

ADManager Plus helps you do what PowerShell doesn't

What is ADManager Plus?

It is an integrated Active Directory (AD), Exchange Server, Office 365, Skype for Business (Lync), and G Suite management and reporting solution. Admins can securely delegate OU/group-based AD tasks to help desk technicians. It also offers customizable workflows to help admins streamline and monitor the execution of AD tasks, and automation of critical tasks and routines.

ADManager Plus Vs Windows PowerShell scripting

ADManager Plus, unlike PowerShell, offers an extensive set of predefined features and prepackaged reports that turn AD management and reporting into simple, GUI-based, point-and-click activities. Though any action can be performed using PowerShell, you have to write a script from scratch for any operation that you wish to perform. Also, if you have to modify the action, the script has to be altered accordingly.

Why you should think beyond PowerShell for managing AD

- Delay occurs since the data is retrieved from AD for every instance of commands being run.
- No pre-defined actions management actions and reports.
- If the same task has to be executed for different sets of objects, the script has to be modified and executed again.
- No single web-based console for Active Directory (AD), MS Exchange, Office 365, Skype for Business (Lync), and G Suite management and reporting.
- No readily available features for automation, delegation and workflow.
- No standalone mobile apps.





The following table lists the features which are readily available in ADManager Plus over PowerShell.

Features	ADManager Plus	PowerShell
Dashboard with reports that can be drilled down.	✓	✗
Mode of execution	GUI-based console	Command line interface
Active Directory management		
Template-based, all-inclusive bulk AD accounts provisioning	✓	✗
Rule-based account creation and modification templates	✓	✗
Pre-defined features for frequently performed (reset password, enable/disable, unlock accounts).	✓	✗
Customized naming formats	✓	✗
Proactive duplicates check and handling while creating users and contacts.	✓	✗
Custom delete and disable policy (Delete home folders, disable Exchange mailboxes, revoke Office 365 licenses and more).	✓	✗

Active Directory reporting		
Built-in report library	✓	✗
Management from reports	✓	✗
Report scheduler which auto-generate reports with email delivery of reports in different formats (PDF, HTML, or CSV).	✓	✗
Management and reporting in other platforms		
Office 365 management and reporting		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create multiple Office 365 users. • Assign, remove licenses in bulk. • Reports on users that are inactive, have ActiveSync enabled, last logon times, license details, distribution, security, and dynamic distribution groups 	✓	✓ (Requires extensive scripting)
Exchange management and reporting		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulk Exchange mailbox creation for AD users and groups. • Reports on mailbox-enabled users, mail-enabled users and groups, Active Sync, OMA, OWA, and POP3 enabled or disabled users. 	✓	✓ (Requires extensive scripting)

Customizable workflow		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ticket-based AD management • Review-approval based execution • Automated task assignment • View status of requests 	✓	✗
Delegation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Customized help desk roles for technicians • OU and group based delegation • Help desk audit reports 	✓	✗
Automation		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single-window automation with built-in actions to manage AD, Exchange, and Office 365. • Automate standalone and sequential tasks to perform routine tasks like AD cleanup, etc, from its built-in, ready-to-use actions. 	✓	✓ (Requires extensive scripting to perform these actions, whereas these tasks can be performed by ready-to-use features in ADManager Plus)
Integrations with other applications		
Out-of-the-box integration with ITSM tools like ServiceDesk Plus, ServiceNow; databases like MS SQL, Oracle and support for log-forwarding to Syslog servers.	✓	✗



Other benefits		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GUI-based employee search 	 (Employee search can be performed without logging onto the product)	 (PowerShell requires the user to query the DC name to retrieve the objects.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email and SMS alerts on execution of AD tasks. • iOS and Android apps 		

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ADManager Plus

ManageEngine ADManager Plus is a web-based Windows AD management and reporting solution that helps AD administrators and help desk technicians accomplish their day-to-day activities. With an intuitive, easy-to-use interface, ADManager Plus handles a variety of complex tasks and generates an exhaustive list of AD reports, some of which are essential requirements to satisfy compliance audits. It also helps administrators manage and report on their Exchange Server, Office 365, and Google Apps environments, in addition to AD, all from a single console. For more information about ADManager Plus, visit manageengine.com/ad-manager.

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