Quest ActiveRoles Direct

STREAMLINE AND SECURE ACTIVE DIRECTORY ADMINISTRATION

"The delegation of administrative rights is simplified. Pre-defined roles are provided, so ActiveRoles straight out-of-the-box means we can immediately start realizing high service levels with Active Directory, with a low administrative overhead."

—Karlheinz Blank,
   project leader for the design of
   Active Directory, Daimler Chrysler

- Accelerates deployment of Active Directory security
- Reduces cost of ongoing management of Active Directory security through automation
- Decreases potential errors and pollution of directory data
- Provides an easy to use Web interface to simplify day-to-day tasks for administrators, regardless of physical location
- Automates auditing of Active Directory security – massive time savings over manual efforts
- Dynamically extends the support of any object and attribute in Active Directory

Active Directory (AD) presents a number of administrative challenges: delegation, data maintenance, security and more. As an AD administrator, it's up to you to ensure that your directory is up-to-date and meets the needs of the users and applications that depend on it.

AD also presents new opportunities: a central data repository, extensible directory architecture and more. As a security manager or directory architect, it's up to you to ensure the highest levels of security even as users are empowered in new ways.

Quest® ActiveRoles Direct helps you meet these challenges and seize these opportunities. It streamlines administration by ensuring that administrators have the appropriate level of access to AD—no more and no less. With ActiveRoles Direct, you can automate and secure administrative tasks with an easy-to-deploy tool that allows you to maximize the benefits of AD. Benefits include the following:

Streamline Administration
ActiveRoles Direct streamlines management of delegated rights through role-based delegation. You can use predefined roles or create your own. It also provides business views, so you can group and view objects in new ways.

Simplify Security
ActiveRoles Direct simplifies your ability to deploy, manage and maintain the complex AD security model by allowing you to approach it from a business point of view. You can easily and efficiently determine who needs access to what data in order to get their work done.

Lower Administrative Costs
Dynamically configured Web interfaces allows users, business data owners and help desk personnel to perform appropriate administrative tasks on their own from any global location. This reduces support costs, while allowing you to maintain complete control of your AD environment.

Strengthen Your Active Directory Investment
ActiveRoles Direct provides enhanced AD management in a low-overhead, easy-to-deploy solution. It leverages the AD architecture to maximize your investment. With ActiveRoles Direct, you can manage key components of your Microsoft infrastructure including AD, Windows and Exchange.

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System Requirements

Operating Systems

Microsoft Windows 2000 Professional, Server or Advanced Server

Microsoft Windows 2003

Microsoft Windows XP

Hardware:

233 Mhz or higher Intel Pentium-compatible CPU

128 MB RAM or higher

20 MB of free disk space
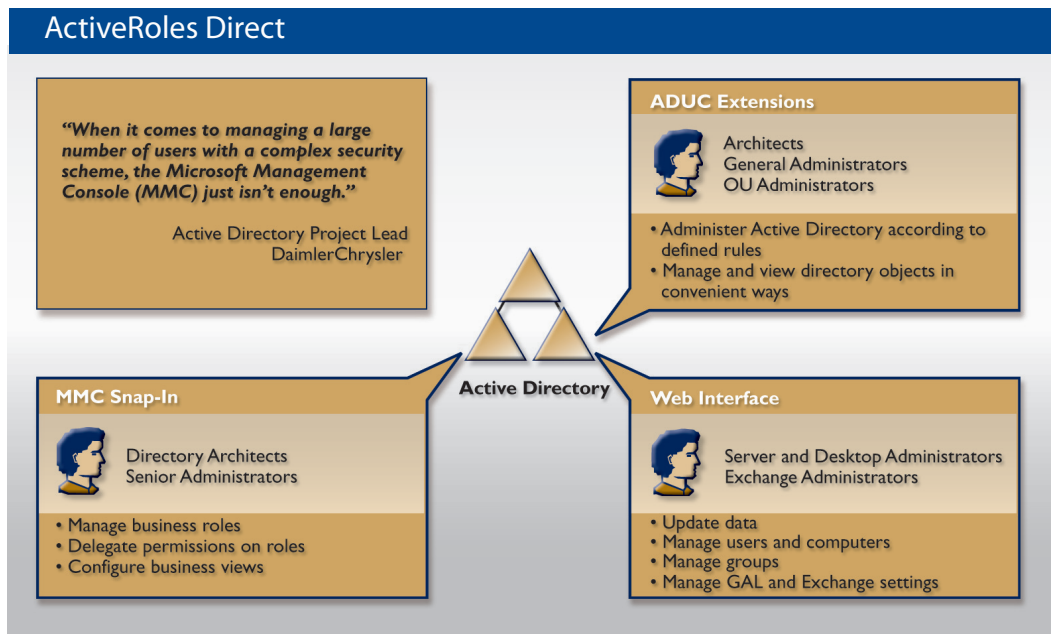
Additional Software:

Microsoft Exchange 2000 or 2003 (if using Exchange functionality)

Microsoft Data Access Control (MDAC) 2.7 or greater

Supported Database Servers include

Microsoft SQL Server 2000 and MSDE 2000

Microsoft Excel 97 or higher (if you are saving report output in an Excel spreadsheet)

Role-Based Delegation: With role-based delegation, ActiveRoles Direct allows organizations to efficiently control who has access to what in AD. It provides templates of appropriate access rights for administrators, to simplify delegation management and enhance security and auditing. ActiveRoles Direct can even be used to manage Windows resources, such as print servers, file shares and server registries.

Business Views: Business views allow you to easily gather users, groups, computers, or organizational units (OUs) into logical collections, (i.e. by region or department). Using this capability, ActiveRoles Direct delivers improved management processes and allows you to report on specific objects, organized in the manner you dictate. This ensures a more informed, efficient decision-making process.

Remote Access: ActiveRoles Direct provides Web interfaces that simplify day-to-day tasks and can be deployed globally without installation and maintenance in each location. The Web client is dynamically configured to present only the object and attributes needed, so administrators can focus on key areas quickly and efficiently. It even includes an extensive Exchange management component. By allowing appropriate AD administrators to manage their own data, you can improve productivity and reduce administrative costs.

Directory-Enabled Architecture: Designed specifically to manage the security delegation model in AD, ActiveRoles Direct leverages the AD architecture by embedding application information directly in AD and using it as a core data repository. It also provides functionality for managing key components of your Microsoft infrastructure, including AD, Windows, Exchange and Group Policy. The result is a seamless, scalable, easy-to-deploy solution for streamlined directory and user management.

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"When it comes to managing a large number of users with a complex security scheme, the Microsoft Management Console (MMC) just isn't enough."

Active Directory Project Lead
DaimlerChrysler

ADUC Extensions

Architects
General Administrators
OU Administrators

• Administer Active Directory according to defined rules
• Manage and view directory objects in convenient ways

Active Directory

MMC Snap-In

Directory Architects
Senior Administrators

• Manage business roles
• Delegate permissions on roles
• Configure business views

Web Interface

Server and Desktop Administrators
Exchange Administrators

• Update data
• Manage users and computers
• Manage groups
• Manage GAL and Exchange settings