

ACTIVE ADMINISTRATOR™

Active Administrator™ is a comprehensive, integrated Active Directory management and auditing solution for tightening security, increasing productivity and improving business continuity in organizations with Windows networks. By providing advanced management features including centralized event auditing and reporting, back-up and recovery, simplified delegation of AD, and Group Policy offline editing and rollback; Active Administrator is the most comprehensive approach on the market today for overall Active Directory management.

A critical challenge for Active Directory administrators is finding a comprehensive approach to everyday management needs including: change auditing, recovery of unintentional changes and deletions, safe editing of Group Policy, and delegation of privileges. The benefits from the centralized authentication and authorization that a directory service brings are well understood, but the out-of-the-box toolset provided to manage Active Directory has many limitations and to derive more value from their investment users need help “filling in the gaps”.

Active Administrator is your one-stop-shop solution for the management of Active Directory security, auditing, recovery and Group Policy. With an easy-to-use interface, and wizard-driven configuration of all the services that power Active Administrator, this solution provides a central point of control for your entire Active Directory environment. Its proven, scalable and powerful feature set ensure organizations can reduce the total cost of ownership with time-saving point-and-click control.

The screenshot displays the Active Administrator interface. On the left, there's a navigation pane with categories like Auditing, Security & Delegation, Group Policy, and Recovery. The main window shows an 'Account Management Last Month' report with columns for Time Generated, Computer Name, User Account, and User. Below this, there's a 'Group Policy Objects' section with a table listing GPOs, their names, checked out by users, and GUIDs. A 'Local Group Policy Editor' window is also visible, showing a tree view of system settings.

Active Administrator's Event Auditing provides real-time discovery and scheduled reporting of all AD changes—including before and after

This block contains two screenshots. The top one shows the 'Browse Objects to Restore' dialog box, which allows users to select specific objects from a tree view of the Active Directory hierarchy for restoration. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Security & Delegation' configuration window, where users can define permissions for various Active Directory objects, including container objects and users.

Granular recovery of objects, containers and all their attributes

CENTRAL ACTIVE DIRECTORY AUDITING

Active Administrator centrally collects events from the event logs of all Domain Controllers, giving instant visibility of all Active Directory and Group Policy changes. These audit records are stored centrally in an SQL database to maintain a historical record of changes long after the event logs have been cleared, and an alerting function sends instant alerts when selected events occur. The Active Administrator auditing agents can collect “before” and “after” values for all attribute changes on AD objects so you can track all the key information — who made the change, when, where, and what did they change? Additionally, the powerful reporting interface provides real-time exploration of the event database and creation of scheduled reports for automated delivery.

RAPID RECOVERY FOR ACTIVE DIRECTORY

Active Administrator gives administrators instant recovery of unwanted modifications or deletions. Scheduled backups allow granular recovery of any combination of Active Directory objects, their attributes, groups and entire Organizational Units. Further, Active Administrator's automated capture of Group Policy changes allows instant rollback to any earlier version.

Offline editing of Group Policy allows modeling of Group Policy changes without risking the production network.

Comprehensive access to AD permissions, with Active Templates to ensure and manage

ACTIVE DIRECTORY

KEY BENEFITS

Tighter Security

Simplify and standardize user permissions and privileges. Eliminate over-privileged users. Ensure consistent delegation using Active Templates.

Meet Compliance Requirements

Comprehensive audit trail for Active Directory. Review and enforce access controls. Easy generation of formatted reports to demonstrate compliance.

Business Continuity

Reduce network and user downtime with proactive alerts on user problems, fast recovery from accidental changes and fewer administrative errors.

Increase Efficiency

Spend less time on routine AD management tasks. Self-healing Templates and “undo” on AD changes and Group Policies give the administrator time to spend on more business critical tasks.

KEY FEATURES

Simplified Management Interface

Manage AD delegation, auditing, recovery and Group Policies from a familiar, integrated and easy-to-use interface.

Instant Backup and Recovery

Perform object-level AD backups and instantly recover selected objects or attributes, without rebooting any servers

Group Policy History and Offline Editing

Automatic collection of a history of GPO versions allows instant rollback and comparison of any version. The offline repository allows GPOs to be edited away from the production network, and calculates RSOP on a mix of offline and live GPOs.

Centralized Event Audit and Alerts

Fast and efficient collection of all AD changes (including before and after values of attribute changes) into SQL Server, with alerting on selected conditions, and real-time or scheduled reports based on filter criteria including the acting user, time, event ID,

Windows Server 2008 and

Windows 2008 R2 Support
Support for Windows Server 2008 and 2008 R2 events, servers, Read-Only DCs and ADMX-based Group Policies.

Active Templates

Delegate AD permissions using predefined role-based templates. Administrators can create custom Active Templates to assign permissions for new roles. Once applied, Active Templates are self-healing to ensure permissions stay in place.



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SEARCH AND ENFORCE ACTIVE DIRECTORY SECURITY

Active Administrator provides a window directly into the security of objects providing simple navigation through the whole Active Directory environment in one screen. Instantly filter default and inherited permissions to isolate those that have been added or delegated, and perform a comprehensive search of Active Directory for where a user or group has permissions.

DELEGATE ACTIVE DIRECTORY CONTROL

One of the most difficult tasks in managing Active Directory security is assigning permissions consistently. Windows' built-in Delegation of Control wizard has no mechanism to determine if permissions have changed since initial assignment and no mechanism to easily repair them. Active Administrator uses "Active Templates" - defined sets of permissions required for a particular user role. Templates are defined with appropriate permissions, and then applied to users and other objects when needed, ensuring that permissions are consistently assigned. Active Administrator then monitors Active Template permissions for modifications and can auto-repair the permissions and notify an administrator of the incident.

Fine grained password policies for Windows 2008 and 2008 R2 domains can offer an additional level of security, but managing the policies can be difficult with native tools as there are several manual steps to the process. Active Administrator provides an easy way to create and manage all fine grained password policies from one centralized security screen.

LOW RISK GROUP POLICY MANAGEMENT

Windows' Resultant Set of Policies (RSOP) or "Modeling" feature represents the combined security and configuration settings the user will experience in their Windows environment. Active Administrator enhances this with the ability to run what-if scenarios, such as moving the user or computer to another OU or site, or adding the user or computer to a group. Active Administrator also mitigates the potential risk of Group Policy changes on the production environment with its offline editing technology: Group Policies can be modified offline, and then RSOP/Modeling analysis performed on any a combination of offline and live policies.

F.A.Q

What filters can I use in AD event reports?

The database of AD events can be filtered by the user who made the change, the time and date of the change, the DC where it was recorded, the event type, event ID, the text in the description, affected object location and type and success/failure.

Does it recover Group Memberships?

Yes! When you recover objects Active Administrator recovers attributes and links so Active Directory is completely repaired.

Is this like Microsoft's GPMC?

No. Active Administrator offers a complete GPO management solution including offline GPO management, GPO rollbacks, and auditing and reporting of all AD changes. Beyond Group Policy management, Active Administrator also manages AD security, role-based delegation of AD permissions with Active Templates, and object-level recovery.

Does this give me an "Undo" for AD?

Yes! Now you can easily restore deleted or modified objects and rollback Group Policies to any previous version.

Is an Evaluation Available?

Yes! A fully-functional 30-day evaluation download is available at scriptlogic.com.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Installation

Active Administrator requires installation within a 2000/2003/2008/2008 R2 AD Domain. The auditing feature requires a SQL or SQL Express database.

Management

The Active Administrator console can be used on any computer running Windows XP, Vista, Windows 7, or Windows Server 2003, 2008, and 2008 R2.

Client Support

Active Administrator can manage a Windows Server 2000, 2003, 2008 or 2008 R2 based AD. Restore of AD objects requires that at least one Windows 2003 or higher Domain Controller is available.

LICENSING

Active Administrator is licensed based on the **number of user accounts** in your Active Directory.

For pricing, contact your ScriptLogic reseller or call ScriptLogic at **1.800.813.6415** or **1.561.886.2420**

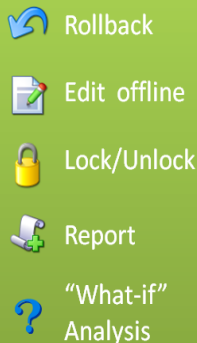
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Backup and Recover



Restore Users, groups, computers, OUs, passwords, security, attributes...

Manage Group Policy



Rollback
Edit offline
Lock/Unlock
Report
"What-if" Analysis

Audit Changes



Store events
Alert and report

Delegate Controls



Four Management Functions in One Central Console

This diagram illustrates the four sets of powerful management features integrated into Active Administrator's console: recovery of accidental deletions and modifications, advanced Group Policy administration, centralized change auditing, and user delegation and security. Now you can get more out of your Active Directory investment without the need for multiple tools and consoles!