



# Quest® Reporter

## Collect. Report. Compare. Resolve.

Quest Reporter provides automated discovery and comparison of configuration-related items to support planning, securing and auditing of your Windows infrastructure. Reporter enables IT organizations to collect, compare, report on and resolve Active Directory and Windows-based configurations which is essential for change auditing, Windows security assessments, or AD pre- and post-migration analyses. Armed with this information, organizations can quickly make strategic and tactical security decisions that involve their Active Directory and Windows environment.

### Support Effective Knowledge Management and Informed Decision Making

Reporter collects, stores and reports on data from workstations, Windows servers and Active Directory. Because it gives you comprehensive, up-to-date information, Reporter helps you quickly identify and address trends and correlations.

### Ensure Proactive Security, Improved Standards and Policy Compliance

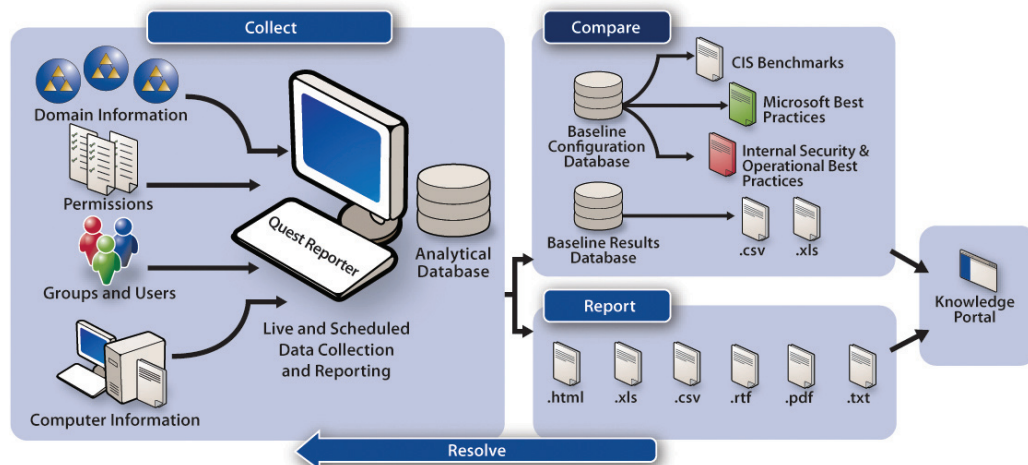
Reporter inspects and reveals network occurrences, such as when unauthorized users have administrative rights, when old user accounts should have been deleted or when permissions don't comply with corporate standards. Reporter's action-enabled reporting, with its proactive approach to security, allows you to update objects directly from the Reporter user interface.

### Reduce Downtime and Optimize Performance

Reporter's Configuration Baseline feature delivers faster resolution for configuration-related problems and performance setbacks. Reporter provides the information you need to compare and standardize configurations to ideal baselines, thereby reducing the cost of administration and facilitating the use of best practices for network performance.

### Reduce Costs and Decrease Administrative Workload

Reporter decreases your workload by automating data collection and report generation. To minimize network impact, it allows data collection to occur as close as possible to the data source and enables off-hour scheduling of data collections. As a result, your organization can spend less time and money managing the network and dedicate more time to network improvements.



"Quest Reporter has been an important product for us due to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 audit guidelines. We will be audited every year and we need to demonstrate that we have the appropriate policies in place. Reporter generates the reports we need to show compliance with our policies."

—Ken Borthwick,  
Director of Technology Services  
Movado

- Supports effective knowledge management and informed decision making
- Ensures proactive security, improved standards and policy compliance
- Improves migration planning

## System Requirements:

### Installation & Deployment Computers

- Windows Vista (SP1)
- Windows XP (SP2)
- Windows Server 2008
- Windows Server 2003 R2
- Windows Server 2003 (SP2)
- Windows Server 2000 with Microsoft Message Queuing installed (RDC computers only)

### Collection computers:

- Windows Vista (SP1)
- Windows XP (SP2)
- Windows Server 2008
- Windows Server 2003 R2
- Windows Server 2003 (SP2)
- Windows 2000 Professional, Server or Advanced Server (SP4)
- NetApp Filer - Data ONTAP 6.5.6

### Configuration check computers:

- Windows Vista (SP1)
- Windows XP (SP2)
- Windows Server 2008
- Windows Server 2003 R2
- Windows Server 2003 (SP2)
- Windows 2000 Professional, Server or Advanced Server (SP4)

### Additional Software:

- Supported database servers include SQL Server 2000 (SP4), SQL Server 2005 (SP2), or SQL Server Express 2005
- Microsoft Data Access Control (MDAC) 2.8 (SP 1) or SQL Server Admin Tools
- .NET Framework 2.0 or later
- MMC 3.0
- For Windows XP, full Reporter console functionality under the Active Directory node requires the installation of Windows Server 2003 Administration Tools Pack
- For Windows Server 2008, full Reporter console functionality under the Active Directory node requires the installation of Remote Server Administration Tools



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## Improve Migration Planning

By identifying all groups, domains, computers and users, and defining their relationships, Reporter allows you to design Active Directory in a way that meets the specific needs of your organization. This produces a more relevant environment and simplifies the migration project.

## Control Resource Utilization and Capital Spending

With Reporter, you can track system information in order to plan changes, assess needs and improve budgeting.

**Multiple, Scalable Data Collection Methods:** Delivering the flexibility you require, Reporter supports live and scheduled data collection. For large environments, Reporter uses distributed data collectors and compressed transport mode. This advanced technology is strategically deployed throughout your network to minimize bandwidth consumption and provide load balancing capabilities. Also, all of the data collectors are managed from a single console, which improves efficiency. These options ensure that you can collect the most current data available or take advantage of scheduling capabilities to minimize the impact on users and network resources.

**Baseline Comparisons:** With Reporter's Configuration Baseline module, organizations can perform automated comparisons of Active Directory and Windows configurations against an ideal baseline. This speeds the deployment and ongoing management of servers and reduces administrator workload.

**Instant Expertise:** With Reporter's Configuration Baseline module, organizations have extensive predefined rule-based templates to perform a comparison of their environment to some of the most common enterprise configuration standards, such as Center for Internet Security (CIS) Benchmarks, Microsoft Best Practices, and fully customizable to support internal and external operational practices. Thousands of rules are shipped with the product.

**Change History Reports:** Reporter's collection and storage algorithm was designed for change history reporting. Therefore, it is automatic and all that is required is to invoke Reporter to display the change history results. This powerful feature gives you more in-depth insight for historical analysis.

**Compliance Views:** Fast visualization and quick drill down into general or very specific compliant and non-compliant categories/areas is available with Reporter. Advanced filtering capabilities granularly scope compliance results to your needs.

**Data Analysis and Presentation:** Reporter provides more than 300 predefined, editable reports that you can output to multiple formats including Excel, PDF, CSV, RTF, HTML and via a knowledge portal. The product also empowers you to create customized reports with the flexibility to include additional attributes and leverage advanced filtering. Reporter promotes efficient, effective data analysis and helps to ensure that reporting reflects the unique informational needs of your organization.

**Action-Enabled Reports:** Supporting a proactive approach to security, Reporter allows you to resolve configuration problems and automate changes based on results. Pinpointing the cause of the security breach and automating appropriate change, Reporter eliminates previously manual processes and saves you valuable time.

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