

DirectoryInsight™

Managing Change in Active Directory™

The decision to move to Active Directory may very well be the most important IT initiative your company ever takes on. The success of its implementation stretches past deployment and into the day-to-day maintenance of a new and highly complex directory service that impacts every department and end user in the company. It's a moving target that will require hands-on management. Are you prepared to handle it?

What processes do you have in place to manage Active Directory change that occurs as a result of mergers, acquisitions and other changing business needs? How will you keep track of population changes as you bring sites, domain controllers, and global catalogs online? How will you manage site configuration changes, bridgehead server modifications, shifting operations master roles, and schema alterations? And how are you going to manage, store and report on those changes over time?

Manage change in Active Directory with DirectoryInsight.

NetPro's DirectoryInsight is the only solution available to help administrators effectively plan, monitor and report on Active Directory change. DirectoryInsight tracks the population of directory objects over time and records configuration and infrastructure changes, allowing you to easily monitor current modifications and report on historical Active Directory changes. You'll glean valuable insight from the change data that DirectoryInsight delivers. And, you'll have a central repository of that data, enabling you to report on the status of Active Directory at all times. All of this information is accessible anytime and anywhere through a web browser—and it even integrates with HP OpenView Operations for Windows. No matter what stage of your directory deployment, DirectoryInsight is an indispensable tool for keeping directory change under control.

Monitor object population growth at an enterprise level.

Whether your company is migrating to Active Directory or merging with another company, population changes will have a profound impact on your

directory. DirectoryInsight provides historical population graphs and delivers an enterprise-level view of additions and deletions of the most common directory objects. You'll be able to view categorical object population changes that will help you monitor and report on the growth of Active Directory over time. And if you use directory object counts as a metric for capacity planning, DirectoryInsight's population reports will provide guidance as you plan for future IT purchases.

Automatically track configuration and infrastructure changes.

As Active Directory grows, you'll have to make replication, structure, security, and schema changes to accommodate new operational needs. You'll also make changes to fine-tune the directory for maximum performance.

Because modifications to the directory are so critical to network performance, many companies keep a manual log of the changes as backup. DirectoryInsight is the only solution that automatically tracks all directory infrastructure and configuration changes in a central, secure repository, eliminating the need for hand-written or typed change logs.

Automate change control monitoring and reporting.

Today, tracking change in Active Directory requires that you operate within the guidelines of corporate change control policy. If you're like most, you have to document all changes, coordinating with various members of your IT staff along the way, to ensure that documents are not overwritten by older versions and that change control documents are current and reliable. With DirectoryInsight, you can log all changes automatically and share the information with everyone who needs it through a convenient web browser.

Perform cause-and-effect directory analysis.

When distress calls come in from users who are all reporting the same symptoms, you know something's wrong, and you know it's your job to fix it. But, where



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