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The admin's guide to performing
**bulk Active Directory
management**

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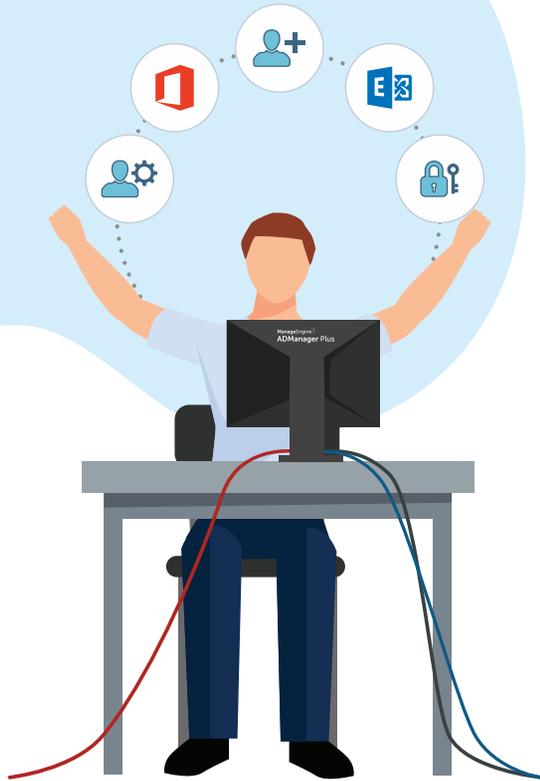
Streamlining AD administration with bulk AD management

Most of the tasks AD admins perform on a daily basis are pretty simple, such as creating new user accounts, adding users to groups, resetting passwords, and modifying user attributes. What makes these tasks difficult and error-prone is their sheer repetitiveness. AD administrators across the world spend a great amount of time on these user management tasks. Given the repetitiveness of these tasks, how can admins optimize their daily routine? Automation and bulk AD management is the key. These processes not only increase efficiency but also help your organization save big on its IT budget.



Traditional bulk AD management

AD's native management tool, ADUC, doesn't support bulk user management and PowerShell scripting can be used for bulk management but is often an excruciating task. For example, assume you need to perform an organization-wide password reset after a brute force attack. Using your ADUC console, you can reset passwords for only one user at a time. Though you can perform bulk password resets using PowerShell, writing complex scripts can increase the time spent on performing such a simple task. Here's where a comprehensive, web-based AD management tool like ADManager Plus can come to the rescue.



Why use ADManager Plus

ADManager Plus simplifies every AD task for an AD administrator, arming you with features for:

- Provisioning user accounts in bulk across AD, Office 365, Exchange, Skype for Business/Lync, and G Suite simultaneously.
- Creating user accounts with all the required information, privileges, and restrictions using just a single template.
- Managing users' group memberships accurately with automation and user modification templates.
- Identifying inactive users and disabling them for instant, hassle-free AD clean up.
- Configuring user account password settings, resetting passwords, and managing users based on their password status in bulk.



Bulk user management with ADManager Plus

ADManager Plus makes bulk user provisioning across AD, Office 365, and G Suite absolutely effortless. It allows you to create users by importing users' data from a CSV file; databases like MS/SQL and Oracle; and even an HR management system like Workday and Zoho People.

It also supports template-centric user provisioning. This makes it easier to delegate user provisioning to your help desk. The automation module offers you the flexibility to perform any AD task at any time.

- **Automate user creation:** Create users in AD, Exchange, Office 365, and G Suite at once, at your chosen time, completely hands-free.
- **Manage group membership:** Set conditions to automatically update users' group memberships accurately.
- **Clean up inactive user accounts:** Identify and delete inactive, disabled, and expired user accounts periodically, without manual intervention.

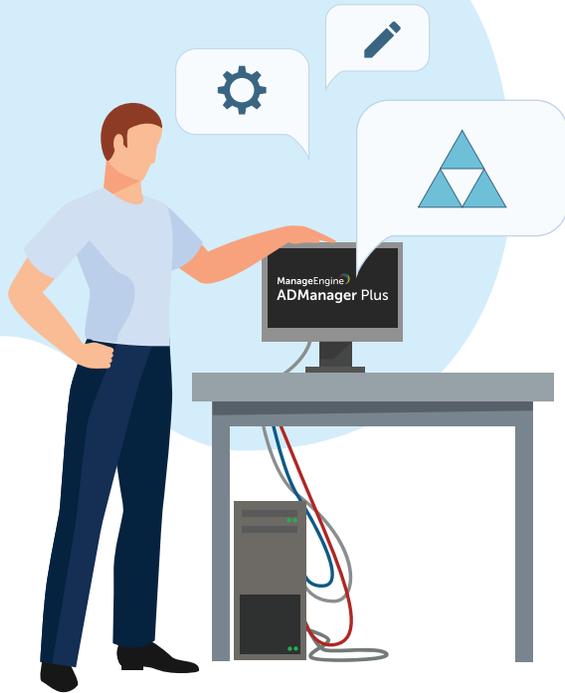


Bulk password reset using ADManager Plus

Password resets are the second most common reason workers call help desks, accounting for about one in four help desk requests. This seemingly small action can cut into your IT team's productivity and increase support costs exponentially if left unchecked. ADManager Plus' bulk password reset feature lets admins or designated technicians reset passwords for multiple users with just a click.

Administrators or designated technicians can choose to type out new passwords, set a user's logon name as the password, automatically generate random passwords that comply with your company's complexity requirements, or even leave the password field blank during the bulk password reset operation.

Aside from basic password resets, administrators and technicians can also enforce certain settings like requiring users to change their password at their next logon, prohibiting users from changing their password, and setting passwords that will never expire.



Modification of AD properties in bulk using ADManager Plus

Another common bulk AD operation is modifying multiple AD properties at once. This can be partially accomplished using native tools, but ADManager Plus brings some significant advantages.

ADManager Plus allows you to use templates to perform dynamic changes based on existing values for each object. For example, if you want to change the display name convention for a certain group of users, just select them and apply a new template.

Another interesting provision is the capability to make a non-mandatory AD attribute mandatory. For example, Employee ID is one attribute organizations base a lot of actions on. Using ADManager Plus, admins can make such modifications without needing the privileges of a schema master.

ManageEngine ADManager Plus

ADManager Plus is a web-based solution for all your AD, Exchange, Skype for Business, G Suite, and Office 365 management needs. It simplifies several routine tasks such as [provisioning users](#), [cleaning up dormant accounts](#), [managing NTFS and share permissions](#), and more. ADManager Plus also offers [more than 150 prepackaged reports](#), including reports on inactive or locked-out AD user accounts, Office 365 licenses, and users' last logon times. Perform management actions right from these reports. Build a [custom workflow structure](#) that will assist you in ticketing and compliance, [automate routine AD tasks](#) such as user provisioning and de-provisioning, and more. [Download a free trial](#) today to explore all these features.

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