



Movado Group Cuts Migration Time in Half Using Quest Migration Suite for Active Directory

In February 2004, Movado Group, Inc. (Movado) faced a time of transition as the company was in the middle of a Windows® Exchange migration that included a mixed directory environment. Ken Borthwick, Director of Technology Services for Movado, had a sizeable challenge on his hands.

The Challenge

In order to use Exchange 2000, Movado had implemented an Active Directory domain in addition to their existing Windows NT 4 domain. Although they would eventually standardize on Active Directory, users continued to log in to the NT 4 environment. However, faced with the end of NT 4 support, Movado needed to eliminate this environment.

To gain a better perspective on the impending project, Movado turned to a trusted partner, Immediant, for guidance. After surveying their environment, Immediant recommended that Movado consider using a third-party migration solution from Quest Software, Inc.

The Quest Solution

Movado accepted the recommendation and implemented the Quest Migration Suite for Active Directory. One of the determining features for Movado was this solution's ability to rollback changes during the migration. "We greatly valued the fact that we could rollback anything that we had done," commented Borthwick.

In addition, the Quest solution allowed users to remain online throughout the migration. Borthwick remarked, "It was absolutely critical that the migration be as seamless as possible, eliminating impact on users. We are responsible to our shareholders, and downtime equals money. It was important that people function on both old and new domains with the same capabilities. This was especially important considering that the migration takes time. Resource demands and other priorities come into play, and the product was good enough that we could stop the process as needed and pick it up again later."

Along with the Migration Suite, Movado also is using Quest Reporter for visibility into accounts and domains. Reporter is proving to be very useful for compliance reporting as well. "It's been an important product for us due to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 audit guidelines. We will be audited every year, and we need to demonstrate that we have the appropriate policies in place. Reporter generates the reports we need to show compliance with our policies," Borthwick explained.

Overview

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Headquarters

Paramus, New Jersey

Critical Needs

Seamless Active Directory migration, rollback capability, pre- and post-migration reporting

Solution

Quest Migration Suite for Active Directory

Results

Migration time was cut in half

The Bottom Line

With the Migration Suite, Movado estimates that they cut their migration time in half, with the majority of their savings in resource hours. "The migration process took much less time than it would have using other offerings," Borthwick said. "We saved roughly more than 200 resource hours across the 500-plus users we migrated. The Quest products probably cut our migration project time in half."

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