

Aelita releases Domain Migration Wizard 6.0 for Windows Server 2003

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New release also expands options for Exchange and Active Directory migration

Reading, April 24, 2003 - Aelita Software, the leader in Active Directory migration and management, has released version 6.0 of its Domain Migration Wizard(tm) (DMW) software product. This version of DMW, the industry standard for Windows NT-to-Active Directory migration, is designed for migration to Windows Server 2003. DMW 6.0 takes advantage of Windows Server 2003 enhancements, and all DMW components can run under the new server operating system.

"We believe it is important to continue enhancing and investing in our migration products," said Ratmir Timashev, Aelita president and CEO. "Analysts estimate that as many as 60 percent of Windows enterprises have not yet migrated to Active Directory, and we are very interested in continuing to offer the most robust and valuable products in this area."

DMW is part of Aelita's Controlled Migration Suite(tm) (CMS). "Only Aelita takes organisations all the way from migration planning through SIDHistory cleanup, with virtually no impact on users," Timashev added.

Aelita Domain Migration Wizard 6.0 offers Exchange 2000/2003 processing to allow organisations to migrate to Active Directory and Exchange 2000/2003 in whatever order they choose, without opening themselves up to security vulnerabilities. If an organisation migrates to Exchange 2000/2003 first, permissions in Exchange are granted to NT accounts, which historically has made it difficult to clean up SIDHistory once the migration from NT to Active Directory is complete. This compromises network security, since SIDHistory provides a means of user and group impersonation.

(For details, see the Microsoft Knowledge Base article 316047 <<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;316047>>, "XADM: How to Enable Disabled Accounts that the ADC Creates" at <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;316047>.) Aelita Domain Migration Wizard 6.0 solves this problem by repermissioning Exchange 2000/2003 stores so that rights are granted directly to the migrated accounts in Active Directory.

Windows 2000/2003 author and consultant Bill Boswell, chief technology officer of the Windows Consulting Group, used Aelita Domain Migration Wizard during large-scale NT-to-Active Directory migration.

"Domain Migration Wizard worked superbly throughout the migration," Boswell commented. "The client's management was very pleased with the minimal interruption to service delivery, and praised the smoothness of the operation. Because the product is so flexible, we were able to race through the few post-migration trouble tickets, which impressed the client's end users. Overall, there is no question that DMW was the key to making the migration a success."

Additional new features in DMW 6.0 include:

- * Updating permissions in Internet Information Services (IIS).

This greatly reduces the migration effort, since IIS is typically installed on many servers throughout the network and each installation must otherwise be updated individually.

- * Providing enhanced support for migrating local users and groups. This is especially important to organizations that want to reduce the cost of managing individual application servers by consolidating user management under Active Directory.

- * Providing additional options for migrating NT global groups.

Users can migrate global groups in NT to universal groups in Active Directory, merge global groups from different domains, and even migrate global groups to existing universal groups to streamline maintenance of Exchange distribution lists and security groups.

Aelita's full product line supports Windows Server 2003, meaning that customers can count on Aelita to help them migrate to Windows Server 2003, administer and secure Active Directory on Windows Server 2003, and backup, recover and manage Windows Server 2003.

About Aelita Software Corporation

Aelita Software specializes in the secure management and migration of Windows-centric IT environments. Aelita's products offer efficient control of Windows, Active Directory, Microsoft Exchange and .NET infrastructures through the secure management of migration and deployment, administration and provisioning, operations and security, and backup and recovery. These technically advanced products are engineered to reduce administrative workload, increase operational security and minimize system downtime. Aelita is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, as well as an HP OpenView Solution Alliance Partner. Aelita Software is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, USA, with offices worldwide. Contact Aelita at 800.263.0036 or visit www.aelita.com <<http://www.aelita.com/>>.

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