

Quest® Active Administrator® 8.7
What's New Guide



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What's New in Active Administrator

Active Administrator® 8.7 is the latest patch 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.
- Azure Active Directory is now Microsoft Entra ID.

As a result of ongoing research and development, and in response to customer feedback, the following enhancements have been made in this release of Active Administrator:

- [Security enhancements](#)
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Security enhancements

- Ability to have a cryptographically random passphrase generated when configuring the Active Administrator Server.
- Support for Modern Authentication and the ability to use Exchange Online to send email alerts.
- HTTPS is now enforced for the web client.

Performance enhancements

- Performance improvements were made to data collectors in the AD Health pooled agents resulting in optimization in the data processing and less memory utilization by the agent.
- Storage of certificate data has moved from the file system to the Active Administrator database which will allow for faster response time when processing changes and displaying results. Existing certificate data is moved to the database on upgrade.
- Storage of certificate information was optimized to remove storage of duplicate information which now allows for faster processing of certificate status updates.

Miscellaneous updates

- Managed computers in the Certificates module, that were added through monitored objects, now list the monitored object source.

- Log files are now written to ProgramData directory, rather than the Program Files directory.

System requirements updates

Support has been added for the following:

- Windows 11 for the console and workstation agent
- SQL Server 2022 for the Active Administrator server database.

Support has been removed for the following:

- Windows 8.1
- Windows 2012 and 2012 R2
- Autorun

For more information about these updates, see the *Quest Active Administrator 8.7 Release Notes*. For all features, see the *Quest Active Administrator 8.7 User Guide*.

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