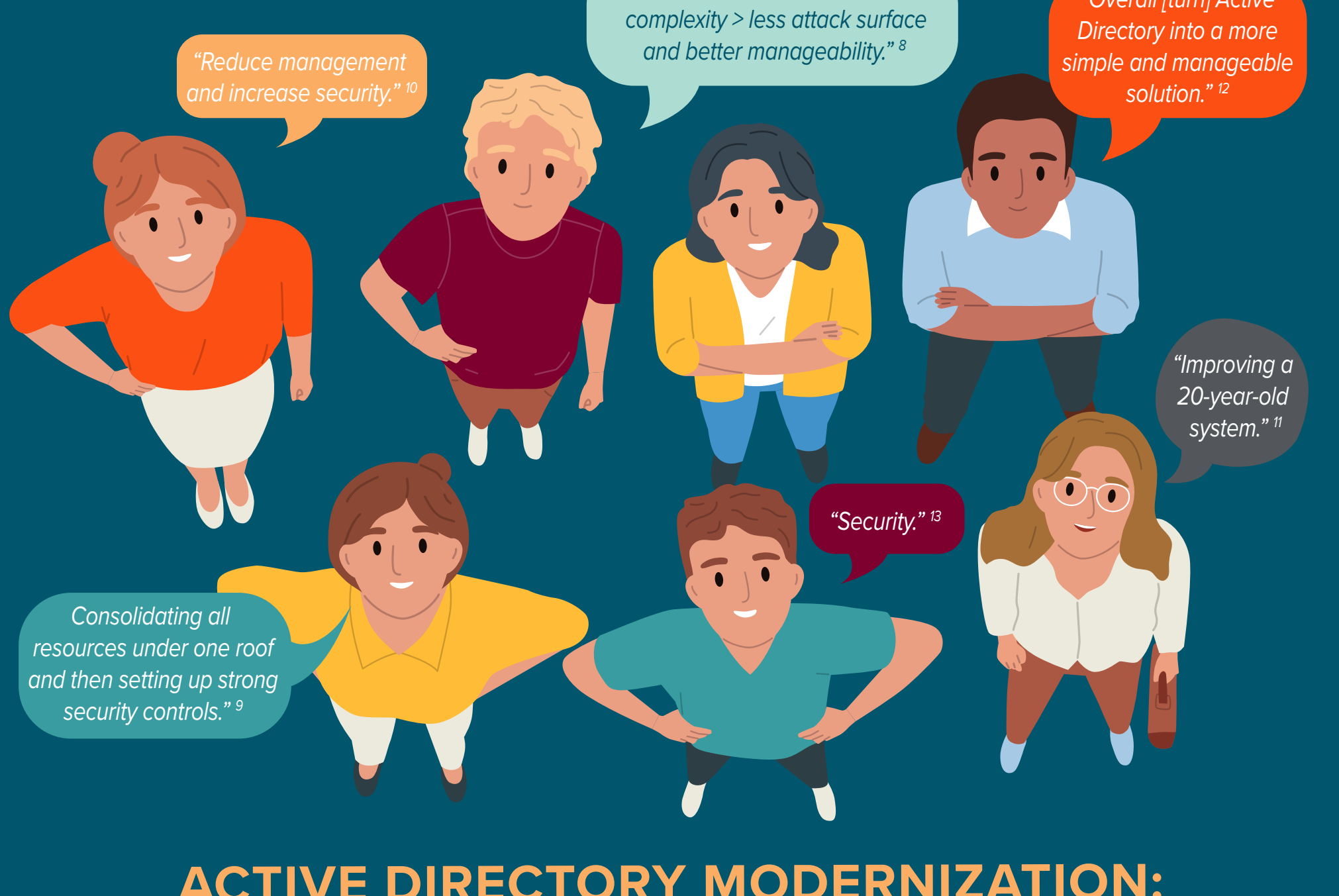


What does AD modernization mean to you?



ACTIVE DIRECTORY MODERNIZATION: 7 INSIGHTS YOUR PEERS ARE SHARING

Having multiple or aging Active Directory (AD) environments makes it difficult to control risk. After all, AD is nearly 25 years old. It expands with every merger and acquisition. And if left unchecked, AD sprawl leaves you not only with more exposure to vulnerabilities, but also increased complexity and higher administrative costs to maintain legacy environments. So why are organizations making investments into modernizing their AD environments? We asked a group of seasoned IT leaders who utilize Quest solutions. Here’s what they told us.

1 AD Modernization is a priority¹.
 Nearly 90 percent of respondents said making their Active Directory environment more secure by consolidating multiple ADs is among their top priorities. They know how vital it is. They know the risk is increasing. And they know they have fewer resources to throw at it.

90%
environment security

2 AD environments are a bigger priority today than before².
 Attackers are becoming more sophisticated. Workforce resources are in short supply. And regulations are on the rise with a veritable alphabet soup of government and industry mandates. As a result, 91% of respondents say AD modernization is a much bigger deal now.

91%
AD modernization bigger deal now

3 Reducing the attack surface mitigates risk³.
 A staggering 94% of respondents believe that modernizing AD environments mitigates risk by reducing the attack surface. Consolidating your AD on-prem footprint reduces attack surface, improves operational efficiency and improves security and compliance controls.

94%
AD mitigate risk

4 Tenant migrations open the door to AD consolidation⁴.
 86% of respondents indicated that they’ve consolidated AD either prior to, during or shortly after a tenant migration. Sure, it adds complexity to a migration. But respondents were aware of the risk of *not* consolidating their AD environment around the time they consolidate tenants.

86%
consolidated AD tenant migration

5 Limited personnel, other priorities, cause delays⁵.
 The struggle is real. 56% of respondents say they’ve delayed AD modernization due to personnel limitations. 55% have delayed due to focusing on other priorities. However you slice it, IT professionals are in need of solutions to manage AD despite having leaner teams.

56%
delays due to limitations

6 Security is the common denominator⁶.
 AD modernization means different things to different people, but the one common thread is security. When you consolidate your on-premises AD footprint, it becomes easier to secure it and modernize the way you protect it.

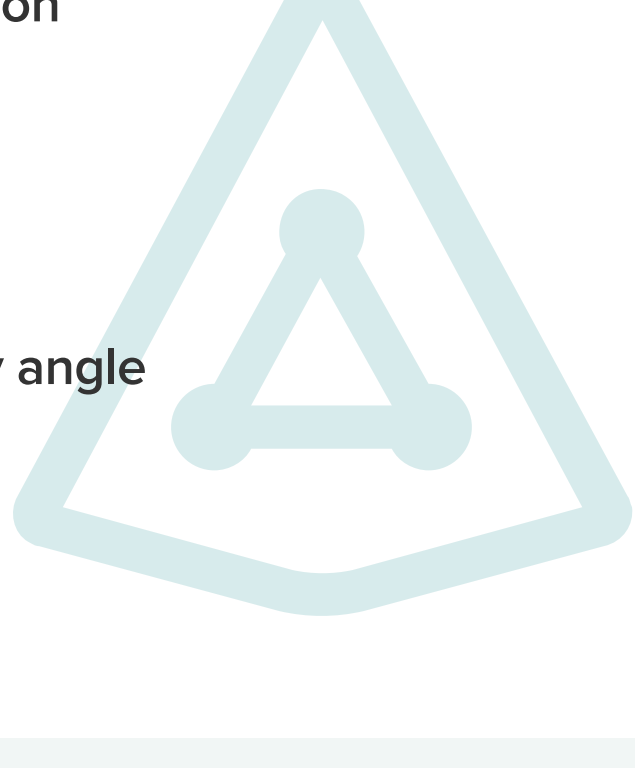
one common thread

7 No one wants to learn the lessons the hard way⁷.
 There are lots of Active Directory lessons to be learned (and they’re not lessons you want to learn the hard way). One respondent said AD environments get messy or expensive very quickly without proper access control or design authority. Others discovered that AD environments were more complex than they initially thought, or that re-evaluation became necessary over time, especially with mergers or acquisitions.

AD environments are complex

You’re not alone if you’re evaluating your AD environment and feeling overwhelmed by the complexity. But you’ll realize the benefits of modernizing AD are worth the effort. Quest has been helping IT professionals consolidate AD since its inception, and protecting against the next threat with identity-centered cyber resilience. Our solutions for Active Directory modernization include a broad range of consolidation, security and management solutions, including:

- **On Demand Migration Active Directory**
Streamline AD migration and domain consolidation
- **Migrator Pro for Active Directory**
Automate restructuring of AD environments
- **SpecterOps BloodHound Enterprise**
Minimize attack paths and secure AD from every angle
- **Recovery Manager for Active Directory Disaster Recovery Edition**
Automate and accelerate AD disaster recovery



“If you have more Active Directory domains, for sure you will have more security issues. You have more points where you could be compromised.”

Samuel López Trenado
 User Lifecycle Supervisor, Holcim

Learn more about how we can help you reduce business risk and strengthen AD cyber resilience.

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