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Active Directory
Assessment

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You are a system administrator working in a modern environment, using Active Directory for user and resource management, but have started to notice unexpected behavior?
Group policies are not working as expected, synchronization issues between domain controllers, problems with DNS, domain trusts, etc.?

Why?

These are typical symptoms for problems that usually grow as your IT environment grows and undergoes daily changes.
Maybe you join multiple directories, create new federations and change existing ones, or, maybe, change AD functional level, upgrade and update controllers – lots of bigger and smaller tasks must be completed to keep your company working...

Active Directory Assessment will help you to understand root cause of various problems and to identify remediation steps to keep AD in a healthy state.

How?

Depending on the size of infrastructure and complexity of the organization the Assessment takes 3–4 weeks to complete.

As a result, an Assessment report is produced which includes the following sections:
Audit summary,
Description of the existing situation and architecture overview,
Detailed audit findings, assessment of their importance and recommended solutions,
Best practice recommendations.

Results are presented in an online meeting.

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How much?

Price: 4,000 EUR
without VAT

AD infrastructure assessment consists of the following activities:

1 Skype interview(s) regarding the existing AD environment

AD FSMO role configuration and placement, Global Catalog placement

Time synchronization (NTP) configuration

Privileged group membership check

Permission delegation.

2 Review of AD physical architecture:

AD domain controller capacity and configuration:

The compliance of server hardware requirements with the manufacturers recommendations

General assessment of up to 20 domain controllers:

- Windows Updates
- OS configuration
- Other OS roles
- Anti-virus/malware configuration
- Error messages
- Network configuration
- Virtualization configuration.

AD Sites and Services configuration – (including Sites, Site links, Subnets and Replication).

Number of domain controllers and their placement (including RODC's).

3 Review of AD logical architecture:

Domains, child domains, naming and functional levels

Domain trusts configuration

AD OU structure

Group policy usage practices, including:

- Password and Account lockout policies
- Audit / Advanced Audit policies
- SYSVOL health check
- Use of “block inheritance”, “enforced” and “loopback policy” options.

4 Review of DNS configuration:

DNS server configuration:

- DNS zones configuration
- DNS forwarders and conditional forwarders
- DNS stale records scavenging configuration
- Dynamic records update configuration
- Replication and integration with AD

DNS client configuration.

5 Analysis of Local Administrator password management

6 AD health checks

diagnostics using tools e.g. dcdiag, BPA, Event Viewer etc.

7 Review of AD infrastructure backup policy

8 Existence of AD administrative procedures

like AD disaster recovery plan, change management procedures etc.

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