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Microsoft

identity modernization Microsoft identity modernization has become a top To help you on your journey to Entra ID, we asked priority for IT leaders at many organizations today. our migration customers — your IT peers — While identity modernization offers multiple benefits, for their top insights. 76% of Quest migration customers tell us their

ID brings a wide range of security, cyber resilience, and compliance challenges. Properly preparing for the future and laying a foundation for AI requires a comprehensive strategy.

However, shifting from Active Directory (AD) to Entra

ultimate goal is improved security.1

"Identity plays a crucial role in the organizations; it's a heart of the organization and plays as a gatekeeper. without a strong identity model in this cloud &

What does "identity

modernization"

mean to you?

Al era is asking for trouble." — Senior Principal Architect, Large Enterprise Industrials Company²

"To me, modernization means evolving technology, processes,

and culture to meet current and

future business needs. It's not just

76% of Quest migration customers say their ultimate goal for identity modernization is "Improved security posture."3

"To me, identity modernization

identity management to a more

means moving beyond traditional

adaptive, secure, and user-friend-

customers are

"currently in the midst"

of their journey to

Entra ID.6

about upgrading software — it's ly approach. It's about leveraging about rethinking how systems are cloud-native, zero-trust, and Al-driven capabilities to provide built, managed, and used." seamless access while - Senior M365 Migration strengthening security, improving Engineer, Large Enterprise governance, and enabling digital Financials Company⁴ transformation." — Group IT Architect, Large Enterprise Financials Company⁵

modernization; 60% of our migration

customers are currently in the midst

of moving to Entra ID. Overall, 40%

of Quest users expect AD to remain

eliminate it, and 26% are still unsure.

for the long term, 33% plan to

Hybrid is the reality. Most organizations are still operating in hybrid identity environments that combine on-premises Active Directory with Entra ID. This reflects the reality that legacy infrastructure and cloud-first goals must coexist. Hybrid identity is often a steppingstone toward full of Quest migration

40% No, we expect AD to remain in our environment 33%

26%

Do you foresee a future where

Active Directory is no longer part

of your identity infrastructure?7

Yes, we plan to eliminate AD entirely

Not sure



of Quest migration customers

say "Moving Microsoft devices

to Entra ID is a significant step

toward identity modernization."8

streamlined, cloud-based solutions. This move is often the first step in a broader strategy to modernize IT, improve user experience, and pre-

structure and makes it easier to protect against cyber threats. By joining

devices directly to Entra ID, compa-

management, and improve security

allows them to retire old tools and policies, replacing them with more

nies gain better control, simplify

across their environment. It also

identity modernization."9 **Security is a primary** driver for identity modernization. Reducing the attack surface is a primary motivator for identity

of Quest migration customers

say"Consolidating multiple

Active Directory domains is a

significant step toward

configurations, excessive permissions, and legacy protocols. Security is the leading driver behind these changes, with customers focused on minimizing dependencies, implementing conditional access policies, and adopting passwordless solutions. Securing high-value assets, improving governance, and reducing exposure to threats are essential steps. innovations like Al and advanced data protection.

modernization, and consolidating

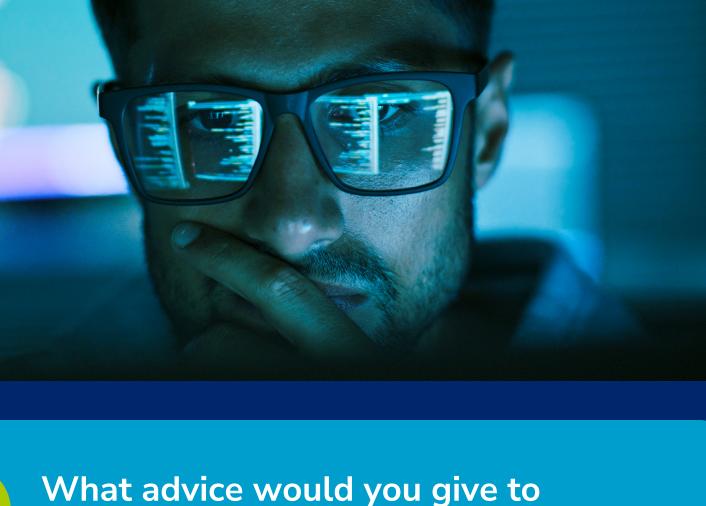
a major role in that effort. Many

Active Directory environments plays

organizations are working to simplify complex AD structures — often built

over years of mergers and acquisi-

tions — to eliminate outdated



peers just starting their identity

"Make this strategic, bake it into the business and IT strategies." Find/use an experienced partner. Start small and focus on blending security and user experience/requirements (Remote/flexible

— IT Solution Architect, Small Business Industrials Company¹⁰

modernization journey?

working, Zero Trust, cloud/SaaS first.)"

"Take your time and understand that identity modernization is a strategic journey. Begin by assessing your current environment and dependencies,

organization."

Enterprise Industrials Company¹¹

align your approach with long-term quickly, and build momentum. Always design with the end-user experience goals, and adopt a hybrid model that supports both legacy and cloud in mind, since adoption is as critical as systems. Avoid rushing the process and security." focus on building a secure and scalable — Technical Consultant, Medium foundation that evolves with your **Enterprise Information Technology** Company¹² SOCOM Service Owner, Large

Modernizing legacy

infrastructure

no longer just about managing

and multi-cloud environments.

Many organizations are untangling years of legacy application dependencies in order to create a more secure and manageable identity foundation. As legacy workloads are retired, replatformed, or migrated to the cloud, it is essential to secure high-value assets, eliminate outdated protocols, and improve gover-

of Quest migration customers say "Gaining visibility into on-prem server applications to make informed migration decisions is a significant nance. Modern identity platforms are step toward identity modernization."13 access to necessary applications and services — they're designed to protect every access point across hybrid

"Focus on getting the basics right first,

strong authentication. Start small with

directory cleanup, governance, and

high-impact use cases, prove value

goal is...

"The greatest benefit we'll realize

once we achieve our Entra ID goal

for all users. We'll reduce reliance

is streamlined and secure access

on legacy systems, minimizing

operational complexity and risk.

Enhanced security features like multi-factor authentication will

seamless experience with single

whether on-prem or in the cloud. Ultimately, this positions us for greater agility, scalability, and

better protect our data and resources. Users will enjoy a

sign-on across applications,

across our digital ecosystem."

The greatest benefit we'll realize

"A unified, secure, and scalable identity platform that simplifies

access management, strengthens our security posture, and supports our hybrid and cloud transformation initiatives. It will also enhance user experience through seamless

authentication and enable better governance and compliance

once we achieve our Entra ID

— CTO, Hospitality and Restaurant Industry¹⁴

compliance as our organization grows." — Manager, Professional Services Industry¹⁵

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AD, Entra ID, device migration

Backup & recovery

Audit & compliance

Shields Up attack disruption

Pre-migration & security assessment (w/AD Modernization Report Pack)

131.87

Quest supports you on your

three Microsoft identity

identity modernization journey

with solutions purpose-built to

reduce risk, simplify consolidation,

and strengthen security. We offer

47.815

"We are global company having employees and applications all over the world, so an Entra ID solution would enable fast scalability and a zero-trust philosophy implementation." — CIO, Freight Transportation Industry¹⁶

Quest's Microsoft identity

to Entra ID.

modernization solutions

modernization suites — Base, Plus, and Premium — that deliver increasingly robust capabilities to fit different modernization scenarios. Quest's Microsoft identity modernization suites Base **Capability**

Premium

Contact your Quest account

team to learn more and discuss

which suite best fits your journey

GPO management & protection Cloud-native audit & compliance Tier 0 discovery and protection Al-powered ITDR for AD & Entra ID

Plus

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