

Customer Case Study

The SR Group

Specialist Recruitment Agency
Chooses Templated Active
Directory Implementation

The SR Group, as a recruitment consultancy group, uses its computer network to store highly confidential information concerning its high profile customers. It is an essential business requirement that this information remains confidential so when the time came to upgrade the complete computer infrastructure security, a correctly implemented and configured Active Directory, was at the forefront of their requirements. The Genesis expert system was selected to achieve this goal, which it did, delivering a cost effective and easily maintained solution.

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The Situation



The Founded in 1987, The SR Group is a specialist recruitment consultancy dedicated to raising standards in the business environments that they serve.

The SR Group incorporates:

- Brewer Morris Taxation Recruitment Specialists
- Carter Murray Marketing Recruitment
- Frazier Jones Recruitment
- HR Matters Human Resources Recruitment
- Taylor Root Global Legal Recruitment
- The sectors they cover include tax, legal, human resources, marketing and finance, dealing with a substantial number of the worlds leading professional partnerships, multi-national corporations and international banking groups as well as small to medium sized developing organisations.

They have various offices in England and round the world, including:

- London
- Leeds
- Edinburgh
- Hong Kong
- Sydney

More information about the SR Group can be obtained by visiting their web site at <http://www.thesrgroup.com>

Early in 2005 it became apparent that their technology infrastructure was fast approaching the end of it's life-cycle, which is potentially catastrophic for a medium sized organisation. Their critical applications were Microsoft Exchange 5.5 and Sy-Base, running on NT4.

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Customer Feedback

"Our information is our life blood – we use it as the basis for our whole business and much of it is of a highly confidential nature. Genesis gives us peace of mind that we have secured it to the maximum extent possible within our chosen environment."

Mr Chris Balmer
IT Manager
The SR Group



Solution Overview

Customer Profile

The SR Group is a specialist international recruitment agency.

Business Situation

The SR Group needs a highly secure environment in which to hold confidential customer and consultant information.

Solution

The SR Group used Genesis Active Directory Tool for initial Active Directory deployment.

Benefits

- Full implementation of true hierarchical authority within the Active Directory
- Reduced Active Directory design costs from saving time
- Reduced Active Directory implementation costs from using proven techniques
- Enhanced reliability due to use of a mature product

Software & Services

- Microsoft Windows Server with Active Directory
- Genesis
- Genesis RKeyTec Consultancy Services

Hardware

40 Servers Servicing a single Domain

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The Solution

The decision to upgrade the whole network infrastructure was an easy one and, after talking to various organisations, decided to commission the Genesis RKeyTec Team to assist and support the internal IT team with the upgrade work, and to use the Genesis Active Directory Tool to implement a strong Active Directory.

All the application components (the database application, MS Exchange plus the client operating systems and applications) had to be upgraded simultaneously because of their strong interdependence, so the infrastructure service upgrades were performed in advance using Genesis to rapidly install a secure, robust architecture and lay the foundation for Group Policy control of the clients.

This led to a temporary environment where the old applications were supported cradled in the new infrastructure, until the planned "migration weekend". Over this weekend the application components were simultaneously upgraded offering increased functionality and flexibility to the business.

The project was a success and the SR Group achieved real, tangible benefits from the use of the Genesis Active Directory Tool and support of the Genesis RKeyTec team.

The Active Directory Maturity Model

The Active Directory Maturity Model is an audit process that examines the "current state" of the Active Directory. It delivers an accurate and quantitative report on the security and functional capability of any Microsoft Active Directory Implementation.

For more information on this subject and a White Paper entitled 'Why Is It Important to Audit the Active Directory' please visit our website at:

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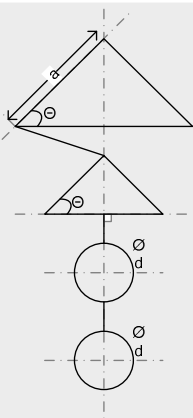
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Benefits Accrued to the SR Group

The Met Office has accrued many benefits from their association with Genesis RKeyTec and the use of the Genesis Expert System.

- Increased security through the implementation of full hierarchical authority.
- Reduced Total Cost of Ownership through the use of tried and tested, mature and resilient structures.
- Greater flexibility with the implementation of full hierarchical authority.
- Simplified administration.
- A long term technical relationship between two parties always derives benefits of understanding both business and technical requirements.
- Cheaper and faster initial implementation.
- Cheaper upgrade paths for Active Directory and its configuration.
- Cost effective & certain upgrade path.
- Future proofing of their Active Directory Design.

Cost savings, such as those delivered by Genesis; make a significant difference to every organisation, balancing security and functionality against cost.



The Genesis Advantage

- Reducing the design, prototyping and testing phases of Active Directory implementation projects by up to 90%
- Substantial reduction in deployment time
- Greatly increased security and functional capability of the Active Directory
- Simpler and more reliable administration leading to reduced administration overhead
- Stable global application behaviour
- Enhanced user experience: Systems, services & applications will behave the same regardless of logon location
- Quicker problem resolution due to standardised, fully documented structures
- Greater security against malicious attacks or administrative accidents.

What Is Genesis?

GENESIS is an expert system that allows any organisation to rapidly, and cost effectively implement a highly secure and functional "Pre-fabricated" Active Directory architecture into a new or existing Active Directory.

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