DATA SHEET

Quest Identity Defense

Protect hybrid identity and accelerate threat response across AD and Entra ID

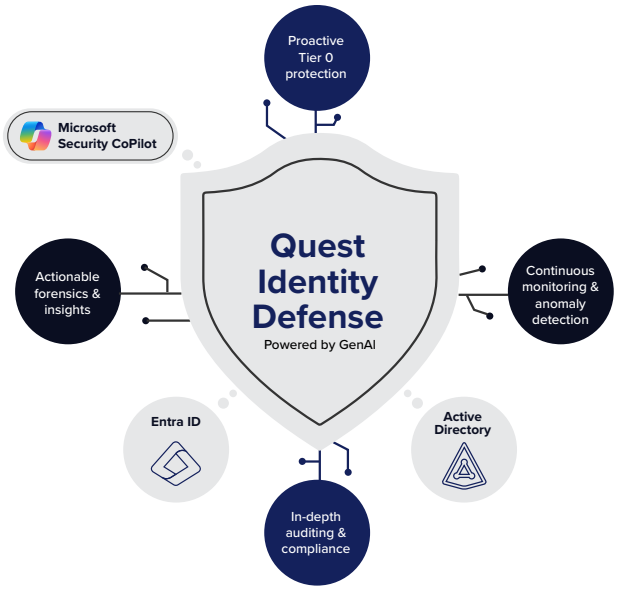
Powered by integrated AI and purpose-built for identity environments, Quest Identity Defense (previously known as Security Guardian) strengthens security across Active Directory and Entra ID by continuously identifying identity risk, protecting critical assets, and containing attacks before they escalate. From a unified workspace, security teams gain deep visibility into identity activity, posture, and exposure across both human and non-human identities, enabling faster investigation and response while reducing operational risk.

Simplify identity security and protect Tier 0 with the ability to:

- Benchmark Active Directory and Entra ID configurations against industry-recognized security best practices to continuously assess identity posture.
- Identify and prioritize Tier 0 assets and privileged identity paths to safeguard the most critical identity infrastructure.
- Gain deep visibility and observability into identity activity across both human and non-human identities.
- Investigate threats faster with human-readable Active Directory auditing that reveals the who, what, when, where and workstation behind identity changes.
- Accelerate response with AI-driven insights and remediation guidance that help security teams cut through alert fatigue and improve mean time to respond (MTTR) by 44%.

Benefits

- Reduce identity attack surface by continuously assessing hybrid identity posture against industry best practices
- Simplify Active Directory and Entra ID security with deep visibility and protection of critical identity assets
- Accelerate investigation and response with AI-driven insights and remediation guidance
- Stop identity attacks in real time by disrupting lateral movement and persistence techniques before they escalate
- Gain visibility across human and non-human identities to secure modern hybrid identity environments
- Strengthen compliance posture with human-readable auditing and clear insight into identity changes and critical assets
- Manage the complete identity security lifecycle in a unified platform aligned to NIST CSF



With hundreds of millions of identity attacks taking place daily, securing identity is essential for maintaining business continuity, particularly in hybrid environments with Active Directory and Entra ID. The consequences of failure are dire, with Forrester reporting AD downtime costing up to $730K per hour.

Quest Identity Defense helps organizations identify vulnerabilities and contain threats in their Active Directory and Entra ID environments - with simplicity and speed.

Hybrid identity security and observability

Quest Identity Defense delivers deep visibility into identity posture, activity and exposure across hybrid environments. By surfacing risky configurations, privileged paths and Tier 0 exposures across both human and non-human identities, security teams can clearly see where identity risk exists before attackers exploit it.

Identity posture management

Benchmark Active Directory and Entra ID configurations against industry best practices to continuously assess identity posture. Quickly surface vulnerabilities, privilege exposures and configuration drift across critical identity assets, including Tier 0 infrastructure and non-human identities. Built-in remediation guidance provides clear, actionable steps to resolve exposures and strengthen identity hygiene before weaknesses become active compromises.

Real-time threat defense

Activate dynamic Shields Up containment to freeze changes to crown-jewel identity assets during active incidents. By disrupting persistence techniques and lateral movement, including DCShadow-style attacks, Identity Defense stops identity attacks mid-flight and limits blast radius before damage spreads.

Deep AD auditing

Quest Identity Defense delivers human-readable auditing of every significant identity change across Active Directory and Entra ID. Security teams can clearly see the who, what, when, where and workstation behind identity activity, providing the investigation context needed to quickly understand incidents.

AI-driven insights

Integrated AI transforms complex identity telemetry into clear, actionable insights that accelerate investigation and response. Identity Defense translates technical identity activity into understandable security and business risk, enabling faster decision-making and clearer communication with leadership. Built-in remediation guidance empowers security teams to take immediate action while reducing reliance on deep Active Directory expertise..

Workload identity protection

Easily discover and secure service accounts and workload identities. Gain full visibility into their activities and prevent their compromise.

Part of a unified ITDR platform aligned to NIST

Aligned to NIST CSF 2.0 security functions, Quest Identity Defense delivers continuous visibility, policy-based protection, and measurable outcomes, such as a 44% improvement in MTTR, while serving as the protection and response foundation of Quest's broader platform for identity recovery and cyber resilience.

"Quest Identity Defense is the best tool we could find available for identity threat hunting in Active Directory."

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