



Features and Benefits

This document has been prepared to detail the history, features and benefits of DSRAZOR for Windows.

History

DSRAZOR for Windows began its evolution in 1999 with its first release for Novell's NetWare and eDirectory. Currently in use at thousands of locations around the world, DSRAZOR for Novell has earned the reputation as an essential tool for Administrators. Even Novell's own internal consultants use DSRAZOR to assist them with their customer interactions. Building upon this success is DSRAZOR for Windows and Active Directory. When you use DSRAZOR you will quickly discover how useful it is in your daily administrative duties.

Features

Features of DSRAZOR for Windows include its variety of implementation methods:

- Data mining tool
- Point and click scripting tool
- Application generation tool

DSRAZOR as a Data Mining Tool

DSRAZOR provides you with an easy-to-use interface that can easily collect and export data to file for further analysis. Data can be collected interactively or as a scheduled task on your local desktop. DSRAZOR's data mining abilities include quickly customizable queries and user interface. All DSRAZOR applets can be customized to run as stand-alone applications - this means there is no "mega console", just the exact applet you need to complete your requirements.

DSRAZOR as a Point and Click Scripting Tool

DSRAZOR includes a designer interface that you can use to modify any of the existing ready-to-run applets to do exactly what you require. This point-and-click interface includes 100s of ready to use ADSI, LDAP and Windows services that can be used to create the interface you need. With DSRAZOR you can extract data from Windows and Active Directory and import data directly into Active Directory. You can save applets as stand-alone applications that can be distributed to those users where required.

You can define DSRAZOR applets to have specific entry points to Active Directory. For instance you create a management applet. With DSRAZOR you can require the applet show only one container or container branch - such as what you might want to give to a helpdesk user. Further refinement is available via a wide range of rules that can be used to automatically filter what is viewed - for instance, all administrative accounts can be

automatically removed from the view or only those users whose accounts are locked, perhaps those accounts that have never logged in and so on.

Applets can also be designed to import users including features such as the generation of random passwords and populating of specific Active Directory attributes. For added security, DSRAZOR applets 'run' within the privileges of the 'current user', therefore, if the current user's account does not have ordinary privileges to reset passwords or create new accounts they will not receive these privileges by using DSRAZOR applets.

DSRAZOR as Application Generation Tool

Using DSRAZOR's patented interface gives you the power to create report queries that can be saved as applets that can be used interactively or, with a few clicks, be configured to run as a stand-alone application that be run via batch file, scheduler or other 'background' method. Regular DSRAZOR applets are stored as .DSR files that are interpreted at runtime, however, when you save your DSRAZOR applets as stand-alone applications they are saved directly to the .EXE format that enables your 'scripts' (applications) to be distributed and used as required. This powerful ability of DSRAZOR essentially allows you to create your own 'scripts' via a point-and-click interface that can be easily tailored to suite your requirements. With DSRAZOR, you can use your applets as you choose.

Benefits

Leading the benefits of using DSRAZOR is its simple and quick installation. DSRAZOR is installed on your local workstation - no server installation is necessary or required. Once installed, you can begin using DSRAZOR immediately, no other software installation is required. You will be productive within minutes of installing DSRAZOR. Simplicity of the architecture of DSRAZOR accelerates your return on investment.

DSRAZOR includes multiple ready-to-run security-related reports (applets). Each report is designed to help you assess the configuration of security-related definitions within your Windows File Systems and Active Directory implementations. Many DSRAZOR ready-to-run reports include interactive services that can be used to modify or correct security weaknesses - such as directly removing unwanted ACL entries and discovering and removing unresolved SIDs. Your organization benefits when you can quickly assess and correct vulnerabilities in your Windows and Active Directory security definitions.

Conclusion

With DSRAZOR for Windows you can document, interact, query and manage your Windows and Active Directory environments as you require. By using native Windows and Active Directory services, DSRAZOR provides you with an easy to use interface that you can use everyday to assist with your security management responsibilities.



✓ Document
✓ Interact

✓ Query
✓ Manage

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