How to Check for Encrypted Files in Google Drive

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GAT+ provides a detailed overview of the Google Drive files of a Google Workspace domain. This guide introduces a new filter in our Drive audit, enabling you to pinpoint encrypted files efficiently.

It's **important to** understand that there **isn't a direct method to confirm file encryption**. Instead, we rely on **drive events** to provide some insights.

Key Points:

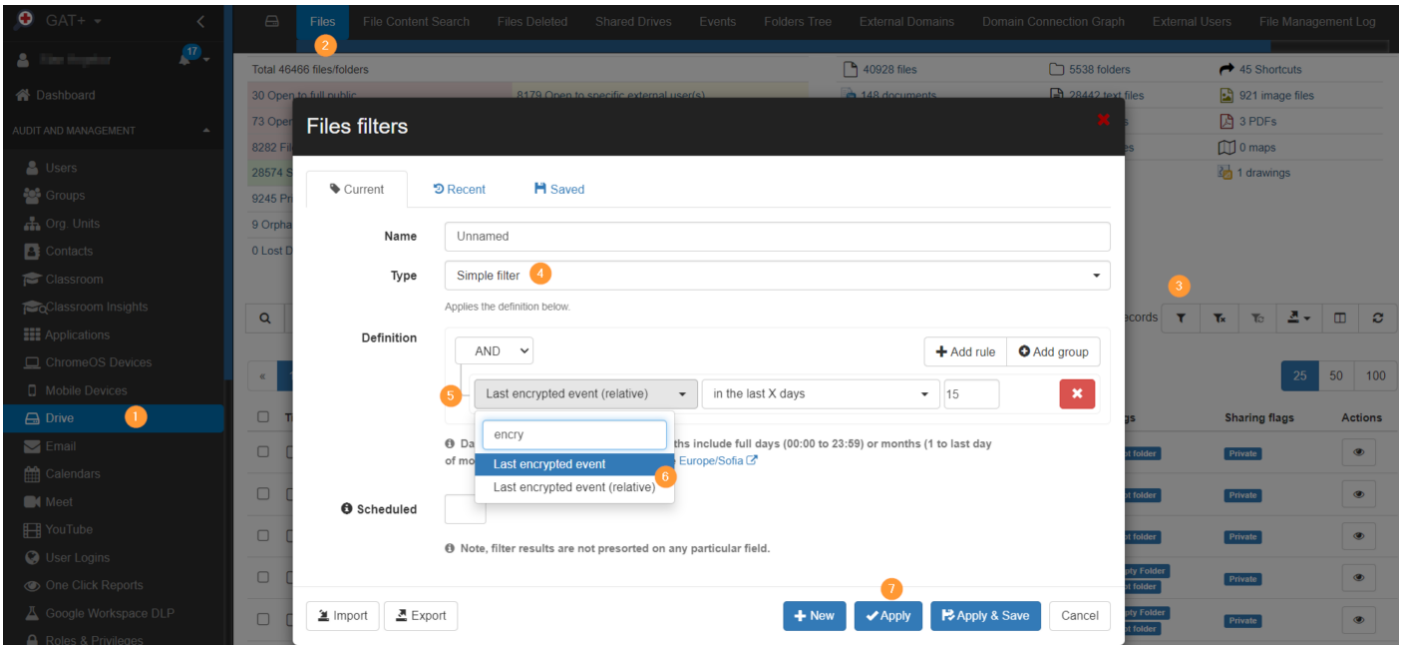
- The **"Last encrypted event"** field shows a file's most recent encryption event date.
- This information is only available for events **from January 2024 onwards.**
- Older events may not have this data visible, depending on when the file was last scanned.

Apply filter for Encrypted Files in Google Drive

Navigate to **GAT+ > Drive > Files and Apply the filter**

Apply filter:

- **Last encrypted event** - and search for a time after/before the encryption
- **Last encrypted event (relative)** - you can search for relative time - encryption events that happened in the last X days, etc.



Result

After applying the filter, simply click on the **"apply"** button to execute the search.

Once the results are displayed, you'll find files that have been encrypted in your Google Drive within the **last X days. (or specific filter applied)**