

# Gathid: Bringing Simplicity to AD Complexity



## The Fun Glossary of AD Chaos

Is Your Active Directory Out of Control? Let's Find Out!

### User and Group Management Mayhem

- **Dormant Accounts** (*aka The Ghosts in the Machine*) – Inactive user accounts haunting your AD, just waiting for a hacker séance.
- **Inconsistent Provisioning** (*Permission Roulette*) – Sometimes employees get the right access, sometimes they get admin privileges for no reason. Who knows?
- **Nested Group Confusion** (*The Matryoshka Doll Nightmare*) – Groups inside groups inside groups... eventually, nobody knows who has access to what.
- **Inconsistent Naming Standards** (*The Identity Crisis*) – "John.Smith, JSmith, j.smith123, Jsmith\_2" – Which one is real? Utilize context and visibility to find out.

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### Manual Management Madness

- **Lack of Automation** (*The Spreadsheet Slog*) – IT manually adds every new user like it's the 90s. Why automate when you can suffer?
- **IT Staff Turnover** (*The Knowledge Black Hole*) – The person who understood your AD left years ago. Now you're just guessing.
- **Band-Aid Fixes** (*The IT House of Cards*) – Quick fixes stacked on quick fixes until one small change causes a full-blown disaster.

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### Security and Compliance Chaos

- **Excessive Privileged Accounts** (*Too Many Cooks in the Kitchen*) – Everyone has admin rights. What could possibly go wrong?
- **Role-Based Access Control (RBAC)** (*The "Oops, They Still Have Access?" Syndrome*) – An ex-employee still has application access... two years later.
- **Audit and Compliance Challenges** (*The Hide-and-Seek Championships*) – Trying to prove security compliance when logs are missing and reports don't match reality.



## Multi-Forest and Hybrid Confusion

- **Trust Relationship Issues** (*The Distrust Relationship*) – Forests that refuse to communicate like feuding families at Thanksgiving.
  - **Hybrid Synchronization** (*The Cloud Half-Step*) – Some accounts sync to the cloud, others stay on-prem... nobody remembers why.
  - **Migration Struggles** (*The "We'll Merge These Later" Lie*) – Acquired companies' AD environments left untouched because "it's too risky."
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## Change Management and Documentation Gaps

- **Untracked Modifications** (*The Who-Touched-This Mystery*) – "Did you change that setting?" "Nope." "Then who did?!"
  - **GPO Sprawl** (*The Wild West of Policies*) – So many Group Policy Objects (GPOs) that half of them contradict each other.
  - **Lack of Documentation** (*The Tribal Knowledge Trap*) – "Ask Dave, he set it up... oh wait, Dave retired in 2018."
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## Disaster Recovery (or Lack Thereof)

- **Backup and Recovery Failures** (*The "We Thought We Had a Backup" Moment*) – The backup worked fine... until you actually needed it.
  - **FSMO Role Failures** (*The "Wait, That Was Important?" Crisis*) – Losing a key AD function and realizing there's no failover plan.
  - **Lack of Test Environments** (*The YOLO Deployment Strategy*) – Making AD changes directly in production because "we don't have a test server."
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## The Bottom Line

Your AD isn't out of control because of one big mistake. It's the result of a thousand little decisions piling up over time. But don't worry—Gathid can help you clean up the mess without breaking anything. Ready to regain control? [Contact Gathid](#) or [Book a Demo today!](#)

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