Cloud-First IT and ADP HR Mastering (No Connector)

Customer’s Challenges

• Seventy Seven Energy divested from Chesapeake Energy in 2014
• Needed to set up IT infrastructure from scratch in 12 months!
• Wanted to use cloud services as much as possible
• Needed to integrate with legacy AD domains
• Needed to master from ADP Vantage (SaaS HR system with no APIs)
• Needed a cost model that could easily scale up and down
  • Regular hiring and firing cycles in oil industry
  • Subscription model vs. bulk licensing
• Different groups of users from office workers to workers on an oil rig require vastly different security, connectivity, and user experience

Goals

• Build a cloud-first IT infrastructure
• Reduce Microsoft licensing costs
• Implement flexible subscription model to handle boom/bust cycle
• Ensure solution = low maintenance (22 IT staff for 3000 employees)

"All of our lives in IT and at Seventy Seven Energy would be difficult without Okta."

— Chris Dodds, Systems Architect
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How did Okta help?

Consolidated identities
- Universal Directory was key to consolidating accounts across sources
- Enabled existing ADs to integrate easily
- Ability to write AD group memberships by pushing from Okta
- Leverage group assignments to handle entitlements and licensing

Easily integrated to AD
- Legacy ADs were needed to support local business units, virtual desktops in the cloud, and SAP
- Okta easily writes to various ADs to support those use cases and to support M&A activity
- Obviated the need to implement domain trusts, DirSync, ADFS, etc.

Provided comprehensive APIs
- Allowed scripting and integration with ADP Vantage
- Completes user lifecycle operations (create, update, deactivate, etc.)

Provided flexible, robust policy framework
- Allowed IT to customize granular MFA rules based on identity, group membership, network, app, and device

Provided flexible pricing model
- Active users are billed; can easily flex up or down
Before Okta

How can you master from ADP Vantage?

How do you handle boom/bust industries with frequent acquisitions and divestitures?

After Okta

Export

ADP Export

Script

ADP Export

API Call

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SaaS Apps

Virtual Desktop

AD 1

AD 2

AD 3

How can you avoid ADFS, DirSync, and domain trusts? These break all the time!

How can you easily add and remove ADs during booms and busts, respectively?

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