

# 'Read only' Admin privileges for Active Directory environment?

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Hello,

Our InfoSec team has requested Domain Admin (or equivalent) privileges on the corporate Active Directory to audit the environment's security. The IT team in charge of this environment doesn't want to grant that level of privilege. InfoSec then requested a 'read-only' equivalent to everything in the Active Directory. The IT team hasn't been able to provide this. So my questions...

1) Is there an easy mechanism to grant a security group 'domain admin read only'? This would need to cover all aspects of the Active Directory, including all services, servers, any type of access Domain/Enterprise Admins would have, just not change anything. (Exchange, SQL, File servers, the works) I was told a product named Active Roles might solve this, but it seems quite expensive and way beyond the scope of what we need. Is there anything besides creating a new group and manually applying permissions for this group everywhere in the environment?

2) How does your company (assuming you have a separate security team) provide access to the InfoSec team to audit/secure AD? Do you give full admin rights, or what have you guys come up with?

Thanks  
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