



Softerra Adaxes

Enterprise Directory Solution

SOX COMPLIANCE

Achieving SOX Compliance using Adaxes

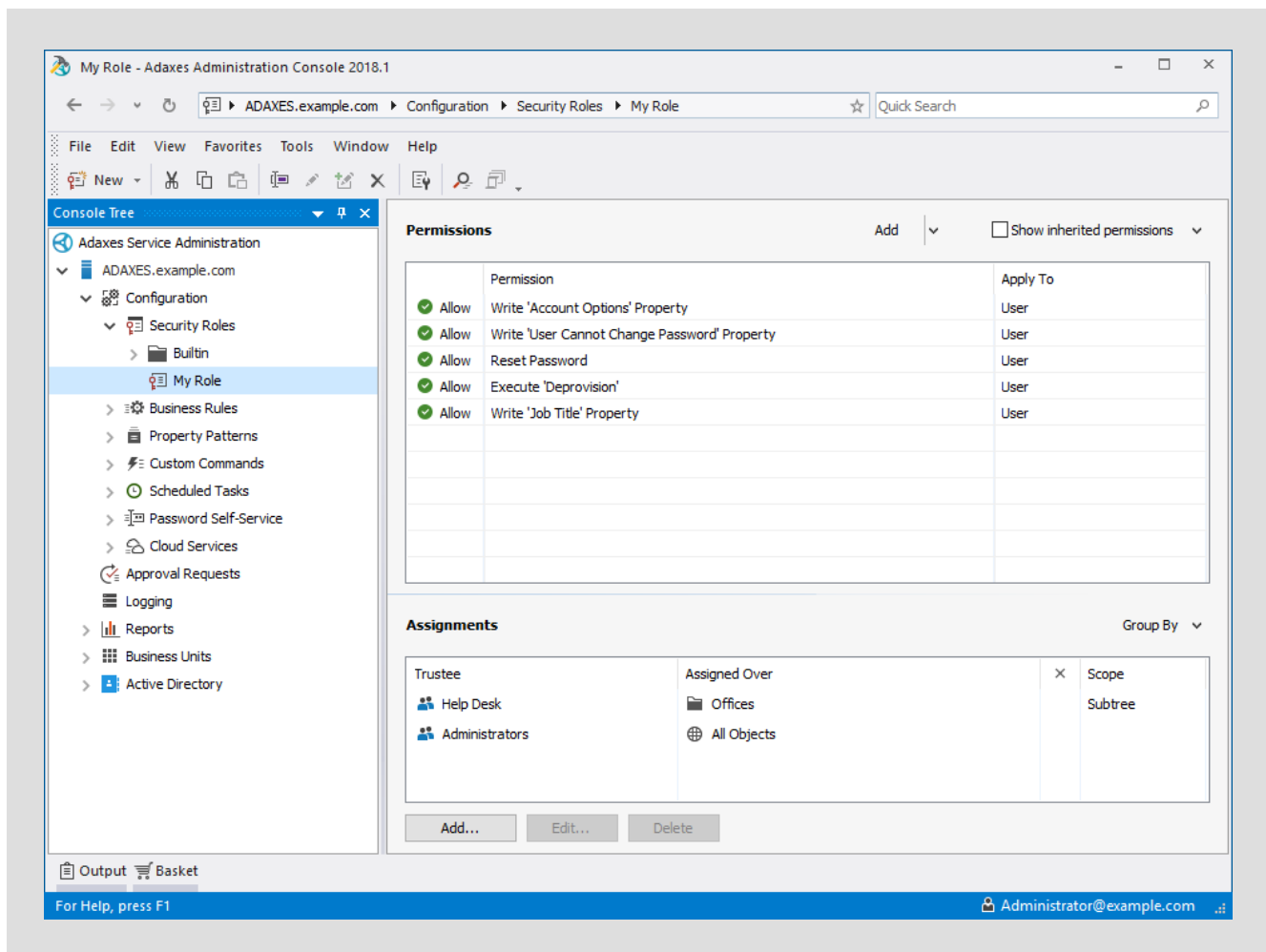
The Sarbanes-Oxley Act was enacted in July 2002 as a reaction to a number of major corporate and accounting scandals. This act set new or enhanced standards for all U.S. public company boards, management and public accounting firms and imposed stiff penalties for those who fail to ensure the accuracy of their financial reports or who obstructs fraud investigations by destroying or altering records.

The key compliance requirements of the act are establishing strong internal controls and maintaining policies and procedures that ensure accuracy of the financial reports. Today, managing internal controls mostly means providing a secure and reliable identity and access management solution. So, implementing and maintaining internal controls becomes the responsibility of IT professionals.

Softerra Adaxes is a solution that facilitates and streamlines Active Directory management thus supporting internal control implementing and maintaining. Improved security management, logging, reporting and backup-restore capabilities allow organizations to comply with controls of Section 404 of Sarbanes-Oxley Act and assure the accuracy of corporate financial and business information.

Role-Based Access Control

Granular distribution of Active Directory permissions provided by the Role-Based Access Control model used in Softerra Adaxes allows you to minimize the number of users with elevated privileges and thus reduce security risks related to inappropriate permissions.



Comprehensive Reporting

Softerra Adaxes features a reporting platform to monitor and analyze what's going on in your Active Directory environment with more than 200 built-in reports and the ability to create your own custom ones. E.g. reports on inactive AD objects, such as user and computer accounts, users with non-expiring passwords, groups with no owners and others allow you to identify and eliminate security risks.

The screenshot shows the Adaxes reporting interface. On the left, there is a navigation pane with a search bar and a dropdown menu for selecting reports. The dropdown menu is open, showing a search field and a list of report categories: Pinned (Account expiration, Recently deleted groups), Overview, All Reports (Computers, Exchange, Groups, Miscellaneous, Object Ownership, Organizational Units, Users), Recent, and Scheduled. Below the menu, there are user avatars for Elliot Tucker and Alice Hammond. The main area displays a table of reports with columns for Email, Exchange Mailbox Store, and Hide from Address Lists. The table lists various email addresses and their corresponding mailbox databases.

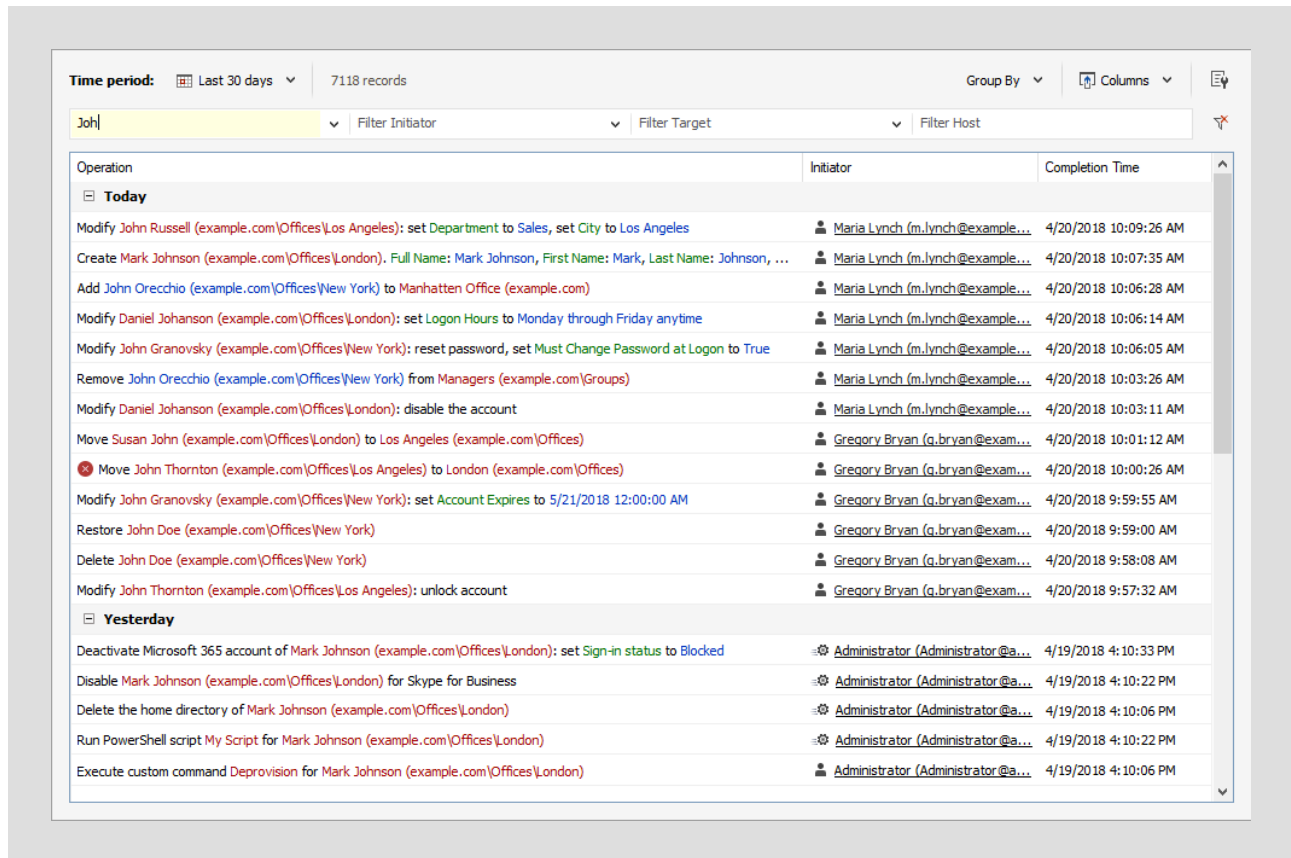
Email	Exchange Mailbox Store	Hide from Address Lists
m.darc@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	Yes
c.navarro@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	Yes
a.anderson@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	Yes
i.delafosse@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	
m.nabuten@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	
c.rabette@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	
ajordan@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	
e.jones@example.com	Mailbox Database 1	
j.boone@example.com	Mailbox Database 2	
lvillareal@contoso.com	Mailbox Database 2	
pquintana@contoso.com	Mailbox Database 2	
e.tucker@contoso.com	Mailbox Database 2	
a.hammond@contoso.com	Mailbox Database 2	

The screenshot shows the Adaxes reporting dashboard. The left navigation pane is expanded to show the 'Users' report. The main area contains several charts and summary statistics. The 'User accounts' chart shows a bar chart with categories: Enabled (1014), Disabled (249), Expired (57), and Locked (1). The 'Account expiration' chart shows a bar chart with categories: Expired (57), Never (1206), and Soon (0). The 'Users' summary statistics are shown in a table:

Category	Count
Created recently	66
Deleted recently	16
Expired	4
Never	177
Soon	5
Recently	145
Long ago	18
Must change password	26

Tracking Changes in Active Directory

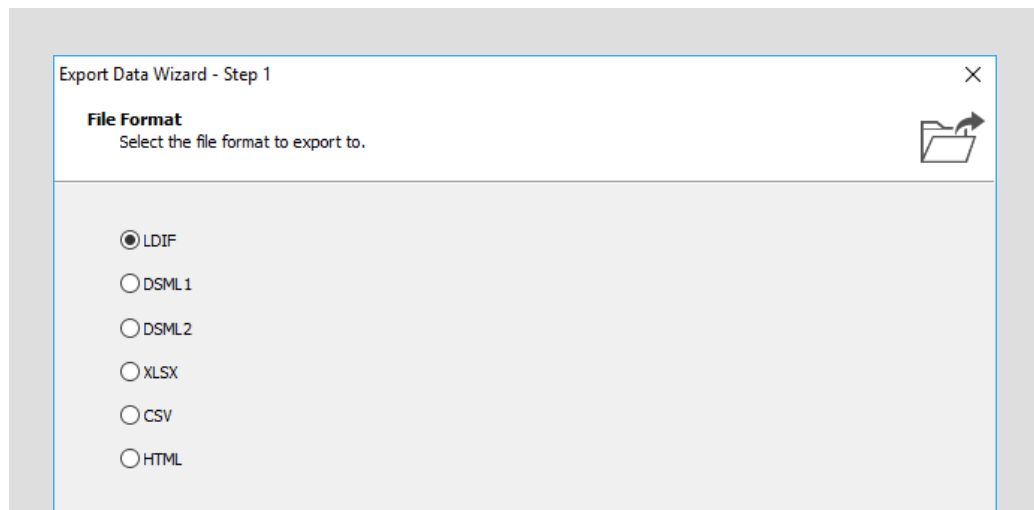
Any changes performed in Active Directory via Adaxes can be tracked. Operations like password reset, updating group membership, change of permissions, etc. can be easily reviewed with the help of user-friendly logs. Also, to protect security-sensitive operations, Adaxes allows executing them only after an approval from a respective authority is granted and/or sending email notifications once such operations are initiated.



Operation	Initiator	Completion Time
Today		
Modify John Russell (example.com\Offices\Los Angeles): set Department to Sales, set City to Los Angeles	Maria Lynch (m.lynch@example...)	4/20/2018 10:09:26 AM
Create Mark Johnson (example.com\Offices\London). Full Name: Mark Johnson, First Name: Mark, Last Name: Johnson, ...	Maria Lynch (m.lynch@example...)	4/20/2018 10:07:35 AM
Add John Orecchio (example.com\Offices\New York) to Manhattan Office (example.com)	Maria Lynch (m.lynch@example...)	4/20/2018 10:06:28 AM
Modify Daniel Johanson (example.com\Offices\London): set Logon Hours to Monday through Friday anytime	Maria Lynch (m.lynch@example...)	4/20/2018 10:06:14 AM
Modify John Granovsky (example.com\Offices\New York): reset password, set Must Change Password at Logon to True	Maria Lynch (m.lynch@example...)	4/20/2018 10:06:05 AM
Remove John Orecchio (example.com\Offices\New York) from Managers (example.com\Groups)	Maria Lynch (m.lynch@example...)	4/20/2018 10:03:26 AM
Modify Daniel Johanson (example.com\Offices\London): disable the account	Maria Lynch (m.lynch@example...)	4/20/2018 10:03:11 AM
Move Susan John (example.com\Offices\London) to Los Angeles (example.com\Offices)	Gregory Bryan (g.bryan@exam...)	4/20/2018 10:01:12 AM
Move John Thornton (example.com\Offices\Los Angeles) to London (example.com\Offices)	Gregory Bryan (g.bryan@exam...)	4/20/2018 10:00:26 AM
Modify John Granovsky (example.com\Offices\New York): set Account Expires to 5/21/2018 12:00:00 AM	Gregory Bryan (g.bryan@exam...)	4/20/2018 9:59:55 AM
Restore John Doe (example.com\Offices\New York)	Gregory Bryan (g.bryan@exam...)	4/20/2018 9:59:00 AM
Delete John Doe (example.com\Offices\New York)	Gregory Bryan (g.bryan@exam...)	4/20/2018 9:58:08 AM
Modify John Thornton (example.com\Offices\Los Angeles): unlock account	Gregory Bryan (g.bryan@exam...)	4/20/2018 9:57:32 AM
Yesterday		
Deactivate Microsoft 365 account of Mark Johnson (example.com\Offices\London): set Sign-in status to Blocked	Administrator (Administrator@a...)	4/19/2018 4:10:33 PM
Disable Mark Johnson (example.com\Offices\London) for Skype for Business	Administrator (Administrator@a...)	4/19/2018 4:10:22 PM
Delete the home directory of Mark Johnson (example.com\Offices\London)	Administrator (Administrator@a...)	4/19/2018 4:10:06 PM
Run PowerShell script My Script for Mark Johnson (example.com\Offices\London)	Administrator (Administrator@a...)	4/19/2018 4:10:22 PM
Execute custom command Deprovision for Mark Johnson (example.com\Offices\London)	Administrator (Administrator@a...)	4/19/2018 4:10:06 PM

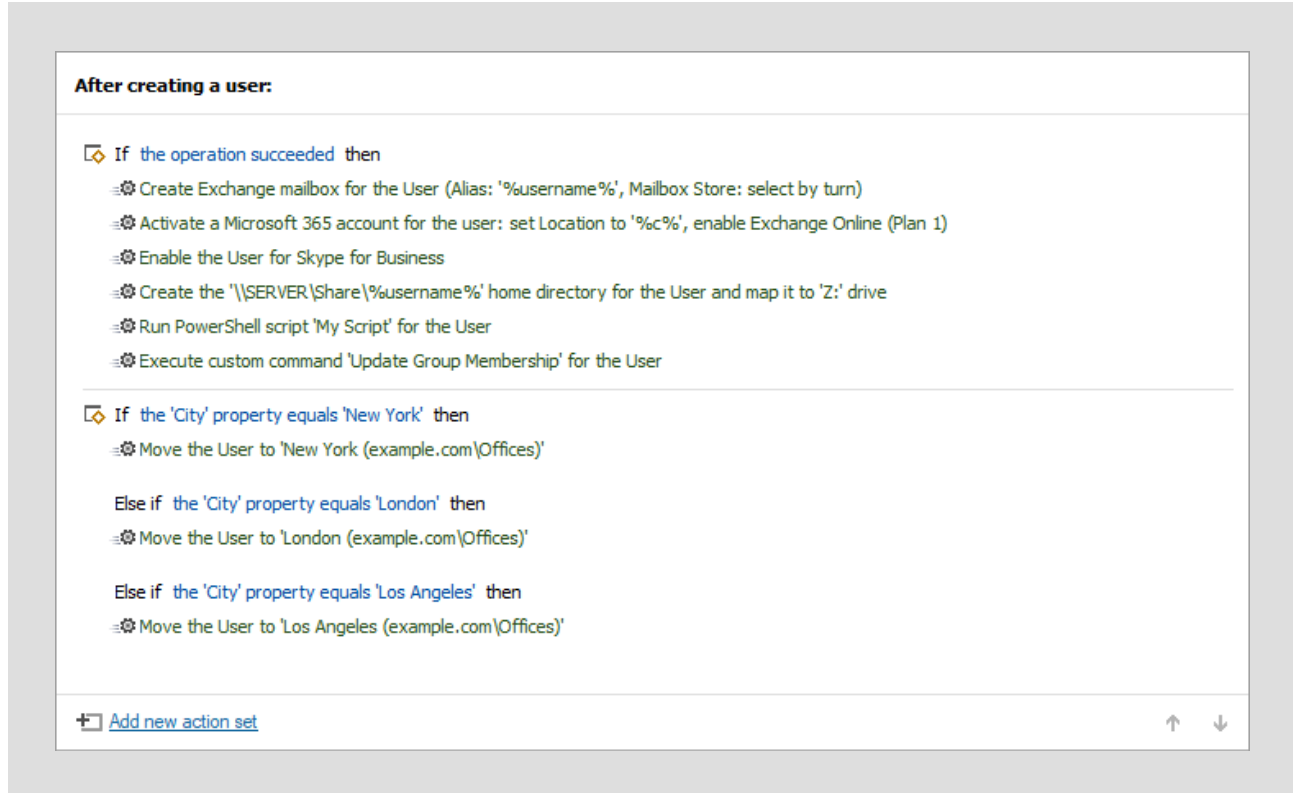
Backup and Restore Capabilities

Using Softerra Adaxes you can perform periodic manual or scheduled backups of Active Directory data to avoid possible loss of information.



Automating Internal Controls

Softerra Adaxes allows you to automate implementing and maintaining internal controls with its extensive automation functionality. Automation not only contributes to the controls efficiency, but also reduces the costs of maintaining compliance.



The screenshot displays the Adaxes automation console with the following workflow:

After creating a user:

- If the operation succeeded then**
 - Create Exchange mailbox for the User (Alias: '%username%', Mailbox Store: select by turn)
 - Activate a Microsoft 365 account for the user: set Location to '%c%', enable Exchange Online (Plan 1)
 - Enable the User for Skype for Business
 - Create the '\\SERVER\Share\%username%' home directory for the User and map it to 'Z:' drive
 - Run PowerShell script 'My Script' for the User
 - Execute custom command 'Update Group Membership' for the User
- If the 'City' property equals 'New York' then**
 - Move the User to 'New York (example.com\Offices)'
- Else if the 'City' property equals 'London' then**
 - Move the User to 'London (example.com\Offices)'
- Else if the 'City' property equals 'Los Angeles' then**
 - Move the User to 'Los Angeles (example.com\Offices)'

At the bottom, there is a button labeled "Add new action set" and two arrow icons (up and down).

Much more from Softerra Adaxes

Softerra Adaxes provides lots of other helpful features to automate and secure Active Directory management, maintenance and administration. With its enhanced role-based security model, rule-based automation capabilities, approval-based workflow, data standards enforcement, etc. Softerra Adaxes provides the most efficient user lifecycle management for your enterprise. For more information, see [Softerra Adaxes Features](#).

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