



Quest[®] Active Administrator[®] 8.8
What's New Guide



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What's New in Active Administrator

Active Administrator® 8.8 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.

**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](#)
- [Performance enhancements](#)
- [Miscellaneous updates](#)
- [System requirements updates](#)

Security enhancements

- Support for TLS 1.3 including an option to enable “Strict Encryption” for the SQL server connection.

Performance enhancements

- Improved startup time of the ADS server.
- Centralized the functionality of checking the database versions when connecting to the archive database.
- Optimized the Active Directory backup and restore functionality to allow for better processing of out-of-order object restore operations.
- Updated all references of Azure AD Sync to Microsoft Entra Connect and improved how Microsoft Entra services are reported. References to services are now stored in a config file that can be changed if needed.

Miscellaneous updates

- The DNS module is no longer available when only the AD Health license is applied.

System requirements updates

- Support has been added for the following:
 - .NET Framework 4.8 which is the minimum required for .NET
- Support has been removed for the following:
 - SQL Server 2014
 - SQL Server 2014 Express

For more information about these updates, see the *Quest Active Administrator 8.8 Release Notes*. For all features, see the *Quest Active Administrator 8.8 User Guide*.

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