Microsoft Azure Active Directory Migration Service

A Microsoft Azure Cloud Service for Mergers, Acquisitions, Divestitures and Cloud-Ready Consolidation

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The Right Tool for the Way Your Company Operates

Changing the game of Windows Platform consolidation with a Cloud-based Solution which can address today's need for agility like no other conventional migration Solution can.

Benefits

- Plug into a migration service instead of engineering one of your own

- Focus your effort on migrating, not engineering

- Choose your speed of migration

- Manage Risk and User Impact

Many business regularly change their size and their profile. They expand, they restructure, they contract, and they grow organically in ways that match the demands of the market. IT groups have traditionally addressed these changes as a series of unique events, many times reinventing tools, processes and approaches with regrouped team members pulled from various parts of the organization. In these conventional approaches, IT becomes the bottleneck for the organization to move to a more optimized model.

The Microsoft Azure Active Directory Migration Service (ADMS) enables organizations to combine and reshape Windows Platform infrastructure and begin operating in an optimized model faster than any traditional method.

Focus on the User

Pre-provisioning identities from the source directory in a complete, "well-formed", and consistent manner, eliminates the need for a follow-up effort to make the updatedly provisioned IDs fit the corporate standards. The corporate standard for naming, attribute population, and name conflict resolution is defined once in the data transformation and provisioning engine and reused for any number of updated source directories. Multiple directories including Active Directory, Human Resource and Whitepages may be needed to construct a complete identity. Traditional approaches push agents to batches of PCs. Our unique approach directly targets the user and puts the user first throughout the process.

Do No Harm

Because of application dependencies or business schedules, some groups of users may not be able to move at the same rate as other users. Portions of the infrastructure may need to be moved at different rates. In general, migrations can take a while to complete and during this time the environment needs to stay consistent and synchronized. Our solution addresses the need for a well-managed transition state and provides a method for safely updating downstream dependent applications to insure the user is in most cases up and running.

Plugging into a migration service, and a team of migration experts lets you focus on your most important asset... your users

Speed and efficiency of Self-service cloud services, lets you utilize your IT resources on adding value to your business

- Migrations are complex, one-off events for your business recommended served through cloud service delivery

- The unexpected costs, and risks of building migration infrastructure, and building or buying migration teams disappears.

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Prove Before you Move
Success is measured in the impact to the users and the business. Through a process of pre-migration, all users, groups, group membership, workstations and security identifiers (SidHistory) are created in the updated destination directory. This provisioning process is implemented, tested and tuned prior to involving any users in the migration. By staging the complete migration ahead of time IT can work out any problems before issuing the go-ahead for users to begin using their updated IDs. In the final self-activation step, we run a series of network validation steps to insure the users migration will be successful, greatly reducing the failure rate experienced in traditional migration approaches.

Agility in Deployment
The flexibility to move at the right speed for the right business unit at the right time is essential to an efficient deployment program. To meet the needs of the business units we take IT out of the deployment process. Using a self-service approach we empower business-lead deployment coordinators to choose the time and speed of their deployment independent of IT or other departments activities. After the pre-provisioning and ongoing synchronization of the well-formed identities users are instructed to go to a self-service Web Portal where they self-migrate in a secure and simple way, at a time of the day that is most convenient to their work schedule. All bottlenecks are eliminated from the system since the backend directory work is all completed and the migration of the user happens at their desktop so there is no limit to the speed of your migration.

Cloud Efficiency
ADMS is a Microsoft Azure service that is securely connected to your network over a private encrypted connection ready to go when you are. There is no need to build migration services, deployment consoles, databases and synchronization engines in your data center. Your IT deployment effort becomes a network connection to Microsoft Azure and a web URL you send to your users for self-service.

Engagement Overview
- Secure Connection to the ADMS Microsoft Azure Service
- Data map for your AD Objects
- Self-service migration web portal
- Updates to downstream applications to resolve app compatibility issues
- Incident support throughout your migration period

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