# **NetlQ Directory and Resource Administrator**

Improve security, demonstrate compliance and streamline the administration of Microsoft Active Directory and Exchange Server

## Introduction

Microsoft Active Directory is both a data store for confidential information and a gateway to other critical IT systems, so it must be diligently protected. However, the lack of native administrative controls can easily lead to elevated, unmonitored access and significant business problems – including service disruptions, inconsistent administration practices, incomplete data, and unnecessary security exposures of sensitive or confidential information.

NetlQ<sup>®</sup> Directory and Resource Administrator<sup>™</sup> provides key features and controls to enhance the security and efficiency of Active Directory administration.

### **Product Overview**

NetIQ Directory and Resource Administrator's advanced delegation and robust, policybased administration across single and multi-domain environments, improves the security and efficiency of Active Directory administration. It can also deliver singlepoint, policy-based administration for Microsoft Exchange across your enterprise.

By securely delegating administrative privileges and standardizing controls, you can quickly respond to business requests, while decreasing the burden on administrative staff and improving adherence to process.

## **Capabilities**

NetlQ Directory and Resource Administrator enables you to granularly delegate administrative privileges and reduce the burden on your highly skilled, but highly tasked, administrators. In addition, by capturing and storing all administrative activity, you have the comprehensive audit trail necessary to produce reports that satisfy management and auditors.

NetlQ Directory and Resource Administrator ensures that your Active Directory environment is securely and efficiently administered by providing:

- Granular access controls protects your core Windows environment from the risk of privilege escalation and inadvertent security threats by granularly controlling user access and reducing the number of users with full administrative privileges.
- Centralized activity logs and reports helps achieve and maintain regulatory compliance with mandates such as PCI DSS, FISMA, HIPAA, and NERC CIP through granular privilege control coupled with centralized logging of all administrative actions and flexible, comprehensive reporting.
- Controlled self-service tasks enables IT administrators to increase efficiency by transferring common user and mailbox management functions to the help desk or, via self-service functionality, to the end user.
- Automation and secure privilege delegation – reduces administration costs and enforces policies by automating repetitive and complex tasks, and providing use-controlled delegation of common administrative duties.
- Improved data integrity reduces data pollution by consistently enforcing business policies and controlling the format and amount of data entered into your Active Directory and Exchange objects.



#### **SOLUTION** Identity and Access Governance

PRODUCT NetIQ® Directory and Resource Administrator™

Pass audits easier and reduce the administrative burden on your skilled IT staff. NetIQ Directory and Resource Administrator ensures secure and efficient Active Directory and Exchange administration.



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## **Features**

- More than 60 roles, 300 powers, and highly-customizable rule-based delegation
- Simplified administration through a task-centric Web Console
- Self-administration capabilities allows users to update their personal information and reset their passwords
- A Recycle Bin simplifies the restoration of deleted objects
- Out-of-the-box reporting
- Drag-and-drop report customization
- Dual-key security, requires two administrators to confirm a change

- Comprehensive logging of user actions into a read-only archive assures a detailed audit trail
- Audit record retention to meet stringent data localization laws and regulations.
- User status and user summary reporting for granular detail or trend analysis
- Powerful automation capabilities allow for user provisioning from Human Resource database feeds.
- Microsoft Exchange administration in the same management framework

# **Key Differentiators**

- More secure architecture ensures users cannot escalate privileges in Active Directory and does not rely on native domain administrator privileges or confusing Microsoft Access Control Lists.
- Task-driven administration for business and support personnel – provides a task-driven administration wizard that enables non-administrative personnel or lower-skilled administrators to perform administrative tasks.
- Comprehensive auditing and reporting – records all administrative activity and stores it in a tamper-resistant archive so you can answer critical questions during an audit, a security breach, or a management review.
- Enterprise scalability reduces costly delays waiting for systemwide replication. Only targeted changes are replicated so users are up and running immediately.

To learn more about NetlQ Directory and Resource Administrator, or to start a trial, go to **www.netiq.com/dra.** 

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