

TMB improves AD management and security

Active Roles automates routine tasks and enables granular delegation of administrative rights.

Key Facts

Company

Transports Metro politans de Barcelona

Industry

Transportation and Warehousing

Country

Spain

Employees

8,015

Website

www.tmb.cat/en/home

Challenges

Spanish public transport operator Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona needed an easy-to-use, comprehensive Active Directory management solution that would automate routine tasks, enable granular delegation of administrative authority to improve security, and ensure individual accountability with effective auditing.

Results

- Increased IT productivity by automating routine AD management tasks
- Improve security and reduced risk through granular delegation of AD administrative powers

Products


Active Roles

Reporter

Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona (TMB) is the main public transport operator in Barcelona, running most of the metro and local bus lines in the metropolitan area as well as several leisure transport services.

AD management can be time-consuming and therefore costly

Active Directory forms the backbone of TMB's IT infrastructure. However, AD administrators were spending far too much time working on routine tasks, hurting their productivity. Therefore, Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona wanted an AD management solution that would automate and simplify common management functions.



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*Yolanda Rodriguez, TMB Windows Systems Administrator,
Transports Metro politans de Barcelona*

Security demands granular delegation of AD management tasks and auditing

In addition, Transports Metropolitans de Barcelona was concerned about AD security. In particular, the organization had no way to granularly delegate AD management authority, and therefore all users who accessed AD did so as domain administrator. That meant that many users had far more privileges than required to do their jobs, which introduced security risks. Moreover, the organization was not even able to audit the behavior of the administrators and therefore hold them individually accountable for their actions.

TMB recognized that it needed a better AD management tool—one that would address all of these concerns. Specifically, they needed a tool that could automate routine tasks, enable administrative tasks to be delegated in accordance with job roles, and ensure individual accountability through comprehensive auditing.

“We realised that in order to improve the service delivered to our employees and gain greater data visibility, we needed to change user provisioning in AD,” comments Yolanda Rodriguez, Systems Administrator at TMB. “The way our department works is key to the smooth running of the company’s business, and we needed to be more efficient, maximize control and security, and also have a customised interface.”

Active Roles: simple AD management, granular delegation and auditing

TMB researched the AD management tools available in the market. After evaluating several tools, including several from Microsoft, it opted for Active Roles from One Identity. TMB found Active Roles to be flexible and easy to use, and it delivered all the functionality the organization needed.

Active Roles simplifies day-to-day management of Active Directory, including management of Exchange mailboxes, groups and computers, with both

an MMC snap-in and a Web interface. It also automates account creation and delivers strictly enforced role-based security, with built-in auditing and reporting.

Active Roles improves both IT productivity and system security

By automating many AD administrative tasks with Active Roles, TMB has reaped significant savings. Administrators now spend far fewer hours working on routine tasks with low added value, and automating previously manual tasks has minimized the risk of errors. In addition, the tool enables granular delegation of administrative responsibility and delivers audit-ready reports, which has enhanced security.

“Implementing Active Roles has allowed us to develop secure AD management and resolve issues more quickly. Administrators no longer have to spend hours working on routine tasks, which has led to an increase in productivity,” explains Rodriguez.

“The level of risk associated with actions in AD has been reduced. Previously, whenever the system was accessed this was done through generic domain administrator users; now it is carried out by individual users in a controlled way.”

MessageStats and Reporter also simplify AD administrative tasks

In addition to Active Roles, TMB also acquired two other Quest Software solutions: MessageStats™ and Reporter,

which have also reduced IT workload and improved AD management processes. MessageStats has reduced the complexity of email reporting and analysis.. “Analysing data directly from logs used to be a very complicated task,” Rodriguez explains. “MessageStats provides us with data on our mail infrastructure simply and quickly.” TMB uses Reporter to extract information from Active Directory, simplifying what would otherwise be a very complicated process.

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