

Quest[®] Reporter[™]

What's New

Version 5.5



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What's New in Quest Reporter 5.5

Quest Reporter version 5.5 helps you administer your network by generating comprehensive enterprise-wide reports on both real-time and stored data. The application is distinguished by its ability to report on network objects across multiple domains. Its information-rich interface conveys the scope of the report, the available directories on which you can report, a list of available reports, and a list of reports that you have previously scheduled.

As a result of ongoing research and development efforts, and in response to customer feedback, the following improvements have been made in version 5.5:

- Improved support relating to newer releases of Microsoft technology
- Action-enabled reporting for the NDS/eDirectory environment
- Reporting capabilities for the Vintela Authentication Services solution
- Additional user logon-based report templates
- Enhanced linked-in attribute capabilities

Improved Support Related to Newer Releases of Microsoft Technology

Microsoft has released new versions of some core technology. Quest Reporter has embraced these related technologies and now provides customers with improved support. Quest Reporter now supports the following:

- Microsoft SQL Server 2005
- Microsoft Windows Server 2003, R2

Action-Enabled Reporting for the NDS/eDirectory Environment

Many customers are continuing to manage their NDS/eDirectory environment as they await an impending NDS/eDirectory to Active Directory migration. These customers are looking for ways to manage both environments with ease including performing key critical tasks against objects in the NDS/eDirectory environment. This feature is provided in the Reporter for Novell 1.1 add-on, and the Reporter framework has been modified to support this new capability. Some of the specific action-enabled reports that have been added are as follows, broken down by category:

Users

- Delete
- Modify user account properties such as intruder lockout and login, password and login time restriction.

Groups

- Delete
- Modify group membership

Organizational Unit

- Modify Intruder Detection-based properties

LDAP Server

- Modify Anonymous Bind

NWFS

- Modify file and folder ownership

For additional information on Quest Reporter for Novell, please refer to the Quest Reporter for Novell User Guide.

Reporting Capabilities for the Vintela Authentication Services Solution

Vintela Authentication Services (VAS) helps organizations address the challenge of access, authentication, and authorization of UNIX and Linux systems by leveraging the tool already in place for Windows resources-Active Directory. The product functionally extends AD's capabilities including Group Policy to UNIX/Linux, allowing those systems to participate as full citizens in Active Directory.

Reporter has been extended to provide additional reporting capabilities for the VAS solution. Below is a list of additional reports that have been added to Reporter 5.5 that can be leveraged by VAS customers.

UNIX Enabled User and Group Reports

- UNIX Enabled User Information
- Users with Personality Information
- UNIX Enabled Group Information
- Groups with Personality Information
- UNIX User ID Conflict Information
- UNIX Group ID Conflict Information

Personality Reports

- General User Personality Information
- General Group Personality Information

UNIX Host Reports

- UNIX Host Information
- UNIX Host Access Summary

OU Reports

- Associated UNIX Hosts
- Associated UNIX Enabled Users and Groups
- Associated Personalities

Additional User Logon-Based Report Templates

This release introduces additional report templates targeted for the different particular versions of Active Directory such as NT/2000 and 2003. You will now find new user-based report templates that are focused on either leveraging the lastlogon attribute for NT/2000 Active Directory environments or lastlogon timestamp attribute for 2003 Active Directory environments. Depending on what version of Active Directory you are running, you simply choose the appropriate report template. This simplifies and ensures that you are using the most efficient approach for reporting against user logon information.

Enhanced Linked-in Attribute Capabilities

When leveraging linked in attribute capabilities, you now have the option during live collection to defer the live collection of the linked in attributes. This is extremely useful if the linked in attributes have already been collected and stored in the database. You can now save time from having to recollect the information once again and just leverage the information that has already been stored in the database.

SUMMARY

Quest Reporter enables administrators, security officers, and helpdesk staff to collect the data they need for configuration change auditing, security assessments of their Windows infrastructure, or for Active Directory pre- and post-migration analysis. Reporter ensures adherence to sound network management practices by auditing compliance with corporate standards for user, group, and share permissions management.

Whether you are complying with user and group management policies, ensuring appropriate share system permissions or planning your move to Active Directory, Reporter brings the information together intelligently with its extensive library of predefined reports or custom reports based on your specific needs.

For More Information

For further information about:

- Quest Software's Windows Management solutions:
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- Quest Management Suite for Active Directory:
http://www.quest.com/management_suite_for_active_directory
- Quest Migration Suite for Active Directory:
http://www.quest.com/migration_suite_for_active_directory
- Quest Reporter:
<http://www.quest.com/reporter>
- Vintela Authentication Services:
http://www.quest.com/Vintela_Authentication_Services
- Compliance Suite for Windows:
http://www.quest.com/compliance_suite_for_windows

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About Quest Windows Management

Quest Software's Windows Management solutions simplify, automate and secure Active Directory, Exchange and Windows, as well as integrate UNIX and Linux into the managed environment. Quest Windows Management products deliver comprehensive capabilities for secure management, migration and integration of the heterogeneous enterprise.

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