

Quest® Active Administrator® 8.6
What's New Guide



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 **IMPORTANT NOTE, NOTE, TIP, MOBILE, or VIDEO:** An information icon indicates supporting information.

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What's New in Active Administrator

Active Administrator® 8.6 is the latest release of Quest Software's complete solution for managing Microsoft Active Directory health, delegation, accounts, GPOs, recovery and security auditing, and certificate and DNS management. This document provides a highlight of these improvements.

i | **NOTE:** The Active Directory Health module requires a license in addition to the license for Active Administrator.

This document highlights key features new in this release. For more information about these or any features, see the *Quest Active Administrator 8.6 User Guide*.

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Additional platform support

The following platforms are now supported in Active Administrator.

- Azure SQL Managed instance
- Windows Server 2022

User Provisioning

With the rise of data breaches within organizations, it has become increasingly important to ensure users are created with proper access as they join an organization as well providing an easy way to remove that access when they leave. Ensuring user's access is up-to-date through provisioning is a time consuming process that typically needs to be done immediately and has the potential for human error.

Active Administrator is extending its user management capabilities by providing the ability to automate provisioning and de-provisioning of users accounts.

When you begin the provisioning or deprovisioning process, a log file that tracks your provisioning actions is created, stored on the server until purged, and available to view in the client for troubleshooting purposes.

NOTE: The provisioning feature is enabled through role-based access.

- By default, all users are granted the User Provisioning read-only access role.
- Users who hold the Full Access role are automatically granted the User Provisioning role.

Active Directory Health enhancements

- Ability to review the selected alerts included in a notification before completing the configuration.

Auditing and alerting enhancements

- Ability to search for accounts to exclude by name, group, or OU.
- Ability to select the time zone for scheduled reports.

Installation and upgrade enhancements

- Ability for a non-administrator to run Active Administrator without User Account Control (UAC).
- Ability to use Azure SQL Managed Instance for live and archive databases.

The New Active Administrator Database and New Active Administrator Archive Database dialogs have been extended to allow you to connect to an Azure SQL Managed Instance using the required Azure Active Directory or SQL Server authentication.

Certificate updates

- The Certificate Management window has been updated to include a tree view that, by default, displays the computers being managed with the Certificate module in your organization and all the associated certificates. From here, you can also select to create a virtual folder structure to help visually organize those certificates to facilitate their management.

Security and delegation updates

- Ability to copy text from objects in Active Directory Security & Delegation's security dialog.
- Ability to sort the contents in the inactive users preview and history panes by selecting the column header.
- Ability to set the number of days before a user and computer account is disabled after it has been deemed inactive.
- Ability to select to include either both inactive user and computer accounts or just one type in email notifications.
- Ability to set a schedule for sending inactive account email notifications.

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