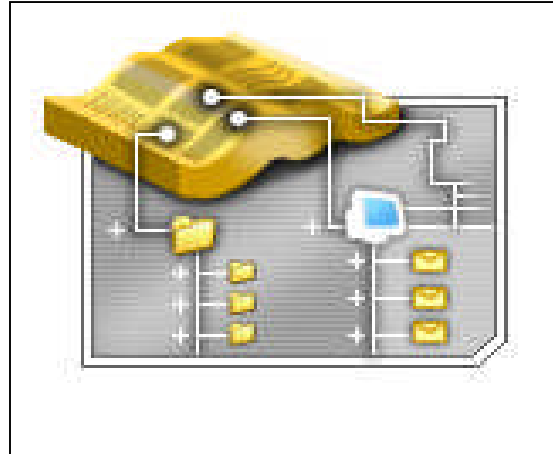


Active Directory Services Information Sheet

Overview

The IT Department has implemented Active Directory Services while upgrading servers to Microsoft Windows Server 2003. The addition of Active Directory has given the IT Department a more efficient means to manage users and groups as well as provide added tools to enhance security and manage equipment.

This implementation included adding File and Printer Servers to all locations as well as updating our existing email server. With the widespread updating process, the IT Department has been able to use Active Directory to intertwine all available resources into a single management solution. Through the use of Users and Computers and Group Policy Objects, managing staff and equipment has become more efficient and productive.



Users and Computers allows the IT Department to manage users and computers in a directory structure eliminating confusion of staff or equipment location. Group Policy Objects can be applied to this directory structure providing security and manageability.

The project consisted of months of planning and streamlined implementation to eliminate staff downtime. IT Staff trained and prepared for the added functionality. With the added knowledge, IT Staff have improved security and management. The added functionality allows IT Staff to deploy software, apply permissions, apply computer settings and direct resources. Active Directory improved performance with all of the tools it offers and will continue to provide additional resources as the network is improved.

Highlights

- Users and computers manageability
- Operating System and software management using Group Policy Objects
- Direct specific users to network resources using Group Policy Objects
- Multiple server user setup through one centralized tool

Interaction with Other Systems

- Group Policy Objects can be applied to Windows Server 2003, Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft Office 2003 and Microsoft Internet Explorer which are deployed on Town computers.
- Interaction between Windows Server 2003 and Exchange Server 2003
- Allows IT Staff to manage Active Directory Services from their local workstations

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