
  metadata: {
    type: transactionType,
    amount: amount,
    currency: currency,
  },
  ip: request.headers.get('x-forwarded-for'),
  userAgent: request.headers.get('user-agent'),
  requestId: getRequestId(request.headers),
});
```

Compliance Reporting

GDPR Right of Access (User Data Export)

```
// src/app/api/users/[id]/audit-logs/route.ts
export async function GET(request: NextRequest, { params }: { params: { id: string } }) {
  const session = await requireAuth(request);

  // Users can only access their own audit logs
  if (session.userId !== params.id && session.role !== 'admin') {
    return jsonError('Access denied', 403);
  }

  const logs = await getUserAuditLogs(params.id, {
    limit: 1000, // GDPR requires "all data"
    startDate: request.nextUrl.searchParams.get('start') || undefined,
    endDate: request.nextUrl.searchParams.get('end') || undefined,
  });
}
```

```
return jsonSuccess({ logs });
}
```

PSD2 Audit Trail Export (Admin)

```
// src/app/api/admin/audit/export/route.ts
export async function GET(request: NextRequest) {
  const session = await requireAuth(request);

  if (session.role !== 'admin') {
    return jsonError('Admin access required', 403);
  }

  const startDate = request.nextUrl.searchParams.get('start');
  const endDate = request.nextUrl.searchParams.get('end');
  const action = request.nextUrl.searchParams.get('action');
  const userId = request.nextUrl.searchParams.get('userId');

  const csv = await exportAuditLogsCSV({
    userId: userId || undefined,
    action: action as AuditAction | undefined,
    startDate: startDate || undefined,
    endDate: endDate || undefined,
  });

  return new Response(csv, {
    headers: {
      'Content-Type': 'text/csv',
      'Content-Disposition': `attachment; filename="audit-logs-${new
Date().toISOString()}.csv"`,
    },
  });
}
```

Retention Policy

PSD2 Requirement: 5 Years

PostgreSQL 16 (all environments — ADR-014):

- Use table partitioning by month:

```
CREATE TABLE audit_log (  
    id TEXT PRIMARY KEY,  
    timestamp TIMESTAMPTZ NOT NULL DEFAULT NOW(),  
    -- ... other columns  
) PARTITION BY RANGE (timestamp);  
  
-- Create partitions for each month  
CREATE TABLE audit_log_2026_02 PARTITION OF audit_log  
    FOR VALUES FROM ('2026-02-01') TO ('2026-03-01');
```

- Automatic cleanup script (cron weekly):

```
#!/bin/bash  
# Delete audit logs older than 5 years (PSD2 retention)  
psql "$DATABASE_URL" -c "DELETE FROM audit_log WHERE timestamp < NOW() - INTERVAL '5  
years';"
```

Testing

Test Audit Logging

```
# 1. Create audit log entry  
curl -X POST http://localhost:3000/api/auth/login \  
    -H "Content-Type: application/json" \  
    -d '{"email":"test@example.com","password":"wrong"}'  
  
# 2. Check audit log table (PostgreSQL 16)  
psql "$DATABASE_URL" -c "SELECT * FROM audit_log ORDER BY timestamp DESC LIMIT 5;"  
  
# Expected output:  
# audit_123 | 2026-02-22T10:00:00.000Z | usr_456 | login_failure | ... |
```

```
{"email":"test@example.com","reason":"invalid_credentials"} | 1.2.3.4 | Mozilla/5.0... | req_789 | failure
```

```
# 3. Export audit logs (admin)
```

```
curl -X GET "http://localhost:3000/api/admin/audit/export?start=2026-02-01&end=2026-02-28" \  
-H "Cookie: auth-token=<admin-jwt>" \  
> audit-logs.csv
```

```
# 4. Verify CSV format
```

```
head -n 5 audit-logs.csv
```

Monitoring

Alert on Audit Failures

Add to `src/lib/audit-log.ts`:

```
import { sendAlert } from './alerts';  
  
export async function auditLog(entry: AuditLogEntry): Promise<void> {  
  try {  
    // ... insert logic  
  } catch (error) {  
    logger.error('Failed to create audit log', { error, action: entry.action });  
  
    // CRITICAL: Alert if audit logging fails (compliance risk)  
    await sendAlert({  
      severity: 'critical',  
      title: 'Audit logging failure',  
      message: `Failed to record ${entry.action} for user ${entry.userId}`,  
    });  
  }  
}
```

Metrics to Track

- Audit logs created per hour (should correlate with user activity)

- Failed audit log attempts (should be zero)
 - Audit log export requests (GDPR compliance)
 - Audit log storage size (retention planning)
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Security Considerations

Immutability

- Audit logs should NEVER be updated or deleted (except by automated retention policy)
- No UPDATE or DELETE API endpoints for audit logs
- Database permissions: Read-only for application, Write-only for audit service

Access Control

- Only admins can view full audit trails
- Users can view their own audit logs only
- Export requires elevated permissions

Data Redaction

- Do NOT log passwords, tokens, or sensitive PII in metadata
 - Card numbers: Log last 4 digits only
 - Fødselsnummer: Log checksum/hash, not full number
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Checklist

- Migration `003_audit_logs.sql` created
- Migration applied to dev database
- `src/lib/audit-log.ts` implemented
- Login/logout endpoints integrated
- Data access endpoints integrated
- KYC/AML admin actions integrated
- GDPR export endpoint created
- PSD2 CSV export endpoint created
- Retention policy documented

- Monitoring alerts configured
 - Testing completed (manual + automated)
 - Documentation updated (API docs, compliance docs)
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Next Steps:

1. Create migration file
 2. Implement `audit-log.ts` library
 3. Integrate into auth routes (high priority)
 4. Add to remaining endpoints incrementally
 5. Test with real login/logout flows
 6. Deploy to staging for verification
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