

Harvard Medical School changes its auditing game with ADAudit Plus

Harvard medical school employs ADAudit Plus to audit their domain and closely monitor their Active Directory infrastructure, thus ensuring security and accountability.



HARVARD
MEDICAL SCHOOL

About the Organization

Established in 1782, Harvard is the third-oldest medical school in the United States. They've piloted educational models, developed new curricula to address emerging needs in health care, and produced thousands of leaders and compassionate caregivers who are shaping the fields of science and medicine throughout the world with their expertise and passion.

Organization: Harvard Medical School

Industry: Education

Location: Massachusetts, USA



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Muanya,

Windows administrator.

Administrative challenge

With approximately 12,000 voting and full-time faculty and more than 2,000 students, both on campus and at affiliating premises, the Active Directory (AD) infrastructure was far too vast to be closely monitored. Callixtus Muanya, Harvard's Windows administrator, found it a challenge gaining full control over the AD environment. He could not keep up with the many changes across multiple domains and felt like he had no visibility into his own territory. This encouraged him to get his hands on ADAudit Plus, a real-time AD change auditing and monitoring solution, based on his satisfaction with other ManageEngine products like Patch Manager Plus.

The ADAudit Plus advantage

Once Muanya tried ADAudit plus, he gained a bird's eye view over his AD environment, allowing him to view it like never before. He's glad he chose ADAudit Plus, saying, **"ADAudit Plus has been a game changer for us."**

Every change made across multiple sites and domains, even small tweaks, is brought together in easy-to-understand reports. These reports are grouped by category with individual views for changes made to AD objects, authentication logs, security modifications, and user account manipulation.

Muanya feels that ADAudit Plus paints a complete picture of Harvard's IT infrastructure—an upgrade from the cluttered view offered by the native Windows event viewer. He says, **"Prior to ADAudit Plus, we had no visibility on our AD infrastructure. Now we're able to monitor all AD transactions."**

Because everything is taken care of by ADAudit Plus, Muanya added that he's become more productive. With experience using other ManageEngine products like Patch Manager Plus, he can vouch for their value as well: **"Truthfully, these products have made us more efficient."**

Key Features of ADAudit Plus

Some of the other important features that make ADAudit Plus a crucial tool for enterprises are:



Real-Time Change Monitoring and Alerting

Enable 24/7 surveillance for AD, Azure AD, Windows servers, file servers, and workstations.



Trace User Footsteps

Gain insight into user logon activity occurring across your Windows server environment, spanning from logon failures to logon history.



Troubleshoot Account Lockouts

Detect lockouts instantly with real-time alerts and analyze the root cause for these lockouts with in-depth reports.



Protect Sensitive Data

Track file access across Windows file servers, failover clusters, NetApp, and EMC.



Actively Respond to Threats

Leverage threshold-based alerts and statistical analytics to detect anomalies instantly. Configure the tool to act automatically in the event of an attack.

ManageEngine ADAudit Plus

ManageEngine ADAudit Plus is an IT security and compliance solution. With over 200 event-specific reports and real-time email alerts, it provides in-depth knowledge about changes made to both the content and configurations of Active Directory, Azure AD, and Windows servers. Additionally, ADAudit Plus provides thorough insight on workstation and file server access (including NetApp and EMC). For more information about ADAudit Plus, visit manageengine.com/active-directory-audit.

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