

# HOW AND WHY TO DITCH ACTIVE DIRECTORY

With remote work dominating the global workforce, more IT leaders are ready to find a smarter alternative to Active Directory with the way we work and manage devices changing—fast. The good news, there is a seamless cloud-based alternative to Active Directory for smarter results. This infographic shows you how Azure AD, Intune, and Autopilot fill the gap.

So, how does that work exactly? The three technologies work together to remove IT teams for user setup with zero-touch user-initiated computers. That means laptops can be shipped to users outfitted with the policies, configurations, and software needed without any IT involvement.



- Azure AD covers user and group management.
- Intune takes over device configuration, software deployment, update management, and compliance.
- Autopilot is a provision mechanism used to preregister assets with Intune for an authentic white-glove experience.

## THE BENEFITS ARE ENDLESS.

The benefits are overwhelming and achievable for organizations of all sizes, here are just a few:



Free your team from the burden of managing a solution like System Center Configuration Manager.



Transition out of a loosely-managed environment with smart, cloud device update management.



Save resources leveraging an M365 Business Premium license for organizations under 300 users.



Simplify deployments with all services deployed in hours and ready for prime time.



Azure AD is seamlessly synced to AADDS, with no tools, software, or connectors required.

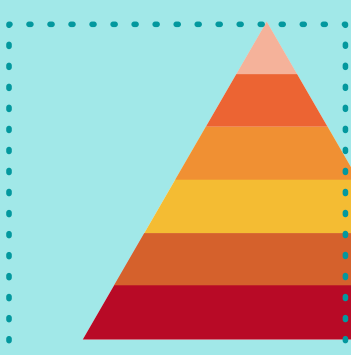


Expand beyond local redundancy with highly available, geographically expanded AADDS via Azure Availability Zones and Replica sets.

## SEE HOW IT WORKS.

When it comes to AADDS there are a few key roles at play to ensure it's the right fit for your organization. Since AADDS is mainly designed for servers and Data Center infrastructure, most businesses are in good shape.

- Schema Customizations are not possible.
- Users will reside in a single container, AADDC Users.
- Any additional DNS zones created in AADDS and other objects that qualify for forest-level sync need to be made at the domain level since AADDS is a managed service.



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VIRTUAL NETWORK  
Managed Domain



Automatic  
background sync  
to your managed  
domain.



Azure AD tenant

There are major benefits in driving greater efficiency and resiliency for organizations of all sizes, and adoption for a small-to-medium-sized businesses isn't time or resource intensive.

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