Business Challenge

The need for an ever more powerful, transparent, and tightly integrated directory service is driven by the explosive growth of networked computing. As local and distributed enterprises grow larger and more complex due to distributed resources, application dependencies, security requirements and Internet connectivity, more is required of a directory service.

A directory service is both a management necessity and a user tool. As the number of objects in a network grows, the directory service becomes essential. The directory service is the hub around which a large distributed system turns. Microsoft's Active Directory assists in bringing resources and systems management together and is designed to allow companies to significantly lower total cost of ownership by providing a single place to manage users, groups and network resources.

Key Benefits

Active Directory Design and Deployment

While Active Directory can help simplify management tasks and strengthen network security, you must properly design your directory structure to maximize these benefits. Dell Professional Services assist customers throughout the move to Microsoft® Windows 2000 or Windows 2003 platform, by working to firmly understand your business and technical requirements through the use of our proven consultative and discovery best practices. Dell Professional Services will work with you and your staff to design a scalable directory strategy that includes detailed design documentation, a comprehensive validation strategy, and a mature deployment plan.
**Dell’s Differentiating Factor**

Dell Professional Services combines affordability with an in-depth understanding and expertise in implementing standards-based systems. Complementing these strengths, Dell makes it easy to obtain the service you need by providing a single point of accountability.

**Deliverables**

Drawing from their years of experience, Dell Professional Services consultants utilize proven methodology and project management expertise to provide efficient and effective solutions in a timely manner. As a result, our consultants work to understand business objectives, IT strategies, and design plans which are flexible to adapt to current environments and structured to deliver the desired results.

- Comprehensive Functional and Technical Specification documents
- Detailed validation planning and execution, including pilot deployments, proof-of-concept engagements and prototypes
- Detailed documentation including solution recommendations, timelines and operational impact windows
- Expert project management and deployment resources to help ensure successful solution implementation

**Benefits**

Dell Professional Services’ Active Directory Design and Deployment services will help you achieve many of the business and operational benefits of Active Directory, including:

- Helps eliminate redundant management tasks. Provides a single-point of management for Windows user accounts, clients, servers, and applications as well as the ability to synchronize with existing directories.
- Helps maximize use of IT resources. Securely delegates administrative functions to all levels of an organization.
- Greater flexibility. Advanced features within the Window Server 2003 platform provide capabilities to manage the prevalence of directory-enabled applications of today’s complicated enterprise network environments.
- Increased scalability. Comprehensive directory services provide resource- and information-sharing and extend interoperability, helping to reduce the total cost of ownership.
- Heightened security. New encryption features, and strengthened password security and login protection provides users with a single sign-on to network resources.

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